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Porto Rico

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women who are benevolently inclined might get beautifully embroidered pillow cases or napkins and tablecloths, handkerchiefs and other things by sending money to the Ladie." Ald society of San Juan.

The women have already established a free medical dispensary. They also give many of the poor people tickets to the Young Men's Christian association soup kitchens, where a poor man can get a dinner for 5 cents.

Women's Work and Wages.

Speaking of the poorer women, there is own living. Outside of school teaching or acting as governesses there are no openings whatever. Women are not employed in the stores. Porto Rico has not up to this date a female typewriter and the work in the postoffices and telegraph offices is done by men. I see some women in the dressmaking The most of them use hand sewing machines and I am told that they sew beautifully with the needle. The wages are such, however, that the American dressmaker could not live upon them. Sewing women who come into the house and sew ali day from 7 in the morning until 6 at night are paid 15 cents a day, including their breakfast and dinner. You can get a fine dress object lesson in politeness to a whole street made for \$2.40 and a lady's linen night dress, car full of people one af ernoon last week, re including the material, tucked at the yoke ports the Washington Post, and much it was and trimmed with lace and insertion, with buttons as desired, costs only 45 cents. This there to hear, for their own everlasting represents more than one day's work. Linen good. It was just a little after 4 o'clock is very cheap here and the American women and the cars were crowded. A tired-looking

a suggestion to make. Suppose we four go down town tomorrow and borrow \$1,000,000 upon our joint endorsement and divide it between the two parties and then let whichever one wins pay the notes."

"One of the funniest things I ever saw in the house," said Governor McMillin of Tennessee the other day, "was a verbal set-to between Cox and Cannon. Cannon gesticulates almost solely with his left index finger. and the way he'll point it at an opponent in debate to emphasize a point is a caution. One day Cox said something Cannon didn't like, and Cann n said: 'Mr. Speaker, I want to interrupt the gentleman-' 'I'll let you have the floor on the condition-that you stop shaking your forefinger at me. I'm afraid it might go off!" 'All right,' said little chance here for a girl to make her Cannon, and with that he stuck his left hand in his trousers packet and began to speak Just as Cannon got warmed up he got excited at the sound-of his own voice and out came his left forefinger, and instantly he was pointing it wi h deadly emphasis at Cox. 'Mr. Speaker,' said the latter, breaking into Cannon's speech, 'the gentleman has broken his contract and I refuse to yield him the floor any longer,' and then Cax went on in his best vein, and gave Cannon a pretty lively flaying. The house burst into roars, and it was a good joke for a month."

The senior senator from Illinois gave an wished that ten times as many ears had been who visit Porto Rico fit themselves out with man with a painful limp came in with the



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to \$3.60 a month and for this sum they will rose and offered his seat. The man dedo anything. They are willing to work and murred. The senator insisted. never strike. Some of them are white and some colored. Not a few come from the neighboring island of St. Thomas. Some speak a little English, and all, as a rule, are Illinoisan contented himself with a strap. clean and nice looking. Ordinary servant From beneath a great poppy-laden hat the girls get from 6 to 7 pesos a month, or from bright eyes of a little girl, near whom he \$3.60 to \$4.20. You can hire a first class stood, peered up at him eagerly. At last he cook for from \$6 to \$7 a menth, and such looked down and saw her. a cook will do the marketing.

Washing and Washerwomen.

The cook, however, will not wash and iron. his head. washerwomen, who carry the clothes to the streams and wash them in cold water. There is no such thing as a clothesline on the island, and nothing like an American washboard or washtub. The clothes are dried on the grass or hung on cactus bushes or wire fences. They are sprinkled while drying and usually come back beautifully white. The Porto Rican washtub is a box made of pine, about a yard long, half a yard wide and about six inches deep. It has sloping sides, and the woman puts the clothes in it, dips hands with soap. Sometimes she tilts the tub against a stone, so that half of it is in the water, and then, kneeling beside it on the edge of the stream, she rubs and scrubs to wash out the dirt.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Stories About Statesmen

During the presidential campaign of 1892, relates the Chicago Record, Senator Quay and Senater Elkins, who were managing the republican interests, and ex-Senator Brice and Henry Watterson, who were in charge of the democratic headquarters, used to live past going. Senator Quay and asked:

"How are you folks off for money?" "We are very hard up," replied the re-

along?" "Well," said Brice, "whenever we want money I go down into my own pocket for it. his face, 'the misguided youth yonder.' Here I have not been able to get much anywhere the governor started toward a table to get else."

"You are lucky to have a pocket to go into," said Senator Quay. "If I had money of my own I would not grumble."

"But," said Brice, "I have to borrow it." "Gentlemen," said Senator Elkins, "I have souri."

linen underclothes, getting them for about crowd at the Fifteenth street transfer station and stood clinging to a strap just in All kinds of servants are very cheap, es- front of Senator Cullom. The senator looked pecially women servants. Maids get from \$3 up. and, seeing the weary face, instantly

"Sit down, sit down," said he cheerily. "You mustn't stand. Sit down."

The man sank into the seat, and the tall

'Won't you take my seat?" she said politely.

The senator smiled down at her and shook

'No, thank you, child," he said, "You mustn't ever give up your seat to a man. It sets a bad example; a very bad example. And he stood till he left the car.

In relating stories having reference to the various men who have occupled the mansion governors of Missouri an old-timer tells this one in the Kansas City Times on ex-Governor Francis:

'We were on a junket to Hermann, Mo.,' said the o. t., "and, as all visitors are certain to do, we visited the fine wine cellars. it in the water and rubs them between her Didn't know, did you, that at Hermann there is the second largest wine vault in the United States? No. Well, you've learned something about your own state.

"Now, of course we sampled the wines pretty freely, and there were many to sample. But we were far underground in the cool, damp cellars, and the wine didn't seem to touch us. Soon we got into the warm sunshine again and that wine began to work. went to the hotel, with the wine still working, and there Governor Francis was called on for a speech. He had his staff with him, togged out in all kinds of gilt and tinfoil, and one member was evidently

"When the governor made his speech it at the same hotel and frequently dined to- was his usual graceful effort. He fairly gether. One evening, as they were sitting at gloated over the glorious country, the magthe same table, Mr. Brice looked over to nificent vistas, and, more than all, the splendid wines at Hermann. 'And,' said the governor, 'it is with singular pleasure that I observe that there is not among us an publican chairman. "How are you getting individual who has indulged too freely save," glaring at the member of the staff who was sprawling in a chair with a vapid smile on match, stumbled over a cuspidor and landed in a heap on a divan, whence he was rescued with difficulty. Straightening himself with a lurch, he added with great force, 'And, gentlemen, the governor of Mis-



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