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an independent and foreign nation.

A plan has been proposed for a tem-

present crop of sugar into our ports.

that the president, if he shall find no

impediment to such a course, may send

a special message to congress recom-

mending it. Such a concession to one

season's product, it is argued by the

advocates of this plan, could not possi-

bly jeopardize any American interest,

but might it not operate to make this

year's production of sugar in the United

States unprofitable to the producers? It

be the result. No one knows how much

than this year's crop, estimated at

o or even at half the present duty must

have the effect to depress the price of

would leave no profit to the producers

of the ways and means committee re-

pines, although made necessary by the

GERMANY AND VENEZUELA.

who undertook to construct a rallway

with much concern at Washington. It

is stated that the North Atlantic squad-

ron, in its southern cruise, will stop at

some Venezuelan port not yet deter-

mined, the itinerary being purposely

left incomplete, and that the appear

ance of a German squadron in Venezue-

lan waters will have considerable influ

ence in determining the movements of

It has been reported that the German

government contemplated seizing the

custom house at La Guayra and col-

is as to what position our government

should take in such an event. If the

would be no question as to the right of

the latter to take forcible measures to

in the opinion of the administration a

well-defined difference between collect

ing debts due from a South American

collecting debts due from the former to

case. According to its latest interpreta-

tion, contained in the message of Presi-

coming to American shores to collect a

said the president, "any state against

punishment if it misconducts itself, pro-

vided that punishment does not take the

form of the acquisition of territory by

any non-American power." Yet in the

case of debt, the nature of the obligation

might make some difference, though our

government would probably not hesi-

tate to concede to a European govern-

most the right to compel the payment

of just claims of its citizens against an

American country. This right has, we

believe, never been questioned and

probably will not be in future, since to

a position unfavorable to the enforce-

Should Germany send a naval force

collecting the debt claimed, our govern-

ment would undoubtedly make inquiry

of the German government as to

whether it intended to make any perma-

nent occupation and would probably in-

sist upon an explicit statement of its

intention. If this was found to be sim-

ply the collection of the debt, as no

be no interference on the part of the

seriously concerning himself about the

pearing in Venezuelan waters. He is

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clare free trade at the port and in that

way head off the attempt to forcibly

pean countries.

country to a European country and the

mestic beet sugar industry.

unjust to the latter.

sugar there is in Cuba to be exported

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M. B. HUNGATE.

(Seal.) Notary Public. New York is enveloped by a dense

fog. Omaha is enveloped by a dense If a telephone or electric lighting fran-

chise were worth only \$100 in Omaha, wonder what it would be worth in South

No one has yet advanced a single good reason why the funds of the county on deposit in the banks should not draw States stands in the far east, obviously interest for the benefit of the taxpayers.

It is greatly to be feared that cona bill before the holiday vacation in ad- foreign and the other American terridition to the usual appropriation of the tory, would manifestly be unfair and members' own salaries.

The republic of Switzerland has just elected a new president for the Swiss confederation who will take charge mine to take forcible measures to colfor the coming year. A change in the Swiss presidency no longer cuts much of a figure in the realm of world powers.

What has become of that committee of heavy taxpayers always so much in evidence when the levy ordinance is pending? Why don't these heavy taxpayers come to the front now and insist on a just valuation of the capitalized concerns for which they chiefly speak?

As if being buried alive were not enough for one man to endure, our selfinterred hypnotist has a prospect of being confronted on awakening with two women each claiming to be his wife. If he only knew that, he might have given orders to postpone the resurrection indefinitely.

As was to have been expected, the government of Venezuela owed anynew Philippine tariff is denounced by thing to the German government there the democratic opposition as another step in the well-marked line of imperialism. If the word imperialism were collect the debt, but there is said to be stricken out of the language the democrats would be in a hard row for campaign claptrap.

The stiff sentences given the Montana train robbers caught with forged European individuals, as in the present banknotes by the federal courts in Missouri should have a depressing effect upon the train-robbing industry. At all dent Roosevelt, the Monroe doctrine events successful train robbers will for does not prevent a foreign power from a time consult their safety by abstaining from passing the queer in Missouri, debt by force. "We do not guarantee," the home of the original train robbers.

From the amount of free advertising they are receiving the base ball magnates have a right to imagine that they rank with the most important personages in the country. But their day of supremacy will not last long. As soon as the base ball season really opens the star player will crowd the base ball magnate down to the bottom of the

The democratic leaders of the senate have notified the republican members of the senate committee on organization that they do not feel called upon to provide committee places for either Senator McLaurin of South Carolina or Senator Wellington of Maryland. A man without a party in the United States senate is no better off than a man without a country.

Delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor have taken decided exception to the remark by one of their number referring to his associates "as the common herd of delegates on the floor." No delegate who did not resent this aspersion would be standing up for the wisdom and discrimination of the constituency that sent him there.

Churchill has emerged from obscurity reported as saying that in the event of and whispered some sagacious advice into the ear of Governor Savage concerning the aspirants for places on the new fire and police commission board. thrifty patriots for the Omaha fire and by his predecessors and that this being tion Superintendent Pearse might find police commission is still fresh in the a commercial obligation Germany time between working politics, building memory of most of our citizens.

A PERPLEXING QUESTION. The question as to what shall be done easily lead to international complical and superintending secret societies to n regard to commercial relations with tions, but it is likely that an amicable discharge some of the duties for which Cuba is the most perplexing with which arrangement will be reached. the government is confronted and none

MORE ARRANT DEMAGOGY.

other is receiving so much attention at the national capital. The result reached Omaha must undergo the process of eduby the house ways and means commitcation. The school of experience, while it tee respecting tariff relations with the Philippines is taken to mean that there is no chance of any reciprocal trade passing under the corporation rod, and are vertisements. arrangement with Cuba being reached beginning to realize how enormous are the during this congress. It is pointed out burdens which the corporations seek to that if the United States will not give place upon them, the World-Herald desires to remind them of the fact that they missed one of its dependencies any such concessions as are asked for Cuba, it is not a very important opportunity at the last ent mayor to be chosen over a good citizen when he is cashing his prize money checks. bestowed on a people soon to set up a like William S. Poppleton.-World-Herald.

government of their own and become This is another striking example of the arrant demagogy that has characterized the attitude of the World-Herald porary or provisional measure whereby in dealing with every question that af-Cuba shall be permitted to send her fects the public welfare. Its outery marked all his course. His practice of reagainst the enormous burdens which the appointment continues in this house the efcorporations seek to place upon Omaha ficient organization of the last. either free or at half the present rates of duty. The idea is to confine this taxpayers is as insincere and hypocritmeasure to the crop on which grinding ical as has been its warfare upon state is just beginning and limit the period treasury embezzlers and speculators in of its operation to perhaps six months public school funds. from the date of enactment. It is stated

tion last summer raised the corporation can firm might secure a large and profitable in the duty on the most important necesassessments \$2,000,000 and then dropped order by sending a drummer to the Boer saries of life, a policy which, in present them back to the assessors' figures, which were ridiculously low, the World-Herald did not have a word to say, Why? Simply because the board is democratic, and the responsibility for this flagrant abuse of the taxing power rested principally upon the party in conappears highly probable that this would ernment.

city Board of Review happen to be re- altering one's opinions. and it is very likely considerably more publicans, while the chairman claims to be a popocrat. Does anybody familiar 600,000 tons. It would seem inevitable with World-Herald methods and policies that the admission of this sugar free believe that it would have indulged in any very serious criticism of the board if the majority had been democratic?

the home product to an extent that Suppose, for example, that Ed Howell had been elected mayor of Omaha four if indeed it did not result in actual loss years ago instead of Frank E. Moores. to them. Another thing to be consid-Would the World-Herald have even ered is that the sugar trust would be a lisped a word of condemnation if the is it in the Philippines. great beneficiary from the proposed Howell board of review had overruled a plan and would be provided with an adrepublican tax commissioner in the asditional means of attack upon the dosessment of the street railway and gas companies? A good deal of opposition has devel-

True, Omaha must undergo a process oped in congress to reciprocity with of education and it must learn to know Cuba and while it is still possible that the difference between honest newssomething will be done in the interest papers and unprincipled party organs. of the island the question as to how Whatever education the people of far we can go in making concessions with a proper regard for our home interests is a difficult one. The position paper that has turned the searchlight of garding tariff relations with the Philipporate tax evasion whether the city the office of the assistant secretary of the "open-door" policy for which the United complicates the question of commercial cratic. If anything, The Bee has been relations with Cuba, since to make conmuch more severe in its condemnation cessions to that island which we refuse of republican boards of equalization liarly quick, earnest manner, to the effect indispensable at the Foreign office, where gress may break the record by passing to give to the Philippines, the one being than it has of the democrats and poputhat they must not underestimate the dan- for several years he has been the minis-

The Bee has always had the courage to denounce abuses within its own party wherever they might be found, while the World-Herald has not only invariably whatever came without grumbling. 'Posi-Whether or not Germany will detersought to cover up the misdeeds and tively, gentlemen, said he, I will have no trust it to Count Szcecsen. A Hungarian Eighth district of New York. Mr. Cannon misdemennors of the members of its lect the debt claimed to be due from own party, but it has also, time and Venezuela to certain German financiers again, been the sponsor and champion of republican embezzlers and jobbers. in that country is said to be regarded to whom it has always been ready to extend aid and comfort.

