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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

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As a spot for lingering the lap of winter could easily be improved upon.

The trusts and the free trade democrats are both dissatisfied with the new tariff bill.

Can it be that the epistolary interchange over the recount has really come to an end?

And to think that Ransom imagines himself to be cut out for the successorship to Dave Mercer!

Legislatures are sometimes remembered as much for the things they do not do as for the things they do.

Texas has again vindicated its reputation for being a poor place for circus people to go to start a row. The proprietor of the last one who tried it is

roads of the United States represent further than may be necessary to secure \$11,000,000,000. It is not stated, however, whether this is with or without

A few more Ransoms in the Douglas delegation and there would have been no appropriation whatever for state representation at the Transmississippl Exposition.

The new assistant postmaster general, who hails from Kansas and has charge of fourth-class postoffices, has commenced work, a Kansas man being his first victim.

No newspaper that courageously exposes and denounces boodlers and corruptionists can be hurt by a vote of censure passed on it by the men besmirched

The legislative committees have had practically nothing to do for two weeks past, yet the army of committee clerks are kept on the pay roll. This is all in the name of reform.

The Nebraska state senate says it is composed solely of honest and incorruptible members. As a mutual admiration society the senate should throw itself a bunch of roses.

All the biggest political plums have visible diminution in the number of people who are willing to content themselves with smaller favors.

The president has decided to give the officesekers a much-needed rest from their labors. It is reported that he will take a lighthouse tender and put to sea for a few days beyond the reach of even the strongest swimmers.

If the czar is determined to visit France again he may as well make up his mind to visit Germany also. The jealousy of Germany and France of one another will not permit such a courtesy to the one without the same courtesy being insisted on by the other.

It is safe to predict that no more Span ish newspaper correspondents will call here the popular hostility to Spain. It on General Gomez after reading the epistle of the Cuban leader to the El Liberal representative. Weyler's ready typewriter will henceforth furnish than did its predecessor. The release be instituted immediately. It is given Cuban news for Madrid newspapers.

Governor Holcomb does not seem to be keeping pace with the veto record he shall now see whether this influence set for himself two years ago. The will save the life of a man who made people of the entire northwest are inchances are, however, that his interposition will be demanded to kill several vicious measures before the work of the All people of humane feeling will sin- the demands of some of the big mining legislative session is entirely completed. cerely hope that General Rivera will

Poor old Cambridge. Oxford not only wins the field athletic events, but for the eighth consecutive year captures the hemanity. It would be a shock to civilgreat aquatic event on the Thames, ized mankind to summarily put to death Cambridge may be a fair place to ac- this brave man, who was fighting in the final in its application to them until quire those little graces and accomplishments to be learned from books, but man was quite right in saying that it interpretation of the points in dispute. for the essentials of a modern collegiate would arouse the indignation of the In the interval, however, they are reeducation it is becoming very passe.

to be followed, according to the latest eral Rivera. advices, by the blockade of the ports of Greece. It is a so-called "pacific blockade," but it is none the less effective out only concern, if we can properly be ports of Greece will be a different affair in the effect it may have upon our rights and interests and it is being urged that our government should protest against the action on the part of

the powers. Unquestionably there is a principle of international law at stake and it is one for which our government has always contended. We ought not to be silent if this principle is now to be contravened. whether such contravention would imnot. As one writer on the subject says. by our non-protest a dangerous precedent is established and international law consists mainly of precedentswhich may be terribly employed against us in some future emergency. This government should not see a violation of the doctrine of neutral rights, for which it has always contended, without remonstrance, and to make this does not necessarily involve interference. We should simply enter our objection always maintained. We want no entanglement with the European disturbance, but whatever rights belong to us as neutrals we should firmly demand respect for.

