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The compliments of the season to all our Journal readers. May you all live long and be happy and proaperous.

Now is the accepted time to swea off doing all things that are bad and injurious to yourself and disagreeable to your family and neighbors, and turn over a new leaf that is good and mow white.

A new rule was adopted by the Union Pacific this year in regard to the holidays, by the closing of their shops for a week, during that period. The officials my the reason for this is that a large per centage of the men voluntarily lay off during this time. and the ones remaining cannot be worked to advantage, as the shops are short handed.

The big battleship fleet, bound for work so bravely that the flag of that the Pacific, started on time and is now on the way. Some people profess to see in the sending of this fleet a threat for Japan, and are now talking about the raturn of the battleshins via Suez.

ing its deposits. The bank would A MODERN PLEET. The doubling of the Western world have branches in reserve and subtress by a company of sixteen battle shipe | ury cities, but would do no original will be watched with interest by commercial or discount business. I Americans, and to a certain extent by would deal with the government and the people of the leading nations gen- with other banks and not with the erally. Opinions will differ as to the people direct. diplomatic meaning of the movement,

While it is not probable that any but as a matter of fact it implies no action will be taken by the present more than that the United States will congress along this line, the question assert and defend its just rights in the raised is one of great importance worthy of general discussion. Such a Pacific, a region in which no other nation has as long a coast line. Harcentral bank is a part of the financial bors must be guarded wherever they system of most of the great nations are. International duties and policies and has worked satisfactorily, as apcarry little weight unless a nation is plied in practice, co-ordinating the prepared to back them up, and at all banks with the government in fiscal hazards to protect its own. In some affairs Perhaps the strongest arguquarters it is charged that the group ment for the plan is the certainty that ing of so many great armored ships is it would give the public renewed contoo spectacular, but as the vessels are fidence in the national banking system ordered to go they can best proceed in as a whole, as it would place an im company, and as the naval strength portant part of the banking function, exists, its peaceful display is in the the regulation of reserves and deposits, nature of information for the world. directly under government control.

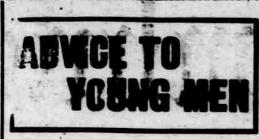
The long loop to be made will impress The second remedial suggestion the idea that the Monroe doctrine is made by the comptroller relates to the a living fact and that it can be de- jesue of asset currency, which he fended at short notice. Our just posimakes conditional on the establish tion in the Pacific can be similarly ment of the central bank, to have sole urged, not aggressively, but firmly and control of such issue. A mere emer effectively. The weapons for maintainrency circulation is opposed on the ing an honorable peace are not con- ground that a credit issue should be protected by reserves and supple-As a modern mechanism the fleet i

mented by a graduated tax to force worthy of the observation of mankind early retirement. The comptroller's as it steams from zone to zone. It contribution to the discussion of cura marvel in applied science and skill rency reforms but serves to strengthen in many forms. In the war of 181 the impression that public sentiment this country had the misfortune to h is still chaotic and little legislation unprepared on both land and sea, but may be expected upon the subject at a few stanch ships, the Constitution, this session of congress.-Omaha Bee.

United States and President, good names all, showed what native grit can MR. BRYAN'S GREAT TASK. accomplish by improvising. Those Chancellor Andrews suggests an wooden vessels of small burthen sought the enemy and stood up to their Bryan next year that is rather certain

to be worked hard and with effect no world's greatest naval power was matter who is the republican candibrought down in many conflicts. The date. If elected, Mr. Bryan might country is no longer unprepared. It carry the lower house with him, but may not be prepared enough, but it is if all the senators to be elected next not in the almost helpless condition of year were democrats, an unthinkable But there is one thing the fleet will a hundred years ago. The sixteen contingency, he would barely have the demonstrate to the American people, battle ships are mechanical wonders senate with him. Moreover, do the and that is the absolute necessity provided with steam and electricity. best he might and with the best of which required the building of the They are in communication with the material to draw upon, he could not

bers as they do.



