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### A Look Ahead.

Queen Alexandra attended last spring's annual mansion house fete in London, and of that auspicious fact there is a tale to tell.

One of the diminutive flower maidens was both pretty and plump, and when her majesty stopped for an instant to smile down upon her, what did she do but put up her wee mouth for a kiss, which she received.

"Molly" gasped her astonished mother, after the visitor had passed on. "How could you?"

Molly gave good reason. "I fought," said she, "it 'ud be interestin' to tell my granchildren."—Harper's Weekly.

### DRESS YOU DOWN.

Backache and Kidney Trouble Slowly Wear One Out.

Mrs. R. Crouse, Fayette St., Manchester, Iowa, says: "For two years my back was weak and rheumatic. Pains ran through my back, hips and limbs. I could hardly get about and lost much sleep. The action of the kidneys was much disturbed. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and the result was remarkable. The kidney action became normal, the backache ceased and my health is now unusually good."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ducks of China.

There are more ducks in China than in all the rest of the world. Children herd ducks on every road, on every pond, farm, lake and river. There is no back yard without its duck house. There is no boat, little or great, without its duck quarters.

All over the land there are great duck-hatching establishments, many of a capacity to produce 50,000 young ducks every year.

The Chinese duck is extremely tender and delicate—the best game duck for eating in the world. Duck among the Chinese is the staple delicacy. It is stuffed and smoked like ham or beef, and ducks' eggs are eaten as hens' eggs are in America.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Chance to Work It Off.

Political Spelling—You know I put in two or three days preparing a speech I was expected to deliver at the convention. Well, there were so many fellows ahead of me that they didn't get around to me at all. I've still got that speech in my system, Ayra.

His Wife—You have? Then I wish you would go out to the kitchen and thump it at the cook. I've tried to discharge her and she won't go.—Chicago Tribune.

Experienced the Sensations.

"Have you been away on any vacation this summer?"

"No; I expected to go, and sent my suitcase on ahead, but something turned up at the last moment that prevented the trip. I got all the effect of a vacation, though. The suitcase came back last week with \$7.75 storage and express charges on them."

### WANTED TO KNOW

The Truth About Grape-Nuts Food.

It doesn't matter so much what you hear about a thing; it's what you know that counts. And correct knowledge is most likely to come from personal experience.

"About a year ago," writes a N. Y. man, "I was bothered by indigestion, especially during the forenoon. I tried several remedies without any permanent improvement.

"My breakfast usually consisted of oatmeal, steak or chops, bread, coffee and some fruit.

"Hearing so much about Grape-Nuts, I concluded to give it a trial and find out if all I had heard of it was true.

"So I began with Grape-Nuts and cream, 2 soft-boiled eggs, toast, a cup of Postum and some fruit. Before the end of the first week I was rid of the acidity of the stomach and felt much relieved.

"By the end of the second week all traces of indigestion had disappeared and I was in first rate health once more. Before beginning this course of diet, I never had any appetite for lunch, but now I can enjoy a hearty meal at noon time."—"There's a Reason"

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in plgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## FROM THE COMMONER

MR. BRYAN'S PAPER

### This Is Too Much.

On Oct. 3 Mr. Bryan's attention was called to the Omaha World-Herald's editorial reproducing the Omaha Bee's attack upon the Republican platform. He said:

"I am very much surprised that Mr. Rosewater, who is the editor of the Bee, and also a member of the executive committee of the Republican national committee, and the head of the Republican bureau of publicity, should have attempted to misrepresent my position. A good many unfair things have been said, but nothing more unfair than that said by Mr. Rosewater. To accuse me of using the language of the Republican platform is an outrage. He ought to apologize for this injustice, and explain to his readers that the language which he criticizes was taken from the Republican platform and not from any speech of mine.

"Mr. Rosewater is right, however, in making fun of the language. He is right in saying that 'nothing prettier in the catch-all line has been offered in this campaign.' He is also right in saying that 'the most hide-bound standpat in the country can accept that as satisfactory and the rankest free trader can find delight in it.' He is right again in saying that 'the declaration means simply nothing.' And again he is right in saying 'an attempt to legislate along that line would simply open the way to interminable wrangling as to what constitutes a reasonable profit' for hair-splitting on wages on one industry, price of raw materials in another, rebates and drawbacks in a third and so on through the list of thousands of articles that are now on the tariff lists." But I hardly expected from him so frank a confession as is contained in the last sentence of his editorial: "Under such a proposition, an attempt at tar-

publican party because it is governed by the protected interests, and that they contribute to the campaign fund. If they do, I am glad to advise you that the campaign fund is not flatterer and that no campaign has been carried on more economically than this campaign."