So far as the sentimental view of the matter is concerned, that should have no consideration. The suggestion that a protest by our government against the course of the powers in shutting up the Cretan ports might be helpful to the cause in which Greece is enlisted is not one that should have any weight at Washington. All Americans are most heartily in sympathy with the efforts of the Cretans to throw off Turkish domination and the courage of the Hellenic nation in expousing their cause is nowhere more admired than in the United States. But the government must not be influenced by this feeling in determining its policy. It is to consider only what is necessary to safeguard American rights and interests. One ardent advocate of action by our government says: "If it is cowardly and brutal for one man to stand by unconcernedly while six bullies are pounding a poor stripling not half the size of any of his tormentors, it is no less cowardly and brutal for liberty-loving Americans to watch in mute inaction the process by which Russia, Germany, Austria, Italy, France and England seek to pummel little Greece into submission to the Mohammedan barbarian." This is hardly a fair presentation of the situation. There has been no pounding of Greece as yet and it is probable there will not be any. But in any event the United States is not called upon to According to the latest figures, the rail- interfere in the European imbroglio any may be put in jeopardy by the course of the powers. To this extent our government may go without departing from its stablished policy in regard to European controversies and conflicts. Perhaps the authorities at Washington may see no good reason for any action, but we believe it safe to say that the administration will not be found indifferent to the rights of the United States in the Mediterranean.

THE CASE OF GENERAL RIVERA. There is a great deal of interest in the ase of General Rivera, the insurgent commander who succeeded Maceo and was recently wounded and captured by the Spaniards in Cuba. He is to be tried by court martial and it has been apprehended that he would be sentenced to death, that being the penalty naturally to be expected under the circum stances. But advices from Madrid state that the death penalty is not likely to be inflicted and it appears that our government has in an informal way intereded in behalf of Rivera. It is reported that Secretary Sherman, by direction of the president, has represented to the Spanish minister at Washington that if Rivera should be executed the effect would be to intensify public sentiment been distributed, yet there has been no in this country against Spain. Of course this is as far as our government could properly go in the matter. A formal protest would be offensive, since it would be in effect an assumption on our part of the right to interfere in such expect the Spanish government to tolerate. But that government cannot reasonably offer any objection to such a representation as the secretary of state is said to have made, because it is not at all in the nature of interfer- less of financial loss? We do not see ence, albeit it may have all the weight of a formal protest.

If the Spanish government shall give to this statement of Secretary Sherman the consideration hoped for it will be further evidence of its desire to respect the wishes of the United States and to avoid anything which might strengthen has already been shown that the present | Cleveland in the closing days of his administration has a great deal more influence with the Spanish government of Americans from Cuban prisons since the advent of the McKinley administration is conclusive evidence of this. We war upon Spain and whom that government may justifiably condemn to death. prove the course of the president and not had the desired effect. secretary of state as in the cause of cause of freedom, and Secretary Sher- the supreme court gives them a second

ILL-DIGESTED LEGISLATION.

The closing days of the legislature are until observance is enforced. and it has been stated by a member of liable to witness the enactment of a the British government that it will ap- mass of Ill-digested legislation which ply to vessels carrying the American calls for the exercise of dispassionate fing. So far as Crete is concerned this is not a matter of material consequence, since we have no trade with that island, said to have any, being in the principle of the statute books with laws of ques. any perceptible influence on the aligninvolved. But the blockade of the tionable validity and doubtful expedi-

Two years ago Governor Holcomb rendered the state invaluable service by withholding his approval from several reckons entirely without his host. measures that were passed during the closing hours of the legislature under whip and spur. During the present week it will again become his imperative duty to interpose his executive disapproval whenever any bill is presented for his signature which in his judgment will operate to the detriment of the peomediately result to our disadvantage or ple either by impairing the state's credit or imposing upon them burdens or restrictions that are needless. It will be equally his duty to veto every bill that is liable to misconstruction or designed simply to assist lawyers in readjusting existing laws to suit special cases in

which they are interested professionally, These pernicious bills are usually held back until the last days of the legislative session, when it is impossible for them to receive careful scrutiny in committee or in the legislative halls. The highest service the governor can render the state is to negative all vicious schemes that are thrust upon the legis lature either through design or ignorance.

WHO OPPOSE THE TREATY.