Take the girl, after she has been well whirled around a brilliantly lighted room some scores of time to Strauss, Sousa and Herbert, to a se cluded corner of a moonlit veranda. Turning your face so that the moon light falls across it with good effect look up into the sky and observe:

"It is very lovely!" I have often studied this with the "spot light" on the stage, and know that it causes the eyes to come out well.

In almost a whisper she is bound to reply, "Beautiful!" for she cannot help noticing your fine profile blanched into a delicate marble, and your large eyes looking almost like twin Mars. Then sigh as you remark: "This time to-morrow I shall see the moon shining on the Hudson from my lonely abode in town." Look for a shade of disappointment on her beautiful face: however, continue without the shadow: "Yes, I must go back to the office, the daily grind; it would not do for poor devil, like myself to have too ong a spell of happiness; it unfits one for the work-aday world again." Now heave a 60 H. P. sigh. After reaining your breath pursue as follows. and observe all the directions I give: "Yes; I must so back to the grind stone. (Slap your forehead hard.) hall think-(put the very quintssence of saddened melancholy in your voice)-I shall think (place hand on back of the settee) to-morrow, when I see yonder light, of this plac. of this hour, naturally, (let your voice remble and remove hand), and of something-I mean some one whoome one else."

She won't answer; so keep right on The following speech should be nemorized and recited before a fulllength pier glass. Be sure to be letter perfect in it. No gestures are necessary; just straight talk:

"There are some days, Miss Golden argument against the election of Mr. od, which we think of at times as orming oases in our life's desert. My week end at this house has been one to me. There are hours, too, hours when tears rise in the heart and gather to the eyes almost involuntarily and eeling is stronger than speech-its very intensity depriving us of giving expression to what-to what the heart would fain utter. Have-have I your permission to call this hour mine? of 760mm. of mercury at 0 degree C." May I think of it, in after days, as I shall think of it, oh, how often-may Keep your ears open for a tremuland by wireless telegraph, and with build up in four years so efficient a lous whisper to the effect that "You each other within a dozen miles by prosecuting and investigating machine may." You should say, "Thank you," or "God bless you!" and it is natural that you should take her hand in voice the admiral could my to each President Recevelt was able to whip yours to give due force to your words; crew that the government expects a hostile senate into line for reform natural enough, too, that you should every man to do his duty. The crews legislation, but he did not have to hold it there beyond the time neces sary to give it a gentle squeeze. are carefully trained in the minutely cross party lines to do it. It will be Let the moon play an important part precise markmanship of the time, and an entirely different task for a demoin the impressive silence that will in torpedo service, a branch developed cratic president to whip republican follow the aforesaid squeeze. In theatrical parlance, let the moon "do the senators out of their conservatism than cading business" and hold the cen-"Our coast line," says the presi- for a republican president to do the ter of the stage for a brief moment. dent's message, "is on the Pacific as same thing, because in the former case Now, are you ready? "Miss Gold-Gwendolen! for this much as the Atlantic." This fact is party prejudice can be invoked against once-(passion must ring in your sunthe simple key to the pending voyage, him. The trusts are not vissibly sup ourned throat)-I cannot bear this ordered by the president as the con- porting Mr. Bryan as yet, but there is onger. I know how weak it is: but I stitutional commander of the army plenty of reason to believe that they cannot, cannot help myself. Gwendolen, (or whatever her name is), do and navy. He thinks that until the will prefer him, for the reasons menyou not see that I love you? Forgive Panama Canal is finished the shins of tioned by the chancellor, to a prome my weakness, pardon it as springthe navy should move every year or gressive republican. For the same ing-as springing from the strength two from one ocean to the other. He reason progressive republicans will be of my love. I did not mean to have refers to the educational value of the urged to follow a conservative repubtold you this. How could the struggling, unsuccessful-(I always use lican candidate rather than vote for "author." but you may chance to be Mr. Bryan.-Lincoln Journal. a bank clerk or a real estate broker) author, the pennilees, disappointed Parish Registers. artist who has seen the dream of his I was once being shown round a vilambitious youth fade and die away lage church in the Eastern Counties, under the blighting influence of-of and was solemnly informed by the dastard enemies, leaving him almost somewhat garrulous parish clerk that without a hope, how could such a man the registers went back to the time of ask you to share his lot?- a lot not William the Conqueror, says J. F. Wilon Fifth avenue, a lot not even 25 by liams in The Treasury. Lest the same 100? Ay, even though he saw in you startling opinion may be held by oththe realization of his ideal, though ers, let me hasten to say that parish since he has known you his thoughts registers were unknown in England have known none else; even then he before the end of Henry VIII's reign. could not tell you this. The very and happy is that parish which still pride, which has been the chief obnossesses its records even from that stacle to his success in life prevented date. For our earlier registers have him. This foolish weakness, which certainly had a very checkered career, made him forget his purpose for the and when we read the story of the moment, your noble nature will fortreatment which has been meted out give, I know. Good-bye, Miss Golden to them during the three or four cenrod- I had rather not face the peoturies of their existence, we can only ple inside just now. Good-bye! Good-bye! Will you think of me sometimes wonder that they exist in such numwhen in after years, when-whenwhen you are happy, and I-Will you How the Judge Viewed It. think of me then as one who staked Even a judge on the bench likes his his all on a vain hope which his sense toke. A man whose name is Waters of honor bade him give up, though it was arraigned in Bilville court on a was to drive him forth again into the charge of assault and battery. "What world a soulless vagaboad? Good-bye. did you do to him." asked the judge, summer, good-bye! Good-bye for ever! to make him assault you?" "We wur cannot stay in New York, for at dinner." was the reply. "an' we got might see you in the autumn, and itinto a dispute, an' all I did wus to hit it-wouldn't do, you know.' him 'side the head with a corndodger You will require a short rest after a week arterward he come back delivering these lines. You will find an' beat me shameful!" "Well," said the hand that lies in yours quite pasthe judge, "you know what the Scripsive. Look in her face and you will ture says: 'Bread cast upon the wasee tears glistening in her eyes. Tenters will return to you after many derly kiss her good-bye, and, like the days!" -- Atlanta Constitution. good, honest American you are, inquire, "Will you be my wife?" An Object Lesson.

