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Secretary Shaw has very prudently rung off on his Wall street telephone.

(Seal)

The Iowa idea is now reposing under a mantle of snow, but it will thaw out by the time spring sets in.

Another hospital has been projected, this time in South Omaha. There may be such a thing as too many hospitals.

The coal barons will be heard at Scranton this week, but in the meantime the people of the whole country are freezing.

Parties ambitious to own a street railway franchise in the Philippines had better fire their proposals into Manila by

If an eminent divine of Omaha has arrived at correct conclusions, they have stay-at-homes at primaries and general erly do to this end will be done. elections.

The end of the Hawaiian cable has been hitched to the Golden Gate, and Honolulu will be within hailing distance prive the meat packing industry of 25 with the facts that a policy of syste one should imitate the man who made be." of the government at Washington before

sneezing on the Union Pacific picket will practically put an end to the meat the interstate commerce act, and many line will not constitute an offense suf- trade with Germany, which is oneficient for punishment by contempt of fourth of our total exports in this line. court proceedings.

the American marines in the Carribean sea the British and German sea dogs are bombarding the Venezuelan coast man tariff is aimed at the United known, which led the independent op- Council Bluffs that are not reached by cities just to keep in practice.

be permitted by Uncle Sam to war on clare such to be the case. Some ten Venezuela, but there is nothing to days ago a resolution was introduced in transportation and coal companies by hinder them from scaring the Venezue- the Reichstag in regard to withdrawing discriminating rates could in effect comlans into submission to their demands.

view are that the assessment of railroad the resolution declared that it was employes. property by the state board represents aimed primarily against the United less than 1 per cent of its actual value, States. In the course of the debate on while all other property in Omaha is the tariff bill last Saturday the fact and the beneficiaries of wrongful railbeing assessed at 100 cents on the dol- that it is directed chiefly against this road discriminations. This phase is no lar valuation. Here is uniformity.

mittee.

short session of congress is practically be reasonably certain that our commer- of the proposed electric power project worldly wisdom. wasted, and the present session is no ex- cial relations with Germany are ap- now pending before the city council. ception to the rule. Experience shows proaching a crisis. that it is impossible, in the absence of some emergency, to get congress to set- country in the matter is manifestly an were present and the instigators of the tle down to business before the first of important question. Undoubtedly there meeting were openly charged with havthe year, and even then it is generally are some who will counsel retaliation, ing been hired by parties interested in some time before the appropriation com- but that is a course to be adopted only sandbagging the cheaper power entersions. The inevitable result is that many While there can be no question that in only for the members of organized labor living. important measures are delayed till the any tariff war between Germany and who now reside in Omaha, but also for last days of the session, when they are the United States, the commerce of this future generations of workingmen.

The movement in Georgia to establish a "patrol system" in the agricultural disment of the Ku Klux system of terrorism in vogue in the south at the close of the provides for patrolling the highways day and night, and no negro can be abroad and severe penalties unless he can exstant jeopardy of arbitrary arrests.

THE VENEZUELAN SITUATION. our government is under consideration fees, but there is no intimation as to portant industries, should command the it would have been void. There is, howwhat their decision will be. There must be a consultation between the ailies, and this may delay for several days a determination of the question whether or not the proposal shall be accepted. The 10c Indications are that the British government is favorably disposed toward the arbitration proposition, but a report from Berlin states that it is the opinion in official circles there that the proposition was made too late to affect the general situation. This, however, would hardly be regarded as a valid reason for rejecting it, since it was submitted as soon as Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha possible after the allies had entered Venezuelan water and devent claims. To reject arbitration because it was not proposed before what has

than the collection of debts.

