A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day-Historical and News Notes.

so little dust.

By the invention of a blue soap a French chemist hopes to make washday bluer than ever.

After all, what is wireless telegraphy but a later phase of the old habit of having words over nothing?

One of the strong points about the automobile as a family carriage is that it never takes fright at an engine.

Cuba is becoming rapidly Americanized. Yet while it has adopted railform of collisions.

vances as an outdoor sport. This is very likely, as an energetic player can get over a couple of counties in a day.

terests for the public good, that is patriotism. When he sacrifices the public good for his private interests, that is plain rascality. "Since nobody wishes to die every-

is a trifle vague.

mew Spanish minister to Washington married an American lady, who, in her hand of Admiral Dewey.

vaudeville shows.

"even willing to marry for it." Some people, too, will even work for it.

Another judge has stepped down ing sentenced. It may be a doubtful had been engaged in what now seems precedent to establish, but it helps to stamp the wife-beater as among the meanest of curs-this unrebuked itching of the judicial elbow toward his chastisement.

Rhodesia, was practically savage, unexplored and unknown. To-day it is under a civilized constitution, and every suffrage in the heart of the dark con-

A contemporary, after reading several deeds of mingled daring and selftemporary to learn that there is something our soldiers think better, and that is the medal of honor, open to the competition of all courage and devotion without regard to the rank of their pos-

Prof. A. W. Small is an optimist. Nevertheless he thinks that he sees clouds on the social horizon already bigger than a man's hand. If they continue to enlarge, in the shape of trusts, | many generations have thought just as to the bursting point, the result will be, he thinks, something like this: "The men whose business it is to communicate ideas to their generation will be being done. Neither men nor nations gagged by those who publish ideas; are able to tell what a day will bring and the publishers will be shackled by forth. In the drama of life the scenes the manufacturers of paper; and the paper-makers will be held up and hindered by the transportation trusts; and | pect or look forward to any age of tranthe transporters by the producers of steel; and the steel industries by the coal operators; and the coal miners by the oil-producers; and the oil magnates by the stove-makers and the oil consumers; and the cook-stove men and their aids and abettors by the sugar trust; and the sugar interest by Wall street; and the stockbrokers and speculators by the labor unions; and the labor unions by the farmers; and the farmers-God help them-by everybody!" A grim tragedy of combinathat defines in a homely way the antagonisms that will grow out of the present craze for centralizing the industrial forces of the country.

a remarkable man to a five-year term in Sing Sing for theat. The man is known as Pietro Fernandez, and before his sentence he engaged in a philosophical dialogue with the Recorder that is probably unique in the history of courts. When asked whether he could make up his mind to reform, Fernandez replied: "A very ridiculous propisition. I wish to say right here, your Honor, that only one out of about one hundred criminals who come here and tell you that they intend to reform ever do reform. I don't believe it's in me to reform, although such a thing is possible. I have known of stranger things than that. I wish, however, to tell the truth, land, in telling it, I must say that I really don't think there is any earthly chance for me to reform." It is said that actors are rarely good judges of plays, and it is probable that so ex- that religion.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES. | perfenced a criminal as Ferana admitted himself to be is not a good authority on the philosophy of criminology. If his theory that only one criminal out of a hundred ever reforms were true, the outlook for society would be bad indeed. But the facts do not warrant his conclusions, and it is One peculiarity about many who trav- most likely that his mind has been el the road to fame is that they gather | warped by association with other criminals. The logic of an otherwise fine mind breaks at the point of reformation, else he would see that reform in his case would be but common sense, as it is admitted that he has wasted a large portion of his life in prison. His philosophy would tend to prove the theory that criminals such as he are but the victims of a mental lesion.

