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**No Mystery About It.**  
The other night after Harker was safe in bed there came a mysterious tapping below his window. Harker slipped out of his covers and cautiously raised the sash.  
"What's wanted?" he demanded, his teeth chattering.  
"I just wanted to tell you," came a muffled voice, "that there's a hand moving around just inside your cellar window."  
With visions of burglars Harker picked up his revolver and slipped through the halls in his pajamas. Cautiously he searched the cellar with a lighted candle, but it was empty. Outside on the sidewalk stood the stranger.  
"I don't see any burglars down here," called Harker nervously.  
"Who said anything about burglars?" laughed the stranger.  
"Why, didn't you call me out of bed to tell me that there was a hand moving around near the cellar window?"  
"Sure, it's the dial on the gas meter. It works while you sleep."—Philadelphia Times.

**A Tragedy of Instinct.**  
The processionaries are rather strange caterpillars. A single string of them five or six yards long has just climbed down from my parson's pines and is at this moment infolding itself in the walls of my garden, carpeting the ground traversed with transparent silk, according to the custom of the race. To say nothing of the meteorological apparatus of unparalleled delicacy which they carry on their spines, these caterpillars, as everybody knows, have this remarkable quality—that they travel only in a troop, one after the other, like the blind of Broughal or those in the parable, each of them obstinately, indissolubly following her leader; so much so that our author having one morning disposed the file on the edge of a large stone vase, thus closing the circuit, for seven whole days, during an atrocious week, through cold, hunger and unspeakable weariness, the unhappy troop on its tragic round without rest, respite or mercy, pursued the pitiless circle until death arrived.—Forum.

**Called For Glory Divine.**  
Among the customers in a drug store one day last week was a little girl who is known to her playmates in that vicinity as "Peggy." As she stood waiting for her turn it could be noticed that she was repeating something under her breath in her effort to remember what her mother had sent her to buy.  
"Mother wants five cents' worth of glory divine."  
"Of what?" said the young clerk, who was standing there as if stunned by a hard blow of a baseball bat.  
"Glory divine, glory divine," came the reply in a louder voice than when she had made the original request.  
"You had better go home and have your mother write it down on paper, little girl," said the clerk, feeling that the girl was too sure to argue with him.  
Soon she returned, and, handing the note to the clerk, he read, "Five cents' worth of chlorate of lime."—Philadelphia Times.

**A Bit of Sicily.**  
"There is no Italian town more picturesque than the Sicilian capital, Palermo," writes a traveler. "In its port lie crowded the queerest coasting craft I have ever set eyes on. Sailing ships of all rigs, their hulls painted all the colors of the rainbow, nose up against the quay, where mule carts, whose drivers are shouting at the top of their voices, wait to take away the merchandise. The narrow street where the custom house officers examine the goods brought ashore is a place of terrific noise. When a driver, two clerks and two custom house officers are discussing the contents of a bale or a cask it seems as though murder must be committed within the next few seconds. But somebody signs something, the cart moves on, and everybody laughs."  
**Murdering Shakespeares.**  
"I never hesitate to cut and slash and change any play until it suits me," said Stuart Robson to his legal adviser on one occasion.  
"I suppose you edit Shakespeare with a blue pencil?" replied the lawyer.  
"You can just bet I do."  
"Then, I imagine, you would plead guilty to an indictment for murdering the Bard of Avon?"  
"No; I would not, but I would admit dissecting his corpse."  
**His Question.**  
Edgar, aged six, was recently sent to school for the first time, and upon his return home he asked, "Papa, who taught Adam the alphabet?"

**Will Benefit The Whole Coast.**  
The Napa Register says the master of the State Grange expresses the sentiments of the people living in that section when he says of the proposed Panama-Pacific exposition: "An exposition of this nature, if properly managed, can not fail to be of vast benefit, not only to California, but to the whole Pacific coast. I believe the Grange will do well to favor and encourage the movement."  
**Will Pay Its Own Bills.**  
San Francisco boosters are going about in the most practical way to secure support for their proposed exposition. They have raised a large sum of money, more than was ever invested in an exposition in America, and propose to pay their own bills without tapping the government till. This will commend San Francisco to the public.—Omaha Bee.  
**Specialization.**  
Doctor—What can I do for you?  
Patient—I have cut my index finger.  
Doctor—Very sorry, but I am a specialist on the middle finger.—Flegende Blatter.  
**Auricular Evidence.**  
"My daughter, Gladys Mae, has become quite an ecutionist."  
"Yes," peevishly replied the next door neighbor, "so I hear."—Puck.  
**The Largest.**  
"What is a large, papa?"  
"A \$, my boy."—Harvard Lampoon.