part of other South American countries if she shall need it. This is credible, for most of the southern republics are in debt to foreigners, and they see danif those powers succeed in collecting 31,419 their claims. It is unfortunately true necessary to be lenient with many en-28,310 that integrity in regard to financial obligations is not a conspicuous characteristic of the Spanish-American countries generally, and when they find a determincompel them to pay their just debts it posed to stand together for resisting it. It is also said that there is great dissatisfaction with the United States because it does not interpose in the Venof the Monroe doctrine. Our governdoctrine, which it has very recently been pointed out by the president of the United States, does not safeguard the independent countries of this hemisphere against the collection of financial obligations which they justly owe and refuse to pay. The United States intends to protect all of its sister republies against seizure of territory by a foreign power, and from interference by a foreign nation with their political institutions, but it says to them if they refuse to pay their debts this government will not interpose to prevent the collection of such debts by the method which it has recognized as legitimate. With this the Monroe doctrine has nothing

to do. It is still possible that the Venezuelan difficulty will not become more acute and aggravated, and there is no doubt of the independent mining companies painting to which the purest-minded stay-at-homes in churches as well as that whatever our government can prop-

A BLOW TO AMERICAN EXPORTS.

The German tariff will, it is said by vantage. those who speak with authority, deper cent of the provision export trade, representative of one of our leading Hereafter whistling, coughing or packing firms states that the new law detail of which is a direct violation of inger art gallery. This is a serious blow and the packers, While Dewey is playing football with government to take some action for their relief.

There is no doubt that the new Ger-States. Evidence of this is ample. Some of the supporters of the measure Germany and Great Britain will not have been so frank as to publicly dethe most favored nation treatment from pel the independent operators to pay the river. countries which do not grant to Ger-The conclusions of the Board of Re- many full reciprocity. The mover of competitors' as well as that of their own Congressman Fowler, was plainly in- government will undertake a thorough. companies generally and their striking formed by his republican colleagues on going revision of all treaties containing employes. It is not likely that the comthe house banking committee of a lot of the most favored nation advantages. known regarding the bill that carries his limitation of the most favored nation facts it will have accomplished a result for the holiday trade. name. They made it plain to him that clause; we have every reason to act of inestimable value. his banking and currency bill can in precisely the same manner." It is neither pass the house nor even the com- possible that the German government will not be disposed to go as far as the

crowded out by the appropriation bills. country would suffer a good deal less ures of reprisal open to Germany to prise that would insure an increase of war of the rebellion. It is simed ex- a market in Germany at a considerable against an exclusive franchise is misclusively at the colored population. It disadvantage. Some time ago the able leading. There can be no such thing without subjecting himself to arrest State, urged that there should be a tled by the courts in the decision rela-

So complicated is the Venezueian alt- such a treaty. While the attitude of the ling the public. ention that no definite origion can be American senate toward pending trade formed as to what course it may take treaties does not warrant belief that a ing, this latest blow to our foreign com-Washington.

NEW YORK LOAN SITUATION.

The New York Investor, in a careful analysis of the loan record of the New York banks since August 26, when the the fact that in the meantime there has been no net reduction of the loans. The banks all understood that the difficulty of the situation was caused by excessive borrowing, especially for speculative purposes, and it is admitted that they have made strenuous efforts to call in Venezuelan waters and demonstrated loans. But while an immense amount their purpose to forcibly collect their of loans have been called in, the fact remains that the banks have not been able to resist the pressure for funds in occurred would be very generally re- other directions, although they have sucgarded as implying that the European ceeded in effect in getting sounder senations are aiming at something more the loans. Meanwhile there is reported to be very

The significant explanation given by strong sympathy with Venezuela on the the Investor of the failure of the banks to materially shrink the volume of loans and a disposition to offer her assistance amounts to an impeachment of the policy of the banks. It is in short that many of the banks themselves, directly or indirectly, were implicated in specuger to themselves in the course of Great lations and promotions. They felt bound Britain and Germany toward Venezuela, to sustain the market in the interest of these operations, and to do this it was interested.

The failure to restrict loans appears to be one of the strongest points operating ation on the part of their creditors to on foreign creditors at this time, and whose demands are making the money is quite natural that they should be dis- market very sensitive. There is not as yet any pronounced and general movement on their part to call home their enormous loans that have been piling up for over a year, and it is not believed ezuelan difficulty and make application that there will be, but with the pressure so severe as it has been on the banks ment has repeatedly and clearly ex- for several months any noteworthy deplained the meaning and scope of that mand of the foreign creditors is instantly severely felt.

