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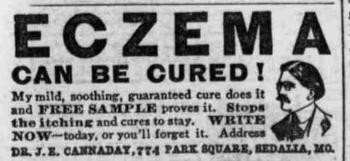
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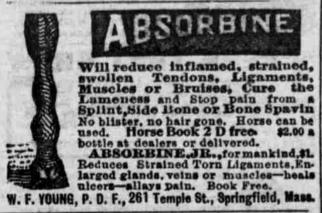
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(Continued from page 4.) When bills are actually under consideration, any member may speak if he can obtain from the floor leader of his party part of the time allotted to that party for discussion. Uncle Joe cares little who speaks or what they say, for in ninety-nine cases in one hundred the fate of the bill has already been determined in that tobacco-scented chamber. Besides, the galleries must be amused in some manner, and talk is inexpensive.

But when it comes to getting bills before the house for discussion, there's a different tale to tell, for the man who rises to offer a bill or to call one up is almost invariably the man you have seen a trifle earlier in the day coming from the Red room with light, elastic step and smiling countenance. And that man whom you saw emerge from that same ked room-leaden-footed, scowling, gloomy,-where is he? Hurling defiance at your Uncle Joseph? Do you hear his voice ring out in clarion tones declaiming: "Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place to protest in the name of my constituents against this infamous outragethis high-handed defiance of justice -this amazing-" Nothing of the kind. He sits surly in his seat or (and perhaps this is the wisest possible course) retires to his office to write a constituent as follows: "I am much interested in the measure you urge, and it shall have my hearty support. I hope that in due time the wisdom of the house will enact it into law."

Meantime the show is going on in the house. Those members who have been told they will be recognized get up in droves and shout, "Mr. Speaker!" Uncle Joe scarcely lets his gaze fall upon them. He looks at his little list and then he says, "The gentleman from Massachusetts" or "The gentleman from Missouri," as the case may be, and the measures proposed by the gentlemen from Massachusetts and Missouri are thus allowed to begin the course that ends in new laws.

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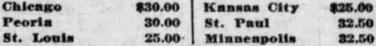
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