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Hee is for sale on all trains. INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

And the long distance telephone stood the test of the fight without a break.

That "sick man's" physician ought to be required to make a periodical report.

Waiting for four years to roll around appears twice as long to the aspiring officeseeker as it does to the retiring officeholder.

A Swiss chemist says he has discovplaying-card manufacturer discovered this long ago.

The state depository law has never been honestly and conscientiously enforced. It is entitled to a fair trial before it is to be repealed.

trust.

With color photography perfected a man ought to be able to indulge himself in carmine paint once and keep a vivid reminder of the excursion for the remainder of his natural life.

China is about to introduce an Improved postal service to take the place of the antiquated system of private couriers. China is to be credited with good intentions, at any rate.

A mining company has been incorpo rated in Nebraska with a capital stock of \$2,500,000. It will take a whole army of prospectors to find the gullibles to take all this paper at a fraction of the dollar.

Nebraska has cause to feel complimented over the selection of J. M. Butler of Lincoln as president of the national organization of United States railway mail service employes for the en-

The action of the Century club of New York in excluding from its premises certain sensational newspapers is a movement toward the encouragement of decent journalism which is likely to be widely imitated.

The house of representatives will hold evening sessions to enable all members who are auxious to deliver speeches on the tariff to be accommodated. Leave to print ought to be equally effective and less expensive.

The London council is endeavoring to strike at the eigarette evil by imposing a heavy license fee upon all venders of the noxious article. Can it be that this reform has extended from the United

States clear across the Atlantic?

Dr. Nansen has been discussing the possibilities of using aerial contrivances to surmount the ice peaks that surround can citizen traveling abroad. But this the north pole. Why not also use such is a less serious matter than the neglect arrangement to climb to the top of the of or the superficial attention given to pole after it has once been reached?

The proposed charter of Greater New York makes a big volume of printed cially. It is true that there is a good matter, but it is comprehensive and com- deal more of such information conveyed plete in all its details. If the right to vote under it were restricted to those who had read it the cry of disfranchisement would ring loud in the land.

According to the latest official census of Hawaii, out of a total population of 109,020 only 3,086 are Americans, while commercial and business way in every nearly nine-tenths of the whole are country where the United States has native Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese or Portuguese. Is this the kind of population the United States wants to annex?

Senator Sherman is quoted as saving: with them.

GRAPPLING WITH THE TRUSTS. doubtless endeavor to remedy. Whether | Improvement of the service, congress can be induced to strike at the In interstate commerce is, however, problematic. The trusts always have had and probable always will have oughly aroused public sentiment that

their influence can be overcome,

congress should aim is the patent right at once reflects credit upon the discrim-George B. Taschurk, secretary of The Rec Publishing company, being duly aworn, mays that the monopoly. A majority of the trusts confinding forming, Beoning and Sunday Rec printed during the month of February, 1997, was as follows: that absolutely prevent competition. This applies particularly to trusts and combines that own and control the modern labor saving luventions and appliances in general use, such as the Bessemer steel process, electrical devices of every description and machinery for the 9.918 | manufacture of all sorts of articles. If congress were to enact a law that would cancel every patent right owned or controlled by a trust upon proper proof that its use was in restraint of trade a majority of the trusts now in operation would be dissolved. Suppose, for example, that proofs were produced to a court of competent jurisdiction that the sugar trust had absolute control of pat ented machinery, devices or processes in its refineries, would not the cancellation of these patents prove fatal to the continuance of the trust? The same would be true of any trust that derives its greatest profit from copyrights. Suppose the school book trust were deprived of its exclusive copyright of text books, would not that alone open the field to successful competition by depriving the trust of its greatest advantage over competitors?

After all, however, laws cannot be made self-enforcing. The responsibility for the failure of anti-trust legislation is due not so much to defects in the law as it is to the indisposition of the law officers charged with prosecuting the trusts to discharge their duties fearif properly enforced make it almost impossible for trusts to survive. What is wanted more than anything else to make them a feeling of resentment, for alanti-trust laws effective is prosecuting attorneys who will prosecute, court officers who will not permit juries to be ered the art of diamond-making. The packed, and courts that will so interpret the law as to block the evasion of its penalties on technicalities. Without such law officers all the legislation conletter.

