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The local base ball season is on again with diamonds as trumps.

prior lien on that

As usual, Omaha leads. It had its machinists' strike, settled the differences and got down to work again before other places started the game.

Omaha is now on a sound footing and the aim of its business men should be to promote a gradual and substantial growth rather than feverish and unnatural booms. The time for building air castles has passed.

who have children may enjoy the protime the little ones will have at home.

There should certainly be no discrimiuniformed companies it should be just as good for the ununiformed squad.

English financiers are humiliated because compelled to appeal to Americans to prevent a panic on the London Stock exchange. They should rather be thankful that their American friends were both willing and capable of performing the task.

With half a dozen large retail firms eager for uptown locations, the movein progress. The man with capital to can count on immediate tenants and

The British have declined to participate in further punitive expeditions in China. The way to stop the fighting in China is to stop fighting. The sooner the other powers come to the position be negotiations for a new treaty and taken by the United States the sooner will peace be restored.

One of the supreme court commissiondocket could not be cleared within two years, even if no more cases came up troubles promptly settled can go back for ratification. and take another nap.

The demand of the machinists for a other trades during the past ten years. make no change in the situation. Each In the building trades all mechanics report proposes modifications of the wages higher than were formerly paid administration has no authority to acfor ten hours.

The policy of The Bee has always been to keep the public informed about portunity to say whether the Cuban every important event and every substantial improvement affecting the growth or welfare of this city, and it has carefully avoided the premature announcement of prospective enterprises which are liable to slip a cog before they materialize.

Every franchise for public utilities has a value. The right of way for an electric tramway from Omaha to Fremont lars. If the county enters into a contract with a responsible company for exact some recompense, either a bonus the franchise or the income of the en-

Russian methods knows that Russian to enable it to maintain the in the powers for the language used in the protection of the railroad line means dependence of Cuba and to protect the controversy over the foreign postoffice. Russian control of the country.

SENSELESS RIVALRY.

bruska towns is commented on with ap- do not give the United States the right parent satisfaction by the newspapers to interfere with the interior governof Lincoln. It is incomprehensible why ment. There can be no reasonable obanybody in Lincoln or in any other Ne- jection to this in view of the fact that braska town should encourage hostility it has been repeatedly declared not to to Omaha. What benefit does Lincoln be the intention of the United States to derive from the preference given by the interfere with the local government of merchants of Hastings, Grand Island or Cuba. The addition of the final clause Seward to the wholesale dealers of Kan- of the Platt amendment seems entirely sas City or St. Joseph over the wholesale dealers of Omaha? If these towns amply assured that as soon as they in Missouri are built up at the expense have established a government the of Omaha, how does it help any citizen | United States will consider the question of Nebraska?

Omaha pays one-eighth of the entire doubt that the promise given by the tax of the state; it pays nearly \$200,000 president in this matter will be kept, a year for the maintenance of state in- though of course no one can now say stitutions. How much does Kansas City what the nature of the commercial repay to support the state institutions of lations between Cuba and this country Nebraska? How much does St. Joseph will be. contribute toward the enlargement of It is unnecessary to consider the the Nebraska State university or the minority report, which reflects the feelmaintenance of other state institutions ing of the radical element, for there is located at Lincoln? hardly a possibility of its adoption by

Is not every taxpayer in Nebraska the constitutional convention. Perhaps vitally concerned in the growth and upon further deliberation the convenprosperity of Omaha? Would it not tion will reject both reports and conlighten their burdens and improve their clude to accept the Platt amendment property values if Omaha were to be- without any additions, though this does come as large a city as Cleveland, Buf- not at present appear probable. It is 27,990 falo or Detroit? Is not this spirit of the only course, however, to secure the envy and foolish rivalry displayed by early establishment of an independent certain narrow-minded newspapers on every occasion a positive injury to the whole state?

Lincoln and Omaha have long since ceased to be competitors either in manufactures or in wholesale tobbing. Lincoln jobbers have their field, but they have nothing to gain by helping the jobbers of Missouri. The interests of Lincoln and Omaha may not be identical in all things, but each city is interested in building up Nebraska industries and in patronizing Nebraska dealers in be far less serious than had been apprepreference to those located in other hended. Ten days ago it was thought states.