more, and C the sixth part of both their some. How many had each? A gentleman going into a garden meets with some ladies, and says to them: "Good morning to you ten fair maids." "Sir, you mistake," answered one of them. "We are not ten, but if we were twice as many more as we are, we should be as many above ten as we are now under." How many were there? A man bought a horse, and by

agreement was to give a farthing for the first nail, three for the second, &c. There were four shoes, and in each shoe eight nails. What was the price of the borse? Answer: £9.651.114. 681.693 13s 4d.

Brother Dickey Has a Close Call. "De Bible speaks true 'bout de righteous 'hardly escapin'," said Brother Dickey, "an' it come squar' home ter me not ten minutes ago w'en one er dem horromobiles come mighty nigh runnin' over me! But, ome ter study 'bout it it mout a' been all fer de bes,' kase I hear tell you kin git big money out er dem ef dey runs over you an' you lives ter tell de tale. I wouldn't mind gettin' mixed up wid de les what sot de rheumatism in it." the old man said. reflectively, "but I wouldn't like ter risk my good leg wid 'um!"

"It may be pretty hard for you to manage it so as not to get do entirely."

"Dat's what I'm thinkin'," said Brother Dickey, "I reckon I'll hatter so 'long lak I been a'gwine an take my chances wid 'um. But wid meat an' bread high up an' coal gwine higher, dem horromobiles is a great temptation!"-Atlanta Constitution

What a Meter Is.

