

THE SHERMAN LAW.

following clause: "It being the estab- farther and farther apart so long as lished policy of the United States to gold continues to rise,-Henry G. Milmaintain the two metals (gold and sil- ler. ver) on a parity with each other upon Must Touch the Pocket Nerve, the present legal ratio, or such ratio as Personal interest seems to be the may be provided by law." The policy of the Government here declared is to maintain the two metals in a parity with each other. It has respect to the metals, gold and silver, of which money average man does not readily appreis made, and not to the coins struck ciate any but direct and palpable influfrom these metals and used as money. These coins, being equivalent representatives of our money unit, must have the wisdom of the ostrich. Hence he ac same value or purchasing power, that quiesces in a gold standard, a protect is, the same relation to commodities, so ive tariff and indirect taxes in general. long as they concurrently circulate and not realizing that they are more burare used as money. Any unit of densome than any other and afford rasmoney, or "dollar" is as valuable, that cals golden opportunities. When citiis, it has the same purchasing power as zens once grasp the fact that they are every other "dollar" regardless of the material in which it is embodied or by their officials they will be more vigiwhich it is represented. All that is lant. They will sleep with one eye required is that the material in the open.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch. form of a dollar be endowed by law with the function of money; and the A European Bluff. value or purchasing power of this dol-It is scarcely to be believed that Gerlar depends upon the number of those many and France will permit this coununits or the mass of money in circula- try to go the length of passing retaliation. In making this declaration of the tory laws which shall exclude their policy of the United States, Congress food products from this country, for Creighton had decided to accept his apcould not have had in view the gold and when the row is all over and such laws silver coins, but the gold and silver bul- on both sides have been repealed, the lion, or metals, from which these coins | trade lost during the interim will not | are struck. How are these metals to be easily regained. It will be hard at be placed and maintained on a parity first to do without certain sausages, with each other upon a given ratio? cheeses and wines or to pay higher How can sixteen ounces of silver bul- prices for those already made here and lion be made equal in value to one stamped with foreign labels, but the ounce of gold bullion, this being our boom which will ultimately be achieved present ratio? As the value of each by the American brand of these goods of these metals is determined by its use | will create an appetite for them which for monetary purposes, their equality cannot be eradicated.-Philadelphia or parity with each other can only be Times. secured by their equality in such use; Another Step Necessary, in other words, by providing by law for [. President McKinley has deemed it their passage through the mints into judicious to pardon Leech Lake Indians the currency on a prescribed ratio upon who took part in a miniature rebellion precisely equal terms. It is the ratio last summer, and there is no reason upon which they are coined that brings whatever to doubt that their case was the metals together, or diminishes the one calling for the exercise of executive separation between them. This has clemency. But what has become of the been strikingly demonstrated by the white officials and their businesses who operation of our coinage laws. In 1792 forced these Indians, as the only way Alexander Hamilton, after careful exin which they could attract attention amination, determined that the relation to their unendurable wrongs, to begin of the metals to each other then was a war which, as the Indians themselves 1 to 15, that is, that one onnce of gold were well aware, was grotesquely was equivalent in value to 15 ounces of hopeless? Numerous witnesses of good silver; and the best writers upon the repute testified that the whole trouble subject have vindicated the correctness of his judgment. But France in 1803 was caused by the brutal rapacity of these officials.-New York Times. opened her mints to the unrestricted coinage of gold and silver upon the Getting Even Off the Taxpayer. ratio of 1 to 15%, and this became the By stubbornly persisting in an unprevailing, ratio in Europe. As one wholesome policy we have lost nearly ounce of gold would exchange for only all of the foreign carrying trade, in so 15 ounces of silver in Europe, it went | far as the loss can be measured by the to Europe and silver came to this coun- flag of the carriers, and now it is calmly try. In 1834, to attract gold to this proposed to mulct the taxpayers of the country, we changed our ratio to 1 to | United States in order to make good a 16, one-half a point on the other side losing business. What the carriers of of the French ratio. The result was the seas want is to be allowed to buy that as one ounce of gold would ex- their ships as other competing carriers change for only 1516 ounces of silver in buy them. They ask no odds of any-France, but would exchange for 161 body. Give them an even chance, then ounces of silver in this country, it let them alone,-Philadelphia Record. came to this country, and our sliver Tutor for the President. migrated to Europe. Consequently gold The President is said to be carefully predominated in our currency down to studying the history and methods of 1873, and in this country silver was at British colonial administration. The about three per cent premium over gold. President might get "Joe" Chamberlain If the colossal blunder of throwing silto come over and give him a course of ver out of the money stock in 1873 (Carlessons in colonial government. Or lisle in 1878 said: "It was the most githere is a man in South Africa who gantic crime of this or any other age") might possibly be induced to superinhad not been committed; if, instead, we tend a trial start of the American imhad then changed our ratio so as to perial machine. His name and address make it conform to the French or Euare Cecil Rhodes, Empire Builder, Cape ropean ratio, France would not have Colony .- Portland, Me., Argus. closed her mint against silver, and this disturbing silver question would never Humanitarianism in Practice. have arisen. It is therefore only We are hurrying troops to the Philip through the agency of our coinage laws pines in order that the Filipinos may that the metals can be made to apgovern themselves .- St. Louis Postproach each other and their parity Dispatch. maintained. The phrase "the present Political Pointers. legal ratio or such ratio as may be pro-Juperialism, like squab pigeon, seems vided by law" manifestly means that to have been biggest when first hatched. the metals shall be freely coined upon -Grand Rapids Democrat. the present legal ratio, and if, upon a Mr. Rockefeller and his trust are all fair trial, it does bring them together. right so long as nothing stronger than then such change of the ratio shall be made as will accomplish this object. an Ohio court gets after them.-Sioux City Tribune. Hence the declaration of policy set