In the light of its torthous course in ennection with public plunderers and boodlers its jeremiad about the retribution that has overtaken the city by the election of the present mayor in place of W. S. Poppleton does not deceive anyhas ding-donged into the ears of our citizens for years as an argument for thirsty democratic Tammany which has been yearning to feast at the fleshpots lecting the duties there and the question in the city hall.

It must be highly gratifying to Judge Benjamin S. Baker that Congressman Mercer is making the most strenuous exertions to secure for him an appointment to a New Mexican judgeship. For the past two years almost anybody by the name of Baker was an offensive partisan in the eyes of the non-resident representative of the First district, and the mere suspicion that Judge Baker entertained an ambition to wear the globe-trotter's worn out brogans gave a conniption fit to Tom Blackburn, his faithful errand boy.

President Roosevelt is taking to the practice of pushing buttons to open expositions and conventions just as if he were born to the art. The desire to have the president inaugurate or set in motion every great public enterprise has become contagious. It is a pretty custom, but might grow to such proportions as to become onerous to the chief executive. It is safe to say, however, that so ong as President Roosevelt occupies the White House he will find time to push all the buttons that may be necessary.

It is intimated now that Governor Savage will not come to Omaha to give public audience on the question of the do so would place our government in new fire and police commission, but will wait at Lincoln for the appearance of ment of American claims against Euro- those who want to volunteer advice. Should this prove to be correct the local railroads may look out for a run on to Venezuela for the purpose of forcibly their free pass department by self-sacthe city pay roll by way of a gubernatorial appointment.

British shoe operatives are striking machinery into the factories. It is the same old story. The American shoe doubt would be the case, there would manufacturer, with his superior me chanical facilities, is crowding the United States. Meanwhile President British shoemaker so hard that im-Castro of Venezuela appears not to be proved machinery has become a necessity. The predicament of the British possibility of a German squadron ap shoe operatives is deplorable, but it is a part of the industrial evolution which

By the way, the annual report of the superintendent of schools for the year collect the debt. He asserts that he is ending last June has not yet material-Mr. Churchill's capacity for picking not responsible for the debts incurred ized. It was supposed that after elecshould have recourse to the courts of the auditorium, managing the Commer- from the throne.

law. The matter is one which might clal club, directing public lecture courses the taxpayers put up \$3,000 a year.

From Grave to Gay,

Washington Star. Now that the president's message has is a very dear one, is at the same time a been attentively perused the public will very practical and effective school. At this temperarily neglect the utterances of moment, when the people of Omaha are statesmanship and turn to the holiday ad-

When Heroes Are Not Herote,

Louisville Courier-Journal The Courier-Journal declines to become excited over the division of the Santiago likely that favors of this sort will be city election when they permitted the pres- prize money. No here ever appears hereic decided that, in view of the constantly in-

Old Hands at the Helm.

Philadelphia Press. Speaker Henderson has followed in his full committee appointments the same conservative and consistent policy which has

Great Business Opening

Denyer Post,
Lord Kitchener ow proposes to build barbed wire trochan to protect his soldiers When the county board of equaliza- from the Boers. Some enterprising Americamps with a line of samples of the latest and most effective wire cutters.

Oiling Troubled Gray Matter.

Indianapolis News. It seems to be quite the fashion now for the trusts to quiet obstreperous democratic leaders by making them members of some corporation. Representative Sulzer of New parent to the British crown to hold an actrol of the machinery of the county gov- York is the latest example, having connected himself with a Texas oil company. Two out of the three members of the There is nothing like the point of view for

Where the Shoe Pinches,

Portland Oregonian. Bourke Cockran thinks that President Roosevelt ought to whisper in the ear of hussar regiment; Prince George was made the British minister at Washington that the a sailor and has commanded his own ship United States "does not sympathize with on a regular cruise. Now, by the death the present scheme for the conquest of the of his elder brother, he becomes prince of Boers." President Roosevelt is not likely Wales, the first of the line to be a sailor to expose himself to the obvious retort that | Hitherto he has been promoted rapidly guerrilla warfare is not pleasant or profit- but with a decent period of service in each able in South Africa just at present, neither rank, until he now holds the commission

ROOSEVELT'S PERSONALITY.