You will notice that Mr. Taft does not deny that they accept contributions from the protected interests and he does not deny my indictment. He simply says that the protected interests do govern, that the fund is not flatterer, but what does Mr. Taft call a flattering fund? He and the public might differ as to how much it will take to make a flattering fund. He is not willing that the public shall know how much of a fund his party has, or from whom it is received. Why doesn't he tell you? Is he afraid that if you will not vote the Republican ticket if you know where the campaign fund comes from? If so, he means that you will be sorry you voted the Republican ticket when you find out how much of a fund they have and where it comes from. Is this political honesty? What do the rank and file of the Republican party think of the Republican leaders who conceal the amount and sources of their campaign fund, and refuse to allow their campaign methods to be known?

### The Republican Tariff Plank.

In its issue of Oct. 2, the Omaha (Neb.) Bee, a Republican paper, printed this editorial:

#### BRYAN'S TARIFF POLICY.

The Denver platform plank on the tariff question is notable for its vagueness, but Mr. Bryan has come to the rescue and made it all plain. In one of his recent speeches on the tariff, he said:

"In all tariff legislation the true principle is best maintained by the imposition

people, as a party asset, I did not know that I was using language so much like that which had been employed before, but my attention has been called to an editorial in the New York Tribune of Oct. 25, 1882. It criticises President Arthur for taking part in the campaign in behalf of the Republican ticket and says:

"Why should he assist in the campaign of any party? He is the President of the whole country, and not the manager of elections in any part of it."

"This is so completely in harmony with my criticism that I am glad to endorse it, although it was not brought to my attention until to-day."

Encouraging Words from Mr. Bryan.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 2.—Mr. Bryan stated today that advice received by him from the party workers indicates increasing Democratic sentiment throughout the United States.

"A candidate can only form opinions as to his chances," he said, "through reports made to him by party workers. Every report made to me indicates that not only is the trend among the voters toward Democracy this year, but the sentiment for our candidates and our party is increasing. My advice is that not only will our candidates for President and Vice President have a large majority of the popular vote, but we will also have the majority in the electoral college."

### Taft's Standard Oil Judge.

Senator Foraker, in his defense, furnished Mr. Bryan with a weapon that the Democratic candidate might use with terrible effect, unless the President and Mr. Taft are able to show the falsity of the Senator's statement. More or less effort has been made to impress the country with the danger of permitting Mr. Bryan to nominate judges to the United States Supreme Court. The point was much emphasized by Gov. Hughes in his Youngtown speech. Is Mr. Bryan now to have undisputed use of the retort furnished him by Senator Foraker, that Mr. Taft advised the President to place upon the federal bench a well-known Standard Oil attorney of Ohio? If so, Mr. Bryan can tout the country saying that, whatever

remember that the way to defeat Cannon is to elect a Democratic House. Some Republican candidates for Congress are promising to vote against Cannon in the Republican caucus, but such a promise is useless so far as the defeat of Cannon is concerned.

When a Republican candidate for Congress promises to vote against Cannon, ask him if he will vote against him in the contest in the House as well as in the contest in the Republican caucus.

### The President as a Campaign Manager.

Associated Press dispatches of Oct. 1 announced that Mr. Roosevelt had sent for Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee, the understanding being that Mr. Roosevelt was displeased with the progress of the Republican campaign management and that he intended to take an active part in the work.

The President of the United States as a campaign manager would provide an edifying spectacle.

### Since When?

Secretary Loeb announces for Mr. Roosevelt that he will not reply to Mr. Bryan's latest letter. Mr. Loeb says that Mr. Roosevelt feels that "inasmuch as Mr. Bryan's letter was simply an attack upon him personally, was no reason why he should answer."

It will be difficult for the average reader to look at Mr. Bryan's letter in that way. But it might be pertinent to ask since when did Mr. Roosevelt become so averse to personal controversy?

### Mr. Taft in Lincoln.

The following Associated Press dispatch explains itself:

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 29.—William J. Bryan has asked the Democrats of Lincoln to remove lithographs of himself from store and residence windows during the visit of William H. Taft to Lincoln Wednesday. The telegram follows: "W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.: Please ask the Democrats of Lincoln to take my

## CURRENT COMMENT

### The Disastrous Drouth.

This year will be memorable for one of the most extensive and damaging drouths the North American continent has ever experienced. How great a loss it has inflicted upon all sections of this country and a large area of Canada is impossible to say, but it is of enormous proportions.