There is still uncertainty as to the fate of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty in the senate and if it should be ratified it will have been so emasen lated that its acceptance by the British government will be doubtful. It is not surprising to learn that the friends of they eat and drink. the treaty have become disgusted with the treatment it has received and are comparatively indifferent whether it is ratified or not. The Washington correspondent of the Springfield Republican says the causes for the emasculation of the treaty are found in the jingo spirit which has been fostered by the building up of the navy. There is a feeling, he navy circles and among the great shipping contractors, that the United States might as well have a war as not, and that the adoption of an arbitration treaty with Great Britain would not only diminish the prospect of real war, but would restrain the disposition of congress to enlarge the navy. While the naval officers have not made any concerted opposition to the treaty, it appears that their influence has been quietly exerted against it. This is very likely true and if so these officers have made a grievous mistake in putting themselves in hostility to the overwhelming popular demand for an arbitration treaty between the Englishspeaking nations. Such a course on their part would be more effective than anything else in creating a public sentiment against further enlargement of the navy. The American people want peace and they are not constructing a navy with a view to war, but rather as a means of preventing it. If they shall find, however, that this naval establishment is a nursery of war sentiment they will not be likely to increase it. But there is an influence against the

reaty more potent than that of navy officers. It is the view of certain senators that war would be a national beneiit. These gentlemen believe, it is said. that war would quicken the pulses of trade, result in big contracts for ships. supplies and munitions, and would afford an outlet for the unemployed energy of thousands of idle men. Doubtless war would have such effects, but it is lifficult to believe that men who would be considered statesmen could seriously hink it would be beneficial to the United States to engage in a war, for whatever the immediate effect upon trade the ultimate consequences could not but be hurtful. War would mean a larger burden of debt and more taxation and he American people need a lightening prompts those who talk of war.

It is announced that all of the railroads operating west of Chicago have discarded the American plan of serving meals on their dining cars and adopted what is known as the European plan. We take it that this action will be the occasion for another outcry against the invasion of America by foreign customs and denunciation as a base surrender to the dictation of European masters. cases and this we could not reasonably How can the silver enthusiasts who protest against the foreign gold standard put up tamely with a la carte menus on the dining car? Ought it not to be a matter of patriotism for the railroads to stick to the American plan, regardhow a consistent free silverite can condescend henceforth to eat in any railway dining car west of Chleago,

The McKinley administration is taking up the question of forest reserves in a manner which indicates that the rights and interests of all will be carefully guarded. The order made by President administration will not be rescinded at once, but a careful investigation will out that as little inconvenience as possible will be imposed on the people of the sections interested, consistent with the future welfare of the country. The terested in the correct solution of this question, but it is very evident that and railroad corporations, made under not be executed and all such will ap- the cover of a plea for the settlers, have

The railroads are determined not to recognize the anti-trust law decision as American people to the highest pitch. garding discretion as the better part a curse.

OUR RIGHTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Spain has something to gain and noth- of valor and aff. nominally at least, liv-The blockade of Cretan ports is soon ing to lose by sparing the life of Gen- ing up to the new rule laid down by the court. This is something new in railroad tactics, as the railroads usually proceed to ignore objectionable laws

> Several important municipal elections are scheduled for this week. In each ingly used to prevent the encumbering other matten of pational policy has had ment of voters. The politician who imagines he can keep control of municipal government by appeals to loyalty or opposition to the federal administration

Reports from the French capital are to the effect that the prospective enactment of the Dingley tariff bill has convinced the people of that country that fair treatment of American products would not be so bad after all, and that the French are likely to be among the city provision of that act.

Iowa people do not propose to be behind the times. Though they cannot compete with Nebraska and Kansas people in seeing nirships floating around in the heavens, they have succeeded in finding a stone way down in the bowels of the earth which is carved in a wonderful manner.

the Cuban question by the acceptance plot into execution. And the evidence disof autonomy by the people of that island are again current in Madrid. Up into this senate with that corruption fund to date, however, none of them have behind it. been detected emanating from the camp of Maximo Gomez.

A physician is said to have invented a machine by which he has been enabled to wash off with a sponge the con-

Experience Tells. A motorman has to be quite experienced before he can manage always to stop his car with the rear platform directly opposite a

The Pole Evil.

Peary is satisfied that he can reach th north pole with dogs and sleds, Andree is says, which is especially strong in satisfied that it can only be done by sail ing overhead with a ballcon, and we are now awaiting for some one to demonstrate that success can be achieved only by tun-

The Champion of Spoils.

neling.