## NO BID ON BONDS OF NEW ORLEANS

### City Unable to Obtain Funds For Proposed Improvements.

## MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT FELT

**Municipal Betterments to Cost Seven Million Dollars Likely to Be Held Up Indefinitely—Looks as Though the Crescent City Was Hardly in a Position to Finance a World's Exposition.**

New Orleans has no bidders for her \$7,000,000 of sewerage bonds and water bonds and it looks as though her greatest project for municipal improvement would be held up indefinitely through lack of funds to prosecute the work. It would seem as though New Orleans was hardly in a position to finance a World's exposition, even with the aid of the state of Louisiana, when her local bankers refuse to purchase her bonds on their own terms.

The financial predicament of San Francisco's rival for exposition honors is told in the following press dispatch from the Crescent City:—"New Orleans, La., Oct. 4.—Despite several months of negotiation through the Hibernal Bank and Trust company, and in spite of a special act of the last legislature to facilitate the financial negotiation, when the city board of liquidation met at noon today there was no bid for the \$7,000,000 improvement bonds by which the great sewerage and water project of this city was to have been completed.

"Much disappointment is felt at the failure of the bonds to sell, as this great municipal project may be seriously delayed. Mayor Behrman and City Attorney I. D. Moore both issued statements tonight explaining the reasons.

"About a year ago, the Interstate Bank and Trust company agreed to finance the \$7,000,000 bond issue provided it was given the benefit of being the depository of the funds collected at 2 per cent interest. The contention was raised that the bond taker could not be the depository. Then a legislative enactment was secured to make it legal for the buyer to become the fiscal agent of the funds, but still the bonds are unsold."

## BOND INTEREST EQUALS TAX

**Louisiana Exposition Securities Will Be Unpaid at End of Ten Years.**

The following press dispatch, published in the New Orleans Times-Democrat, is self-explanatory:—"Crowley, La., Sept. 23.—A petition to the voters of Acadia parish is being circulated, calling upon the voters to register, in order to be in a position to vote against the Panama exposition tax, Nov. 8. The petition recites that, according to the statement, the county parish are assessed at \$204,374,828 and the city of New Orleans at \$231,045,987, and that as per the present assessment the country will pay \$104,639.50 per year, or \$1,046,398 in 10 years, and New Orleans \$173,284.60 per year, or in 10 years \$1,732,846.60. It states further that the interest on these bonds will be \$280,000 per year, or just about equal to the amount of tax paid in each year, so that at the end of 10 years the state will still owe the six and one-half million dollars at 4 per cent interest; bonds, which by the act of the parish of Orleans propose to pay. The sentiment is divided on this question of taxation, and the promoters of this petition declare that they will push it through."

**Give California Fair Deal.**  
There seems to be a controversy on between New Orleans and San Francisco for the World's Panama Exposition, which will be held in 1915. Both cities are claiming that they are each the most logical port for the great exposition and then they clamor about the money possibilities. While we are not inclined to mix up in this fight and injure the possibilities of either place by settling the question as to where the exposition shall be held, yet we think the west is entitled to some of the good things, and we suggest that the Sunset state be given at least a fair deal in this matter.—Gallup (N. M.) Republican.

**A Servile House of Lords.**  
When King Henry VIII's name was spoken in his presence in the house of lords every peer prostrated himself with Asiatic servility. An entry in the records of the house gives the substance of a speech delivered by the chancellor on Jan. 16, 1541, in which the king's goodness and wisdom are extolled, and it tells us that whenever his majesty was mentioned, "which happened often," all the lords prostrated themselves, bowing to the ground as one man.

**The Important Passage.**  
"Are you the owner of this place?" asked the book agent.  
"I am," replied Farmer Coratassel.  
"Anything I can do for you?"  
"No. The chances are that you are too hard worked to have time to read anything and that you haven't any spare change anyhow. Let me talk to the hired man."—Washington Star.

**Peer Simile.**  
"I never saw any one so timid as Henpeck is," remarked Wigger. "Why, he's like a mouse in his own house."  
"Nonsense!" exclaimed Wigger. "His wife isn't the least bit afraid of him."

