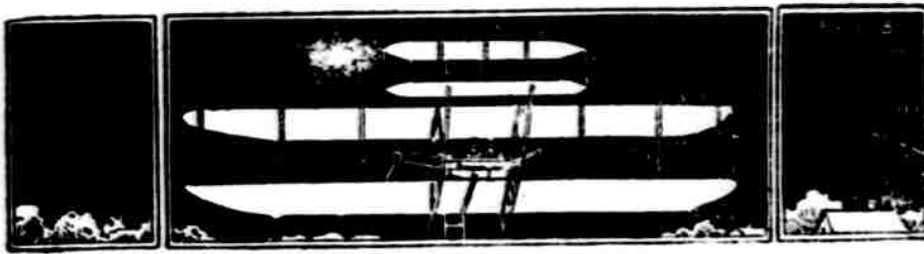


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Amending His Constitution.
 A well known attorney of heavy build and pomposity to a degree that frequently reaches the state of being overbearing, was leaving his office in a Broad street building the other day. With his high hat on and carrying a walking stick, he had stepped upon the sidewalk when he slipped and landed flat upon the pavement with a thud that shocked him as well as caused embarrassment.
 Just then another attorney who enjoys an equal distinction in the legal world passed and laughed at the fallen lawyer. When the latter was trying to get up he remarked to the other:
 "I guess I am getting old. My constitution will not stand what it did years ago."
 As he arose to his feet his friend facetiously remarked, "Well, then, Dick, you ought to get an amendment to your constitution."
 Looking at his friend with a cold stare, as cold as the ice he had fallen upon, he asked:
 "Well, what kind of an amendment would you suggest, if you know so much?"
 "I don't know exactly," was the reply. "I don't give advice to my clients without some kind of a retainer, but as you are an old friend of mine I would suggest a cushion or a mattress."—Minneapolis Journal.

Salt Water Cataracts.
 There are a good many salt water cataracts in existence. They may be found in Norway, southern Chile and British Columbia, where narrow fiords, or arms of the sea, are obstructed by barriers of rock. The rising tide flows over and filters through such reefs into the great natural reservoirs beyond, but the water is held back at the ebb until it breaks over the obstruction in an irresistible torrent. Most curious of all is the waterfall at Canoe Passage, where the island of Vancouver approaches the British Columbia mainland. Here the flood tide in the gulf of Georgia to the southward is held back at a narrow cleft between two islands until it pours over in a boiling cascade eighteen feet high, with perhaps double the volume of the Rhine. At the turn of the tide, however, the waters from the north rush back into the gulf, producing a cascade of equal height and volume. The waterfall actually flows both ways.

Truthful.
 It was 4 a. m., and Bilkins crept softly into the house and removed his shoes, but as he tiptoed upstairs one of the treads gave a loud creak. "Is that you, John?" demanded Mrs. Bilkins from above.
 "No, my love," replied Bilkins. "It's the stairs."—Judge.

In the Spring.
 The country schoolteacher had been telling her scholars about the seasons and their peculiarities, and to impress their minds with the facts she questioned them upon the points she had given. Several queries had been put, and finally she reached the stupid boy in the corner.
 "Well, Johnny," she said, "have you been paying attention?"
 "Yes'm," he answered promptly.
 "I'm glad to hear it. Now, can you tell me what there is in the spring?"
 "Yes'm, I can, but I don't want to."
 "Oh, yes, you do. Don't be afraid. You have heard the others. Be a good boy, now, and tell us what there is in the spring."
 "Why—why—mum, there's a frog an' a lizard an' a dead cat in it, but I didn't put 'em there. It was another boy, for I seen him do it."—Exchange.

Sending a Man to Coventry.
 The expression "sending to Coventry" had a military origin. It arose, so it is said, in the days of Charles I, when the inhabitants of Coventry strongly objected to any interference with the military quarters in their town, and a woman known to speak to a man in a scarlet cloak was at once the subject of scandal. So rigid were the natives that the soldier was confined to the mess room for conversation. Thus the term "sending a man to Coventry" if you wished to shut him from society took root in the English language.—London Chronicle.