Forest fires due to drouth are said to be the most destructive in twenty-five years. They have ravaged the southern part of Canada, New York, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and as far south as Pennsylvania. The loss from this source is probably not less than \$100,000,000. Scarcity of timber makes the seriousness of this loss hard to over-estimate. It will undoubtedly cause an advance in the price of lumber and may check building operations all over the country.

The drouth has left Lake Champlain eight feet below high-water mark and the Ohio river is formidable where the water is usually thirty feet deep. A number of cities are threatened with lack of water for fire protection and mills and factories using water power have been compelled to shut down.

The government has sent experts to study the causes of forest fires with a view to prevention. Catching flood waters in reservoirs for use when needed is now done to some extent. The present disastrous experience with widespread drouth justifies careful consideration of all suggestions for safeguards against a repetition of this year's devastation.—Chicago Journal.

### The Corn Crop.

The yield of corn this year will probably be somewhat larger than that of last year. The drouth following the month or two of heavy rains in the corn belt cut deeply into the promised harvest, the reduction in the prospective yield in the month of August being 122,000,000 bushels.

Illinois, which produces more corn than any other State, was the greatest sufferer, the depreciation being 7.2 points. In Indiana the falling off was 6.6 points, and in Kansas 6.2. Ohio, where climatic conditions were fairly close to being perfect for grain raising, showed only a slight loss in the conditions. Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Iowa also reported a small dropping off in prospects in the month of August. Nebraska is said to have actually made gains.

The corn crop of 1907 was 2,592,320,000 bushels with an acreage of 98,000,000. The area under this grain this year is estimated at 100,000,000 acres. The conditions on the first of September were 79.8 as compared with 80.6 on the same date in 1907. Considering all these figures the yield will be more than three billion bushels. The frosts are still to be reckoned with before the final figures are written.—Toledo Blade.

### The Campaign.

One of the new methods of stimulating popular interest in the presidential campaign is the distribution of phonograph records of speeches by the leading candidates. Hundreds of thousands of voters may thus hear the voice of the party nominees, even though they may see only a picture of the men themselves.

At the same time, the number of salaried campaign speakers is much smaller than in former years. Those who talk are expected to give their time to the party because of their belief in its principles.

Political campaigns are quieter and more business like than they used to be. The speeches of the candidates are reported in the press, and the voter thinks the questions out at home. The political rally does not attract a generation of newspaper readers as it aroused their fathers in the old days when talk was cheaper than print.

Yet the voice of a man of conviction, the living words of a great leader, will always be a power. There is magic in the personal contact of the politician with the voter, and political speeches can never go wholly out of fashion. Even the phonographic reproductions, interesting and valuable as they are, will not quite take the place of the real thing. But people are getting too intelligent to have their convictions swayed by "spellers," who receive fifty dollars a night for their efforts to save the nation from disgrace.

If a lively campaign is known by the amount of shouting and eloquence, perhaps we shall never have another one. The vitality of a political contest depends on the interest the people take in it, and their interest may be intense although they sit at home and say not a word until the time comes.—Youth's Companion.