A PRASE OF THE COAL ARRITRATION. commission has not yet reached a point of exceeding importance in public estiand doings of the railroad companies, service is a downright imposition. which are also operators of anthracite coal mines, producing about two-thirds having no connection with or control over person

against the independent operators, every of them of the Sherman trust act. So concession of a 20 per cent increase of wages, since it was apparent that if the price of coal were not raised the entire increase of wages, that of their

The contest, therefore, resolves itself into a distinct issue between the victims over the last five or six years it isn't hard country was clearly disclosed, one less interesting and important than the speaker saying: "We expect that the differences between the proprietary coal mission is competent to correct and set-

NO EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE.

At a special meeting of the Central At this special meeting only a baker's What should be the policy of this dozen of the membership of that body

In the very nature of things it would than that of Germany, the fact is to be deplorable for the Central Labor be borne in mind that there are meas- union to array itself against an entertricts is nothing but the re-establish- which we could not reasonably take ex- mills and factories for Omaha and South ception, but which would nevertheless Omaha by map judgment taken on misplace some of our products now finding information. The hue and cry raised consul general of the United States at as an exclusive franchise or grant in Berlin, in a report to the Department of the state of Nebraska. That was setbroad, liberal and comprehensive treaty tive to the franchise voted by an Omaha hibit a certificate of character signed by between the two countries, "under the city council to the Holly Water Works the proper officials. It practically an influence of which the prosperity and re- company twenty-two years ago. The nihilates or destroys the freedom of the ciprocal good will of the republic and courts declared in so many words that colored people, and places them in con- empire will be promoted and main- under our constitution there can be no tained." It cannot be said that Ger- monopoly in public utility or any ex- he is eating it.

many's present policy will contribute to clusive franchise for any purpose affect-

That was the ground upon which the council but recently voted a franchise reciprocity treaty with Germany would to the Thomson-Houston Electric com-The proposal of arbitration made through be ratified. With our exports decreas pany for wire conduits under the streets and alleys of Omaha. Had the franchise merce, affecting one of our most im-granted to that company been exclusive thoughtful attention of the legislators at ever, a very marked difference between franchises granted to street railways, water, gas, telephone or electric lighting companies. All these franchises contemplate occupancy of space under the streets or over the streets, and inasmuch as two bodies cannot occupy the stringency became critical, emphasizes same space at the same time, these franchises may become exclusive, because tracks, pipe lines, or wires where the duplicates would seriously affect publle convenience.

The proposed franchise for conveying power in Omaha contemplates no such condition. In fact, it would not in the least conflict with municipal ownership. With the power brought to the city limits by overhead wires the city could readily avail itself of the opportunity for supplying the municipal buildings curity without reducing the amount of with power and light and supplying power and light to private consumers.

There is nothing, either, in the proposed franchise to hinder any competing power supply concern from entering the market under specific municipal regulations to be enacted in the future. Manifestly the opposition to the proposed franchise springs from a desire to block the effort to supply Omaha with cheaper power than is now obtainable directly by the use of high priced coal or indirectly through the medium of the Thomson-Houston company.

For many years The Evening Bee has been recognized officially by the city and county boards as the paper having the largest circulation in Omaha and Douglas county. Druggists and liquor dealers may publish their applications for license in The Evening Bee in compliance with the law in good faith and no licensing board can legally refuse their this year where they have been pubpapers have any claims to priority they have not yet furnished the proofs either that they have increased their circulations within the last year to surpass The Evening Bee or that The Evening Bee The investigation before the coal strike has lost its circulation during the past mation-full publicity as to the relations these people to pay three prices for one

The purity department of the Womof the total output. While the Pennsyl- an's Christian Temperance union has a vania constitution positively forbids it, rod in pickle for President Roosevelt, bethe fact is notorious that there is identity cause he turned down its urgent request of proprietorship in all the coal carrying for an explanation of his conduct in placroads and most of the mining companies, ing the painting, "Love and Life," in the and enough has already incidentally private apartments of the White House. transpired in the investigation to show The offensive picture was on exhibition that such proprietorship stands on a in the Corcoran art gallery, and as a ever invent silverless dinners." fundamentally different basis than that matter of fact, there is nothing in the ing operators who have that illegal ad- are acquainted with the president's peculiar ways feel sure that it will It is not doubted by those familiar remain where it is, unless somematic discrimination in transportation Omaha famous by driving the leg of a exclusive of fresh meats. The foreign charges has been for years practised chair through the Bougereau painting now hanging on the walls of the Lin-