Incident in the Formation of the Rough Rider Regiment.

In the current number of the Century a writer who knows him well, discusses is factorily in the Austro-Hungarian diplo-"The Personality of President Roosevelt" mutic service is that of ambassador to the and relates this illuminating incident:

equitable taxation they have received and efficient discharge of public duties by through The Bee, which is the only public officials. I happened to be present when graduates of Harvard and other universities, and western mining engineers, to Goluchowski. It has been the subject of was born in Ayrshire, Scotland. publicity upon the enormities of corcouncils, county boards or boards of navy to be enlisted in the 'Rough Rider' didates had, for various reasons, been set equalization were republican or demo- regiment. Mr. Roosevelt stood in front of aside. Eventually the name of Count his desk, while these earnest, manly young Nicholas Szcecsen, senior under secretary fellows stood ranged around three sides of of state for foreign affairs, began to be his office. Addressing them in his pecu- mentioned. But it was thought that he was gers or difficulties they would encounter, ter's right-hand man. He owed that posihe told them that it would probably be tion to the high opinion Count Goluchowski squealing; and he urged them, if any of he birth and the son of a them thought they could not endure the guished and popular Magyar, Count Szcecgreatest hardships, to withdraw before it

was too late. "Then, turning to a pile of volumes of mounted infantry tactics, he said: 'I will ! remain behind a few days and hurry forward the equipments. You, gentlemen, hurry to San Antonio, and if you do your part toward getting the men in order and licking them into shape. I promise to ge you into the fight. There are not enough tactics to go around, but I will distribute these, and you must read and study them body. It is the same old song which it on the cars.' Calling out their names, he hurled the books at the men so fast tha several would be in the air at once, the men catching them on the fly. I could turning the city over to the hungry and see in their faces that every one of them was ready to follow him to the death.

"Out of the clouds of misconception and the false impressions thrown about this picturesque figure by the cartoonists and the paragraphers, more interested in sensationalism than in reality, there suddenly emerges this intensely earnest, forceful brave, patriotic, humanity-loving, broadminded, non-sectional American, this practical idealist, to become the youngest ruler of the greatest country in the world."

ENGLAND'S "COURT OF CLAIMS."

Rush for Front Seats at the Coronation Ceremony. Philadelphia Record.

The superior persons in England who have expressed their contempt for Americans because of the quadrennial assault on the White House by place hunters may be expected to experience pangs at the spectacle afforded by the peculiar British 'court of claims." This institution was established to relieve the king from the pressure for office in connection with the coronation day ceremonies. All the influence which titles and money can exert has been used in behalf of persons who want to be conspicuous-or, at least, to tower above the mere spectators-on that occasion. The badgered presidents of the United States might profit by the king's example and establish a "court of claims" to determine appointments to office. The mind to the question of his own dress and will escape the censure of the office seekers who must be denied.

The demand for coronation day eminence comes from bishops, earls and even young stand the struggle of bishops for the right to stand with a hand on the king's chair, the contest of earls for the right to walk in the procession carrying a silver baton. etc. Sir Harry Burrard has appealed for privilege of carrying the king's bow rificing patriots eager to connect with and arrows, in spite of the fact that a Mauser rifle would be more effective if his majesty should be attacked. Miss Beatrice Fellows will have a grievance if she shall be refused the right to strew herbs in th

Grotesque as the whole business may seem to Americans, we are not without the same spirit of self-advertising. A the time of Grant's funeral General Sherman said that he had received thousands of applications from persons who wanted to serve as his aides. The prospect of appearing in uniform and riding a horse before a line of spectators was alluring to men who had no military experience and who could ride a horse only when tied Still there is a great deal in the coronation day proceedings which would be more appropriate to a circus procession monarch in the twentieth century. While the English are willing to pay for the spectacular features which belong to an earlier period, they are not willing to relax any of their vigilance in maintaining the popular rights which have been wrested