### FACTS FOR FARMERS.

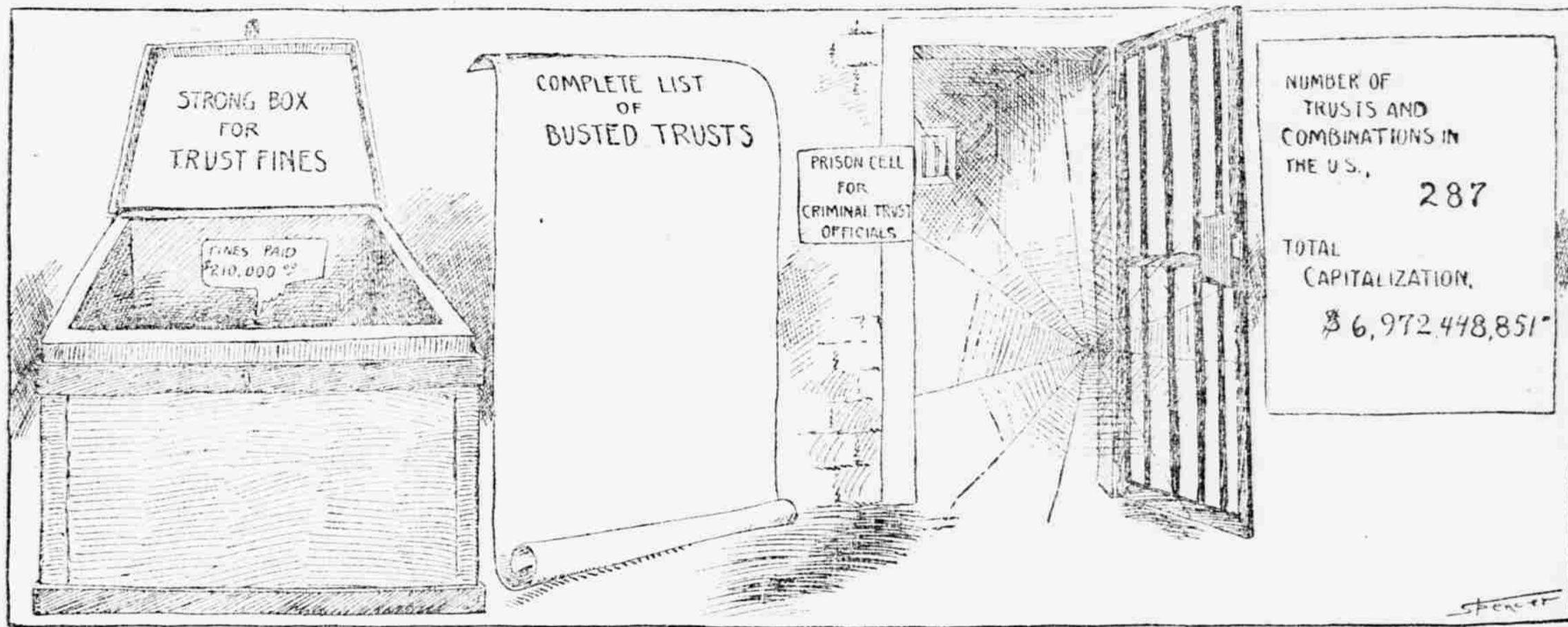
Government regulation of the meat industries will be hailed as dear to the packer's heart at the coming meeting of the American Meat Packers Association, which is to be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago. Fullest co-operation between packers and government in order to hold up the grade of meat will be urged, and the federal inspection act will be called a boon to packer as well as public in the papers that are to be read.

If the recommendations adopted at the twelfth annual meeting of the interstate association of live stock boards, at its concluding session in Washington, are approved by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, the federal quarantine regulations for preventing the spread of the Texas or "tick" fever in cattle in certain Southern States will be raised next year. Cattle in certain areas in the States under quarantine are said to be entirely free from the Texas fever.

John Barke, a prosperous farmer living near Henderson, Minn., has the champion cow of his section. This bovine gave birth to three calves. They are all heifers and give promise of doing well.

An unknown incendiary set fire to and burned four settlements of grain belonging to J. M. Buckley, and those belonging to P. Kieff of Morris, Minn. About a week ago some party set fire to Edmund Barry's granary in the same neighborhood, and although the building was destroyed, some of the grain was saved. There was no insurance in any of the cases.

## SEVEN YEARS OF "TRUST BUSTING"



of revision the says "at Bryan's direction" but would it not be true if done at Taft's direction? would serve to halt industrial and commercial progress and keep business unsettled during his term of office.

"This is a rich find. It shows how absurd the Republican platform looks to a Republican when the Republican has a chance to look at it in a disinterested way. When Mr. Rosewater thought that the language quoted was taken from a speech of mine, he could see how ridiculous the language was. I hope that his opinion of the language will not change when he finds that he was shooting at his own platform instead of at me. The amusing blunder of the Omaha Bee suggests a new diversion for the campaign. Let the Democrats accuse me of using various sections from the Republican platform and from Mr. Taft's speeches and see how the Republican editors will ridicule the language."

### Campaign Funds.

Following is an extract from Mr. Bryan's speech at Oskaheba, Iowa:

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of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries."

Nothing prettier in the catch-all line has been offered in this campaign. The most hide-bound standpat in the country can accept that as satisfactory and the rankest free trader can find delight in it. The declaration means simply nothing. An attempt to legislate along that line would simply open the way to interminable wrangling as to what constitutes "a reasonable profit" for hair-splitting on wages on one industry, price of raw materials in another, rebates and drawbacks in a third and so on through the list of thousands of articles that are now on the tariff lists. Under such a proposition an attempt at tariff revision at Bryan's direction would serve only to halt industrial and commercial progress and keep business unsettled during his term of office.

### Presidents in Politics.

On Oct. 3 Mr. Bryan gave out the following statement:

"When I criticised the President for using an office, which belonged to all the

his judicial appointments may be, they will not be Standard Oil attorneys.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Omaha World-Herald, in its issue of Oct. 3, shows the blunder made by its Republican contemporary.

The paragraph which the Bee attributes to Mr. Bryan was merely quoted by Mr. Bryan from the Republican platform.

