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THE VERY CALM PHILOSOPHY OF MR. TAUGHED

merous reformers who believed in paign is over and our political policy reform, all right all right, but prac- for the next four years is fixed, I ticed procrastination to a remarkable degree.

ter 'half one morning, "I am con- of its present action." vinced that our grocer is charging us entirely too much on several of our items."

"I am sure of it, my dear," replied Mr. Taughed, "and I intend remedying it soon."

"Will you speak about it today?"

"No dear. Our grocer is levying a little tribute for the purpose of being able to contribute handsomely to my campaign fund, and he can not make an exception of me without giving the snap away."

"But you have declared that this exaction of tribute must stop, and that you will demand its stoppage after election."

'Quite true, my dear. But by that time the people have recovered from the excitement of election it is almost a certainty that they will have forgotten about the grocer bills that have been paid. And if a few do remember it and demand correction thereof we will simply point to the result of the electio- as a vindication of the right to levy tribute that way. We who are in politics are often compelled to resort to seemingly illogical action."

In addition to owning the house in which he lived, Mr. Taughed also owned a cottage at the corner of Sentinel. Goose and Spruce which he rented to Mr. Toiland Strive, a blacksmith. miss it so far? Love is \$\$\$\$\$\$.

"Mr. Taughed," said Mrs. Taughed one morning, "Mr. Strive was here last evening while you were out and insisted on having the roof of his house repaired at once. He said that says the Baltimore American.

Mr. Taughed was one of those nu- | rent right now. As soon as the camwill favor revision of the river's current, but shall insist that it be re-"Mr. Taughed," remarked his bet- vised by the friends and beneficiaries

> Being a lawyer Mr. Taughed was often called upon to defend men charged with fracturing the laws of young. the land. It so happened that he was called upon to defend Breakin Howes, who was charged with burglary. The selection of the jury en- not to spend so much money for tailed a lot of work, but Mr. flowers, and ice cream and theatre Taughed was a worker and finally tickets, we believe you are perfectly secured a jury that suited.

> The trial was contested with spirit, but finally resulted in a verdict of acquittal after the jury had been faith in what you call the "hot waout about ten minutes.

"How did you do it?" queried a friend.

"It was very simple," replied Mr Taughed. "I merely secured a jury composed of men who were in sympathy with burglary. Of course I think that burglary is a business to their work. that should be revised, but lest too sudden or too radical revision injure those who now have their capital invested in burglar's tools I think be impossible to pick out the "most that it should be revised by its friends."

What Love is

What is love?-Boston Globe, Answer: 000000000.-Milwaukee

O, fudge, Griffin! How could you

Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

"Ten to one the corset trust stays,"

Milwaukee demands to know how he got them.

That's easy. Doubtless he drew for them, but the other fellow drew a little harder.

Unanswerable

After an hour of redhot argument in favor of the parcels post we quit from sheer exhaustion and asked:

"But have you any valid reason for opposing the parcels post system?"

"Several hundred of them," he retorted, "and each one of them a share of stock in an express company."

Realizing that argument was useless we turned sadly away.

Answers to Correspondents

"Curious"-Not old at all-we're

"Dyspeptic"-Did you ever try work as a cure for your indigestion?

"Infatuated"---If she advises you safe in propounding the momentous question.

"Faddist"-We have very little ter cure." We have been in hot water most of our life, yet every now and then we feel badly.

"Novelist"-Really we can not name our favorite writers of fiction. The men who build the magazine advertisements never sign their names

"Inquisitive"-We have seen so many ridiculous things during our brief career on earth that it would ridiculous." But we have seen men who were forced to fence their farms with barbed wire howling their heads off in favor of a protective tariff on lumber.

"Dicklebird"-We confess to a dislike for canary birds. They have a foolish habit of singing too loudly too early in the morning.

