

WHETHER COMMON OR NOT.

Don't You Know?

He said he'd shackle cunning,
Don't you know.
On that theme his talk kept running,
Don't you know.
But at last there came a day
When he had it all his way
From Spokane to Oyster Bay,
Don't you know.

Then he changed his tune a bit,
Don't you know.
And he shackled cunning—"Nit,"
Don't you know.
Of industrial captains he
Talked with strenuous-tee,
For they boss the G. O. P.,
Don't you know.

'Stead of using crim'nal laws,
Don't you know,
Got injunctions just because,
Don't you know,
Thought 'twould be a winning bluff
If he played it hard enough,
But the country's up to snuff,
Don't you know.

But the trusts don't care a rap,
Don't you know.
Realize they've got a snap,
Don't you know.
Know they own the G. O. P.
And they're feeling up in "G,"
But it's tough on you and me,
Don't you know.

Boysgraphs.

The boy who does not treat his sister with respect will likely make a bad husband for some other fellow's sister.

When we see a boy who does not treat his mother with respect and deference we are quite sure there is something wrong with the boy's father.

There is a difference between noisy boys and boisterous boys. Our boys are only noisy.

The boy who is first to go in swimming after the ice is out of the creek is usually the boy who is most afraid of cold water in the wash-bowl.

Some boys learn burglary because the pantry doors are locked against them.

A Plaint.

O, I wish I had a ton
Of anthracite!
I am worried through the day
And through the night.
I can see my finish clear,
Putting-up-stove time is near—
O, my lost, beloved, dear,
Dear Anthracite!

But I know 'tis useless quite
To raise a fuss.
Got to buy the coal that's called
Bituminous.
Got to bear the smoke and soot
While the hard coal barons loot,
Giving us the old "root noot"
Wuss and wuss.

Uncle Josiah.

"I notice," remarked Uncle Josiah, "that the Smart Set at Newport is all worked up at th' criticisms of a editor down south. An' I also notice that th' Smart Set has had t' git somebody outside o' th' Smart Set who's smart enough t' make any kind of a answer."

Our Beautiful Language.

The committee waited upon Senator Graball to protest against what they understood to be boodle methods in his campaign.

"Gentlemen, it is not true that I have used money in this matter," said the senator.

"But we are reliably informed that

you bought off the opposition to your re-election," said the spokesman of the committee.

"You wrong me by your suspicions, gentlemen. The moment I became informed of the opposition I checked it. That is all."

Without waiting to ascertain the amount of the check the committee departed.

Down.

There was a coal baron of Reading
Who deafened his ears to the pleading
Of the hungry and poor
Who flocked to his door,
And went on his way still unheeding.

At last he reached life's journey's ending,
Struck Peter's gate, entrance intending;

But Peter said, "Nay,
Your course is that way—
The elevator that is descending."

Aunt Mehitable.

"I was just reading today," remarked Aunt Mehitable as she laid aside her knitting, wiped her spectacles and leaned back in her rocking chair, "about a man down east who claims to be a sort of administrator of the universe. But he ain't the first one to have that idea in his head."

Knowing that Aunt Mehitable would resume when she was ready we waited while she fixed the skein over the back of the chair.

"No, he ain't the first one. A long time ago another fellow went up into a high mountain, looked at the world all about him and pretended that he was able to give it away if it suited him to do it."

Brain Leaks.

Every day is wrest day with the trust-magnate.

It's a wise husband who knows what to do in canning time.

A patch on the trousers is better than a bill at the clothiers.

Just Going to Do is always playing second fiddle to Has Done.

What some men consider patriotism is only aggravated partisanship.

The man who boasts loudly of being self-made has forgotten to finish his job.

When a man has made up his mind to do a wrong he is never at a loss for an excuse.

The man who looks over your shoulder can always see where you should have moved your chessman.

Man will never know what real trouble is until he experiences the feeling of a housewife whose jelly won't jell.

A great many people think they are charitable when they give something away that they have no further use for.

Nobody has ever been able to explain why the coal does not weigh as much in the dealer's wagon as it does in the coal hod.

The man who says he takes no interest in politics is usually the one who makes the loudest complaint when abuses creep into government.

Some men think they should receive credit for being charitable when they give a dollar to the poor and get ten dollars' worth of advertising out of it.

—Will M. Maupin.

A conference was held on September 13 between Governor Stone of Pennsylvania and President John Mitchell of the united mine workers of America on matters pertaining to the anthracite coal strike. Other influential capitalists and politicians were also present, but so far no definite information as to the result of the conference has been obtained.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw issued a statement on September 13 in which he stated that he has made arrangements to release about \$4,000,000 of the treasury holdings. He has also had a list prepared of national banks to be named as temporary depositories in the hope of increasing money circulation.

