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A Sad little Sparrow sat on a wire all." singing a Sad little Song.

pay me more Attention.'

As he spoke a tall man came along Blessings—the Smaller the Better,—with an Axe, and it was all day with Newark News.

the Turkey. "However," continued the Sparrow, t

Brethern, let us not Envy the Big "If I were Big and Showy Like Yon- and Showy. See what happens to der Turkey," he said, "people would them before the Investigating Committee. Let us be Thankful for Small

The charges of paying rebates, court martial in Vanc over barracks story of his gospet experiences.

exonerates Paul Morton.

Captain Alga P. Ferry committed sulcide at Vanccuver, Wash., by shooting himself through the heart.

T suppose I am well enough Off, after against the Santa Fe and other roads, and found guilty of being intoxicated was dismissed at Kar as City. This while in command of a transport and decision, which was by Judge Phillips, of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

> Ira D. Sankey is hopelessly blind and confined to his room in Brooklyn, He was recently tried by a general but he is putting into book form the

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