Notwithstanding the vast output of thousands of steam printing-presses, there are multitudes of our American population who are on short rations of reading matter. Either they live remote from libraries and dealers, or they way strikes they have not taken the lack the means to buy books or subscribe for papers. Colporteurs find families without even a Bible, and in They say golf is making great ad- many a back town or frontier settlement are hungry people to whom a bright book, an illustrated magazine, or a good newspaper is a cause for gladness and gratitude. To meet this When a man sacrifices his personal in- need, various agencies have been established for the placing of the wholesome and attractive literature wherever it is likely to be wanted and welcomed. One city church is a center for places tons of selected material, and body must be glad he was born," says the ladies who conduct the correspon-Senator Depew. As no man would dence become deeply interested in peohave to die if he hadn't been born this ple whom they are never to see. The moral of all this is: Don't waste good reading-matter, and don't allow it to It is a rather interesting fact that the accumulate unusued in closets and garrets; you need not wait to find or organize a distributing agency. Every younger days, refused the proffered reader who will give a minute's attention to the subject can think of some less favored neighbor-perhaps the A French physician declares that a choreman, the washerwoman and her microbe is responsible for baldness, but | children, or a poor "shut-in"—to whom he fails to explain why it is that all the an ocasional gift of this kind would victims of this particular microbe insist | come like a sunbeam. There are hoson sitting in the front rows at the pitals where the daily coming of a package of newspapers from the gather-all box at the railway station is an An English clergyman, in comment- event to which the invalids look for- terings of the tiny standards added materiages, says that the love of money in an antidote for pain. And many a scene. message of the true, the beautiful and the good can be carried for one cent to the remotest corner of the land.

from his bench to thrash personally a first gun of the Spanish-American war wife-beater who grew insolent on be- was fired. Previous to this the nation petty dissensions over the tariff, the currency and other minor issues. Lit tle did any of us dream of the far-reaching problems which this war would prepredicted the present state of affairs A year or two ago the vast region of eighteen months ago would have stood South Central Africa, now known as a good chance of being adjudged insane. But it is after this fashion that most great problems come upon a generation. Only a few can foresee their coming. man, Englishman or Kaffir, who works but when once they arrive, there is for his living and is able to write his | nothing to do but to proceed with their name, is entitled to cast one ballot and i solution. Each generation has its own no more. It is practically manhood peculiar questions to meet and settle Now and then we come to a place where we imagine that all the rough places have been made smooth, and that those who come after us are to be mere derelicts upon life's ocean, drifting with the sacrifice performed by our soldiers in | winds and the tides. When Charles the Philippines, is painfully affected | Sumner entered the Senate of the Unitbecause there is no Victoria cross in ed States the veteran Thomas H. Benthis country. It may console our con- ton of Missouri said to him one day: "Sumner, you have come upon the stage too late. The compromise act of 1850 has settled all the great questions; all that is left for you and your associates is to tinker a little with the tariff and pass the appropriation bills." Deluded man! Before Sumner's first term in the Senate had expired he had become one of the chief actors in the most stupendous drama thus far enacted in America. Undoubtedly many leaders in Benton thought when they came towards the end of their lives. They looked upon the world's work as all shift even more quickly than they do upon the mimic stage. It is folly to exquility. To do battle seems to be the law of life. Each generation has its responsibilities which it cannot escape, and its problems, whose solution cannot be postponed.

A King's Charity.

Any poor child who likes to present himself or herself at the gate of the Royal Palace at Madrid at 6 o'clock in the evening can have a bowl of porridge. This custom originated through the young King having been detained tions! Or rather a philosophical primer, in a remote district, owing to a breakdown of the engine. He became hungry, but no food was obtainable; his the crushing out of new rivals. A monopoly mother improved the occasion by telling him that many a poor child had to dictates terms to those who sell the raw go to bed hungry, which so impressed A New York judge recently sentenced | the youngster that he urged his mother | to institute this charity.

Church Divorce Laws.

The lower house of the convocation of the Church of England has passed a resolution declaring that the law of the church does not recognize divorce and asking the Bishops to devote them selves to securing action of Parliament to the end that the church shall not marry diverced persons.

Feminine Attributes.

It is a small wonder that the ship is a she to a sailor and his sweetheart. She has a waist, collars, stays, laces, bonnets, ties, ribbons, watches and

chains. Parisian Buddhists.

There is a Buddhist temple in Paris. where there are about 300 followers of

"BUST THE TRUSTS."

THIS IS LIKELY TO BE THE DEM-OCRATIC SLOGAN.

Opinion at the St. Louis Banquet and Conference Takes Shape for the Coming Campaign - Declared that "Silver Can Wait."

St. Louis correspondence:

"Bust the trusts" is to be the Demoeratic war cry for 1900 if the happenings of Thursday in St. Louis are a true index. Hundreds of Democrats went to the Mound City to talk shop, exchange views and to feast at a \$2 per plate banquet on the tanbark floor of the Coliseum. The opinions expressed by these Democrats, the confidential chats in hotel corridors, the whispered confessions exchanged when two politicians "buttonholed" each orators at the Coliseum were "anti-trust." Free silver is regarded as an issue that can wait. When free silver was mentionfamiliar words raised hearty cheers, but the yell came when "anti-trust" was called up.