The scientific unit of length is the meter, and it was originally designed to be a natural standard to replace the perfectly arbitrary "yard." It was intended to be exactly one-ten-millionth part of the earth's quadrant, and was at first accepted as such. More careful and accurate measurement of the quadrant, however, showed that the meter was not actually this fraction of its length. As Sir David Gill points out, therefore, the standard of length cannot be scientifically described otherwise than as "a piece of metal whose length at 0 degree C. at the epoch A. D. 1906 is equal to 1,553,164 times the wave-length of the red line of the spectrum of cadmium when the latter is observed in dry air at the temperature of 15 degrees C. of the normal hydrogen-scale at a pressure

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What stunned them most was his

"The idea of his thinking of getting

"He's 28," commented Derrick's

"It seems just the other day that he

"Flat." corrected Atchison, with the

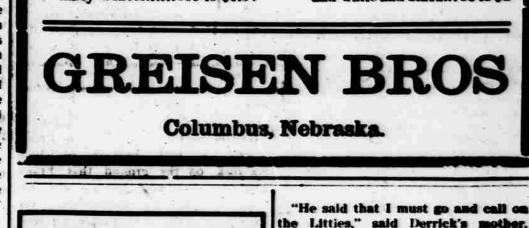
hink that he's going to marry a girl

bout getting married."

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Panama canal.

Congressman J. F. Boyd and Sen- wireless telephone. With his own as President Roosevelt now controls. ator E. J. Burkett have each introduced bills for a public building at Columbus, and if any public building bill goes through at this session of congress, we feel sure Columbus will have one of them. Congressman Boyd has taken particular pains to by the present generation. study up the wants of our post office, and if constant work will get us a new post office building, our congressman will win out. There is no better index

of the growth of a town than its post office business, and the Columbus post office is doing nearly three times the amount of business it did when Postmaster Kramer took charge.

There has been so many terrible accidents in coal mines of late and such voyage, the largest of the kind ever great loss of life, that it is a great surundertaken. "The only way," he says, prise to us that a more urgent de-"by which to teach officers and men mand for an investigation of these how to handle the fleet, so as to meet mine horrors has not been made, to every possible strain and emergency find out, if possible, how to prevent in time of war, is to have them practhem. The coal miners are usually tice under similar conditions in time poor men with large families, and in of peace." One of the first books the interest of humanity, the powers published by Mr. Roosevelt was a that be should insist on bettering naval history of the war of 1812. No conditions and applying more modern good American could go into that subways, so to prevent this great loss of ject without becoming an advocate of lives. If the authorities cannot do preparedness and constant practice anything, there should be enough Big ships cost money, but what was charitable people in this country to the cost of the lack of readinase in help these poor miners and their 1812?-St. Louis Globe Democrat. families. Surely, something should be done to prevent a repetition of RIDGELEY ON CURRENCY these mine horrors.

It looks now as though Governor Sparks of Nevada had put his foot into it by asking United States troops be sent to Goldfield during the present disturbance there, at least in view of the correspondence which passed would indicate that such was the case. But perhaps Governor Sparks cannot be blamed so much after all, as the one of the most objectionable defects Colorado troubles are still fresh in the in the existing currency system is the mind of the people, on account of the manner of handling reserves. He obment trials at Boise. Governor jects to the plan which "piles reserve Perhody of Colorado tried to handle on reserve in central reserve cities. the situation with local officials and without requiring a sufficient amount later with state troops, and the, result of actual cash on hand." The result was a failure. Governor Sparks did is that when an emergency comes not propose to take any chances on a these reserves are not reserves at all.

The annual report of Comptroller of the Currency Ridgeley is of more than ordinary public interest this year, because of its recommendations for the cure of currency ills. The comptroller reviews the specific defects of the existing system, but does not agree between the president and governor with many students of finance in his suggestion of remedies.

DEFECTS

In the opinion of the comptroller, "Miraada," said the mistress, "you are a good cook, and I just know that you are too good for us to keen Some man will come along one of these days ion of the Colorado affair and because they may in a day become and induce you to marry him." "Oh. and ter foderal troops at once. The unavailable. This reserve system is no, mum," answered Miranda, ferventmingers are demouncing his act in the declared a source of weakness rather band too long to want ever to get