What is true of national anti-trust laws applies with equal force to state anti-trust laws. Many of the states al-Honest men have no incentive to ready have stringent statutes to prohibit accept public office so long as dishonest trusts and combinations. Few if any of men are allowed to remain at large un- the states, however, can boast law offipunished after openly betraying public cers and law courts that can be dethis partiality to lawless corporate combines will continue until the people themselves see to it that no law officer who shirks his duty is retained in office.

QUESTION OF CONSULAR REFORM. The present administration has a very important work to do in reforming the consular service and there is reason to believe that it fully realizes its duty in this respect. It is very generally admitted, by those who know anything about the service, that it is not now what it should be. There are a great many excellent men in consular positions, but a great many more who are inefficient. This is not surprising in view of the clean sweep made in the early part of the last administration. when consular offices were given out as political rewards. The men thus appointed, or most of them, were not greatly concerned about how they per- is to remain Turkish territory, with formed their duties, beyond the most perfunctory requirements. They did not less oppressive than the rule of the go abroad with any high sense of the demand upon them to faithfully and zealously do what they might to promote the interests of their country. They felt that they were simply being paid for the political service they had rendered the party in power and that it was their right to enjoy the reward with as little expenditure of labor as possible.

With men of this kind occupying consular positions it is no wonder that the service is unsatisfactory and that as a whole it is neither creditable nor very serviceable to the country. It is said that American travelers abroad receive more courtesy and information at the consulates of European governments than at those of their own country and allowing for some exaggeration as to this it is to be said that there should be no opportunity for a statement of the kind from any respectable Amerithose things about which full and accurate information would be valuable to our people industrially and commer now through consular reports than in former years, but much of it lacks thoroughness. The consular service is es sentially one of business and through it the American people should be constantly and adequately informed regard-

consular representatives. The present administration has to deal with the fact that a number of consular positions, where the salary is not over \$2,500 per annum, have been placed "If Spain would give me a quit-claim under the merit system and require exdeed to the island of Guba I would not amination by a board before appointaccept it." Even this, however, is not ment is made. Under the order of the as strong as the assertion of Garfield last administration applicants for such the agricultural conditions in this counthat he would not have the United positions must be granted the privilege try will be disposed to question the States annex Cuba or Hawati though of an examination by the president and soundness of this. It is in line with a munificent cash bonus were thrown in after that must pass a fixed examina- what the late Secretary Rusk some years

national and state legislatures have to investigation be shall find that service ricultural products and if the farmers to the combinations of workingmen. deal. The initial steps toward breaking to be as greatly in need of reform as is of the country generally could be up combinations that prevent competi- generally believed. It is understood that brought to understand this, as the farmtion were taken by congress in the en- the president takes a very great interest ers of Germany, France and other Euroactment of the Sherman anti-trust law. In the matter, regarding the service as pean countries do, it would undoubtedly Experience has shown that law to be of the highest importance. If that is the be very much to their advantage. defective in many essential particulars, case changes will certainly be made. But the task which the secretary of

ERAL HEATH. The nomination by the president and prompt confirmation by the senate of powerful backing in the national legis- Perry S. Heath to be first assistant postlature, and it is only through a thor- master general places that most important position in the hands of a man most eminently qualified to discharge One of the vulnerable points at which its responsible duties. The appointment

one of their deserving members. To the readers of The Bee the name of Perry S. Heath is familiar as that of its efficient Washington correspondent for a period of nearly ten years. In that capacity Mr. Heath became thoroughly conversant with the political men and the political situation in Nebraska and neighboring western states, and he may be relied upon to turn this experience to advantage in the administration of postal affairs devolving upon him as chief assistant to the postmaster general. More than this, Mr. Heath's connection with other newspapers, espe cially with the Cincinnat! Commercial-Gazette, to assume the management of which he severed his relations with The Bee, and his successful conduct of the press bureau for the republican national committee during the recent presidential campaign, have prepared him as could nothing else for the important work which he has been called upon to enter.

Western republicans may rest assured that in Assistant Postmaster General Heath they have a public officer who understands their needs and will endeavor to attend to them satisfactorily and the whole people have reason to feel gratified over his appointment.

