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Eggs are still used for food in the homes of the wealthy. Cauliflower is described as a cabbage with a college education.

Senator Lorimer will try in the future to avoid even the appearance of evil. Life Young of Iowa called the senators "boys." Does he not know a toga from a pair of knee pants?

The cutting of 200,000,000 Chinese queues promises to be the greatest hair restorer ever known about here.

The boy who goes back on Santa Claus will never get office by voting the straight party ticket when he is a man.

The man of foresight, anticipating the glare of the Christmas cravat, had his tailor cut his waistcoat well up in the neck.

The Christmas stocks in the stores may be somewhat depleted now, but the public dump has grown suspiciously in size.

Diaz has been president as many times as Bryan has aspired to be, and neither one is ready to give up the fight now.

Twenty-nine governors on the job, and most of them will secretly get points from the office boy on how to do their work.

Another intervention in Cuba is threatened, as the kindergarten class in government seems about ready for its annual vacation.

In figuring our national defenses, don't forget the power of ocean waves to create an uprising in the interior of an attacking force.

George M. Pullman, III, is building a \$3,000,000 house in Washington. Without question the price of upper berths has been too high.

The distributions from the Christmas trees of very big knives to very small boys, assures the makers of court plaster a prosperous year.

Copenhagen is trying to "forget it" by cancelling Dr. Cook's degree. Instead of succeeding it merely advertises the wily doctor a little more.

The shah of Persia says he expected to live to see the United States ruled by women. Has he ever seen it when it was not ruled by women?

The reason why our congressmen can not work over the holidays may be that amid the surfettings of Washington they long for mother's cooking.

Woodrow Wilson is making a great flight on the scoter, but the machine will go on turning the people's ballots into canned plums for the ring.

The prosperity of the country is not confined mainly to the employing class. This fact is evidenced by the constant increase in saving bank deposits.

Aviator Moissant brought down icicles when he went up 9,364 feet at Memphis. Even Florida will soon be able to have ice cream for Sunday dinner.

Dr. Cook saw strange forms and faces in the arctic. Those of our statesmen who occupy reserved seats on the long green must have been prominent.

The Chicago Record-Herald favors chaining up the dogs of war. Can't get 'em on the leash while there are all these bones to pick in the way of fat contracts.

With 200,000,000 Chinamen's queues thrown on the market at once, the hair market will be glutted and every woman should be able to wear switches galore.

Nothing so arouses J. Pierpont Morgan's indignation as to have his middle name misspelled in print. A very complimentary article is worse than no mention if his name appears Pier-report.

The Can't Come Back club at Washington are scrambling for public buildings. Had they attended to this one essential of statesmanship earlier, they would have been Can Come Backs.

Nine hundred and fifty-nine voters of Adams county, Ohio, charged with selling their votes. Government by auction may be all right, but why tag

it by such a Sunday school word as "election." San Francisco, it is said, will get the Panama exposition, and no man with the pluck of Edward Payson Weston need stay at home, even if he has not the price of a railroad ticket.

California congressmen say an army of 430,000 could land and take possession of the mountain passes. How the summer girls would hustle out to the hotels in that neighborhood.

Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson has at last met his Waterloo. There is a row of no very small proportions as to which woman shall lead his inaugural ball. Bachelors have their troubles also.

General Wood says the Jap war talk is bosh. The man at the top who has no promotion to expect, should not talk thus about efforts of his subordinates to get ahead by creating new business.

A southern dentist is using hickory wood for artificial teeth with considerable success. Hickory bites all right whether in the switch so well remembered by every boy or for the teeth in declining years.

The committee that were allotted sixteen cents per gift to satisfy the small boy who had given up six weeks of his valuable time for Sunday school had the heaviest responsibility of the shopping season.

Mr. Taft is not satisfied with the way New Mexico has drawn the Texas line. It looks as if our new sister were letting its chickens, dogs and children run over into the premises of the old residents.

A smaller congress could do business better, thus benefitting ninety millions of people. But that is of no account, and the reapportionment will of course increase the house, to take care of two dozen jobless statesmen.

Richmond Pearson Hobson says we are wholly unprepared for war. Fortunately no one is demanding that we fight them just now and with a well endowed peace commission at work, why waste money on armaments?

The United States Steel corporation has decided to fall into line and pay its superannuated employes pensions. The decision is a commendable one and in all probability the extra financial burden will not embarrass the company.

Strange how exacting college professors become. In Yale the student who attempts to make up work by studying during chapel exercises will be given five demerit marks. Thus is the path to knowledge beset with harassing restrictions.

The importance of Mr. Taft's efforts to enforce the anti-trust law, often by criminal proceedings, can not be overestimated. Enforcing existing laws is infinitely better as a political issue than writing new laws on the paper of statute books.

Professional gamblers are finding their business greatly restricted. They were planning to open a big betting resort near Havana, but to their surprise the Cuban senate has rejected a bill granting a concession for a gambling club, a bull ring, a race track and cock pits.