The bill of fare and program of speeches at the dinner was labeled "anti-trust banquet." The topics for the set speeches were trusts and monopolies. Before Champ Clark had finished his address the Democrats around the tables took courage and began to say openly what they had whispered during the day-that "silver can wait; the Senate is gold for six receiving and distributing to distant years, but we can win on the platform 'bust the trusts.'

The banquet was a huge, unmistakable success. Nearly 2,000 men sat around the tables, which were phalanxed in the arena of the Coliseum. In the amphitheater some 7,500 women and men lingered to see 2,000 hungry Democrats eat and to hear 2,000 Democrats yell and shout when William J. Bryan came into the place. An manifests itself. It has declared war on ing on his advice. To one who can see overflow meeting was held in the auditorium of the Music Hall building. The seating capacity of the Music Hall is 6,000, and every seat was filled, the aisles were jammed and the walls were banked five deep with those who found standing coom. It is estimated that 20,000 people heard Col. Bryan and the other speakers, for the orators spoke in each place.

Enthusiasm was rampant in the Coliseum. Every man and woman in the huge room had a little flag, and the excited flut-

president of the Jefferson Club, under whose auspices the banquet was given. Champ Clark in presenting some banners characteristic address.

the speechmaking of C. B. Faris, who accepted the banners presented by Congressman Clark, and nearly howled down M. E. Benton, who also made a speech of acceptance, with their persistent demands for sent to us. The man who would have | Bryan. But the order of the program was maintained, and M. C. Wetmore of St. Louis spoke on "Trusts and Democracy. He was followed by Congressman David A. De Armond of Missouri, who spoke on

The Trust and Its Parents. The crowd grew impatient before he had finished and again the cries for Bryan broke out. But the Missouri man kept on despite the vociferous reminders that it was 10 o'clock and growing late. It was on the program for the audience to sing "America" before Mr. Bryan spoke. The committee on arrangements, with an eve for effective climaxes, had arranged matneeded no program or arrangements to of the party.

make Mr. Bryan feel he was welcome. The cheers for him began while Congressman De Armond was walking to his seat. The band broke into "America." The crowd of men and women rose with a great shout, and the shouts and cheers drowned the music of the band. The musicians played two verses of the old song and then the audience stopped cheering and took up the words. From "America" the band changed to "Hold the Fort." Scarcely any one heard the music, for Mr. Bryan came forward, and for three minutes he stood in silence while the Democrats tried to lift the roof. Mr. Bryan was hoarse. The speechmaking of two days previous had strained the vocal chords, but he managed to overcome the poor acoustics of the hall with his wonderful voice; the hoarseness disappeared before he was half through his speech. He finished in a tumult of wild applause.

Mr. Bryan Speaks.

Mr. Bryan's subject was "Monopolies,' and he spoke as follows:

An actor who visited Nebraska recently, upon learning from a Republican that confidence had been restored, remarked that he had examined Webster's dictionary to learn what "confidence" meant, and found confidence defined as "trust," and then he understood that confidence had been really re-

More trusts have been formed during the last two years than existed at the beginning of the present administration, and the nominal capitalization of the trusts now in ex-Istence approaches, if it does not equal in amount, the world's total supply of gold and silver. The influence of these trusts has become so enormous that the people, without respect to party, are asking themselves how

The purpose of the trusts is to control the product of some article of merchandise, and the methods employed are: First, the union of all individual factories under one manwhen once complete not one dictates terms to those who buy the product, but it also material and to those who furnish the labor If the trusts are permitted to continue, we shall find an industrial aristocracy growing up in the United States which will prove as destructive of our ideals as a landed aris-

toeracy would. The principle of monopoly is incompatible with our institutions. Man's necessities compel him to become a purchaser, and where there is but one seller the purchaser is completely at the mercy of the seller. Where there is competition between producers the purchaser is sure to obtain what he wants at a reasonable price. When competition is eliminated the price is controlled not by reason, but by the greed of the one who possesses the monopoly.