GLADSTONE ON THE CONCERT. The views of Mr. Gladstone in regard to the concert of European powers is pretty sure to make a strong impression, particularly in Germany and Russia. lessly. Even the Sherman law would His obvious reference to the rulers of those countries in terms anything but complimentary cannot fail to incite in though Mr. Gladstone speaks without a source of the poor opinion in which effective in creating or intensifying ble to say. Much will depend upon the public sentiment in those countries toward Great Britain. Yet there is much of truth in what Mr. Gladstone says. The erratic course of the kaiser has led to reports of his having exhibited symptoms of actual derangement, while as to the czar it is well understood that he is little more than a figurehead.

Mr. Gladstone is distinctly opposed to the European concert and would have England withdraw from it. He declares that it has made the situation worse instead of better and there is no doubt that such is the fact. But none the less the concert, from all present indications, will be maintained. The British ministry evidently have no other thought regarding it and propose to carry out fully the plan of coercion to ward Greece that has been agreed upor and which was plainly stated a few days ago by the French premier. Crete some form of government that will be Turk, but still not satisfactory to its people. The declaration of Mr. Gladstone in behalf of the Cretan cause is most commendable, but it will not effect the desired result.

DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS. The farmers of the United States cannot fail to be greatly interested in the new methods which it is proposed to introduce in the administration of the Department of Agriculture. They evidence the fact that a thoroughly practical man is at the head of the department-one who intends to concern himself wholly with the duties of his office and who earnestly and confidently believes that the department can be made useful to the agricultural interest of the nation. It is certainly a fact that similar departments in European countries are found to be serviceable to the farmers of those countries and why should it not be made so here? Perhaps the present administration of the Agricultural department will demonstrate that it can

We have already noted the fact that Secretary Wilson proposes to continue the distribution of seeds, but under a different system. He contemplates impressing upon the farmers of the country, if possible, the wisdom and expediency of a greater diversification of crops. The view entertained is thus stated by the assistant secretary of agriculture. ing what is transpiring in an industrial, who is himself a practical man of long experience in agricultural affairs: "There is too much overproduction of enter on their policy of diversification they will reduce these unprofitable big areas and products and so avoid a surplus to bear down the market, and then they will get more for their cereals, etc.,

one. He may point out in the strongest possible way the feasibility of dimost vulnerable parts of trusts engaged FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GEN- versification and the advantages to be derived from it, but it is another matter to induce the farmers to adopt that policy. The American farmer, perhaps more than any other in the civilized world, is wedded to habit and having gotten into a rut is disposed to remain there. Abundant illustration of this might be given. But none the less the new policy of the Agricultural department should be given a thorough trial, for it is hardly possible that it can fall to accomplish some good.

THE NEW HAWAHAN ISSUE. It appears that there is some danger of the Japanese making trouble in Hawali. fused to permit laborers from Japan to fice. The epistolary age appears to be land and placed the local agents of the Japanese colony under arrest on the charge of violating the immigration laws, the latest advices from Honolulu report a threatened revolt by the Japanese population. If that should take place it might be a serious matter, since there are over 24,000 Japanese in the islands, or not far from one-fourth of the inhabitants. They are the most numerous element next to the natives and if they should effect a union with the other foreign elements they would probably have little difficulty in securing control of the government. Referring to the matter the ex-minister of Hawaii, now in Washington for the purpose of promoting annexation sentiment, says there is a systematic effort to swell the Japanese population in Hawaii and he suggests that unless something is done to stop the influx the Japanese will accomplish by peaceful invasion more than they could hope to do by force. Undoubtedly Mr. Thurston belleves that the government of Japan is not blind to what is going on, though it may not be actively encouraging it.

The situation is not without interest to the American people, since it will undoubtedly be made the most of by the annexationists here and in Hawaii to advance their cause. This is plainly indicated in Mr. Thurston's interview. It will be urged that unless the United any official responsibility he represents at very large element of the British people and William and Nicholas must feel chance of getting them and we may keenly the assurance coming from such have to see them pass under the control he does not consider such gatherings in they are held by a large body of the this way some people may be persuaded gress can enact must remain a dead people of England. How far it may be to favor annexation, but there is really as little danger of Japan seeking to popular sentiment in Russia and Ger- absorb the Hawaiian islands as that many hostile to England it is impossi- England or Germany will endeavor to do so. The independence of those islands extent to which Mr. Gladstone's coun- is perfectly secure so long as the United trymen endorse him. But there is not States wills that they shall be inde-the much friendliness in the two continental pendent and it is very safe to say that than by the government of Japan and that government is the very last one from which any attempt to contravene the well known wish and policy of this country, so far as the Hawaiian islands are concerned, is to be apprehended. Undoubtedly if the United States desired to annex Hawaii no country would more readily assent to the arrangement than Japan.