IN FAVOR OF ABROGATION.

Hon. John W. Foster, former secretary of state, is in favor of abrogating When Governor Nash comes to Omaha | the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He said in he can have anything in sight except a lecture a few days ago that the time the office of police judge. There is a has come for this and that changed conditions are always sufficient cause to abrogate a treaty. When the Clayton-Bulwer convention was negotiated, said Mr. Foster, the country had a population of 23,000,000. Now the population has increased to over 76,000,000 and our territory has more than doubled. He declared that the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine demands that this treaty be abrogated. "This country Trades' association agreed to a ninemust have complete control over the isthmian canal and no other course will ever be contemplated by this The congress of mothers is soon to country. Great Britain could not commeet at Columbus, O. The members plain if we abrogated the treaty. We have delayed doing this in the hope ceedings, but their pleasure will be that England would accept the amended nothing compared with the high old Hay-Pauncefote treaty. That hope gone, the nine-hour day should go into effect enness and disorder on pay day that comwe must abrogate the old treaty and be done with this affair."

While there is probably no doubt in renation in the proposed encampment ex- gard to the right of the United States There was no precipitate action taken universal drunk once a month. There have redoubled, and greater capacity for caracursion of the High school cadets. If to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer conven- and there is every reason to expect that been officers in the army who would pre- mels and bonbons be made manifest in tion, notwithstanding the fact that it contains no specific provision for thus It is to be hoped it will be of short terminating it, it may be well to consider what effect such a course might have upon the public opinion of the world in respect to our good faith. It isn't altogether what Great Britain J. Pierpont Morgan, gives it out that San Francisco of troops from the Philipmight think of such action. We can perhaps afford to be indifferent as to that nation's opinion. But we should not be unconcerned respecting the opinion of other nations, in a matter in which the honor and good faith of this government are involved. It is unfortunate ment of Omaha's business center is still that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty exists, but we have admitted that it is in full invest in store buildings properly located force and effect and can we creditably. having found it to be inconvenient, now proceed arbitrarily to abrogate it?

There will probably be an earnest effort in congress to do this, unless in the meantime a new treaty shall be framed that will be satisfactory to the senate. It is understood that there will also that a number of senators have changed their view since the last session upon the vital point of a neutral isthmian canal and are now prepared to an independent government in Cuba. this way. The grumbling pessimists who ers gives it as his opinion that the support that principle. It is improbable, however, that no treaty which should allow Great Britain any voice in regard to the court in that time. Litigants who to a canal could command the twohave been hopeful of having their thirds majority in the senate necessary

THE TWO CUBAN REPORTS. Whether the Cuban constitutional con nine-hour day without reduction of vention shall adopt the majority or the wages does not appear to be unreason. minority report of the relations commitable in view of the concessions made to tee regarding the American terms will are now working an eight-hour day at Platt amendment which the Washington cept, so that if either is adopted by the Cuban convention the situation will remain as it is until congress has an opmodifications are acceptable to this gov-

ernment.

The additions proposed by the majority report to be made to several clauses of the Platt amendment do not seem to be unreasonable or objectionable. The addition to the third clause, relating to intervention, is understood to be in consonance with the interpretation of that clause by the president and Secretary Root in the conferences with must be worth many thousands of dol. the Cuban commissioners. It defines explicitly the significance and scope of the proposed intervention and unquesthe construction of such a line it should tionably the Cubans may properly ask ern them. They are ferninst governthis. It suggests, perhaps, a little disor a royalty proportioned to the value of trust of the United States, but that is of no consequence. The addition to the seventh clause, regarding coaling or naval stations, is also understood to reflect what the Cuban commission was tend to leave the railroad in Manchuria told at Washington was our governto the mercy of "savage hordes." In ment's interpretation of that clause. It The time is approaching when the other words. Russia means to use the merely makes clearer and more fully American who can go abroad and not men for years, in wages the amount of the words. Russia means to use the merely makes clearer and more fully American who can go abroad and not men for years, in wages the amount of the platt do anything which will attract attention perhaps \$700,000,000. The fact is the men railroad as a pretext to retain control of defines this proposition of the Platt that vast part of the Chinese empire in amendment, without in the least chang- will be too commonplace to be noted spite of the protestation that it had no ing its character. The Platt amend- even at home. territorial designs. In name it may not ment says that coaling or naval stations be annexed, but any one who has studied are desired by the United States

defense. The addition proposed by and the incident ended, as an apology The cool reception of Omaha jobbers the relations committee provides that it costs nothing and the Turkish treasury by the local merchants of several Ne- shall be understood that naval stations has a good stock of apologies and promises on hand.