It has been said that the power to tax is a power to destroy. A monopoly possesses the power to tax; it can levy such assessments as it will upon the purchaser, and we can no more afford to permit such a power to be exercised by private individuals than we could afford to authorize a private individual to use the machinery of taxation in order to entich himself at the expense of

his fellows. The Government would be guilty of gross neglect if it permitted an individual to secure a monopoly even without legislative assistance, but it is still more culpable if by legislative act it furnishes the means by which a monopoly is secured. The corporation is the means now employed by those | twenty.

who seek to secure a monopoly. Since the corporation is a fictitious person, created by law, the power that creates can regulate, restrain or annihilate. To say that the Government is impotent to prevent the organization of trusts is to say that it has called into existence a fictitious person, and that the fictitious person created has become

greater than the creator. One of the difficulties which have been encountered in opposing trusts is that the trust hides behind the Federal Constitution when attacked by State legislation, and shields itself behind its State charter when attacked in the Federal courts. No remedy will be complete that is not coextensive with the Federal government. If the extinguishment of the trusts is left to State legislation the public at large will be victimized as long as a single State will furnish a robbers' roost where the spolis col-

ected in other States can be divided. Just now people are startled by the prinriple of monopoly as it manifests itself in the industrial trust, and well may they be startled. The principle, however, is the same as that which manifests itself in the effort of the national bankers to secure a monopoly of the issue of paper money. The greenback is a rival of the bank note, and ts presence is a constant menace to the banks of issue. Some who recognize the evils that flow from a soap trust seem indifother and the speeches by Democratic ferent to the dangers that attend the formaion of a paper money trust.

The principle of monopoly not only lies at the foundation of the attempt to destroy the greenbacks, but it is the controlling princied by the after dinner speakers the old | ple that underlies the crusade against silver as a standard money. Between 1850 and 1860, when the production of gold was increasing and the production of silver was small, three nations demonetized gold and gave to silver a monopoly of mint privileges. Early in the '70's the financiers became alarmed at the increase in the production of | We have in twenty-five years given silver, and conspired to destroy silver as a standard money and give a monopoly to gold, the production of which at that time exports, for which we have received was stationary

The standard money trust is not only the parent trust, but is in the hands of for

The Republican party is impotent to de stroy the trusts. It is controlled by those who are interested in trusts, and its campaign fund and sinews of war are supplied by the trusts. Abraham Lincoln in the very beginning of his presidential career, warned the country against the threatened about conquest! They have cunningattempt to put capital above labor in the structure of the government. Modern republicanism is fulfilling the prophecy made by Lincoln-it is putting the dollar above he man. The Democratic party is opposed to the principle of monopoly wherever it the trusts. Not a little trust only, but a big trust as well. Not against one kind of trust nly, but against all trusts. The man who opposes trusts in Congress is entitled to as much credit for bravery as the man who swam a river or marched up San Juan hill. O. H. P. Belmont for Bryan.

When Mr. Bryan sat down there were calls for O. H. P. Belmont, and ex-Gov. Stone led the New York man to the front of the platform. Mr. Belmont began by saying: "If I were in complete party control I would point to an easy path to triumph. I'd name Bryan the candidate, ing upon recent multi-millionaire mar- ward as a relief from lonesomeness on rially to the picturesque character of the make Bryan the platform, and with Bryan as the issue go before the people." He The speechmaking began with the ad- declared that he would give his full supdress of welcome by Harry B. Hawes, the | port to the platform and candidate of the Democratic convention of 1900. He said he believed the platform would declare A little more than one year ago the to district committees made a brief but by the people. He dwelt at length on the moment the downward course of prices When Mr. Clark had finished the crowd | sult of the carefully matured principle of | shores. But for these strange and conbegan calling for Bryan. They broke into protection, which has kept the Republican clustve facts prices would be lower party going, furnished its money and fought its campaigns. He ended by say-

> for New York alone, if you give us Bryan | we were madly determined on self-defor a candidate and "smash the trusts" for a war-cry, the Empire State Democracy, moving as a unit, will sweep to victory,

Altgeld Speaks for Silver. The crowd called for ex-Gov, John P. Altgeld, and the Illinois man came forward while the audience applauded him cordially. He gave the only free silver speech of the evening, and declared that if the Democratic party should abandon the ratio of 16 to 1 it would amount to abandoning the cause for which the Democrats fought in 1896. He urged the Democrats | derful flood-tide of prosperity throughto stand by the whole of the Chicago platform, which, he said, could be added to, arrested the fall of prices for the mobut which could not be taken from. Then ters so that Mr. Bryan's evation would be he launched into the silver question, in one of the old-fashioned kind. But it which he alluded to Bryan as the leader