other while one of them, gold, is a

money metal, and the other, silver, is The Sherman law of 1890 contains the merchandise, but that they must drift

only specific against municipal somnolence. Franchise-grabbers never sleep, because there is no money in it, and there is money in wakefulness. The ences. When they reach him indirectly or through disguises he displays the personally interested in every act of

SOME PARSONS' WIVES.

Their Desire to Exercise Ecclesiastical Functions.

It appears from frequent stories in English religious journals that many ladies have an idea that residence in a parsonage confers upon them the right to exercise some ecdesiastical functions.

"My husband is away," said one woman to a parishioner, a retired civilian, who came to have his pension paper authenticated, "but my signature will do as well."

Before the poor man could object, the paper was taken from him and signed. Naturally the paymaster general refused to accept the signature, and much trouble ensued.

The Church Gazette mentions the case of a lady, who at Dorcas and other meetings whereat her husband is not present gives the apostolic benediction in the most approved style.

A lady who seems to be equal to "minor orders," at least, is Mrs. Creighton, the wife of the genial Bishop of London. There is a certain wicked legend, according to the London Outlook, that while at Peterborough Mrs. Creighton once wrote to a clergyman regretting that the Bishop could not come for a confirmation, but promising that she would come instead.

More authentic and vastly more probable is an amusing anecdote undoubtedly illustrative of the same lady's practical turn of mind and decided character.

When Dr. Creighton had been offered the bishopric of London a lady met his daughter in a street of Peterborough. Being on terms of intimacy which justified the question, she asked if Dr. pointment to the more important see. "Well, I don't know," the young lady

replied. "All I can say is that papa is in the study praying for guidance, and mamma is upstairs packing the trunks."

DARING PICTURE HUNTERS.

Risking a Life for the Purpose of Getting a Snap Shot.

The English brothers, R. and C. Kearton, have made a particular study of photographing insects, birds and small animals in their native haunts.



mat, who in his dinings out was, of course, asked to say grace. The worthy

Creator?"

Scotch caution is well illustrated in missed one of his students for several Sundays, he said to one of her relatives: "I haena seen yeer cousin Bell at the ful reply, "but she's deed."

In the famous engagement between the Bonhomme Richard and the Serapis, the British captain inquired, after an hour's fighting, to know if Commodore | My dear little grandson, your effer re-Jones desired to surrender. "I have not begun to fight yet," was the American's reply. Later, when he learned hat the British captain had been Exactly what you want. So I've left knighted by George the Third for his gallantry on that occasion, Jones remarked: "Never mind; if I meet him again I'll make a lord of him." As a performer on the piano, Brahms, the composer, had an extremely hard touch. This once led a musician who was accompanying him on the 'cello to exclaim; "I don't hear myself." "Ah," | For everything's nice where Santa

replied Brahms, "you are a lucky fellow." When he left the room after a It may be an elephant, pistol or gun, to remark: "If there is any one present whose feelings I have not hurt, I trust | What a little boy wants it's quite hard he will receive my humble apology."