**And War Continued.**  
Miss Goodley—Beas says she's ready to make up if you are. Miss Cutting—Tell her I'd be ready to make up, too, if I had a complexion as muddy as hers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Camels That Ride.**  
The Bedouins decorate their baggage camels in the most fantastic manner. A huge pack saddle is surmounted by a still larger panier. Above this again is a sort of chair in which the rider sits. The long strips of leather hanging down the sides are simply for decorative purposes. I have seen camels when too young to go on long treks being carried in these panniers, and they are always used for the Bedouin children.  
This tribe has many quaint and curious customs. Perhaps the most curious of these is the manner in which they show their esteem for certain strangers. One evening when a young camel had been killed for the meal I noticed the women collecting the blood in a bowl. Then, to my astonishment, they started painting my camels on the necks and flanks with the blood. Unknowingly I was the recipient of the greatest honor that can be paid a stranger. The blood dried on and remained for a long time, acting as a talisman among all the Sherrat tribe.—Douglas Caruthers in Wide World Magazine.

**Smoking That Maddens.**  
Marihuana is a weed used by people of the lower class and sometimes by soldiers, but those who make larger use of it are prisoners sentenced to long terms. The use of the weed and its sale, especially in barracks and prisons, are very severely punished; yet it has many adepts, and Indian women cultivate it because they sell it at rather high prices. The dry leaves of marihuana alone or mixed with tobacco make the smoker wilder than a wild beast. It is said that immediately after the first three or four drafts of smoke smokers begin to feel a slight headache; then they see everything moving, and finally they lose all control of their mental faculties. Everything, the smokers say, takes the shape of a monster, and men look like devils. They begin to fight, and, of course, everything smashed is a monster "killed." But there are imaginary beings whom the wild man cannot kill, and these inspire fear until the man is panic stricken and runs.—Mexican Herald.

**The Curse of Cowdray.**  
Cowdray, once the estate of the earls of Egmont and now in the possession of Lord Cowdray, better known as Sir Westman Pearson, is the subject of a very interesting superstition. Shortly after the dissolution of the monasteries Cowdray was conferred upon Sir Anthony Browne, the father of the first Lord Montague, who had already been given Battle Abbey as a reward for his services to Henry VIII. The story goes that Sir Anthony, who had deserted the church and the cloisters in Battle Abbey, was visited in the great hall as he was holding his first feast by one of the dispossessed monks, who after solemnly cursing him, prophesied that his family should perish by fire and water. Two centuries and a half later the prophecy was tragically fulfilled. In 1793 the house was destroyed by fire and within a week of that disaster the last Lord Montague lost his life in Germany in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot the falls of the Rhine.—London News.

**Belts by the Pound.**  
A western senator of ample physical proportions was endeavoring to obtain a belt at a Washington haberdashery. He was having a difficult time in selecting a belt whose design struck his fancy as well as of proper requirements for his girth.  
"How much is that one?" he demanded of the clerk, who was entirely unaware of the distinguished character of the patron.  
"That is \$4," said the salesman.  
"Four dollars?" exclaimed the senator. "Isn't that an awful price for a belt?"  
"Yes, sir," admitted the man behind the counter; "but, you see, sir, after they get into the regular surgical size we charge for 'em by the pound."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Very Brief.**  
A record of brevity in a holiday correspondence was established by a Frenchman in the eighteenth century. Voltaire and Piton, the epigrammatist, exchanged challenges to write the shortest possible letter. So, when Voltaire was starting on a journey, he wrote to Piton, "Eo rus," which is the complete Latin for "I am going to the country." Piton's answer was just "I"—complete Latin for "Go!"

In business correspondence the record is divided between Victor Hugo, who, anxious to know how his "Les Miserables" was going, wrote to the publisher, "!" and the publisher, who triumphantly replied, "!"

**Hint to Louisiana.**  
Louisiana will have to be up and doing if it is to capture the Panama International Exposition of 1915. A special session of the California legislature has proposed two amendments to the state constitution which will allow an additional \$10,000,000 for the financing of the exposition, and over \$7,000,000 has already been provided by private subscription.—Cincinnati Southwest.

**Declares For San Francisco.**  
Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, has declared himself in favor of San Francisco as the place for holding the international exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915. He bases his preference on San Francisco's present prominence and future as a great seaport.—Owego (N. Y.) Times.

**Patience.**  
Her Mother—You must be patient with him. The Bride—Oh, I am. I know it will take time for him to see that he can't have his own way.

**National Traits.**  
It takes one hour to know a Frenchman, one month to know a German and almost a lifetime to know an Englishman.—Rome Corriere.

It is ever true that he who does nothing for others does nothing for himself.—Goethe.

## CALIFORNIA

### Far Ahead of Louisiana From a Financial Standpoint.

## COMPARISON OF TWO STATES

Bank Statistics Show That the Pacific Coast Commonwealth Outclasses Her Southern Rival—Some Items That Ought to Tell Heavily as Arguments For the City of San Francisco.