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

Boys in the Argentine Republic Pose as Men at 14. We hear a good deal said of Young America and his impudence, writes Frank G. Carpenter. The boys of the Argentine are even more precocious than those of the United States. An Argentine father seldom whips his son, and children have much more liberty south of the equator than north of it. The Sunday school is almost unknown, and ideas of morality are so loose that children are brought up in a most pernicious way. As to lying, this is common among men, women and children. The polite lie is met with everywhere, and a father will sometimes say about his little girl or boy in admiring tones: "Why, hear that child lie," or "How well it does lie;" "Why, I could not lie better than that myself." They do not | fifteen years. think it disgraceful to lie, and have the Spanish idea of honor. You might, for instance, call an Argentine a liar, and he would think nothing of it. He might think it a compliment more than anything else. But if you should call him a coward he could not consistently

stabbed you in the back. The young Argentine learns wickedness at a much earlier age than do our boys. Many of them have repraved minds at 14, and already pose as men. Boys begin to talk politics before they are out of knee pants. Nearly every college has its political factions. The boys organize revolutions against the professors, thus training themselves to get up revolutions against the government when they grow older. The well- tric helmet, inside of which is a small to-do young Argentine is not brought | motor that vibrates strips of steel, the up to any business. He has a preju- motor making 660 turns per minute. dice against trade and work, though he | This whizzing is supposed to cure nervwill study for a profession. It is the ous headache, and put the sufferer to fashionable thing to study law, and | sleep. thus get the title of doctor to the name, though the young man may never expect to practice.

rest until he had knocked you down or

The children, as a rule, learn the languages easily, and many young men speak English and French. Girls are also good linguists, but outside of the less warriors. languages they know but little.

Precious Stones His Fortune.



England's Conquest of Us. I see some one says that England about owns this country and is now furnishing us a policy of conquest. You can arrive at it by examining our exports. Since 1873 our excess of exports over imports of all kinds has been \$3,516,100,295, which means that we should have received that much in money, gold and silver, in return. When you examine the tables of gold and silver for the same period you find that the net result is not an importation of gold and silver to us in payment of our merchandise, but that we have also exported for the same period \$392,000,000 of gold and silver in excess of that imported. What does all this mean? It means that practically four billion dollars' worth of our cereals, gold, silver, etc., has gone mainly to England, to pay interest on bonds and dividends on their American stock. them four billion dollars' worth of our nothing.

The wretched financial policy England gave us has lowered the exchangeable value of our breadstuffs with their money till we can never hope to pay the principal on the debt we owe their money-changers. Talk ly exploited us! We are becoming English slaves! Moses said: "If you want to destroy a people loan them money." And Rothschild & Co. are actclearly the current of events, England's peaceful conquest of the United States | popular in society. is what we should be discussing. The poor Filipino is to be pitted, but so is the proud, vanity-bitten nation, tumbling to its fall unless broad-minded statesmanship shall come to the front -John B. McDowell, in Chicago Jour-

Depressing Effects.

The depressing effect of the gold standard on the industries of the land is such that only an extraordinary conjunction of most favorable circum stances, such as crop failures abroad | Kanes, Winthrops and Oelrichses. and unprecedented home crops for two for the election of United States Senators | years, has been able to stay for the trusts, and said trusts were the pure re- and turn a scancy flow of gold to our than ever, and bond issues to maintain zold redemption the order of the day. And on the subject of harmony, speaking It seems as though Providence, seeing that she was riding a hunter much struction, interfered wonderfully to prevent it.

> An unparalleled excess of exports over imports of over one billion dollars in two years is due mainly to our vast agricultural exports, nearly nine hundred millions of dollars' worth of which was sent out the last fiscal year. This, under a wise money system, would have sent a most wonout our land, but, as it is, it has simply ment by adding slightly to our gold currency. The bulk of the vast sum due us was kept back to be paid on our foreign indebtedness that has been doubled under the gold standard. What would have been our financial condition if, instead of big crops to fill a big foreign demand, we had had poor crops and no foreign demand? It can be better imagined than told.

All Sorts. A teacup holds one gill.

The bogs of Ireland cover 2,800,000

The Plain of Sharon is about twenty

miles wide. A Chicago justice has fined a man \$25

for being a liar. A New Jersey man has voted 143

times n seventy years, and is proud of his record.

American birds have decreased in number nearly 50 per cent, in the last

Bears have been more plentiful in Hungary lately than at any time within the past fifteen years.

Secretary Hay has promised to attend the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner-stone of Chicago's

The residents of Alva, Oklahoma, have decided to change the name of that town to Capron, in honor of the Rough Rider captain killed at Santi-

Some of the colored people in Alabama try to cure themselves of rheumatism by sleeping with a young dog. They imagine that the disease is thus transmitted to the dog.