Distances at Sea.
 That man was laughed at who on his first voyage said that the ocean did not look so large as he supposed it would, but he was not alone in experiencing disappointment. The horizon at sea gives no idea of the limitless water beyond. A sea captain declares that the average landsman cannot see more than ten miles from the ship in any direction, and it would have to be a mountain or some stationary object for him to be able to distinguish it.

The Free Riders.
 "A good many people get on this earth who aren't worth the room they take up," said the cynical sociologist.
 "Yes," replied the eminent astronomer. "It's a good thing for many of us that we are not obliged to get aboard this whirling planet on a pay as you enter basis."—Washington Star.

Promoted.
 "They're beginning to put on airs."
 "Is that so?"
 "Yes; their washwoman is now a laundress."—Detroit Free Press.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—Rousseau.

SOLID SOUTH IS WAVERING
 New Orleans Opposed as Panama Exposition City.
 TEXAS FAVORS SAN FRANCISCO

Decided Falling Off in Enthusiasm in Lone Star State as Evidenced by Articles Appearing in Papers of El Paso and San Antonio—Swing in Line For the California City as the Logical Site.

While New Orleans is industriously claiming the endorsement of the Mississippi valley region and the middle west it is allowing the "solid south" to waver in its supposed allegiance and slip away.

A few days ago word came from San Antonio, Tex., that there was a decided falling off of New Orleans exposition enthusiasts in that city owing to the greed of the Crescent City in attempting to secure the National Bankers' convention for next year, after San Antonio had put in a bid for their entertainment. Such action was not considered neighborly, especially after the Texas city had been asked to support New Orleans in its struggle for exposition honors.

Now El Paso, Tex., has apparently swung into line for San Francisco as against New Orleans as the logical site for the Panama exposition, judging by the following in the El Paso Herald of Oct. 12:
 "El Paso's interest as to the location of the Panama exposition of 1915 all lies with San Francisco as against New Orleans. As one commentator says: 'There never was an exposition so successful as that at Seattle, and there never was one so forlorn a failure as that at Jamestown, Va., notwithstanding the fact that half the population of the country is within a day's or a night's ride at Jamestown.' An exposition at San Francisco will promote the development of the west and that is what we are after."
 Sometime ago New Orleans secured an endorsement in St. Louis and that success appears to have induced the belief among the Crescent City boosters that the entire middle west was openly waiting for an invitation to climb on the New Orleans band wagon.

Next New Orleans announced that Omaha was for it, but the announcement was premature. In its hurry to report result the New Orleans bureau at Omaha sent broadcast over the country that New Orleans had been endorsed as the exposition city by the Commercial club, the largest and most influential organization of business men there. The Commercial club held a meeting, repudiated the alleged endorsement of New Orleans and endorsed San Francisco by an overwhelming vote. The city council of Omaha, by unanimous vote, passed a resolution also endorsing San Francisco.

Still asserting title to the sympathy and influence of the entire middle west section, the New Orleans boosters descended upon Chicago and requested an endorsement. The request was politely but firmly refused, but New Orleans, nothing daunted, continued to "claim" Chicago's support, confident in the belief that the endorsement would come later. But on Oct. 7 Chicago showed unmistakably where she stood. The exposition fight when the National Business League of America adopted a resolution, which after setting forth the advantages of San Francisco, concluded: "That San Francisco be, and hereby is, strongly recommended as the proper site for the proposed exposition."
 New Orleans suffered another rebuff when she sought the endorsement of Washington, D. C. Washington refused, whereupon the New Orleans promoters dismissed the subject with the remark that Washington did not count anyway.

New Orleans "hopes" to raise about \$3,000,000 for her proposed exposition, which will be entirely inadequate for so great an undertaking. But Senator Foster of Louisiana seeks to minimize the importance of having sufficient funds to insure the success of the enterprise. Admitting that San Francisco will have more than twice as much money for exposition purposes as New Orleans, he pleads that "it would be mean and unfair for congress to take that fact into consideration."