unnecessary, since the Cubans have been

government in Cuba. The Washington

adminstration can accept nothing less

than the full conditions submitted by

congress. If the Cuban constitutional

convention will not accept these as they

are American occupation of Cuba must

THE STRIKE OF METAL WORKERS.

probable that 150,000 machinists would

be directly involved and indirectly

500,000 men in m tal-working trades,

the workers, so that the number en-

gaged in the strike perhaps does not

machinists and metal workers. The

probability is, therefore, that the strike

hour day for employes, but nothing was

done at that time in regard to wages

that fact it is because they are not a

The opposition press has never ceased

to harp on the story that the soldiers in

the Philippines were mistreated and

given by the members of two of the

volunteer regiments who happened to

be steaming into San Francisco harbor

just as the tug with the president

aboard was passing to attend the

launching of the Ohio. The cheer which

were hostile to the administration. A

and the natural gifts of man

independence.

duration.

be maintained until congress shall other

The meat packing industry is the backbone of South Omaha and must be depended on for its further expansion. Institutions that will work up into finished articles the by-products of the slaughtered live stock are the establishments that will pay best at this particular point.

Doing the Other Fellow. New York Mall and Express of commercial relations. There is no powers shall lend her money to pay it.

> Among other things that liquid air is good for is mosquitoes. Every one should remember this next summer. Liquid air only costs \$9 an ounce. Apply one ounce to each mosquito.

Were Any Fusionists Sheared? New York Tribune.

Colonel Bryan vehemently denounces recent operations in Wall street. Yet it is somewhat more than suspected that some of his ardent supporters have had a more than passing interest in them

lector the sultan hates anything in the nature of a printing press.

Giving the Poreigner the Benefit. that it sells goods abroad for less than it sells them at home, but he says that this cheap labor abroad. But does not the steel trust sell at a good profit abroad? If it The indications are that the strike of machinists and other metal workers will does not why does it want foreign markets?

Bargain Day in Transports.

the government between New York and the West Indies will be sold at auction but in the meantime a great many em- in July. The net proceeds realized from ployers have conceded the demand of this sale will enable Uncle Sam to deter mine the exact amount of pure metal there was in some of the marine gold bricks which were palmed off on him when he was exceed one-third the whole number of in the market for transport steamers.

Let Humanity Rejoice.

will be of brief duration and that the metal industries will not be seriously The demands of the men are for a working day of nine hours, with the donating the oil in the interests of husame pay as for a day of ten hours. manity. There would seem to be some Some time ago the National Metal chance for humanity when the Standard

Chicago Chronicle Subsequently this question was taken up by the International Association of Machinists and the usual steps taken own way about it. For it will always be to present the matter to employers. May within the power of the officers and men 20 was decided upon as the time when of a post to produce such a scene of drunkand it was ordered that if the demands pared with it the canteen will look like were not conceded a general strike should be inaugurated on that date, them to confess that they cannot prevent a on the jam closet and the cooky box be vent it, canteen or no canteer the strike will be conducted peaceably.

A famous British phrenologist, who torneys, animated by the same motive as claims to have examined the bumps of actuates the shyster in general practice, is morally and socially Morgan is a most pines. Runners for these business seekers commonplace man and as a whole his become so thick and persistent that a faculties are not above the ordinary, special guard had to be provided to keep This only demonstrates that phrenology them out of camp and the hospitals. They drummed like the old-time hotel pluggers or bumpology is a humbug. Men are at the central depot and made representajudged by what they accomplish and tions that there was no possibility of fulnot by the elevations or depressions of filling. The Washington agencies heard o the skuil. Morgan may be lacking in how their harvest was being gleaned and moral stamina, but no one can deny him hastened representatives across the conthe possession of financiering ability of cess. And yet we wonder that the pension