"In all tariff legislation the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries."

Referring to the Bee's blunder, the World-Herald says: "Now that it develops that the blow is aimed, not at the Democratic position, but at the Republican position, is its force any the less? Does it not, in fact, become the more potent and convincing?"

### How to Defeat Cannon.

Republicans who are anxious that Mr. Cannon be defeated for Speaker should

picture down while Mr. Taft is in town. Have them show him every possible courtesy.

W. J. BRYAN.

After reading the "Dear Harriman" correspondence you will understand why Messrs. Taft and Roosevelt—we mean Roosevelt and Taft—favor publicity "after election," if at all.

In the meanwhile fair minded men will understand that Mr. Bryan has undertaken no "defense of Haskell." Mr. Bryan has simply demanded justice from the boasted champion of the "square deal." The same "square deal" champion, mind you, that refused to do justice to the dying old soldier, James K. Tyner.

A man was found frozen to death near Des Moines last week. This, however, is not the first intimation we have had to the effect that the Republican campaign in Iowa is a frost.

In the meanwhile Uncle Henry Watterston is proudly flaunting a vindication as to that alleged Cleveland letter.

### BITS OF SCIENCE.

A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons per acre.

There are over 5,000 parts to a modern locomotive.

The average number of hairs on a human head is 120,000.

Vinegar will successfully clean a dirty, powder-caked, gun barrel.

American turbine engines will be used on two of Japan's new battleships.

To make carbon ink dissolve genuine India ink in common black writing fluid.

The human eye can discern an object as small as 1/425 of an inch in diameter.

A white tiger, the first ever known, recently was killed by some hunters in Assam.

A pound of cork is sufficiently buoyant to support an average sized man in water.

A Paris school teaches parrots to speak English, German, French and Italian.

A wax from the Madagascar rattie palm is proving a good substitute for beeswax.

Six locomotives using lignite for fuel have been placed in service in the Philippines.

Hot water will remove grease and dirt from an engine better than wiping it with waste.

### China Not So Slow.

The Chinese Board of Education has recently issued ten regulations governing educational matters throughout the empire. Here are some of them:

"Every capital city must have at least 100 primary schools and a minimum of 5,000 students. All prefectures and districts must have at least 40 schools and a minimum of 2,000 students.

"Every child at the age of seven years shall be compelled to attend school.

"Any official succeeding in persuading gentry to found schools shall be rewarded.

"The parents of any child of seven years of age or over shall be held responsible for the attendance at school of such child, and will be punished in the event of its failure to attend.

"All prefects and magistrates who fail to obtain the stipulated number of schools and students in their respective districts will be punished."

Who shall say after this that China lags behind in the race?

### Of Course.

"What class of patrons gives the biggest tips?" asked one of them, who was curious.

"Why, tippy ones," replied the waiter, who had been a professional punster before he took up more lucrative employment.—Kansas City Times.

### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Over 10,000 windmills are at work in Holland.

Half of the world's coffee supply comes from Brazil.

One sudden death occurs among women to eight among men.

The sand in the Sahara only averages thirty feet in depth.

Electricity was first used as a motive force about twenty-five years ago.

Leipzig University will celebrate its five-hundredth anniversary in 1909.

Lamp accidents are the cause of no fewer than 500 fires annually in London.

In some parts of Germany glass telephone poles, reinforced by wire, are in use.

Only 60,000 full-blooded red Indians are to be found to-day in the United States.

About 14,000,000 bunches of bananas are now annually exported from Jamaica.

Wild goats have so multiplied in Hawaii that they are being destroyed as pests.

The average number of deaths through railway accidents in Holland is one a year.

Including Hayti, San Domingo, Panama and Liberia, there are now twenty-four republics in the world.

### Are Americans Beautiful?

Caro Devaillé, the famous French painter, says of American women:

"I have never been in America; but many times I have had occasion to contemplate American beauties, and they have made a profound impression on me. Only the women of Italy can be compared with American women. Americans are Amazons. The Italian beauty is more soft. They are human beauties, while the Americans are only beauties."

Willette, whose sketches are the rage in the French capital, is less complimentary. He says:

"Americans are ridiculous and insupportable, with their independent airs dominating even the male with their physical forces. Thus they lose charm. One never sees a really beautiful woman, or dreams of her, as one dreams of happiness. There is only one type of feminine beauty—that created by Greek artists. Women of all countries should seek to approach this ideal."

### Her Part.

"Do you first try your jokes on your wife?" we asked the professional humorist.

"Always."

"And if she laughs at them you know they are all right?"

"No, when she laughs at them I know they are all wrong."—Houston Post.