

REFUSE TO BE DISCOURAGED Japanese, Taken Either as a Race or as Individuals, Are Ever

Optimistic.

The Japs are the most optimistic people on the face of the earth. Kick a coolie and he will get up smiling; tax him and he will wonder why he wasn't levied upon long before; give him a disaster and he will say it might have been worse. He knows no discouragement. Few races in history have been so heavyily taxed as have the Japanese to overcome the cost of the last war. They look upon their huge debt lightly, and when the government told them they would have to pay it they laughed cheerfully -and went at it. Commercial activities were doubled, even trebled. A smart legislative body put exceedingly heavy taxes on cigars and tobaccos, luxuries all Japanese forego. In doing this the white foreigner was made to help out the struggling masses. Horses are as rare in Japan as buffalo are in this country to-day. One may walk a dozen blocks down the principal street of any Japanese metropolis without seeing a single horse. The owners of what few there are pay dearly for the privilege of keeping them. The friend of man in most other countries, here the horse is judged man's worst enemy. If the country were overrun with horses thousands of 'rickshaw coolies would be out of a job. Now a condition in which people are out of jobs is not good for any country, and particularly is it bad for war debts, as it lets them run on indefinitely drawing princely interest .- Bookkeeper.

### THE WOMAN AND THE DOG

Simple Explanation That Made Crowd of Frightened Men Look Rather Foolish.

A crowd gathered at Tenth and Barton streets to watch a handsome fox terrier that was running about, nose in air. White froth was running from the dog's mouth.

"He's mad!" yelled a fat man. The for terrier stood in the center of the group, with wide-open eyes, either too mad or too frightened to move.

At this juncture, the policeman arrived. A dozen voices began to tell him that the dog was mad: that it must be killed; that it had been snapping at the children; that it began to froth when it passed a pool of water, and how best to shoot.

A tall, quiet-looking woman pushed rough the crowd and started toward the dog. A dozen men yelled at her, two or three men grabbed at her. She picked the dog up and started out of the crowd. The policeman stopped her with:

GREAT LOVE of HISTORY By Albert Payson Terhune

#### Antony and Cleopatra

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The banks of the River Cydnus, at Tarsus, were lined with a gaping crowd one day in 41 B. C. Ali eyes were centered on a barge that slowly made its way upstream. This yessel's like had never been seen. The hull was covered with beaten gold The oars were of silver, and swayed in time to the soft throb of music. The sails were of purple silk and so richly perfumed that their fragrance reached the shore. On a divan, under a cloth-of-gold canopy that covered part of the deck, lay a woman, redhaired, decked out in priceless jewels and arrayed to represent Venus. Boys dressed as cupids, fanned her. On either side of her divan reclined courtiers, apparelled like mermaids, demigods and other mythical personages. The red-haired beauty on the divan was Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt. She was sailing to Tarsus to confront a stern judge-Mark Antony, ruler of haif the world.

Rome had grown mightily since the days of the early kings. It had now long been a republic. Julius Caesar had strengthened and enlarged the state, making himself dictator of most of the civilized earth. He had been slain by assassins. Mark Antony, his closest friend, had formed a league with Octavius (Caesar's nephew), and together they had punished the assassins and made themselves masters of Rome. Antony, the stronger of the two, seemed about to oust the young score. Octavius and seize the reins of worldempire for himself. But while he was in the east something happened

that wrecked all The "Judge" his splendid Turns Lover. career. Cleopatra,

queen of Egypt, was accused of having aided Caesar's slayers. Antony, at Tarsus, sent for her to come to trial on that charge. Knowing Antony's weakness where women were concerned, she came, not like a prisoner, but as a goddess. At sight of her as she sailed up the Cydnus Antony forgot his resentment, his office as judge, his hopes of world mastery. From that moment he was the red-haired queen's abject slave. Turning his back on Rome, he went with her to Egypt.

There the man who had won death-

less renown as general, statesman

and orator entered on a life of lux-

ury and wild extravagance. He not

only pardoned Cleopatra, but pro-

claimed her his wife (despite the fact

that he already had a wife at Rome).

lavished his fortune upon her, and

gave her rich provinces and kingdoms

that belonged by right to the Roman

that were the scandal of the world.