California Solid For Exposition.
 Supporters of San Francisco's claim to the Panama exposition in 1915 are confident that an overwhelming display of exposition funds will win government recognition to the fair if it is proposed to hold on the Pacific coast. If California is as solidly united on this project as the utterances of California editors would indicate the representatives of that state will appear before congress this winter with a fund of \$17,500,000 raised through private subscription, city bonds and a state tax.
 It may be that New Orleans will make some announcement of a heavy raise at the last moment, but the Pacific coast is disposed to believe that its showing will overshadow anything New Orleans can do in the way of furnishing the stews of war and exposition.—Bisbee (Ariz.) Miner.

Feminine Resource.
 Mr. D. went to the club, leaving Mrs. D. with a lady friend whose abilities as a scandal-monger and mischief-maker were pre-eminent. When he returned he just poked his head into the drawing room and said, with a sigh of relief, "That old cat's gone, I suppose?"
 For an instant there was a profound silence, for as he uttered the last word he encountered the stony stare of the lady who had been in his mind. Then his wife came to the rescue.
 "Oh, yes, dear," she said. "I sent it to the cats' home in a basket this morning."



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His Two Seats.
 A large and pompous person, wearing a high hat, a long coat, yellow spats and a congenial sneer, for several days made himself obnoxious around a Washington hotel a bit ago.
 He announced he was from New York, ragged the bellboys, jawed the clerks, cussed the service, roared at the food, complained about his room and the elevator and the telephones and the bar and everything else.
 One afternoon he walked over to the porter and said: "Here, you; I'm going to quit this town and go back to New York, where I can get some decent service. I want you to buy me two seats in a parlor car on the 4 o'clock New York train. Get me two seats, now, and meet me at the station with the tickets. I want one chair to sit in and one to put my feet in."
 The seats were delivered at the train just before it pulled out. One of the seats was in car No. 3 and the other was located in car No. 4.—Saturday Evening Post.

Juvenile Suicides.
 "A generation ago the taking of their own lives by minors was almost an unheard-of occurrence," said a physician. "Now it is becoming alarmingly frequent not only in this country, but in Europe. In most cases the phenomenon can be set down to the artificial life people lead and to the complex conditions of modern existence. Very often parents are too ambitious for their children and by constant appeals to them to work on the nervous temperaments of their offspring as to bring on a derangement of the mental faculties. One of the most noted specialists of France, Dr. Berillon, who has made a study of the matter, asserts that children who have a suicidal tendency are for the most part wanting in the sense of smell. He makes recommendation that all who suffer from this defect should be taken to an expert for examination, as it might tend to forestall some future tragedy."—Baltimore American.

The First Automobile.
 Nicholas Joseph Cugnot was the first automobile. Many years before Stephenson had introduced his railway locomotive Cugnot, who was a military engineer, had made a locomotive for roads. His locomotive has been piously preserved at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers. Cugnot died in 1804. His lot was not that of many geniuses. He did not die in want. Napoleon had secured him a pension of 1,000 francs—passing rich on \$200 a year. In this respect the premier consul showed more enlightenment than he did in regard to Fulton's steamboat fame, whom he considered—it is interesting to write—an adventurer. Cugnot's carriage was built to transport arms and he had designed a service gun. These achievements alone would be a passport to Napoleon's favor.—London Globe.

His Luxurious Pillow.
 "When sleeping cars first came in," said a railroad man, "the bedclothes in the berths were very scanty. On one of these early cars one night after everybody had turned in and the lights were low a loud voice called from an upper berth:
 "Porter, got a corkscrew?"
 "The porter came hurrying down the aisle.
 "Boss," he said in a scandalized tone, "we don't allow no drinkin' in the berths. It's against the rules."
 "Oh, it ain't that, porter," the voice answered. "I just want to dig out a pillow that's sort of worked its way into my ear."

The Persian Crow's Beak.
 There is a weapon known as the crow's beak which was formerly much in use among men of rank in Persia and north India. It was a horseman's weapon and consisted of a broad curved dagger blade fixed at right angles to a shaft, pickax fashion. The shaft incloses a dagger, unscrewing at the butt end. This concealed dagger is a very common feature of Indian arms and especially of the battleaxes of Persia.