Strange

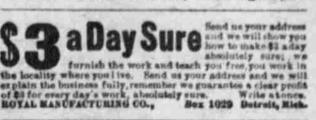
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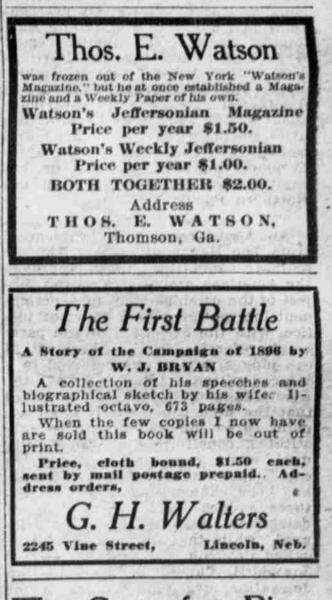
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you had promised to fix it several times."

"I really must repair that roof," mused Mr. Taughed. "But as there is no present indication of rain there is no particular hurry. It may never rain again, and if it does not there is no reason for incurring the expense of repairing the roof."

"But if it does rain?" said Mrs. Taughed.

"Well, if it rains we can not repair the roof until it quits raining, and after the rain stops we can again take the matter under consideration. Mr. Strive must not be insistent. The roof will be repaired has disappeared." by its friends at the proper time."

Among Mr. Taughed's friends was Mr. Weedman Gardner, who owned and operated a truck farm on the banks of a somewhat erratic river. One day Mr. Gardner rushed to Mr. Taughed and exclaimed:

"Mr. Taughed, the river is gradually eating into my little farm and washing it away. I wish you and a lot of other friends of mine would come down right away and help me protect my property with a riprap."

"I will be glad to help you at the proper time," said Mr. Taughed. "But now is the time," persisted

Mr. Gardner. "I think not," calmly remarked Mr. Taughed. "The soil washed from your farm is being deposited by the current on the land of a friend of mine on the other side of the river, and he contributes largely to my campaign funds when I am a candidate for office. I am opposed been robbed of five diamonds an esto any revision of the river's cur- teemed contemporary published at for a lot of lawlessness.

"Of corset will stay," says the Washington Herald.

Humor gone to waist!

Paradoxical

Uncle Sam pays John D. Rockefeltelling what he didn't know.

At the same time Uncle Sam tary. spends a hundred million a year trying to educate his people.

Disappointed

"I see by the special dispatches that one of our islands in the Pacific

"Bully! Wish the rest of the bunch would disappear!"

"But this wasn't one of the Philippine group."

"Then why do you fritter my time away telling me about something that doesn't amount to a hill of and fame. beans?"

The Seasons

How oft we think, as cold winds man? rage,

Of how we wasted summer's wage. But what's the use to waste one's time

In writing pessimistic -rhyme? right

To raise the price for anthracite.

The Explanation

"What building is that?" he asked of his secretary.

"Why that is the capital building ler \$73.95 for going to Chicago and of Pennsyltucky, the state you so ably represent," replied the secre-

> His curiosity having been satisfied Senator Graball resumed his study of the market reports.

Brain Leaks

Tomorrow is the refuge of the opponent of tariff revision.

You do not have to go to the fair grounds to see prize hogs.

The debt of nature can not be paid on the installment plan.

A lot of men have not yet been able to distinguish between notoriety

Happy is he who can think of yesterday without regrets and of tomorrow with hope.

Can you blame a woman who earns How swift the days of summer roll \$15 a week for not giving up her And bring the days for buying coal! job and marrying an \$8.75 a week

> Some people think it is charity to give away the old clothes they want to get rid of without expense to themselves.

What has become of the young We've got to dodge both left and man who used to soak his hair in bear's grease and then plaster it against his brow in a semi-circle that reached his eyebrows?

The difference between a man's handshake and the wag of a dog's Hearing that a western editor has tail is that the wag is always sincere. The law's delays are responsible

The Cost of a Piano should not be reckoned entirely upon what you pay to get it. A very important factor, as the years pass, is what you pay to keep it in order, and more important still is the length of service and the degree of satisfaction it gives you.

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