It was reported from Cleveland, O., on September 13 that a financial alliance had been formed by the Vanderbilt interests and those of the Pennsylvania lines to shut the Gould interests out of the coal fields. The new organization promises to be the most domineering that has ever been formed. The roads included in the combination are the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Philadelphia & Reading, Lake Shore, Big Four, Michigan Central, Nickel Plate, Boston & Albany, Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, Pere Marquette, Hocking Valley and Lake Erie & Western.

A Washington dispatch of September 13 says: Mr. Squires, United States minister to Havana, telegraphs the department of state that the Cuban house passed the tariff bill yesterday. The following increases are authorized: Coal, 25 cents per thousand kilograms; fresh beef, beef in cans, fresh mutton, fresh pork, salt beef, salt pork, jerked beef, bacon, hams, wheat flour, codfish, herring, husked rice, coffee, eggs, olive oil, cider and beer, soap, starch, poultry, condensed milk, beans, peas, onions, potatoes and alimentary preserves, 100 per cent;



The healthy woman need not fear the change which comes at the beginning of life's autumn. It is the woman who is worn out, run down and a sufferer from womanly diseases who naturally dreads the change of life. This is the critical period of woman's life, and the prevalence of womanly diseases makes it the duty of every woman who would avoid unnecessary suffering to take especial care of herself at this time.

The ills which vex so many women at the change of life are entirely avoided or cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong, and enables the weakest to pass through this trying change with the tranquility of perfect health.

"I have been a very healthy woman, and this time has been very hard with me," writes Mrs. Maggie Morris, of Munson Station, Clearfield Co., Pa., Box 16. "I am come to the time of change of life, and I have been sick a great deal off and on. When Mrs. Hemmis moved beside me I was sick in bed, and when she came to see me and we were talking over our sickness, Mrs. Hemmis told me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' also 'Pellets.' I got her to bring me a bottle of each from the drug store and I used them. They did me a great deal of good, and I got two more bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' I never saw such a wonderful cure. Before I commenced your remedies I was good for nothing; was in such misery I hardly knew what to do with myself, now I can do all my work myself and feel well."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take.

undressed pine lumber, 40 cents cubic meter; lard, 80 per cent; cheese, butter, wines, liquors, 70 per cent; hats, 60 per cent; corn, 33 per cent; foot wear, 17 per cent.

After nearly three months of existence, the strike among the employes of the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, Neb., shows little chance of an amicable adjustment.

An interesting report from Washington is to the effect that the prairie dog has become so serious a problem in the west that the national government has taken the matter up and the department of agriculture has recommended the use of poison to exterminate them. The states in which the most damage is reported comprise Montana, Western Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Northern Texas.

McKinley Memorial Day, Sunday, September 14, was generally observed in the churches of nearly all the cities in the United States, where the life and deeds of the dead president were extolled.

An interesting dispatch from Concord, Mass., dated September 14, says: Another literary shrine is to be invaded by the commercial spirit and the philosophers of classic Concord are turning in their graves at the idea. Concord is all stirred up over the scheme now under way to establish a mammoth packing plant for hog products on the shores of Lake Walden, right under the site where Thoreau, the fisherman philosopher, had his cabin. Thousands and thousands of hogs will be handled and kept there and fattened until ready to kill, the Fitchburg railroad furnishing the transportation to and from the place. It is said, too, that the road has also an interest in the deal. For years Lake Walden has been fringed with a beautiful forest, the retreat in former days of Alcot, Hawthorne, Thoreau and Emerson. But as soon as the packing plant deal is completed the forest and the cairn of stones erected by visitors to Thoreau's memory will be things of the past.

A Manila cablegram of September 14 says that the force of "native constabulary" which has recently been in pursuit of the Rios band in Tayabas province, Luzon, has killed 18 and captured 25 of the bandits. The constabulary encountered the band upon four different occasions during the chase, but suffered no losses whatever. Rios, the leader of the bandits, says he will never be captured alive.

A Manila cablegram of September 14 says: On account of the impoverishment of the people by war and cholera, the United States Philippine commission has remitted the land tax in the province of Batangas, Luzon, for the year 1902.

It is reported that about 300 persons are left homeless in those portions of Oregon where the forest fires have been raging for the past week. In Cowlitz county, Washington, a strip 25 miles long has been utterly devastated, 11 persons are dead, several are missing and over 200 are homeless. Great damage to property is also reported.

A Buffalo, N. Y., dispatch of September 14 says: Nine Chinese, who, it is alleged, were smuggled from Rose Hill on the Canadian shore and landed at Woodlawn Beach, ten miles west of Buffalo, were captured at Dunkirk today by Inspector Pierce. They were