good criterion in estimating brain power Minneapolis Times The Cubans may well wish to be proin some distant eon, when we have all ston be acquired by the city and made tected from their fool friends. But for grown so great through evolution that we museum the encouragement which a few agitators in the Island received from men in this country there would have been the appreciable amount of heat which we no differences to delay the formation of get from the stars. It has always been Politicians, whose only object was to see only misery and ruin ahead should embarrass the administration, have conthis. No sooner is one thing likely to play vinced them that they could and should out than another takes its place. If a secure a modification of the Platt candle can send a heat wave which affects amendment. They have listened to poli- a delicate instrument a mile away, as Prof. ticians and the result will only be delay in securing what they desire-complete

those returning soldiers sent up completely drowned the wall of discord at over the Platt amendment. They are The millionaire confesses that he does that the United States shall protect it-

ment first, last and all the time. Between the Americans who go Europe and create sensations and the Europeans who come over to this side on the same mission the cable companies manage to keep the wires busy. do anything which will attract attention

Turkey has promised to apologize to eration received; so that he appears to have people thereof, as well as for its own The apology will doubtless be tendered earned for him.

China does not seem to care greatly how large a figure her indemnity is placed at so long as it is understood that the western

Within the Reach of All. Globe-Democrat.

Sultante Annoyances Globe-Democrat. The sultan has barred out typewriting machines from Turkey because the person operating them cannot be identified by the matter written. Next to a col-

Mr. Schwab of the steel trust admits discrimination is necessary because of the

The transports that have been used by

Kansas City Star.

The New Jersey mosquito is being attacked by the government in the Hackensack meadows. Dr. Howard, entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, is leading the crusade. The Standard Oil company is Oil trust becomes enlisted in its behalf.

Overdoing the Canteen Racket.

It ought to be sufficiently obvious by this time that whether the army canteen is wise heaven-sent civilizer. It does not reflect much credit on the officers, however, for

The true character of some pension ata high order. If his bumps fail to show roll cannot be made a roll of honor.

Looking Ahead for Trouble.

the world's supply of heat may give out shall be able to swing ourselves into a new planet, may take comfort from the America and Americans, says that the Dartmouth professor's recent discovery of take fresh heart of grace from facts like Nichols has proved by his recent heat measurements, the future scientist may be able to provide for us, not only ways of finding out old caloric, but ways for mak ing new. Great is science.

NOT A CHEERFUL GIVER.

austic Comment on Mr. Rockefeller's Method of Bestowing Gifts. Detroit Journal.

Mr. Rockefeller made a speech recently in which he said that his greatest joy was n making others give who just wished to hang on to what they had. The public would have some of the same joy if the Standard Oil man could be induced to give up some of his tremendous pross-the wift to be in the form of lower prices for articles of universal consumption and not alone to colleges and churches. When he says a university can have \$100,000 of his if it will induce other men to give a like The Cubans are still sorely exercised sum he has an advantage over the public which cannot bring any influence to bear on him to give where he would not think willing to have the United States spend of doing so without solicitation—that is to treasure and blood to protect them from say, in the shape of lower prices for oil foreign foes, but they are not willing and the by-products of the crude petroleum.

not give for the pure joy of giving, but among the mountains. Kentucky has 16 per self against outbreaks of Cuban an- for the satisfaction of seeing the purse archy. The truth is the Cubans do not strings of others loosened. He likes to appear to be able to govern themselves play the part of a compress by squeezing and do not want anybody else to gov. money from men rejuctant to give. He Mississippi, with an almost overwhelming can pay out a few hundred thousand with- negro population, is only 11. In Arkansas out a sacrifice of an atom of personal com- it is 16. fort and without disturbing his business plans in the least. But he declines to do to even this unless he compels charity on the part of others. We read that the Lord loves a cheerful giver, not that a man is lovable whose gaiety comes from the fact that he makes others give.