It is possible that at some future time the Japanese in Hawaii will obtain control of the government, but whatever political changes may take place there those islands must remain independent of any foreign power, Asiatic or Euro-

Is not this thing of printing paid-for confessions of murderers who are just on the point of mounting the gallows for a launch into eternity getting worn a trifle threadbare? A real confession of a convicted criminal might be not only of interest as a lesson to the public but also furnish clews for the appreliension of other parties implicated in the crime. But when these stories are coneccted simply to secure cash prizes that have been hung up by sensational newspapers to catch the most plausible yarn, they certainly lose much of their claim for credibility with the public. There is no legitimate demand for literary productions from the pens of people who have forfeited their rights in society.

As The Bee has several times remarked, there is no more call for the dormitory system at the state normal school than there is for the dormitory system at the state university. The normal school has apparently succeeded in getting along comfortably without the dormitory during the winter just closing and it could doubtless get along permanently without it just as well.

There is a great deal of political lynamite in Europe's atmosphere at Globe-Democrata Too true. But there are also a great many precautionary devices to prevent an explosion and the so-called powers of Europe walk around as if they were walking on fragile glass. Wet gunpowder won't go off.

Under our form of government there ing a public office to another. The posteffort seems to have miscarried, and his successor promises to be an altogether orn and other products. If the farmers different person than his preferred residuary legatee.

Ex-President Cleveland may re-enter the practice of law, but it can be put down as certain that when it comes to than they get now." Probably no one the record of actual court work ex-Presiwho has given much consideration to dent Harrison will be head and shoulders above his predecessor and his successor In the presidential office.

irrevocable and it is quite possible that growers of the country and subsequent tion is only realized when the attempt is The suppression of trusts and com- President McKinley will revoke it as experience has justified his counsel. made to frame an anti-trust law in genbinations in restraint of trade has be- necessary to a reorganization and refor- There can be no doubt as to the desira- eral terms that will apply to all the comcome one of the problems with which matter of the consular service, if upon bility of a greater diversification of ag- binations of capital without applying

The people who were unable to afford the expense of a trip to Nevada to witness the late bruisers' contest are to have the fight brought to them in the shape of kinetoscopic photographs. The These defects the present congress will where they are deemed essential to the agriculture has set himself is no easy picture fights, however, have one great advantage over the originals in that the punishment dealt out is borne exclusively by the audience and the principals escape all the unpleasant after-results of being pummeled by one another.

> In throwing the white house grounds open again to the public President Me-Kinley exhibits true democratic feeling. Having consecrated the coming four years to the public service he sees no reason why he should deny the public access to the residence and grounds which the people have provided for his occupancy.

We were evidently mistaken when we assumed that the public letter writing habit went out of fashion at the state house when the members of the late The customs authorities there having re- state appointing board went out of ofstill on us.

A Prescription for Visions.

Those Omaha people who thought they saw an airship float over the city would find ome vigorous outdoor exercise good for that eort of thing.

Business Revival.

The reopening of the national bank in Sloux City, Ia., which closed last November business "pointer." Re sumption in all sorts of financial, commer cial and industrial institutions will undoubtedly exceed suspensions five or ten to hereafter.

That's the Question. Louisville Courier-Journal,

A woman writing in one of the magazines "To flirt with a husband after mar riage is the sacred duty of every wife, with whose husband? A lack of ju But A lack of judiclous iscrimination on this point has had a ten dency to add to the number of widows rather than to the felicity of matrimony.

Contempt of Court.

Kansait City Journal. A dozen expert doctors testified that an Emporia woman had been so injured in a railroad accident that maternity must be to her a thing unknown. She got damages on this testimony, and the railroad appealed to the supreme court, where, after years of waiting, the decision of the lower court has Emporia woman has given birth to three children.