Merchants who patronize The Bee for grave have the effects become that the in- their Christmas advertising get the largdependent companies have steadily been est returns in Christmas trade. It pays it is reported, are preparing to ask the compelled to yield in the contest and to pay the highest price and get the best have been absorbed by their competitors goods. The Evening Bee alone supplies armed with power over railroad rates, more than 8,000 subscribers by carrier Oysters on the half-shell, to be eaten from the shells. This is precisely the point, as is now delivery in Omaha, South Omaha and erators to refuse to join in the proposed any other newspaper. Stick a pin there.

The River, Only, Moved.

Boston Transcript. Stands Iowa where it did? Not entirely. A three-mile strip of it has been moved into Nebraska by the Missouri

"What Might Have Been." Indianapolis News.

Coal is reported to be very scarce in Nebraska, also, and as Mr. Bryan looks back for him to see how all this trouble might have been avoided. High Art Marked Down.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Speaking of the government in business perhaps it is not generally known that this government is selling fine engravings The subject is Martha Washingthings which he ought long ago to have The United States has introduced the tie it, but if it is able to develop the ton on the new 8-cent stamp, now ready

Any Port in a Storm.

Chicago Inter Ocean The lavish manner in which President Castro is distributing amnesty those days only proves once more that those who advocates of discrimination against the Labor union resolutions were adopted make it a rule in life to keep out of family As a rule the first thirty days of the United States desire, but it appears to declaring against an exclusive franchise rows are blessed with a large share of

Woman's Inhumanity to Man.

Cincinnati Enquirer. Prominent note is made of the fact that woman clerk in the Postoffice department at Washington gave up her husband rather than lose her situation. The order of the postmaster general is cruel. No telling how many poor husbands will be driven mittee begins to hold continuous ses- when all other plans and expedients fail prise, which is of great moment not out this cold winter to make their own

Cleveland's Tendency to Reform.

Brooklyn Eagle. Mr. Cleveland is reducing his habit of splitting the infinitive. He would now may, for instance, "the effect of protection for the sake of protection is generally to demoralize its advocates," not "to generally demoralize" them. Several men who split the infinitive have become presidents, but none three times.

Another Source of I ust Profits.

New York Commercial. A stranger riding over the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad, along the eastern slopes of the Ozarks, in southeastern Missouri, asked what the numerous piles of soft white stones ready for shipment were for. "Those rocks," said babitant, "are the refined, powdered sugar of commerce in the crude." The adulterant is mined in large quantities and is said to make excellent food if one doesn't know

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Metropolis Millionaire home owners along Fifth avenue are occasionally taken in and fleeced as smoothly as lambs in Wall street. Considerable money as well as judgment is necessary to do the job successfully, but the profits justify the incasary is to secure possession of a lot to build a flat or store building. Like 'comes down."

Last spring a Chicago millionaire who soon discovered that the brown stone house next to his, which had been sold, was to be replaced with a building to be used as beyond its depth. no competing concern could plant its a cafe, i. e., a sort of aristocratic saloon. The Chicagoan saw his duty and did it. have reference there is a "Note on the ex Suddenly the work of tearing down that warble in Mississippi." We skip it. We house next to his stopped. The wreck remained and to hide it a high fence was sippi or elsewhere. It may be all right. Far put up. The neighbors were told the milwere about to spoil an elegant bit of Fifth the past few weeks. What with bears and avenue, but strange to relate, flaring Bobes and moving accidents by flood and theatrical posters have been permitted on seld, how can we be sure that the ox

Farther up Fifth avenue, right in the even in Arkansas and Louisiana? Neither midst of Fifth avenue, a man bought some have we a word to say against the assertion expensive lots and announced that he was that at Liano, Tex., the cattle owners treat going to put up flats. John Jacob Astor and W. C. Whitney lived near and a very fashionable millionaire lived next. There Liano cattle owners except that they live was great consternation, but there was a lot of money back of the consternation and the vulgar intruder was bought out.