Senator Allen commits himself to the spoils system in the fight which he is making against an educational test in equipping the the hope and expectation that the populist party will some day obtain control of the

Showing His Hand.

member of the Nebraska legislature has introduced a bill in that body making it a misdemeanor for any man in the state to have in his possession a deck of cards containing more than four aces or kings. The honorable gentleman should be more careful with whom he plays in the future.

"Sleep," says Tesla, the famous electrical genius, "is a sort of cumulative storage batcry for human energy. He adds that if a person should sleep eighteen of the twenty-four hours he would live to be 200 years of age. Would it not be better to sleep nine hours a day and live to be a hundred? century of pleen does not count.

Have a Care, William.

Mr. Gladstone says that he has now thoroughly mastered the bicycle. That is the best evidence that Mr. Gladstone is novice at wheeling. The bicycle doesn't want an easier victim than the man who thinks he has thoroughly mastered it. Grand Old Man's admirers should substitute a few bottles of linament for the axes they are in the habit of sending him

Why the Germans Are Winning.

The English have at last recognized the fact that the Germans are becoming their formidable rivals, to say the least of it, for the manufacturing trade of the world. The impartial observer has no difficulty in understanding why. The Germans have carried both the theory and the practice of scientific education further than any other nation in the world. They have grasped the ad-vantages to be got by applying science to all departments of material development. In England, on the other hand, scientific edu-cation is almost unknown. Oxford and Cambridge are still so wedded to the classical ideas that it is practically impossible to get of both. It is not patriotism that an education in the broad sense there. The "conservative" spirit obtains every-

UNWISE BENEVOLENCE.

The Open Hand Should Be Guided by n Cool Hend. Philadelphia Press.

great many people who hug themselves for their philanthropy and who would on no account consciously do what is wrong are engaged in the flagitious business of manufacturing tramps and paupers, the raw material of criminals. The excellent people who will not send a beggar hungry from door are the very people who make the tramp possible, and not only possible but flourishing. Is there no way of putting stop to this malevolent branch of

England a millionaire named Hooley, who has made a great fortune by the manufacture of blayele tires, proposes to give \$2,000,000, the the came to be distributed annually to the poor in the districts surrounding his country residence in Derbyshire. The announcement of his design has made its way into the papers on both sides of the Atlantic, and probably throughout Europe, and by this time no doubt tramps from every quarter of Christendom are setting their faces, toward Derbyshire; for every loaf which the fund provides there will be two or probably ten mouths. So long as these visitors are fed they will linger. They will infest Derbyshire like the frogs of Egypi. Existence will be a burden to the housewife. Presently, grown bold by induigence, the tramps will make the life of every woman and child insecure, and will raise the murder rate of Derbyshire until the aroused and inflamed community shall drive them out by law or torce. force. Has not the state a right to interfere and protect the community from such an

The late Gerrit Smith, one of the kindes of men, was possessed of large property and was animated by a sincere though unenlightened desire for the welfare of his fellow men. He gave everything to every body schoolhouses to towns, food and clothing to all who asked; the result was that his benevolence became a curse to the town of Peterborough, N. Y., in which e lived. Beggars came from every ter, drawn by the irresistible magnet of free The towns for which he erected lost the habit of self-dependence and lay down on their benefactor. All these facts are brought out by Octavius B. Froth ngham in the blography of Mr. which was afterward suppressed by the family. The open hand has not only to be inspired by the warm heart, but to be guided by the cool head, or it will become

CENSURE. Charges Made by The Bee Sustained by the Evidence in the Case. Speech of Senator G. A. Murphy of Gage county in opposing the resolution of censure offered by Senator School, censuring the editor of The Omaha Bee in the state senate

Thursday, April 1: "Mr. President: I desire to say in explanation of my position that I am opposed to voting a vote of censure on the editor of The Omaha Bee for that editorial, I am invited by this resolution to pass a vote of censure against Mr. Rosewater, for what? For having the courage editorially to uncover the foulest and most damnable plot ever conceived in the womb of corruntion in this state. For tearing off the mask of secreey in a foul plot hatched in the gambling dens of Omaha to corrupt this legislature in securing legislation favorable to these pirates. I am asked to censure the man that made it public and that throttled the consummation of that vile conspiracy.