Progressive Euchre and Churches.

Philadelphia Ledger Progressive euchre on a mammoth scale for prizes has well nigh displaced the old time church fair as a method of reaching the charitable. In Brooklyn the craze has been raging for some time in almost every parish. A check has come there as far as Catholics are concerned. It is understood that Bishop McDonnell has intimated to his pastors that of Japan. It is quite possible that in consonance with the spirit of the Lenter season, and that until the penitential time is over they must cease to be held under church auspices.

Tempered Weylerism.

It would seem from recent occurrences in Cuba that President McKinley has more influence with the Spanish government than his predecesor had. If he shall justify reputation he has won in Spain, and much friendliness in the two continental nations toward England and this arraignment of their rulers before the nation to establish a government there. cers and law courts that can be de-pended on to prosecute offenders and pended on to in a disregard of the rights or the honor of States, or in permitting the American flag to fall into disrepute

A Jolt for Officescekers

Postmaster General Gary gave some of the spollsmen of his own party a severe shock the other day in a manner that indicates that he has courage as well as convictions. A lot of impatient officeseekers were urgin greater expedition in the matter of cutting off official heads in the Postoffice department when Mr. Gary reminded them that great majority for President McKinley in the recent election was due to the votes o sound money democrats, and on this ground is not to be regarded as a party victory to be ased merely for party advantage."

CONNUBIALITIES.

When a boy is old enough to be trusted with a night key he is old enough to need a wife to look after him. At Eaton, Ind., on Tuesday occurred the Charles G. Gunckle, aged 42, and Martha E. Hodge, she is but a little past

An American girl has broken through Weyer's trocha and captured the affections of a Spanish general. The great American girl simply irresistible. Oscar Randall of Chillicothe, who married

Bertie de Vaul there, is the con of his bride's stepmother by her first husband, so that his mother becomes his mother-in-law and his bride's father becomes his father-in-law When Bettie Quick, who was receiving the ttentions of Fred Bokamb and Henry Perkins in Knott county, Kentucky, appeared to favor Perkins, Bekamb got a polecat and threw it into her lap, and trouble began. Perkins was in it. "Reports are meager" t Middlesboro, but Bokamb was mortally Younded.

Governor Atkinson of Georgia was called out of church last Sunday and informed that is 17-year-old son was about to elope with Miss Ada Byrd, granddaughter of the southern authoress, Mrs. Mary E. Bryan. He at once intercepted the young man and put him under lock and key, while the girl's father did the same thing for her.

Some weeks ago Thomas B. Gulledge was injured by a train and was taken to the Pine Bluff, Ark., infirmary. Miss Lena Williams, a trained nurse, pretty and accomplished, nursed the sick man, and he was fully restored to health. Cupid got the bet-ter of them both during the gentleman's illness, and on Tuesday a large number of friends witnessed their marriage Senator Vandiver of the Missourl legis-

lature has introduced a bill to fine widows this moment, remarks the St. Louis and maidens for rejecting widowers and bachelors. The measure provides for pun-ishment of such "offences" by the infliction by the infliction of a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than 00, and, furthermore, that the party convicted shall darn the socks of the rejected nd sew on his buttons for six months there-

lect, visited the county seat, secured a marlage license and hustled to the depot again the marriage was to take place at noon is no such thing as one man bequeath- He took the fast mail, which does not stop Hines sought the conductor in master of Chicago undertook to resign grade near Clayton where the train slacked in the interest of his deputy, but the vain. Finally Hines remembered a heavy yould never do, so Hines decided to jump He did, and after shaking the sand out of his eyes appeared before his flancee, and in less than an hour he was a groom The marriage of Prof. Henry A. Ward of Ward's museum, Rochester, and Mrs. Lydia Avery Coonley of Chicago, will soon take

place. Prof. Ward, who has become well known as a geologist, was at college when the great geologist, Agassiz, delivered a lecture in a town twenty-eight miles distant. He missed the coaches on which the other students rode to the lecture and, rather than When Agassiz heard about the wonderful performance of the student he sent for the young man and offered him a place as his of an examination by the president and after that must pass a fixed examination. This arrangement, however, is not ago in one of his reports told the wheat sanizations to trusts in theory and operation.