"With no design to lay bare a rival's hard circumstances, but to ascertain definitely the relative and comparative ability of California and Louisiana, and of San Francisco and New Orleans, to finance and handle a world's fair, the California Exposition committee has been looking into the banking figures of the two states and two cities," says the San Francisco Call. "The showing is tremendously against Louisiana and New Orleans. Herewith are some items that ought to tell heavily as financial arguments for San Francisco. They are taken from the report of the national monetary commission and relate almost wholly to conditions on April 28, 1909. That they are exact and authentic there can be no question.

"The results of the comparison are striking. For example, with comparatively equal populations, California has four dollars of banking resources to Louisiana one. The savings deposits of the states are 13 to 1 in California's favor, ranking California fourth in the Union in this respect and Louisiana twenty-fourth. "San Francisco's 200,000 savings depositors have \$154,000,000 tucked away; New Orleans shows 55,000 such depositors with only \$17,000,000 laid up against that rainy day. San Francisco's savings banks paid their passbook holders in interest in the year covered by the report upward of \$5,000,000; New Orleans savings depositors in the same period were credited with a little more than a quarter of a million.

"According to the report of the comptroller of the currency, the national banks of San Francisco increased their total resources \$103,000,000 in the year 1908-1910; New Orleans national banks increased a little more than \$2,000,000.

Below are the precise figures: Comparative Banking Statistics Relative to California and Louisiana. California. Population June 1, 1909..... 1,732,000 Capital of all banks..... \$ 99,567,869.32 Average per capita..... 57.72 Individual deposits..... 567,185,728.00 Average per capita..... 327.47 Total resources of banks..... \$42,969,580.00 Average per capita..... 248.70 Total savings deposits..... 231,228,437.50 Number of savings depositors..... 525,488 Total depositors..... 890,149 Average amount of savings deposit..... 535.00 Amount paid savings depositors in interest 1908-9..... \$122,906.79 Banks fourth among states in number of savings deposits. Banks seventh among states in number of savings depositors.

Louisiana. Population June 1, 1909..... 1,642,000 Capital of all banks..... \$ 21,955,800.00 Average per capita..... 13.37 Individual deposits..... 90,504,530.00 Average per capita..... 55.13 Total resources of banks..... 158,642,801.00 Average per capita..... 96.61 Total savings deposits..... 21,356,233.90 Number of savings depositors..... 80,723 Total depositors..... 163,814 Average amount of savings deposits..... 264.00 Amount paid savings depositors in interest 1908-9..... \$30,527.73 Banks twenty-fourth among states in the Union in amount of savings deposits. Banks twenty-seventh among states in number of savings depositors.

San Francisco. Total savings deposits..... \$154,000,000.00 Total individual deposits..... 243,927,437.47 Number of savings depositors..... 200,000 Average savings deposit..... 770.00 Amount paid savings depositors in interest..... 5,228,527.65 Increase in total resources of national banks 1909-10..... 103,000,000.00 New Orleans. Total savings deposits..... \$ 16,856,783.43 Total individual deposits..... 42,979,077.19 Number of savings depositors..... 55,000 Total number of depositors..... 74,919 Average amount of savings deposits..... 306.15 Increase in total resources of national banks 1909-10..... 2,370,226.74 Note.—The figures above given are taken from the report of the national monetary commission, and except as noted relate to April 28, 1909. The last comparison is taken from the reports of the comptroller of the currency."

There have been few commanders so tyrannous as Lopez, the dictator of Paraguay, when, in the war of 1865-70, it fought single handed the neighboring countries of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. Lopez, says Mr. W. H. Koebel in his "Argentina," was wont to carry the theory of victory or death to an uncomfortable point. "Officers were executed for mere remarks whose tone fell beneath the standard of confidence that Lopez had set up for himself. One, for instance, was shot for having announced in the course of his duty that the enemy was strongly intrenched! Another met his end on account of an unguarded speech to the effect that the Paraguayan army was accustomed to count the enemy's losses and forget its own."

Wa, the People. The phrase "We, the people of the United States," in the preamble of the constitution read in the first draft of the constitution as follows: "We, the people of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, do ordain, declare and establish," etc. Though unanimously adopted by the convention, the wording had to be changed to "We, the people," simply because the constitution, which had not as yet been ratified, was to go into effect when ratified by nine states, and, not knowing which states were to ratify, the naming of the states was, of course, out of the question.—New York American.

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