"Mr. Rosewater was in possession of evilence that was indubitable and irrefutable. that he submitted to our committee to the effect that a corruption fund was raised to place senate file 331 on the statute books first to avail themselves of the recipro- of this state. An act that should have been entitled 'An act to license gambling in Nebraska.' He had evidence that would lead any prudent man to the conclusion which Mr. Rosewater reached that 'something was rotten in Denmark' with reference to senate file 331. He uncovered and exposed to public view before our committee that Charles Bibbins, the prince of gamblers in Omaha, had employed corrupt means to secure the passage of a law that would make every honest moral man in this state blush for shame, and with the use of that fund Rumors of a probable settlement of had his agents at work to carry his devilish

"But for the integrity and honor of members of this senate this corruption fund would have accomplished its flendish work and Omaha would have become 'a den of thieves,' After the first agents employed under this fund had failed to place senate file 331 before this body, thus the evidence tents of the human stomach. He is offered to the committee shows these gamblers mistaken, however, if he thinks it is a struck another lead, and one Louis J. Platti, new thing for people to sponge what an employe of this senate, clerk of the committee on municipal affairs, was enlisted to procure the passage of this iniquitous bill And the evidence offered by Mr. Rosewater before our committee shows that this gamblers' corruption fund was the inspiration behind Mr. Piatti.

closes that this brazen bill found its way

"Consider thus the manner in which the bill was rushed through the senate without explanation or consideration, and does any hall on the 'Message of God.' One question senator feel surprised at the statement by was, of course, as to his belief in miracles senator feel surprised at the statement by the editor of The Bee, that the gamblers' poodle had influenced the passage of the bill? No, from the evidence in his possession and the fact that the bill passed as it did. any one must have logically reached that conclusion. The evidence falls to show any omplicity on the part of the senate or any nembers thereof, and both reports of the ommittee exonerate the senate even of say that from the evidence in possession of Mr. Rosewater the president of this senate or any other member of the senate must have reached the same conclusion that he did.

"The minority report shows why all th evidence desired by Mr. Rosewater to be produced before the committee was not given. He might have made a stronger case had not these conspirators at Omaha taken like not these conspirators at Omaha taken like some effective and wholesome work, has been rats to their holes when they were wanted deried ordination by a council of clergy and before the committee. They scattered from their haunts of sin and iniquity as soon as this investigation was fairly begun and left the state at the and progressive young preacher approach of the officer in pursuit of them. Does this not show their guilt? 'The guilty flee when no man oursueth.' This is tantamount to a confession of their guilt. These witnesses might have divulged the whole plot

and turned the calcium lights on the whole onspiracy. "Yet I am asked to pass a vote of censure on the editor of a paper who is fearless enough to uncover and unmask so damnable a plot as this. No, never. The purity of public life is preserved by a vigilant and fear less public press. It is the great safeguard of the people against dishonesty in official station and it were better that the liberty of the press might sometimes be abused rather than conspiracies like the one exposed by The Bee should contaminate our

legislatures. "Because the editor of The Bee had the courage to choke the conspiracy to death sefore it consummated its damnable work in striking from the statutes the only barrier between these plunderers and conscienceles. hieves and their easy victims, and, perchance, has been a little too severe on the enate. I am asked to censure him. "I answer, and I vote, No."

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The corner in onlons in Missouri and the doubling of prices in consequence is suf-ficient to make consumers weap without cutting the raw material. The campaign has become so warm in Chicago that one of the fly cops ran in ar

inoffensive preacher as a suspicious character and detained him over night. Nearly 300 men quartered in the almshouse at Hartford, Conn., during the winter, were ordered to work out their board. They rebelled and actually deserted the poor

It is said that Ras Alula, the great Abyssianian chief, whose death may encourage Italy to another Abyssinian paign, began life as a groom. He ended i by freeing his country.

As a cortribution to the revived contro versy over the authorship of the song, "Tent ng On the Old Camp Ground," a correspondent of the Boston Transcript claims the honor or Mr. Kittredge, who is now living in Reeds Perry, N. H.