Mr. Rockefeller also pointed out that h had "given steady labor" to thousands of gave their steady labor to him and that he, one man, is now in possession, by common report, of nearly as many millions as the thousands of employes during a genretained the Iton's share and not to be fitted to pose as one dividing on fair terms the wealth labor and his own talents have

The Harriman Coup

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Union Pacific railroad interest is a such a hostile control has now, it would apdistinct victor in the controversy which pear, been averted. precipitated last week's panic. This fact is established by the assurance conveyed to take over the Burlington at what would from the other party that it "will be taken seem to be an extravagant price, indicatcare of" in the conclusion of the Burlinging a purpose on the part of those roads to ton consolidation, no matter who holds a make the fullest and most exclusive use majority of the Northern Pacific stock. of the latter for their own profit and ad-Thus the Morgan-Hill crowd have had their vantage. The Harriman coup in the stock fight absolutely for nothing, for it was to market has now destroyed any such golden secure recognition in the pending consoliexpectations, and yet it is apparent that dation that the Union Pacific party set out the consolidation scheme is to be concluded on the terms offered by the northern roads. to capture Northern Pacific control. Another question remains to be answered. That all the risks of the purchase are to be

The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern roads form two transcentinental lines Union Pacific at the same time is to be running across the far northwest close together. They have for some time been for transcontinental points is hardly supoperated under an ownership largely comion to both. The Union Pacific is a competing line on transcontinental traffic, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad spreads all over the rich Mississippi valley region in which both these transcontinental systems have their eastern termint. But, while the Burlington system only narrowly reaches up into connection with the northern roads, the great body of its mileage be brought into a more or less close relais concentrated in the region lying between Omaha and Kansas City (Union Pacific termini) on the one hand and Chicago and all the Pacific roads. A scheme of harthe east on the other, while a considerable menious rallway union so stupendous as Burlington mileage invades Union Pacific territory west of the Missouri river. Thus a hostile control of the Burlington would factor in carrying it out is an eager and much more vitally affect the Union Pacific sanguine investment public which the panic than its competitors on the north, and has done much to destroy.

MUCH GOOD IN SUGAR.

Strenuous Life.

New York Sun.

in fifteen years and in Great Britain it is

three times as great per capita as it was

forty years ago. Great Britain consumes

eighty-six pounds of sugar per head of

sixty-five pounds; the two countries easily

lead all others in sugar eating. This is

interesting, but that it is not simply owing

to the sweet tooth appears pretty clearly

from such demonstration of the dietetic

value of sugar as that by Dr. H. Willoughby

Dr. Gardner first shows that many in

jurious qualities formerly ascribed to sugar

have no existence; he then points out its

merits as a food. "It is easily digested

and absorbed; it is readily stored up as

glycogen, forming a reserve of force-pro-

ducing material; it is in this form readily

available when required; it becomes com-

leaves no residue." That it creates energy

by laboratory experiments and by the ex-

perience of mountain climbers, of explor-

a great deal of sugar. It is shown also by

the fine condition of the date-eating Arabs

From these facts Dr. Gardner conclude

hat the increased height and weight and

the improved health of the English people

in the last half century are due largely

to the increased consumption of sugar. The

inference is plain that an important factor

in Anglo-Saxon superiority, in the greater

energy and push of the race, is the habit of

It will be interesting to note the effect

those who love it best. Will the attacks

cal authority? Or will sweets, no longer

by the physician, share the odium of cod-

The old Puritan idea that what is pleas

ant must necessarily be bad gets many a

PERSONAL NOTES.

hard knock from modern science.

Mayor Joseph D. Phelan \$5,000 each.

It has been suggested that the old

Sara Bernhardt, in an interview

last trip here than she has known abroad

Frederick W. Holls, one of the delegates

to the peace conference, whom the czal

has just asked for a conference at St

1857 and graduated cum laude from Colum-

the tiger flourished on the ground floor.

Later the animal was driven to the upper

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, British chan

cellor of the exchequer, is not a brilliant

Admiral Cervera remains a prime favor

ite with the American people. At Gibral

hand, giving him a most kindly welcome.