John F. Hurley of Salem, Mass., who But Santa Claus knows good boys served in the late war, was a clever gunner, and several years ago the folowing tale was told of his skill: He was actively engaged in firing solid shot | His heart is as big and as soft as a it the enemy in one engagement, and

practice which will enhance the possibility of these explosions taking place. One would hardly suppose that sawdust dumped into the river would in course of time reform itself into a gas generator which would keep the surface of the stream in a constant upheaval. But it is true to such an extent that small boats have been cap-One of the late James Payn's stories | sized and large vessels have been in-

concerned a dean, famous as a gour- jured by the submarine convulsions. The bottom of the Ottawa river is

gas, and the moment the surface is enterprise. To illustrate: class for a long while. Ye ken it's her reached it explodes with a loud report. The farmer who borrows money calduty tae attend the schule. Whaur Legislation may in time do away with culates that it will take a cortain has she gaen?" "I canna very weel the annoyance, but even if no more amount of his products when the debt tell ye that, meenister," was the care- sawdust is thrown into the stream is due to buy the dollars in which the henceforth, the millions of tons already payment is to be made. The laborer there will take a long time to work off figures in the same way. He has contheir gas-generating qualities.

Grandpa's L-tter.

ceived,

And contents noted, but I don't perceive

it all

To my old friend, Santa, who soon will call

On Christmas Eve, and put on the tree And mark it, so you will know it is from me.

I hope you'll be pleased, whatever he gives.

Claus lives.

lively evening among friends, he used | Or anything for a small boy to have fun.

to tell,

pretty well.

So he'll do what is right, for he's a good "Old Fellow;"

pillow.



Gold as a Standard.

The failure of the supply of money tokeep pace with the demand causes the covered with a deep layer of sawdust dollar to increase in value. This, obdignitary first scanned the menu. If it dumped there by the lumbermen, who viously, is to the advantage of the life was an ordinary repast, the grace be- have carried on their log-cutting in- holders of idle dollars, and to the defrigan, "Lord, we thank Thee," "but," dustry on its banks and tributaries for ment of every one who has for sile added Payn, "if there was turtle soup, years. The dust, becoming water- either his labor or the product of histhe invocation commenced, 'Bountiful soaked, sinks to the bottom, and in the labor. If there were no deferred pascourse of time rots and generates a ments, or debt, this would not conserve highly explosive gas. The latter rises such injustice, but wherever there are the story told by a minister who taught to the surface, each bubble being joined deferred payments, then an appreciaa Bible class in Edinburgh. Having or reinforced by other bubbles on the ting dollar works great injustice to all way up. Contact with air seems to debtors and to all who labor or who be as destructive as touchfire to this have made investments in productive

> tracted to pay his debts in dollars, but he is ust purchase dollars with so many days labor, and if the dollar apprecieves the laborer knows that if will take more days' labor to get the doil ars than it would have taken when the

> delt was made. In other words, when the value of money goes up the price of products goes down. Through the application of this principle by m. dus of the single standard of gold, products of the farm, the shop and the factory, the wages of laborers and the saluties of the professional classes have been shifted into the coffers of the few who control the nation's circulating me-

liva.

Instead of being an honest and just standard of deferre l payments, gold is, when used alone, an instrumum of legatized plumler. Instead of tabliataining the equity of contracts it has more than doubled the aggregate of individual, corporate and public delus, thus doubling the bardens of the taxpayer. Its effect upon the national debt illustrates this proportion. In 1907 the national debt was \$2,783,000,000, Sciece that time we have paid as interest 583,060,000, a sum almest as great as the original debt. In 1891 the d-bl was \$1,071,979.527. Though there has been a reduction of the debt, if expressed in dollars, there has been an actual increase expressed in products in which debts are ultimately paid.-Maymard L. Daggy.

forth in the above clause in the act of | clusive gold standard, or an exclusive | Omaha World-Herald. silver standard. The present adminis-

the form of paper dollars or silver dollars, on a parity with gold, and that to

"We care not who makes the laws of 1890 was a declaration in favor of a the nation if we may but name the bimetallic standard, and not for an ex- Attorney General.-Chorus of Trusts.-

The President has had a head-on coltration interprets the above clause in lision with public sentiment. Public the Sherman act as imposing an obligation sentiment hardly knew that it had tion upon the Government to keep all struck something, but the other party the dollars in our currency, whether in is all in a heap,-Kansas City Times. There is no parallel between the Amorican expansion at the heginging



AN ENTHUSIASTIC PHOTOGRAPHER.

Often in order to secure the best results, they have risked their lives for some striking snap shot. The illustration shows one of their attempts to photograph a sea bird in its home by the waves.

A MAINE MEMORIAL.