The United States has not yet accepted the invitation of the French government to par-ticipate in the Paris exposition of 1900. The ailure is in keeping with that of the World's fair management in shelving a bill of \$70,000 due French exhibitors whose displays were destroyed by fire and smoke in Chicago. The Louisville Courier-Journal is peaching on Dr. Dana's preserves. It threatens to start an opposition temple of fame, and as a starter, has assigned to conspicuous niches

such statesmen as Pottsey Grubbs of Louis-ville, B. Gum of Tennessee, Palboa Cocktail of North Carolina, Grube Sinkenkooper of Missouri and Jump Squizzer of South Caroolony town of Fitzgerald, which was founded in southwest Georgia two years ago by Grand Army men from the north, is not prosper-ing. It attributes the failure of the experiment to the bad location of the town, and to the fact that the colonists desended too much

A novel argument against cheap gas is seriously made in Boston. It is alleged that the rate of \$1 is so low the companies are obliged to use nexious chemicals, and that last year forty-five persons lost their lives by inhaling it. The amusing feature of the "argument" is that the gas is the water variety manufactured and sold in a najority of the cities of the country

upon their pensions, and, therefore, did not

Mayor Strong of New York has provoked late Bill Tweed deserved a monument for his work in behalf of parks and boulevards in New York City. He thinks the good deeds of the famous boss outweigh deeds of the famous boss outweigh his wickedness. Washington City took a similar view of some large juicy municipal jobs of thirty years ago. As the results exceeded the anticipations of the rebellious taxpayers, they hanqueted last year the man they hunted out of town in the '70s.

Washington Times: "I am sure Tom means to propose to me." mused the first sweet girl. "Perhaps he's afraid."
"Perhaps he is," assented the second sweet girl. "He ought to feel quite sure of your answer."
"You mean thing,"



BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

Great people always have small enemies. Habits are the ruts worn in a road habitially traveled.

The secret of a secret is to know how and when to tell it. Grief is an outcast, and no man grasps his hand cerdially.

The knack of easy travel is in knowing A thick tongue and a thin purse are likely to be the property of the same man. The man who gets up in this world by outting another man down, loses more than

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chicago Journal: Men who have devoted heir live to the cause of Christianity Chicago have duties to perform and they are not performing them. Mr. Moody would be-stow on this town one of the greatest benefits it could receive if he would convert its

Philadelphia Presa: A Chicago preache advertised for his last Sunday's service the attraction of a reformed gambler who would perform certain card tricks in the pulpit for the edification of the congregation. This practical demonstration of the evils of gambling must have had a startling if not

Philadelphia Times: The Rev. Lyman Ab bott braved a storm of questions last evening at the conclusion of his talk at Horticultural "I believe in the miracles that are well at tested," said Dr. Abbott, and "I do not be lieve, however, the miracle of Jonah and the vhale. The people of Ninevah had Jonah's word for it, and Jonah may not have old the truth about the matter.

New York Times: The cry of Gambetta that twenty-five years ago electrified France. "Clericalism—that is our enemy," losses its power to arouse the people under the influence of the pope's policy. But this policy de manded a complete change of attitude, both in opinion and action, on the part of the Catholic clergy, which was extremely difficult to bring about. Archbishop Ireland may well admire the work of the pope in France which he has himself undertaken in our own country.

Minneapolis Tribune: A bright young man church in the town of St. Cloud and has done laymen because he was honest enough to adof the church to which he could not sub scribe. But as he seems to be a persevering doubtless continue his work of saving souls ! and elevating humanity under some other auspices, and leave theological hairspiltting to men whose reputations are made and their positions assured.

NO PIE IN THEIRS.

Washington Amazed by the Declining Nerve of Two Nebraskans.

Rocky Mountain News. There are at least two citizens of the republic who have no longing for administra ion pie, and strange as it may seem the are both residents of Nebreska. It appears be a fact vouched for by both Omaha papers that, on the urgent recommendation of Senator Thurston, President McKinley offered the position of assistant secretary of war first to J. L. Webster and later to J Cowin, and both gentlemen declined Mr. Cowin appears to have been especially lered him by Senator Thurston, then it was ressed on him by the president and ther secretary Alger attempted to have him re consider his declination to no avail. Mr. Cowin insisted that he wanted to practice law, that his large clientage demanded his time and attention and that he could not afford to throw up his business and go to Washington-no, not for all the honor involved or even to please the president, the secretary or Senator Thurston. There was no place at the pie counter that had any charm for the sturdy Nebraskan.