Illiterate white inhabitants in southern

and border states are most numerous

cent, Tennessee 18, South Carolina 18 and

But the percentage of white illiteracy in

It is related in London that an inquis-

tive ecclesiastic asked Mr. Morgan bluntly

how much he had paid for Gainsborough's

"Duchess of Devonshire," and the head of

Officer Clarence Routh of New Orleans is

worth more than the amount named. He

owned 100 acres of land in the Texas oil

for a satisfactory offer.

the so-called American "steel octopus"

Alabama 18 per cent of illiterate whites.

his budget speeches are stored.

liver oil and blue pills?

fight against competition.

army.

in years.

state.

asylum."

bia college in 1880.

eating more sugar than other nations do.

and of the negroes who eat sugar cane.

Gardner in the British Medical Journal.

The consumption of sugar has increased

emendously; it has doubled for the world

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

this may be practicable at the present

posable and the joint purchase of the Bur-

must thus apparently be in contemplation.

plated at the outset. The Union Pacific al-

Most Important Supporter of Modern Happenings of Minor Interest at the National Capital.

While the Navy department insists on up-to-date equipment, there is one branch of the service from which modern innovations are rigorously excluded and tradition revered. That is, the form of the commission issued to naval officers. The steel engraved plate from which they have been population a year and the United States printed for fifty or sixty years is worn out and must be replaced. It has been noticed for some years that the commissions printed from this plate were becoming less clear cut, and when Captain Sigsbee received his last commission his comment on the subject to Secretary Long induced that official to take up again the matter for considera-

After lengthy discussion Secretary Long sent for the officials of the bureau of engraving and instructed them to take a copy of the old plate as nearly as the rules of that bureau in reference to counterfeiting would permit. The engravers wished to change the plate by putting new and improved guns in place of the old "Long value of its shares, "work" the market up pletely oxidized without any waste and Tom" in vogue in 1830-40, and the new war and maintains strength has been proved ships for the old sailing vessels, but to this neither Secretary Long nor his assistants would agree. They wished to preserve the style of engraving of the period in which ers and athletes, and of German soldiers it was made and retain all the old earwho have been kept on a diet containing marks of that date.

As the matter now stands, the new plate will be an exact reproduction, save for some slight changes of shading and so on. The old plate was made by the American Bank Note company in New York in 1830 or 1840 and is considered one of the finest and most artistic pieces of engraving belonging to the government. Having seen service for the heroes of both the civil and Spanish-American wars, as well as other men of long and faithful service, it is regarded with reverence by the Navy depart-

of the rehabilitation of a sugar diet upon The eagle at the top of the commission has a lean and hungry look, and not the generally renders a service. appearance of being a near relative even of the well-fed, pompous-looking bird that and sells produce or stocks on the exuments of today. The flags, guns, boats and other naval equipments are all typical forbidden, pall, and will sugar, prescribed of the period of the navy sixty years ago, while the figures of Neptune and Nereid, plowing the waves with their star horses, beautifully conceived and executed, make it one of the most elaborate and imposing documents of the government.

A correspondent of the New York Time relates that some months before Rear Ad-Looks as if President Schwab might have miral Hichborn was retired from the servto earn his \$1,000,000 salary by a constant ice he had exhibited in his room at the Navy department a painting representing Claus Spreckels has contributed \$10,000 the battle at Santiago on July 3, 1898, the to the American navy mounment fund of scene showing the positions of the United San Francisco and John W. Mackey and States and Spanish fleets at 10:30 o'clock, according to the chart prepared by the A poem by General "Stonewall" Jackson Sampson board just after the battle and has been discovered among some old printed in the appendix to the report of papers in Lexington, Va. Jackson wrote it Rear Admiral Crowninshield for that year. while a young lieutenant in the regular Great care was observed to have the relative positions of the ships faithfully given, as there is much sensitiveness among the in Raleigh, N. C., which was the birthcaptains of the fleet touching that matter. Before it was shown to the public some place and home of President Andrew Johncorrections were made. The Indiana's position was slightly improved, and the guns of the Colon were represented as emitting only flashes instead of smoke, that vessel alone using smokeless powder. Splashes were added to the neighboring sea to indionly thing she has really to complain of concerning this country is its weather cate better the frequency with which pro-She met, she said, more storms during her