The New Chapel at Annapolis Will Commemorate the Havana Tragedy. The destruction of the battleship Maine and the death of so many of her brave crew will be fittingly commemorated at Annapolis. Among the new buildings to be erected on the academy grounds in the near future is a chapel.



his captain came up and said: "Private Hurley, let me see you hit that rebel | Once I was a little boy, just like you,

captain in the eye." "Yes, sir," replied | And I thought I would watch and see John; "which eye shall I hit?"

Mr. Bradlaugh was once engaged in a discussion with a dissenting minister. Bradlaugh insisted that the minister should answer a question by a simple "Yes" or "No," without any circumlorution, asserting that every question could be replied to in that manner. The reverend gentleman rose, and in a quiet manner said; "Mr. Bradlaugh, will you

allow me to ask you a question on those terms?" "Certainly," said Bradlaugh. "Then, may I ask, have you given up beating your wife?" This was a poser,

for if answered "Yes," it would imply that he had previously beaten her, and if by "No," that he continued to do so.

A delegation of preachers from Chicago once waited upon President Lincoln to urge the issuance of the emancipation proclamation. The spokesman urged the claim with ecclesiastical dignity by saying: "The Lord sends this commission to you, President Lincoln." "Perhaps so," he replied, "but isn't it strange that He should send His message by way of Chicago?" To another delegation urging immediate action, he said: "If you call the tail of a sheep a leg, how many legs will the sheep have?" "Five," replied the spokesman. "No," said the bothered President, "it would only have four. Calling the tail a leg wouldn't make it one." When sick with the varioloid, he told the doctor he was "glad that now he had something to give which the office seekers did not want."

During the Queen's jubilee, the colonial princes, officers and premiers were received with cheers and especial houors. On one occasion the streets were packed with spectators watching the guests depart from some royal function at Buckingham Palace. The crowd refused to move except when some of the Indian rajahs or Australian officers appeared, when a way was speedily opened for them. A carriage presently came out of the gates in which were three or four Americans, who had been guests in the palace. Finding that the way was completely blocked, one young fellow among them shouled: "Let us pass! We, too, are colonials." The crowd divided, and, as the carriage entered the opening, he added: "We are the colonials who wouldn't let our mother spank | long to the small minority of one on us." The crowd caught the joke, and of every ten persons if your hift er replied with laughter and applause..

Several clergymen boarded a street car in Boston one day, and one of them | are right-ryed. This is probably dihearing that Wendell Phillips was in | to the generally greater use of the of the car, got up and asked the conductor | gans of the right side of the hady, me to point him out. The conductor did so, for example, a sportsman using in and the minister, going up to the orator, | right arm and shoulder, uses his right said: "You are Mr. Phillips, I am told?" [eye to sight his gun, thereby size much

if 'twas true That Santa Claus came down the chimney so black, With a pipe in his mouth and a pack

on his back. I lay still as a mouse, with hand under

my cheek, Peering through darkness and trying

to seek The form of old Santa with his bag of

toys He was to give to all good little boys. So winking and blinking and almost asleep,

heard such a noise that made my flesh creep.

Way up on the roof I heard such a racket-

I certainly thought that someone would crack it.

Then down through the chimney the soot came a-running,

Which told me quite plainly that Santa was coming.

Then down went my head 'way under the clothes,

And I left nothing out but the tip of my nose:

And I went fast asleep, nor opened my eves.

Till the bright morning sun o'er the hills did arise.

Then I jumped out of bed and ran for my stocking,

lacking.

drum;

Though I did not see Santa, I knew he had come.

So you see, you can know something. though not in sight.

But believe all that's good, and then you are right.

comes near,

Claus dear.

So I'll close my letter, a dull one I fear With the wish, "Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year."

Left or Right-Eyed.

You are either left-eyed or right-cyed writes Dr. Czeki, unless year are of person out of every billeon who ha eyes of equal strength. You also h is stronger than your right. As a rul just as people are right-hauded, the

"Value" of Money.

If I had to select the economic word that has done more mischief to the human race since 1873 than any other, I would point to the word "value" as applied to money. It is the unister word-fallacy of the age. Whoover can assist to clear up the meaning of this word "value" will be a benefactor of the human race. Hence to neglect the effort would be unworthy of a main of ordinarily humane instincts.

Among the various powers succendered to Congress by the pupple, through the constitution of the United States, was the power "to column new and regulate the value thereof." Let us try to ascertain what this word means in the constitution as it was defined or carried out by statute law enacted by the fathers of our republic, who were also the framers of this constitution.