Queen Mary has adopted a personal standard, which is displayed when she is unaccompanied by King George. This new flag bears the royal arms and the family arms of the queen's parents, the late Duke and Duchess of Teck. This is a new departure in the queen's customs, but the English people are getting used to it.

The Colorado suffragists are at a white heat of indignation at Elizabeth Cass Goddard of Colorado Springs, because of her article in a recent issue of the Ladies' Home Journal in which she gives her opinion that Colorado has not been benefited by woman suffrage. She might wisely take a trip to Europe while her sister suffragists have their say.

French statisticians have figured out that of over 500 men who have done more or less flying, only about thirty have lost their lives, and the larger part of these fatalities were not due to merely navigating the air, but to attempting dangerous and difficult stunts to win prizes or establish records. Just plain flying is not so dangerous, according to this theory.

The year just ended gives evidence of prosperity in many ways. One of the happiest is the increase in the importations of toys which amounted in the year 1910 to \$2,225,000. This is a large increase over last year's expenditure. The little Mexicans are learning the delight of American mechanical toys, so the consul general reports, which have been heretofore unknown.

President Charles S. Mellin of the Boston & Maine and other eastern

railroads announces his intention of making the White mountains of New Hampshire more easily accessible from the seacoast and to electrify the railroads there. President Mellin very evidently plans to gain control of the lion's share of New England's railway traffic. New England will be most fortunate if all Mr. Mellin's recent promises of railroad improvement are fulfilled.

Our country takes a natural pride in the large totals of the 1910 census. The great development of the nineteenth century continues unabated. But there are some things brought out by the same census to cause sober reflection. The loss in rural population both east and west is deplorable. Mere bigness is not desirable unless the growth be upon the safe and secure foundations which the fathers placed their trust in. Civic responsibility must keep pace with the population if the great republic is to keep its high place among the nations of the world. In this each individual has a share.

In comparison with its wealth no country has so little money invested abroad as the United States. It has all been needed to develop home institutions. Of late the foreign investments have grown until it is estimated that two billions of American money are so engaged. More than half being in Canada and Mexico, one-fourth in Cuba and South and Central America. It is small in comparison with Great Britain who has fourteen billion invested abroad. Americans have recently loaned fifty millions in China, and as though in return, fifty millions of French money have come here to purchase the new bond issue of a western railway.

Things are shaping up for a big fight over rights to mine coal in Alaska. A horde of lobbyists will be under foot in the capitol at Washington, indicating that the interests looking for favors are not actuated solely by a benevolent desire to advance the interests of humanity.

Alaska is not the only place in our territory where a man can support a family. There will be no irreparable loss if this wild region remains untamed for a few years, until our engineers have had reasonable time to determine a fair price for the people's coal property.

People who favor immediate action must enjoy paying a liberal bonus to rich corporations every time they shovel coal into a factory fire box or a home heater. Most of this could have been saved, had the government of the early days been able to see that coal is worth more than farm land, and that such deposits ought not to become private property.

A year or two's delay means the saving of a heavy tax on this new territory for all time.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska School Superintendents' and Principals' association, which will be held in Lincoln January 12 and 13, will launch a movement of very vital importance to the people of this state, inasmuch as the general theme for the meeting is "Hygiene and Sanitation," and needed legislation along this line is expected to be recommended. There is nothing more important than the health of the children and that carelessness and ignorance of the laws of sanitation and hygiene have been the cause of killing thousands of girls and boys who ought to have been allowed to live, becomes more apparent as we learn more and more in regard to germs, fresh air and the physical ailments of children which are allowed to grow worse instead of being looked after at the start.

Superintendent Hunter of Norfolk, president of this association, writes pointedly of the subject in his letter to state superintendents and principals, in which he says: "In our general stampede to conserve our industrial resources, we are prone to lose sight of the movement to conserve the most important resource of our nation—the health of our children. The schools should be the natural leaders in this movement, and this meeting of our association is to be sort of health 'conservation congress.' Our organization should take the lead in this crusade for better sanitation in Nebraska. This meeting should therefore aim to stir public sentiment, outline a policy for the schools, and recommend legislation which will save to Nebraska its most important resource—the health of all its children."

Since Christmas came more than a week ago, it is probably a surprise to the ad man and his co-conspirator that this department is still alive. Of all the rotten tobacco that any body ever heard of, that which they stealthily attempted to tempt this part of the paper with, was the worst. But not a scrap of it was smoked.

While you were comfortably smoking a pipe during that blizzard, with your toes toasting over a register and the temperature 70 in the shade, did it occur to you that there was a vast amount of the bitterest sort of human suffering being wrought by that storm? Or did you just think of little Willie and let it go at that?

How many of this list will be alive a year from today? Arch Hoxsey, Glenn Curtiss, Farman, Grahame-White?