At one of these Cleopatra dissolved

chambermaid) into the slums by

night. They pretended to be a god

rejoined Cleopatra.

Fireworks Instead of Lanterns Is the Recommendation of Railroad Critic.

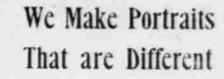
WOULD USE ROMAN CANDLES

Says a correspondent of a recent gathering of railroad men called for the purpose of devising safeguards against accidents on the line: Instead of the skyrocket proposed for use at night, I advised them to pro-

vide their trainmen with Roman candles that could be ignited by a blow or by pulling off a cap. etc. The fireballs discharged from the candle would give warning along a railroad up and down the track. Every one of a train crew could use the candle, so that a train would not depend for protection on the vigilance, faithfulness, activity or good luck of the one man now usualy sent back to flag or sig-

nal an expected train. The ordinary lantern employed for the purpose is a pitiful contrivance to depend on for the safety of a railroad train and its passengers at a time when fractions of a second may be all that intervenes between a fatal collision and safety. The candle would not be subject to all the weather influences-wind, rain, snow, etc.-or the innumerable accidents to which the lantern man is subject before he gets back far enough to stop an on-coming train. It would act instantly and could be used on a moving train as well as on the ground. Its succes sive flashes, even on a curve or behind trees, etc. are so much more conspicuous than the feeble light of a lantern or tower light that it would be ridiculous to institute a comparison between them. Every locomotive and passenger car should have a few of the candles within reach of any one on board for use in an emergency. They should prove more efficient than the track torpedo, and are so cheap as to deserve no consideration on that

The advantages of the Roman candle for use on railroads have been called to the attention of the present public service commission who gave scant attention to the proposal. Since I first tried to have the plan taken up there have been a countless number of collisions which would in all probability have been prevented by the use of the pyrotechnic signal. In one such collision the wife of the president of the Pere Marquette railroad lost her life; President Spencer was killed in another crash, and Spencer Trask was the last prominent person to suffer. Evidently the proposal made in the early days of railroading to insure safety by compelling a director of the road to ride on the locomotive would not answer for this age



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Boy's Question Ended the Speechma-

king, and Almost Put Stop to

Banquet.

Portage lawyer, comes to Milwaukee

Col. "Jim" Burke of Mauston, was

tor who believed in using "the floor"

as long as he could keep it on the rare

occasions when his fellow townsmen

permitted him to make a speech. The

the history of Ireland during all the

distressful centuries with close atten-

tion to details, the speaker paused for

breath. The audience was glad of the

"And now I've told ye a few of the

great evints of the glorious history of

the ould sod," said the colonel, mop-

ping his brow. "Is there anny wan

A little lad at the far end of the

"If Oi'm not out of ahrder," he piped

"Very well," said the colonel, "I'd

"Well, thin," said the lad, "would

yez be so kind as to tell me what

toime o' the night or the marnin' it

The band struck up the "Wearin' o'

the Green" to head off the incipient

Table Rapping New Fad.

"What in the world is that noise?"

asked a visitor as a continuous dull

thumping sounded just over her head.

the hostess. "They are interested in

psychical research, and are making a

table rap, as they often do of an eve-

ning. Yes, it is quite annoying, but

house are quite expert in this line

mosts for a

ontontoin

"That is the family above us," said

shrilly, "if Oi'm not out of ahrder, Oi'd

loike to ask just wan question."

be happy to answer if I can."

who wishes to ask anny questions?"

room stood up timidly.

is?" said the lad.

riot.

#### "SETTLER" FOR THE ORATOR

politicians.

respite.

Mayo Green of Danbury was a business visitor in town between trains last week.

MARION.

Frank Fields has resigned his position with Powell and Nilsson as he has been appointed Enumerator of Census for Danbury and Gerver Precincts.

Joe Nietzel of Falls City is a new hand on the ranch, moving here the first of the week.

Miss Grace Rodabaugh of Logan, Kansas is visiting her brother Mel and her sister Mrs. E. E. Blake.