As a chiid has an abiding faith in its parents, so do we aim to gain the confidence of our patrons

Be it a neat wine color lace shoc for the little girl or a fine maroon Russia calf for the man st the wear is there st so is the style st price is considered last st it's cut very low

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BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The religion that has no joy in it has no If the gossip would think more her tongu would get more rest.

When the devil goes to church he doesn' always take a back seat. The way to be happy today is to trust God to take care of tomorrow. The shiftless man is always away from nome when a good opportunity knocks.

stands recorded as a thief on the books kep above. Character is measured by the distance traveled from the starting point, and every thing depends upon whether the progress has

The man who can pay his debts and won'

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

been up stream or down.

Cleveland Leader: The Ohio preacher who says that Dante was driven to write the 'Inferno" by a scolding wife, does not, we hope, mean to heap discredit upon the roman. She ought to have a monument,

Chicago Times-Herald: A Kansas City clergyman in a recent sermon took the position that "there are no real everlasting fires in hell." This almost justifies the suspicion that the coal trust has got in its work there also.

Springfield Republican: ninister of Lansing, Mich., is preaching a series of sermons on "The Devil in Lansing." in which he has attacked the theater, danc ing and various other amusements in the most violent and sensational language. Isn't just been affirmed. In the meantime the it about time that somebody attacked this manner of preaching? A sermon on "The Devil in the Pulpit" might not be out of

Indianapolis Journal: The notion set forth by a Methodist minister of Richmond, that departed spirits, saints and sinners alike, are corralled in some sort of inclosure awaiting the judgment day and are not at liberty to go roaming about the earth calling in "mediums," may be correct, but is it good, sound Methodist orthodoxy? Isn't a Methodist purgatory something of an innovation?

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A vehicle of Boston cult shamelessly renarks, "Bock beer is in our midst again." Massachusetts has a grand army of 1,302, 479 persons with bank accounts of their own. Loyalty to Spain was pledged at a recent meeting of residents of Havana. This is a piece of news that may be accepted as New York is not yet wholly English. The

proposition to change the name of the Bo

business. He is in good health and spirits Mr. Olney evades the reporters. The state capitol at Albany, N. Y., is th greatest mint in the world for contractors.

t represents an outlay of \$22,000,000, and costs \$300,000 a year for maintenance. President McKinley has decided that the white house be closed for official business at 4 p. m. This change is necessary in order to keep up his acquaintance with his family One of the many juicy snaps of New York City is enjoyed by seventy-four plain, every day fish. They are housed in a building which cost \$200,000, and costs \$40,000 a year

to maintain. There was characteristic feminine intuition in the remark of Mrs. Fitzsimmons to her husband during the fight: "Keep at him in the ribs; leave his jaw alone; you can't neve

hurt his jaw." An immense beet sugar factory of 3,006 tons of beets capacity daily, is under con-struction at Saline, Cal. It will be finished by the spring of 1898, and the product of 40,000 acres will be required to feed it. The extent of the robbery of the taxpayers

of Pittsburg, Pa., was not discovered until chief crook was convicted and jailed. Then it was discovered that he had looted the treasury to the extent of \$535,574. He was only city attorney, and his name i Moreland. Profiting by the experience of other states

Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania served notice on the legislature that he will not sanction the erection of a capitol of "im-posing dimensions." He thinks a building osting \$500,000 is ample for the needs of th state. The governor's ideas are regarded as reasonable in interested quarters Sam Jones, the vitriol evangelist, is lash-

ng sinners in his own neighborhood. og at Atlanta, Ga., on divorce, he remarked Woman, if you marry a scoundrel, keep im to yourself. Don't let him loose to ruin the life of some other woman. A man may make a mistake in marrying a woman but it is his mistake. There are 40,000,000 in the United States, and if you make a mistak out of that number, keep her to yourself you dirty dog.

SPARE THE TREES.