CHICAGO FAVORS SAN FRANCISCO
 Golden Gate City Indorsed For Holding Panama Exposition.
 STRONG RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Action of National Business League of America in Support of the California City as the Most Desirable Place to Celebrate the Completion of the Panama Canal Bound to Exert a Wide Influence.

The business men of Chicago are for San Francisco as the most desirable site for the exposition to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal in 1915. The National Business League of America, on Oct. 7, adopted a resolution endorsing San Francisco and this action by such an influential body of representative business men is bound to exert wide influence throughout the middle west and the east.

This endorsement, following closely on the failure of New Orleans to secure a Chicago endorsement is particularly pleasing to San Francisco. The resolution follows:
 "Whereas, The Panama canal will, when completed, unite the waters of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and create new opportunities for the advancement of American commerce; and
 "Whereas, The citizens of San Francisco, in the state of California, United States of America, have publicly declared their intention of holding an international exposition in the year 1915, under the title 'The Panama-Pacific International Exposition,' to fittingly celebrate the completion of the Panama canal; and
 "Whereas, The Pacific coast has an equable and healthful climate, and San Francisco has every modern facility for the comfort and entertainment of a large concourse of people, with ample opportunities for side trips to other coast cities; and,
 "Whereas, By any route, a pilgrimage to the Pacific coast would be through scenes of beauty and grandeur unrivaled in any other part of the world, the trip to the exposition should be made, at least one way, by a route through the Panama canal, in order that visitors and the world at large may become familiar with that wonderful achievement; therefore, be it

Resolved By the Board of Directors of the National Business League of America, that San Francisco be, and hereby is, strongly recommended as the proper site for the proposed exposition; and the board further recommends that a line of commodious passenger steamers be established to ply to and fro, through the canal, between the Atlantic coast cities and cities of the Pacific coast, primarily for the purpose of enabling visitors to the exposition to inspect said canal."

SAN FRANCISCO THE ONLY PLACE
 Manufacturer of Detroit Boosts the Exposition.

W. B. Knickerbocker, a prominent manufacturer of Detroit, Mich., is an enthusiastic booster for San Francisco in the fight for congressional approval of its proposed Panama-Pacific exposition.
 "I believe that if the members of congress could be brought out to California and given a glimpse of things as they exist here they would vote solidly for San Francisco when the exposition matter comes before them next December," said Mr. Knickerbocker.

"It is a human instinct to move westward, and the great movement toward western America is just now beginning. This is a great, marvelous, new country, of which we in the east know next to nothing.
 "There is no travel south. The exposition belongs here where the people are coming. They will come to the exposition through the canal and then go back through this marvelous western country. Many, however, impressed by the marvelous resources of California, will remain here for good. This scenery, the mountains, the forests and all the rest of it is not approached by anything in Europe. Thousands of people who now go to Europe would rather come here if they knew what is here. They are beginning to learn. The exposition will do wonders for the west. The interest of the country at large demands that the exposition be held here."

Productiveness of California Lands.
 It is interesting to note the products of such a state as California and total the value of all the yield of the soil in the far-western domain. The soil in California produced \$455,300,000 in 1909. Concerned in this were 47,000,000 gallons of dry and sweet wines, 1,242,720 cases of canned vegetables and 3,047,001 cases of canned fruit. The honey crop of California for 1909 was 11,532,000 pounds, the butter 49,895,369 pounds and the egg crop 34,601,899 dozens.

Found Wanting.
 Mrs. Laytebyrd (as Laytebyrd comes in unsteadily at 3 a. m.)—You have no excuse for coming home at this hour and in this condition. Laytebyrd—I had one, my dear, and it was a grand one, but I can't think what it was.

Lived on Water.
 The Tramp—I once lived on water, lady, for six months. The Lady—You don't look like it. How did you manage it? The Tramp—I was a sailor.
 To have failed is to have striven; to have striven is to have grown.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

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