The above paragraph was written Saturday afternoon, after Moissant had been killed and, by strange coincidence, at almost the very moment

when Hoxsey was taking his fatal plunge. The query, "What do you do when the hair begins to fall out of the top of your head?" has been answered. By mail comes a newspaper item headed, "No Hairness at the Pole." But you can't work that game. This department isn't going to the south pole, not even if it was guaranteed that the trip would make a fur-bearing animal out of a man.

A desperate battle was fought near White River between Two Strike's band and the Ninth cavalry. D. A. Holmes, a Norfolk lawyer, has decided to leave the city and locate in Slough City. (Mr. Holmes is now one of the most prominent corporation attorneys in New York City.) D. Mathewson of Wakefield is spending the winter in California. Frank Estabrook has just returned from Denver, where he met a number of former Norfolk people, including A. Cornbleth, Ben Pelzer, M. Franklin and L. B. Ellis.

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THE GUEST AT THE DOORSTEP. Text, "Behold I stand at the door and knock."—Rev. 3: 20.

Over half a century has gone by since the genius of that master painter Holman Hunt gave to us that thrillingly noble picture "The Light of the World." Even the untrained eye can see that a great thought has been transferred from mind to canvas. There's a patient face, a kindly eye. The wounded hand is at the knocker. The nail pierced foot peeps from beneath the priestly robe. Twilight and evening damp have come. In his hand is the lighted lamp of truth. The door is ivy grown—so long unopened. A touch of genius—there's no latch on the outside. It can only be opened from within. Holman Hunt has just passed into the spirit world. Every one knows the meaning of his glorious picture, even without a title. Every reader knows who is meant in the text, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," although no name is mentioned. The spirit of God comes to the door of the human heart and knocks. He stands there while the sun is going down, and night is coming on with its heavy dews and damps. He waits and knocks. But only human fingers can slip back the bolts for him to come in.

Whose dark door is this? It's the door of the Jewish nation, where he comes as Messiah, then, rejected, to the gentiles. It is the door, say the commentators, of the Laodicean church, noted for its wealth and voluptuousness. But it's more than that. Sob it out, erring one—"My dark door!" And the visitor is none other than the King of kings and the Lord of lords, of whom the angels shouted when he came home, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in!" Is he at my door? Surely not! He belongs to the palace only—Balmoral, Peterhof, Potsdam; royal guest rooms, with purple and the linen, gold and ivory must tint walls and floor for a king; royal vat and forest and nursery must furnish food. But look! He is passing into Peter's house, a fisherman's simple cottage. He is stopping at Zaccheus', that hated tax gatherer. And at Simon's, the leper—"unclean!" And to Mary and Martha's, quiet, humble folks. Why, Master, I was looking for thee, too, but was looking at the church, at the people, at the minister, the choir, the ritual, the creed, and then your voice spoke so quietly, "John, behold I stand at the door and knock!" Say, is that what that godless prisoner meant when he was dying at the county jail the other night? "Trencher, I've been laid"—the death sweat was gathering—"but come closer, chaplain. Jesus has come to even this poor, dying thief." Somehow I thought of another dying thief.

His Reception. "If any man hear and open the door." Good. Notice that "if?" Others may force me with screw and rack and fagot—he respects the sacredness of my human will. Every man's heart is his castle. Come in, come in! But I'm ashamed, master. I've had other guests—save the name! They've been on these steps and through these corridors. Blasphemy was here with blackened lips; selfishness, with hard eyes and close drawn robes; temper, with murder and strife at her heels; lust, red lipped, hot breathed and scarlet robed, and drunkenness, with blood-shot eye and slaying mouth. Huh? Even now they hear at me from dark corners with their feet memories. But come thou in. I thought when a king would come there would be bands of music, booming of cannon, tramping of soldiers, battleflags waving, yet I knew that was the blunder of Peter, James and John—instead there's quiet, love, joy, peace and fragrance as of flowers from celestial gardens. Is my reception cold or stilted or formal? Forgive me, patient one. That was my sin in the church—preoccupation, spiritual inattention, polite unbelief. Give me the quick sense of a lover to anticipate thy desires, the intuition of a mother for her child, the instinct of a bird for sunnier clime. O lonely one of Nazareth, make my home a Bethany, where a Lazarus heart shall welcome, a Mary heart adore, a Martha heart serve.

The Divine Guest. "I will come in and sup with him." What an honor! In the old Palmetto State a white man's carriage broke down before a negro's home, a former slave, prosperous now. Generous hospitality was extended. The table was spread, and their former master and mistress sat down to eat. Not a dark face sat at that table. All stood, as of old, to serve. Master supped with slave, but not for a moment did the freed man think of sitting with him. Christ says, "I call you not servants, but friends." He is our guest; we now become "brothers of the bread," "men of much ashes," for the fires of our hospitality must not go out. Doors that have been double locked, double bolted and double barred are now swung wide open. Even the door of conscience, once rusted, now polished at his touch. There are unsuspected rooms in our soul's house. The lofty apartment of veneration with angel frescoed ceiling was dark and spider woven, and dust settled on its frieze and molding. The windows of faith and hope are now cleaned. The sky window of prayer is open to the blue.

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