A Protest Against the Pruning Knife

Philadelphia Record. Mero surgery is as fatal to the trees as ignorant surgery has always been to the human race. The body's surgeon must have a diploma and some experience before we trust him with our lives; but no certificates of fitness are presented by the men who begin to ring our door bells about this time and ask if we will have our trees trimmed. such is the universal desire to help the employed to a bit of work that the keeper, who has herself not been taught to know the right of the trees, consents thanks and lets them, "just because they have asked to do it." proceed to mutilate her trees. Yet a drive or a trolley ride out into the country would show her that trees in the field continue to grow with any trimming or clipping at all. There they tand, splendid object lessons and specimof the good of being let alone. Take a wild cherry tree, for instance, or a chestnut tree, an oak or a sugar maple in these parts, and see how symmetrical and broadly shading i grows out in the field or by the road side! The main duty of a city tree is to broaden and to give the greatest possible amount of shade for its years. When the tree trimmer lops off its lateral branches, which would make good spreading boughs in time, he completely thwarts the purpose for which the tree was originally planted. should let their trees grow up after the fashion which even the city trees know more about than do the owners. See that the pavement is so set that the trees have a chance to get plenty of surface water which will not reach them through the

Give them extra water in a dry time and

after dark. If they show any symptoms of puniness send for a real tree doctor-a

surseryman-rather than for a gardener.

ing broadly and luxuriantly. Let them grow

DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Sas-I was awfully urprised when you proposed.

He—You were not more surprised than I was when you accepted me.

Detroit Free Press: "A bacholor girl," emarked the observer of men and things, is an old maid who has been given away by something besides her looks."

Life. "Do you think he really loves "I am sure of it. He exchanged his wheel for the kind she rides,"

Somerville Journal. The man who said repeatedly when he was young that he would never marry wishes occasionally, when he is old, that he had kept his word.

Chicago Tribune: "That word 'com-munist,' my dear," observed the young hus-band, correcting her, "has the accent on the first syllable."

"How do you know?"

"The dictionary says so."

"I never saw a man as prejudiced in favor of dictionaries as you are!" exclaimed the young wife. "I wish you had married a

A FAIR EXCHANGE.

New York Sun.

One evening, as I walked with Flo
Along the lane where lilles grow.
She cried in fear: "What can this mean?
I've lost my heart. Oh, dave you seen
It lying anywhere about?
I only just now found it out.
I've lost it since you came. I know,
You've stolen it. Your eyes say so!"
I said: "Now don't be cross, my dear.
Though I've your heart, yet never fear;
For since I have no need of two,
I'll give you mine. Will not that do?"
A smile shone in her tearful eyes,
A rainbow over stormy skies,
She answered: "Since I must confess"—
The rest I cannot tell you. Guess!

A GABFEST.

Jim Corbett, late a pugilist bold, Has just been taken into fold By one lanky and flery polled, A la Fitzsimmons.

But Jim, famed of fist and tongue, Vows until the final lung He will have Fitz licked or hung, A la Corbett.

So the trouble at Carson Cityas but the prejude to a longer ditty.
A la Fitz and Corbett.
WILLIE O'MALLY.



BECOMES A LOUD MAN—THE BEST DRESSED MAN AVOIDS EFFECTS THAT ARE TOO STRIKING.

WE PREFER, IN CHOOSING CLOTHES, TO CONSIDER THE MORE CONSERVATIVE TASTES. BUT IF YOU THINK THAT YOU WANT SOMETHING STRIKING, THAT IS ONLY ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO US. WE HAVE EVERYTHING-WE MAKE IT A POINT TO BE PRE-PARED FOR WHATEVER CALL MAY BE MADE UPON US-BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SPECIAL MEN-FION OF OUR \$15.00 SUITS-ABOUT TWENTY STYLES—THAT TAKE IN ALL THE CHOICE PATTERNS FOR SPRING WEAR. THEY ARE MADE OF CHEVIOTS, WORSTEDS AND CASSIMERES AND ARE IN STRIPES. CHECKS, BROKEN PLAIDS AND PLAIN COLORS-IN FACT, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT FIND JUST WHAT YOU WANT IN THIS SUPERB SELECTION. WE ASK YOU TO COME AND LOOK AT THEM-WHETHER YOU WANT TO BUY OR NOT. SHOULD YOU WANT SOME-THING BETTER-WE HAVE IT-SHOULD YOU WANT SOMETHING NOT SO GOOD-WE HAVE IT-OR, IF YOU DON'T WANT A SUIT, PER-OUR LIGHT MEDIUM WEIGHT TOP COATS MIGHT IN-TEREST YOU.

> Economy will lead your footsteps hither if you are ready for a