J. E. Dodge and wife were County seat business visitors on Monday.

L. D. Gockley and wife visited their son T. F. and family, north-west of colonel responded to the toast, "The didn't. town, last Sunday.

County Attorney Sidney Dodge of McCook was in town a few days last week.

The printer's devil was off duty Friday and Saturday helping the telephone lineman with his work.

Powell and Nilsson shipped six cars of sheep to Lincoln last week. This finishes up their shipments of the 5500 head fed here this season.

Wm. Solomon and his crew of sixteen men are making rapid progress on the new alfalfa mill.

A. D. Lingo and Geo. Daniels have quit the ranch, the former moving on a farm near Lebanon and the latter on a farm west of Cedar Bluffs, Friday.

Grandma Eifert of Beaver City was an over Sunday visitor with her son and family.

Mrs. Ella Roesch and two children from north-east of Danbury were here between trains on Saturday.

J. H. Wicks was a business visitor at Holdrege Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Shorey returned recently from a visit with relatives at Thomas, Oklahoma.

J. N. Wicks, formerly of Norfolk but now of Omaha, visited his brother Jake one day last week.

Will Miller and wife from north of they are good neighbors and we don't Danbury visited at W. H. Eifert's on complain. The two daughters of the Sunday.

and last week a society woman hired D. C. Boyer and family of Danbury

"Madam, that dog is mad. He must be shot. Look at the foam coming out of his mouth."

"Foam," she said contemptuously. That's a cream puff he was eating." -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

#### Undisturbed Femininity.

"Women may be catty in little things, yet they have a childlike trust in each other's honesty," said the man. "If they hadn't they could and goddess and made their flatterers never have sat serenely through the adore thme as such. Antony's enesituation that faced several of them mies at Rome, headed by Octavius, the other night at the opera. I had a balcony seat. Beside me sat a woman the former hero's power. Once or the air. Daniel H. Grady, the brilliant young who discovered, at the end of the first act, that she had lost her purse. lethargy and, returning to Rome, tried almost every week, and usually has at She thought it had slipped to the seat to forget Cleopatra. But always he least one new story to tell, says the in front. The woman occupying that hurried back to her. His wife was Free Press of that city. This is the seat stood up, shook her wraps and dead and he married the sister of Ocdelectation of a group of Democratic | find the purse. "'Still, it may be here some place,"

she said. 'My own bag has slipped an enthusiastic Irishman, and an ora- down to the seat in front of me. I'll be feared, declared war on him and get it when the opera is over.'

"Then other women began to hunt for handbags and purses that had fallen. Some found them, others battle off Actium. Cleopatra sailed out But nobody seemed to to witness the fight. As the two Emerald Isle" at a big St. Patrick's mind. They had a perfect faith that fleets clashed Antony's skilful tactics day banquet some years ago, and he the things would turn up later and made good his ancient reputation as a settled back tranquilly for the second suddenly Cleopatra, for a mere whim, long-distance talker. After recalling act. Imagine a lot of men letting ordered her galley to leave the battle their purses lie around like that."

#### No Beggars in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen is a city of 500,000 inhabitants. During a week's stay I being leaderless, was easily put to have seen no seller of matches or rout by Octavius. Antony's last chance bootlaces, no gutter merchant, no was gone. He realized what a fool he blind or other afflicted persons about had made of himself. For three days by day and late at night. There is for consolation. not a single spot in the whole of Copenhagen that could be compared even remotely to the slums in our large towns. There are no unemployed hanging about the street corners, no unkempt women standing idly at the doors, no ragged and dirty and his wild, weak worship for herhouses, with dirty or broken windows, mended with bits of paper, and a ragged apron or a torn bedcloth doing duty for a curtain .- Denmark let-

#### Oslerizing Society.

A friend from Denmark who declares he knows tells me that the late king and queen of Denmark put down their undoubted and even extraordinary youthfulness of appearance and character to the fact that they never was over 40 years of age. Any gentleman or lady over that age was supperannuated .- The Gentlewoman.