All Washington is aghest, and the whole pie-eating, pie-hunting brigade is stirred to its inmost depths. They have not yet resolved that Mr. Cowin should exhibit him self in a dime museum, but there is no tell-

ing how soon they may do so, as they regard him as the most remarkable freak that has Maintaines his supremacy largebeen at the national capital in modern days at least. To decline an assistant secretary-ship that was not only offered but urged upon him by the president himself is some-thing so unsunal as to constitute an actual phenomenon in Washington politics.

But Mr. Cowin is entitled to honor. He has, with Mr. Webster, demonstrated that erings for official position. Men who preintrigues and its degrading tendencies, are not so numerous but that their names are entitled to be mentioned with distinction.

DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Harlem Life: "This new soap," said the barber, "is very nice. It is made largely of cream, with just a dash of alcohol in it."
"Well, remember I'm a temperance man," returned Dobbers, "and don't put any more of it in my mouth than you can help."

Chicago Tribune: "Laura, dear, I want you to meet my cousin. I think you will like him."
"What's his name?" "Huggins,"
"O. Irene, I'm afraid!"

Indianapolis Journal: "Why on earth should so bright and coming a girl as Mame have married that long-haired poet?"
"It was the only way rhe could stop bim from reading his poems to her."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "Would you screata is I attempted to kiss you!" "Alas, I can-not," she said. For, be it known, she was a lady baritone, and could only roar. Chicago Record: "George, before we were married you were pleased if I sat in your

hap."

"Yes, dearest."

"But, now, if I do, you say: 'Gracio
Julia-you're forever roosting on my la

Detroit Journal: "And are the divorce laws so very liberal in your section?" "Lib-eral? Say! They are so liberal that nobody ever heard of a woman crying at a wedding out there." Cincinnati Enquirer. She—What is the difference between a trust and a ring?

He—Miss—dear Mabel, if you can only trust me. I will get the ring tomorrow morning.

A MAIDEN'S EPITAPH.

William Watson. She dwelt among us till the flowers, 'tis Grew jealous of her with precipitate feet.

As loth to wrong them unawares, she Earth is less fragrant now, and heaven

A WIFE'S SONG. Ella Wheeler Wilcox. In my life's morn, when my heart was fired
With that bold courage of ignorant youth, By the wild, warm tide in my veins in-

By the wild, warm tide in my veins inspired,
I sang of love, of its strength and truth.
I said I would suffer and dare and be
fearless
For love, which was only a word to me
then
(Yet a word that seemed holy, and grand,
and peerless,
And much misused by the speech of men). And now, as I stand in the noonday of splendor
And crowned with the regal crown of

i crowned with the regal crown of wire, se passionate songs, as wild as tender, em all too tame for the love of my would rather walk by your side in trouble.
Than to sit on the throne of the mightiest king; And the love that I give you today is worth of the love that I used to

may not prove it by deeds of daring In the reckiess spirit that young verse snows; But a truer courage is needed for sharing With patient sweetness your cares and wees, O, not in sinning, and not in dying For those whom we love is love's strength shown; The test of our strength lies in living and

lighten their burdens and laugh at The truest courage is needed daily In facing life's worries and smiling them down; and he who can carry his crosses gayly

And he who can carry his crosses gayly
Is greater than he who can take a town,
And the smallest word that your lips may
offer
of praise or approval is dearer to me
Than all the plaudits the world might Or princes utter on bended knee.

All that was noble, or sweet, or tender, Whatever within me was strong and true, Merged into the perfect, complete sur-I made of my life and soul to you.

And, had I the gift, I would write one royal
And deathless song—the song of the
wife
Who finds her glory in being loyal
And worthy the love that has crowned
her life.



The King of Beasts

ly by roaring. In the circles in which he moves that goes. Roaring doesn't go with us there are two Americans who have no hank- however. We have an impresfer the honors of their profession and the pleasures of private life to the responsibilities of official life with its cares and its impressed by that sort of things impressed by that sort of thing. They want simple assurences that they can rely upon, and straightforward representations as to the exact value of goods. and that is what we try to give

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