A French doctor has invented an elec-

In Cyprus the first articles of gold of ancient workmanship discovered on the island has just been found. It is a plate of gold three inches long by one and a half inches broad, and on it are the figures of a sphinx and two beard-

Here are some preventives used in various parts of the world: A dried snakeskin is good against snake bites, a piece The present shah is enormously of a human skull against epilepsy, a wealthy, and almost the whole of his wolf's tooth against hydrophobia, an fortune consists of diamonds and prec- alabaster bead against tempest and ious stones. The royal family of Persia | hail, a sapphire against blindness, a is one of the largest in the world. There snail shell against gravel or fever, a are some thousands of princes and bronze Byzantine coin against warts, a princesses, and the present occupant pig's tooth against trouble in teething, of the throne has a family of about and a horse chestnut against the rheu-

Capt. Randolph, a dashing officer of the English army. Randolph was married, but fell in love with the beautiful American and went to England for a divorce. He got it. Long before this Dr. May had taken his daughters. back to Baltimore, as he did not approve of the English officer's attentions. Capt. Randolph came to this country later, when he was free tomarry, and Dr. May gave his consent. The marriage took place. Capt. Ran-

MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.

For Many Years She Was One of So-

Mrs. William C. Whitney, who died

recently, at the Whitney country home

on Long Island, was one of three hand-

some daughters of Dr. William May, of

Baltimore, and was long a social lead-

er. As a girl Edith May visited Ger-

many with her father and there met

ciety's Handsomest Leaders.

MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,

dolph was stationed in Canada and there the family lived until his death. Then the widow returned to New York. Her means were modest, but she was

Mrs. Whitney remained a widow for some years after the death of her first husband. On Sept. 29, 1896, she was married to William C. Whitney in St. Savior's Church at Bar Harbor, in the presence of a few friends. Mr. Whitney had been a widower then for four years. His first wife and the second Mrs. Whitney had been friends for some years and the families were frequently together. Mrs. Whitney was related to many families well known in New York society, as, for example, the

Mrs. Whitney met in 1898 with the accident which resulted in her death. On Feb. 21 she was riding to one of the hunts at Aiken, S. C. While she was riding under a bridge her head struck a timber. She had frequently ridden under the same bridge without accident. But it happened on this day larger than the horse she habitually rode. She was knocked off the horse and ever after that time was practically a helpless invalid. She was removed to New York as soon as her condition made it possible. Later she was removed in her husband's vacht to-Bar Harbor, and finally was taken to Westbury, L. I. Mrs. Whitney had always been fond of racing, and a special track was laid out for her at Westbury so situated that she could watch the contests on it from a window of her room. Mrs. Whitney had two daughters by her first husband and they sur

A Gallant Small Boy.

A heroic rescue was performed rately in San Francisco by a boy only eight years old. The San Bruno Hotel had taken fire, and the flames were not discovered until it was too late to save the building, or, as it afterward turned out, to get out of it all its inmates.

While the fire was raging little Theodore Steiner, eight years old, the son of the proprietor of the hotel, learned that a baby, a year old, the child of one of the guests, had been left in an upper room. Theodore did not wait to apprise some older person of this fact; he acted instantly on his own responsibility.

Rushing up the stairs in the midst of fire and smoke, he disappeared from the view of the bystanders. At that very moment the walls began to totter. Those who had seen the boy enter gave him up for lost. He was, indeed, gone a surprisingly long time, but finally, at the very last moment when it would have been possible for anyone to come out of the building alive, he emerged, bearing the baby in his arms. He had rescued it from what in a moment more would have been death.

Protest Against a Sunday Law.

There is a law against working on Sunday in Bavaria, but the paper mills are protesting on the ground that their supply of water power is so uncertain that they are compelled to make use of it whenever they can, and that by not taking advantage of a strong current, occurring on Sunday, they are apt to lose a great deal of time. The authorities are considering the suspention of the law regarding paper mills.

A Familiar Saying.

The origin of the saying "as clean as a whistle" is ascribed to the "whistletankard" of olden times, in which the whistle came into play when the tankard was emptied or "cleared out" to announce to the waiter that more liquor was required.

Unmarked Graves.

Eight of the twenty-four Governors of Indiana who have died lie in unmarked graves, and yet in their timethey were the marked men of the hour.

A Symptom. Manford-What makes you think the

girl loves you? Sanford-She has begun belittling all the other girls that I know.

In every neighborhood you will find a lot of people who borrow so much that they are talked about.