#### Dangers Railroad Men Face.

"On the heavy mountain grades it's all day with the engine crew if a train gets beyond control," said a veteran railroader. "That is some thing that may happen any minute, and is pretty near sure to happen if the brake shoe burns off. You will notice that on the passenger trains republic. The two lovers held feasts out there a brakeman stands on every platform when going down grade to grab the hand brakes the instant and drank a million-dollar pearl. They they see that the air has failed to wandered (disguised as workman and hold a train. Start a heavy passenter train at the top of a long mountain grade, let her go, and she'll be making a hundred miles an hour before the bottom is reached-maybe on the rails, but more likely through made the most of all this to weaken

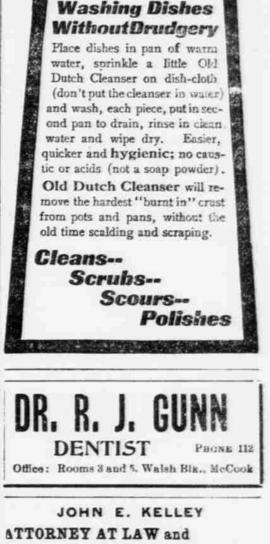
"Of course, the west hasn't any motwice Anthony was roused from his nopoly on the danger. There are dangers a-plenty for the fireman or engineer on any run, freight or passenger, in the middle west or the east. last one Mr. Grady passed out for the looked under the seat, but couldn't tavius. But he soon deserted her and In the locomotives of the standard type, the big modern engines, the cab is built directly over the driving Finally Octavius, seeing that the wheels. That means that the cononce mighty leader was no longer to necting rods are just below the cab. Those connecting rods are terrible Cleopatra. Then for a moment Anthings when they break-and they do tony's former martial genius flared break sometimes-and are apt to up. He met Octavius in a great sea come thrashing up through the floor of the cab and knock engineer and fireman to kingdom come. Then a cylinder head may blow out, or any seemed about to defeat his foes. But one of a hundred different things may happen, which will mean injury and possibly instant death to the two men as if she were in panic flight. Anwho have the locomotive in their tony left his warships to take care of themselves and hurried after her, fearcare."

#### A Hero.

A particularly interesting sort of hero sprang, like an apparition in a spectacle, into the view as a coal and the streets asking for alms-not one he sat alone in despair, his head in his coke railroad train was pulling out single sign of distress due to poverty. hands, and none dared come near him. of Leiter, in West Virginia, a few I have explored the artisans' quarters Then he crept once more to Cleopatra days ago. It is Conductor L. B. SIZES. Coombs, and the springing was literal, for seeing in the doorway of a The fickle queen saw that Antony's house a babe of two years old with cause was lost. So she wrote to Ocits clothing afire, he leaped off, dashed tavius secretly, offering to make peace up to the door, fighting off a dog that with him. Octavius answered that tried to bite him, crushed out the flames with his bare hands, and then sprinted for the train, which he caught on the rear platform. That's all, but what quick wit, and what quick action it involved! That's a man to be equal to any emergency. And he could Antony has lost all for love of her. never have thought of it as anything heroic. It was essential manhood .---

#### Crow Broke Into Engine Cab.

A most unusual accident happened to Edward Gessler, a Reading railroad While blooded. The charms that had so eas- Gessler's train was running through had anybody about their court who ily won Antony had no effect on him. Lorane at a mile a minute clip, a big He declared he would make Cleopatra crow that was flying across the tracks walk in chains behind his chariot was struck and came crashing through through Rome. Sooner than do this, the heavy glass on the engineer's the unhappy woman killed herself by side of the locomotive cab. Gessler



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Antony. She knew Antony's character Antony's

Suicide.

So he stabbed himself. Dying, he was New York Evening Sun, carried to Cleopatra and breathed his last in her arms, whispering vows of eternal devotion. Cleopatra tried next to capture Octavius' heart. But Caesar's nephew was shrewd and cold- engineer, one day recently.

# poison, forcing a deadly serpent to was painfully cut about the face and

self. So, instead of murdering him

ing she might be wounded. His fleet,

outright, she had word sent to him that she was dead. Now he thought he had lost her too.

were in town Sunday, guests at the Eifert home.	success."	of bread and butter has dropped on the buttered side!	lowing her to be buried by the side of	Wages of English Brakemen.	No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis and consumption invariably result from
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