jectiles were dropped about the leading American ships. In order to get as many of the fighting ships in the picturae as possible it became necessary to put the Brooklyn in the fore-And that will cause the trouble Petersburg, was the son of a Lutheran that is threatened. The Oregon's people minister. He was born in Pennsylvania in think that the picture of the battle that will be most admirable will make as much of the Oregon as any other vessel engaged. The glories of Montana as a gamblers' Captain Evans is said to have uttered an paradise have vanished. A dozen years ago unfavorable opinion of a picture that so vaguely sets forth the presence of the Iowa Rear Admiral Bowles, proud of the work he stories. Now it is banished from sight has performed for the new pavy, suggests and hearing. The landmarks of frontier the desirablilty of having a picture of the life are few and far between in the Copper fight that testifies to the presence of the Texas, which he built. Officers who have served on all the vesels of the fleet that were really, and not by legal construction, orator, but he has a faculty for presenting in the fight, want pictures that make each his financial statement in most interesting of the vessels most prominent. It is ob form. It surprises not a few that he vious that the only way to gratify everyshould exert himself to commit to membody will be to have as many pictures of the ory all the minutiae of detail with which Santiago battle as there were ships engaged and then supplementary pictures to show where the New York and Massachusetts were when the other ships were fighting. One envious officer suggests that as this i tar the other day some tourists from this likely to be a bad summer for files Rear country on board the Furst Bismarck greeted him with great cordiality as he Admiral Bowles shall take down the picture same alongside on a tender, and it is said and put it away to save it from flyspecksthat they all insisted upon grasping his and criticism.

About nine-tenths of the cranks who are allowed to enter the city of Washington sooner or later make their way to the Treasury department. They seem to have a spite against the place because there is an immense quantity of money within the walls of the great white marble building Secretary Gage has become so expert in handling them that he would make a firstrate warden of an insane asylum when h lets go of his place in the cabinet. The other day one of these cranks secured as audience with the secretary, after telling an impressive story to the clerk in th outer office.

wriggled as he replied: "Nobody will ever "Mr. Secretary," he said briskly, as h know. If the truth came out I might be approached Mr. Gage's desk. "I won't detain considered a candidate for a lunatic you but a minute. Just please sign your Not many policemen are millionaires

"What is it?" asked Mr. Gage, reaching even in New York, where the perquisites for the plece of paper, which the crank bac of men in blue are said to be of the richest. taken from his pocket. "A check for \$135,000," answered

"The government does not allow me to region and has refused an offer of \$1,590,- sign personal checks during office hours." 000 for it, believing it to be worth \$2,000,- replied the secretary. "Come after 4

"Thank you, sir," answered the crank, as

be reached for his hat. He did not know that after that hour he would be compelled to state his business at the outside door of be treasury building.

The United States treasury has a very snug sum piled away in the vaults representing the accumulations from unpaid But the two northern roads have planned money orders. The fund now amounts to over \$2,500,000, and has been piling up for thirty-five years. With each individual order the government has made a special effort to effect payment to the payee or restore the amount to the remitter, and, failing, can do naught but keep the amount The fact that 50,000 duplicate orders are annually issued would appear to indicate that the American people are extremely careless in the handling of these money vouchers. Where the originals go or how borne by the northern roads and that the they are disposed of would fill a volume.

The government has issued \$4,000,000,000 admitted to a share in Burlington traffic in money orders and has paid every cent of this great sum except the \$2,500,000 mentioned. A single order may be issued up lington by all three transcontinental lines to \$100 in amount and the average is about \$7.50, the smaller offices issuing the great Hence the possibility of a much greater bulk of orders and the larger offices cashrailway consolidation than was contem-

ing 95 per cent of them. Traveling men, actors, circus men, railready controls the Southern Pacific, and in road employes and others, whose business the carrying out of this revised plan the requires them to move from place to place, two southern transcontinental lines would are very fond of buying orders payable to themselves. They cannot spend an order tionship with the two northern. This would as a bill and as no one but themselves or leave only the Atchison uncared for among the indersees may secure the amount of the orders they are just that much ahead when they get into the next town, making themselves their own bankers with the govtime and may be effected, but an important ernment as a depository. Sometimes an actor or a circus man will present a dozen orders at the close of the season which he has bought from time to time and their amount represents savings which otherwise would have been spent.