Firstly, they chose for our principal coins the two metals gold and silver; secondly, they decided on the respective quantities of metal they would but into each of the dollars, and thirdly, And very soon saw that nothing was which is perhaps the most important function, they declared that either I had toys of all kinds-a pisiol and "shall be a lawful tender in all payments whatsoever." In other words, they made one dollar as a legal debt payer under our flag "just as good" as the other.

They also wisely made the attempt to use a precise commercial equivalent of uncoined gold and silver in our coin-From that day to this, as Caristmus | age, by selecting fifteen parts of sliver by weight, as the then commercial I think with great pleasure of Sante | equivalent to one part of gold. In other words, they attempted to make and did make for that particular time the exchangeable value of one dollar "just as good" as the other .-. John A. Grier.

Views of Our Fathers,

Upon the subject of how we should treat the two metals in our currency 1 it is well for us to consult the founders of our republic, conspicuous among whom were Hamilton and Jefferson, whose views, however discordant upon other subjects, were at one on this, Hamilton, in his famous report made in 1792, for establishing the United States mint, said: "It is most advisable not to attach the unit exclusively to either metal, for this cannot be done effectually without destroying the office and

do so it is indispensable that it shall be in a position to give gold coins in ex- change for all this currency, as it is pre- sented, and obtain this gold by issuing bonds for it in the name of the people and thereby increase the public indebt- edness. It was because an increase of the currency would be made by coining the silver seigniorage in the treasury, amounting to \$55,152,980, and thereby increase the difficulty of accomplishing this object, that President Cleveland vetoed the seigniorage bill in March last; and he appealed to this clause in the Sherman act in justification of his course. He regards that clause as in effect placing this country upon an ex- clusive gold standard, and the continu- ance of silver in the situation of mer- chandise, and thereby defeating the pol-	This building will be dedicated to the murdered seamen who lost their lives in Havana harbor, and will be a lasting memorial to the victims of Spanish in- humanity and treachery. ⁵ h ₂ Knew Him. "Do you know any one in these parts?" queried a lawyer of one Mrs. Shultz, who was a witness in a trial at Pratt. Mrs. Shultz dropped her eyes, plucked nervously at her shawl for a moment, and then, blushing, respond- ed: "Sheriff Keyes over there used to	you will not be offended." "There is no fear of it," was the sturdy answer, and then the minister began to ask Mr. Phillips earnestly why he persisted in stirring up such an unfriendly agitation in one part of the country about an evil that existed in another part. "Why," said the clergyman, "do you not go South and kick up this fuss and leave the North in peace?" Mr. Phillips was not in the least rufiled, and answered smillingly: "You, sir, I presume, are a minister of the Gospel?" "I am, sir," said the clergyman. "And your calling js to save souls from hell?" "Exactly, sir." "Well, then, why don't you go there?"	tains, after a long use of the telescope find their right eye much stranger that the left one. This law is continued by the experience of aurists. If a perso- who has ears of equal hearing has cause to use one car more than it other for a long period, the car brough into requisition is found to be much strengthened, and the car which is re- used loses in a corresponding degree. Collest Hour of the Day. Taking all the year round, the caldron hour of the twenty-four is 5 clebck if the morning. Woodpeckers Are In ustrious. Woodpeckers in California will carry acoms thirty miles to store in the nests.	subject from abroad, she cannot compel a subject to leave Great Britain. This
course. He regards that clause as in effect placing this country upon an ex- clusive gold standard, and the continu- ance of silver in the situation of mer- chandise, and thereby defeating the pol- icy declared in the clause, viz., "the maintaining of the parity of these two metals with each other upon the pres- ent legal ratio or such ratio as may be provided by law." For it must be ap- parent to every one that these metals	ed: "Sheriff Keyes over there used to be my beau before either of us were married." Whereupon the court ham- mered vigorously to bring the audience to order.—Kansas City Journal. Every time a woman of no good looks, but of social position, is men-	said the clergyman. "And your calling is to save souls from hell?" "Exactly, sir." "Well, then, why don't you go there?"	the morning. Woodpeckers Are In ustrious. Woodpeckers in California will carry acorns thirty miles to store in their nests. Cut Hair for Mourning. In Persia cutting the hair is a sign of mourning. When lovers walk beneath the moon they forget that they are of the earth	you in thinking that the unit must stand upon both metals." Though the Queen could recall any subject from abroad, she cannot compel a subject to leave Great Britain. This disability does not cease to operate even in time of war, and, though at such a time the Queen could call upon every able man to take up arms, she could not force a single civilian to leave the country, even to carry on a necessary war.