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

It is estimated that at least 10,000 per sons were present at the different meet ings of unemployed which were held in Berlin the other day. The socialist organ the Vorwarts, notes the fact that the men as a rule were morally and physically greatly superior to those who attended the meetings of the unemployed in 1893. Their quiet bearing showed that they had not lost hope; while the good clothing worn by most of them proved them to have provided in presperous times for a period of depression. Everywhere the speeches were followed with the keenest attention, and a number of more or less socialistic reso lutions were unanimously carried. It was creasing severity of the economic crisis the Frussian and imperial authorities should be urged to take immediate measures to relieve distress. The municipal authorities were requested to proceed at once with all contemplated building schemes, and, indeed, to proceed with municipal works of every kind. It was also resolved to petition the imperial government to give its serious attention to the proposal of Herr Auer for the establishment of labor bureaus and an imperial department of labor. Special stress was laid upon the necessity of avoiding any increase in the burdens of the working classes through indirect taxation, and especially through any increase circumstances, could not full to be followed by most disastrous consequences. As an alternative to the new tariff scheme the government was urged to conclude sound commercial treaties with foreign nations.

British service payers have noted that the prince of Wales is the first heir-aptual commission in the navy, the senior service on their side of the water. Hitherto the heir-apparent has been put into the army, and any naval rank he may have held has been purely honorary. The same rule was followed in the case of the sons of the present king; Prince Edward was made a soldler, and died while major in a of a captain. Hereafter his promotion will be very rapid and his new grades will be honorary, as it will no longer be advisable for the heir to the crown to go to sea in command of a fleet, or to take the risks of a naval officer.

One of the most difficult posts to fill sat-Vatican. The approaching retirement of "He is a kind-hearted man, yet a rigid the present ambassador, Count Revertera. Omaha have had on the question of disciplinarian, and will demand a faithful has made it necessary to select his successor and for a long time the matter has been under the anxious consideration of minister of foreign affairs, Count much speculation in diplomatic circles, as it was known that several prominent cansen is himself a man of strong individuality and a highly skilled diplomatist, qualifications which are indispensable to the successful management of the many delicate questions with which the Austro-Hungarian representative at the Vatican, in these days, has to deal.

> An English newspaper writer in Brussels has been making a special investigation concerning the frequent reports of hideous barbarities practiced upon natives in the Congo Free State, and expresses the conviction that many of them are inventions or exaggerations, set affoat by discharged employes, from motives of personal malice, while others relate to outrages which undoubtedly occurred some years ago. He points out that in many cases the ab sence of specified time and place makes investigation impossible. His belief is that recently there has been a marked improvement in all the conditions of government The other day he had an interview with Mr. Mohun, formerly United States consul at Boma, but now in the service of the Congo Free State, who has just returned from a senior senator, is 77, and his junior colthree years' solourn in the eastern prov-The latter asserts that the present administration is admirable; that the country is quiet from Stanley Falls to Tanganyika; that the native tribes appear to Wheeler will present itself is, therefore, contented and happy and are paid conjectural. promptly for every pound of rubber which ated from West Point forty-two years ago. they bring in. In the case of murder or theft by natives the local chiefs exhibit the greatest willingness to ald in the detection and the punishment of the offenders. Everything, he says, is now settled upon a went far enough into the secret deals of firm basis, business is excellent and scandals the party in power to reveal a close comare things of the past.

The effect of fearless public criticism is British government that the policy in manradically changed. Whether placing the camps under the civil authorities would mean anything it is too early to say, since all South Africa is now under martial law and, in fact, these are no civil authorities. Much good, however, ought to come from breaking up the large camps into small ones of from 2,000 to 3,000 each, since thereby the conditions should be less favorable for disease. There is no promise to establish camps at the sea coast so that permission for any reconcentrados to go to the scacoast would probably be of no particular effect in ameliorating present conditions. The main argument for sea coast camps hinges on the food question. Far in the interior it is more difficult to feed the inmates of the camps. On the whole, however, the government's announcement reveals sensitiveness to the world's criticism as well as to the growing agitation against the camps in Britain itself.

Material for Historical Novels.

Boston Transcript. Fifty or a hundred years from now this Sampson and Schley affair will be the foundation of a batch of historical novels, fo they ill be in fashion again by that time we are now witnessing their decline It's not difficult to tell even now before the novel happens which of the two men wil wear all the honors, even if the facts indicate that a good many were due the other For one of them is invested with that intangible, unacquirable something called personal magnetism, and with all that this gift does for the living hero it does more for the dead one, leaving an undying fragrance to linger about his name as long as it is ever written in history.

Old Comrades Parted

New York World. Wheat is advancing to the dollar mark, out its old friend silver is still stubbornly striding in the other direction.