Money orders disappear in various ways. Some are burned up or torn up instead of the receipts and this is particularly true of international money orders where the receipts are of the same size of the order, only white in color. Some are sent in letters which are not addressed at all, or are incorrectly addressed, and these, together with thousands of other orders, find their way to the dead letter office. Ultimately most of these letters find their way back to the remitters or duplicates are applied for.

SPECULATION AND GAMBLING.

Difference Between Shell-Games, Gold Bricks and Other Varieties. Chicago Chronicle

Denunciation of speculation as gambling too indiscriminate. Some speculation is mere betting-mere staking money on a future event, such as the state of the weather a month hence. Other speculation is gambling with loaded

dice, as where persons who control a property and can increase or decrease its earning power or otherwise change the and down, raking off winnings in both directions. This is gambling of the shell-game variety-mere swindling. But those who

practice it pass for eminently respectable people, while the shell-game operator, who is no better, gets behind the bars if caught. Still other speculation is not only en tirely innocent, but entirely laudable. It is, indeed, an element in every enterprise. It is buying, selling, investing with a reasonable prospect of gain. A man buys wheat to hold for a higher price because he has reason to believe there will be scarcity or more urgent demand. He buys to sell again in the future at a profit. That is precisely what every merchant does. He risks some thing on future markets-future supply and demand. So does the man who builds a business block or establishes a manufacturing plant. He takes a risk in every case and

The same is true of the man who have state of the market. The one of these men is as much a gambler as the other he is just as good or bad as the other and no more so.

Let us be discriminating when we moralize upon the different pursuits in life and the different aspects of what may seem to be the same pursuit.

MAYTIME MERRIMENT.

Yonkers Statesman: Mrs. Crimsonbeak— Don't you think you had better stop at that employment bureau on your way home and see about a girl?"
Mr. Crimsonbeak—What's the use? All bureaus are alike—you can never find any-thing you want in them.

Chicago Tribune: Mr. Hammer—Ah, there is Miss Nail. I'll make a hit in that quarer." Miss Nail—There's that horrid Hammer. He gives me a headache. Help! Help!

Philadelphia Times: "What! Engage a young doctor who has just graduated?" "Certainly. He can say what few older physicians can't. He's never yet lost a

Detroit Free Press: "Here's a distinguished scientist who says that after all there is nothing in germs."
"Nothing in germs? Nonsense! Why look how much the doctors have made out of them." Pittsburg Chronicle: Objector—But doesn't your system tend to elevate the dollar above the man? Political Economist — Certainly. You

wouldn't have a man stoop to earn a dol-lar, would you? Chicago Tribune: "Maria, what's the matter with this coffee? It's beastly."
"I made it out of that substitute for to-bacco you've allowed to lie about the house so long. I wanted to find out if it wasn't good for something."

Philadelphia Press: "Some men are like wine. They improve with age."
"Yes, but the likeness must be perfect, though."
"How do you mean?
"Well, no wine can improve with age that has ever been drunk."

Detroit Journal: As we chained the wretch to the stake and piled the faggots about him, his cringing terror moved us to "You haven't much fortitude!" we sneered. I haven't fortitude to burn, for a

Washington Star: "Aren't you afraid that Filipino prisoner of yours will escape?" "Certainiy not," answered the American soldier. "Don't you see how close the poor fellow keeps to us! He's scared half to death for fear we will lose him and so prevent his getting to camp in time for din-

PASSING OF RAGTIME.

W. J. Lampton in New York Sun Sit still, Oh, throbbing heart, Oh, surging soul— Oh, gentle Art

That makes the whole World gather to its breast The dearest and the tenderest; Oh, all of you, sit still.
The while the cruel hand,
That cannot understand,
Lops off
The measure

The measure And the melody, The rapture And the rhapsody

The millions
As the deep-chested winds
Stir oceans to their depths
And roil the bursting billows
Upon the sanded shore
In cadences that cry their pain. And coldly, calmly wait The crushing blow of fate;

If you can't sit still. And will Raise a row and a rucus Jump right up

Jump right up
In a hurry.
Trot out the Ragtime band,
And let her go
For a ragtime show
In a one-time ragtime land;
Turn on the coons and the kickers,
The baby Loos and the lot,
And make of
The last-time ragtime,
A ragtime time,
And hot.

600. He calmly patrols his beat, waiting o'clock."