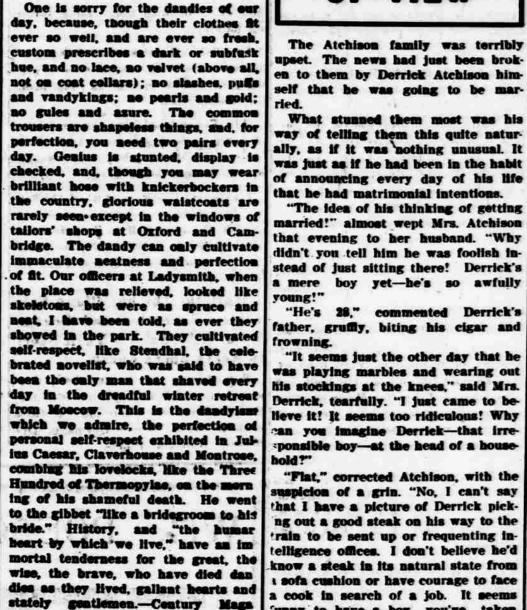
It is dollars to doughnuts that the girl replies, "I will."

For the last 15 minutes she has been admiring you as an actor; now she loves you as a man of business.

Riches of Simplicity.

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Fine Clothes and Brave Hearts a Mee Effective Combination.



MADE HIS BLUFF STRONG

Trouble Was the Horse Would Net

I've never laid eyes on but once! It Charles H. Wilson, the superintend seems so unnatural, somehow! He ent of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's remarkmight have considered me a little! He able stables, said at Newport of a knows it takes me so long to get acgroom he had discharged: "The man quainted with strangers. I'm sure was a bluff. He pretended to know there were lots of nice girls around all about horses, when in truth he home here. I expect she led him on. could hardly tell a hackney from a She had on a brown dress the day I cow. We soon got on to him. His saw her and I never did like brown. case was like the fake blacksmith's She's not at all his style of girl." There was a chap who thought black "Grace Little." said Derrick's fathsmithing looked simple and casy, and , meditatively. "I never heard of her so, being out of work, he decided to father. I don't believe he can amount have a try at it. He went to a smith to much in his line." and asked for a job. 'Well,' said the "No doubt she just worked Derrick mith, 'you are a strong, likely-looking into proposing," said Mrs. Atchison. fellow. What experience have you wisting her handkerchief. "She is had? 'Eleven yours',' was the prompt probably one of the scheming kind answer. 'All right, I'll try you,' said and thought she'd never again have the blacksmith. "Shoe that mare while I go home to dinner.' The smith, on such a chance. A boy as handsome as

his return from dinner frowned, and said to the new hand: "What haven't you got that mare shod yet? The bluffer bit his lip, fushed and replied: 'I cant' get her confounded foot in the vice."



THEIR POIN' stand having to listen to that woman gush over Derrick and congratulate OF VIEW herself that she's to have him for a son-in-law! She'll be so full of her triumph that she'll talk nothing elen. I'll have to smile and pretend that I like it! It's a big feather in any girl's The Atchison family was terribly cap to marry Derrick!" upset. The news had just been brok-

"He's a fine chap," admitted his father." even if he is my own son!"

Several days later Derrick's mother went in state, haughtily tolerant to call on Grace Little and her mother, who by arts and wiles had lured her only son into their net and now sat triumphant over the sacrifice. She began telling her husband about the call before he got inside his own door that evening.

"I never was so indignant in all my life!" Mrs. Atchison said, excitedly, "Do you know what that woman did? She had the nerve actually to weep -to shed tears-over the sacrifice of her daughter! She didn't seem to appreciate what she was getting at all? She said Grace was so young and she hadn't wanted her to marry for years vet, but that Derrick was so impetuous and persistent-her very words! She did admit that he was a nice young man, but she did it in a grudging way. the didn't talk about a thing but her daughter. You'd have thought that was all that mattered! She almost congratulated me on getting such a daughterin-law, too! I must say that I never saw such a harrow point of view! And so selfish!"

"Well, I should say it was!" agreed Derrick's father .- Chicago Daily News.

Saturn's Rings in Knots

Cambridge, Mass.-Prof. W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick observunny to have a boy you've taken atory, telegraphs that prominent cross your knee and spanked talk knots have been visible during the past week in Saturn's rings. The "I don't suppose we can stop him, knots appear systematically placed. either." said his mother, gloomily. two east and two west. 'He's awfully set in his ways. And to



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