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POLITICAL DRIFT.

There are only four states in the country which have more than 1,000,000 voters each, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. The only member of the president's cabinet not a native of the United States is the secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, who sleigh riding dozens of times."

Pat Garrett of New Mexico, famous as the

sheriff who hurried numbers of "bad" men into early graves, is to be appointed collector of customs at El Paso. With Garrett in charge smuggling along the Rio Grande will become an unprofitable business. Twenty-eight years ago Thomas Creamer of New York was a member of the

Forty-third congress. He has now re-entered public life as a representative of the Eighth district of New York. Mr. Cannon and General Ketcham are the only two members who served with Mr. Creamer in the Forty-third congress. The real significance of the election of

General P. A. Collins as mayor of Boston by the largest plurality in twenty-five years is increased taxation. The retiring adminis increased taxation. The retiring administration brought about increased valuation and materially increased the levy, and the result of the election is regarded as an emphatic protest against the growing burnassed myself with a pair of feet like that." den of taxation. With the reappearance of Arthur P. Got

man as a candidate for re-election to the United States senate from Maryland his political partisans are not slow to discover new titles in him to popular confidence and regard. It appears that Senator Gorman was centerfielder of the old Nationa Base Ball club and the grounds were on the White House property in Washington He was a good, earnest player and was one of the stars of the team.

There is a revival of the talk in Alabams of electing General Joe Wheeler as United States senator when a vacancy occurs, Senator Morgan, usually described as the league, Senator Pettus, is 80. Senato Morgan has recently been re-elected and Senator Pettus is a candidate for another term. When the opportunity for General He is 65, and was gradu-

The libel suit against the St. Louis Republic, involving the integrity of the democratic party machine in Missouri, was suddenly dropped by the plaintiff. The inquiry munity of interest between democratic leaders and the corporations, and the heat provoked by the testimony caused mysterious again seen in the announcement by the parties to turn the hose on the flames by giving the plaintiff a bunch amounting to aging the reconcentration camps is to be \$7,500. The Republic professes to be innocent and very indignant.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS

Somerville Journal: "What a lovely cataract" exclaimed the oculist, as he caught his first view of Niagara Falls.

was born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

There are fewer contested seats in the present Fifty-seventh congress than in any previous house of representatives for thirty years. There are no serious contests for seats in the senate.

Haltimore American: "Sary," snickered young Ab Corntossel, "I kinder think I'll put myself on th' Christmas tree fer you this year." "If you do, Ab," giggled Sary, "they'll not take you off this year. They'll let you stay there till you git ripe enough to pick."

Washington Post: Second-story Charlie—
I hear poor Bill is in the itsy house on Ward's island.
Light-fingered Mike—Yes, it made Bill loony always readin' in the papers, after he would crack a crib, about the piles of cash and valuables he had just overlooked. Bertha learned to skate while she was at Vassar. Brooklyn Eagle: Constance-I thought

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What do you most desire for Christmas, Miss Mabel?"
"Oh, George, this is so sudden!"
"Wh-what do you mean?"
"Why, of course, I want you!"

Chicago Tribune: "The trouble with me, emarked the man in the mackintosh, when it comes to making speeches, is that

Philadelphia Press: "Yes," said the Fairy Prince, "you may have whatever you want for a Christmas present."
"I will choose," said the Fortunate Per-son, "either a wife or an automobile."
"How foolish!" exclaimed the Fairy Prince. "Why do you not select something that you can manage?"

THE CLERK AND THE SHOPPERS.

S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. Now that the merry Yuletide comes
The jaded clerk once more must rise
As if to take a judgment seat
And show the world that he is wise;
The great, the small, the rich, the poor,
All come to him to ask advice In picking out such gifts as may Be deemed appropriate and nice

The happy mother blandly asks:
"Now do you think this sled will suit?
Or would you, if you were a boy,
Prefer a tool chest of a flute?"
The fond young hisband asks for ald In choosing stockings for his he clerk must favor this or that, And always make his reasons clear

The youthful grandma, whispering, asks
If he will kindly help her choose
The little coat she wants to get.
Or else the cunning little shoes,
And he who has within his watch
The picture of a maiden fair
Implores the clerk to help him find
Such gloves as she'll be proud to wear.

But saddest of the moments which The poor clerk has through all the day
that in which some sweet, sweet girl
Comes trustingly to him to say;
'Now do you—do you really think
That you—that is, if you were he—
Would like to get this if you knew—
Well, if you knew it—came from me?"



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