"Competition in New York is down to a pretty fine point," remarked a man from Kissing Bugs" furnished to the department the far west quoted by the Tribune, "but where is impressed me most was not in legitimate business, but in the 'touches' made by beggars or 'grafters,' especially along Park Row, where I suppose their trade is keepest.

"The first experience I had in this line was the other evening whe? I was standing at the entrance to the bridge, a little undecided what line to take uptown. First came a tired looking man, who had 4 cents, but wanted to go to One-Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. That seemed a long distance to walk for the lack of a cent, so I gave it to him. Perhaps he passed the word to his fellows in alleged misfortune perhaps they recognized in me an out-oftown type; but in the next four of five minutes put forward their pleas. None wanted over 2 cents and all wanted these not very startling sums for some laudable purpose. applications if they publish their notices The first two or three got what they asked for. Then all of a sudden I realized that I lished during previous years. If other had struck a sort of endless chain, or more papers have any claims to priority they exactly, that it had struck me. So I promptly made up my mind what line wanted to take and hurried from that vi

"But is was all quite different from my home town. On the coast if a man gave a beggar a cent the mendicant would look at it in pained amazement. There is generally year and fallen behind them. Under 16 cents or nothing. Some of the San Fransuch conditions the attempt to compel cisco beggars ought to spend a couple of weeks in New York. Then they could appreciate what strenuous life in beggardom really means."

Several members of the Transportation club of New York City were smoking and chatting over the after-dinner coffee a few days ago, when the conversation turned to the horseless age," relates the Times. Trolley cars, automobiles and air ships had their share of the talk, when one of the party, a young man well known in New York clubland, said: "I wonder if they will "Silverless dinners!" exclaimed the oth-

ers. "Yes, dinners at which one will not have transportation, but being necessarily in sented to the government to be placed where everything will be prepared in such to overtake the band wagon. large measure dependent upon compet- in the White House, and those who fashion that one can simply take it in his fingers and still not require a pail of water alongside of him.

"I doubt it," said another. "In fact, I don't see how such a thing could very well

"Well," continued the man who had made the proposition, "I am willing to wager the cost of a dinner that I can get up one which you will call excellent, and we won't have a piece of silver on the table."

The wager was at once taken, and the young man sought the chef. Next night the five men were again together, and each had brought a woman to pass judgment on the meal. It consisted of eight courses, and all those present voted it a perfect success. The menu was as follows:

Consomme in cups.
Frogs' legs, with a sauce on the side.
Half of a baked squab, with the leg in Half of a paper cap.

paper cap.

Lamb chops, with the ends in paper cap.

Stuffed celery.

Coffee. Ice cream sandwiches.

Mrs. Mary Bond Morosini, grandniece of George Washington and wife of the millionaire banker, A. C. Morosini, recently had a terrible experience with a burglar. Robbers entered her home at Mount Vernon and the young matron was the first to give the alarm. Said Mrs. Morosini:

"I retired early and had not been asleep very long when I was aroused by some one moving about. I lay perfectly still and listened. A moment later I heard some one hit his knuckles against the foot of my bed. I saw a man standing at the foot of the bed. He ran lightly around and peered into my face to see if I slept. I screamed as loudly as I could and the man fled." The burglar tried to escape, but ran into the arms of the husband, who slept in a room opposite, and the athletic young banker struggled manfully with the thief in the dark hall, but was unable to hold him. Finally the burglar struck the mil-Honaire two or three blows over one eye and finally escaped out of the window, but not until Mr. Morosini was beaten nearly insensible. The whole neighborhood was aroused, but no trace of the robber could be found.

The most successful barber in New York City has his shop in his kit. He starts ou in the morning on a regular route, which he follows as sedulously if not as early as the milkman follows his. He has fourteen customers, each of whom pays him not less than 50 cents for a shave. Three give him \$1 each. Two batchelor brothers living in the same apartments, give him \$2 for half an hour's work.

> Plenty and Poverty. Detroit Free Press.

There are two big thoughts in the news from England that there is a deplorable state of poverty and want. One is that we are in an enviable state of prosperity that calls for the utmost wisdom in its perpetuation. The other, that organized labor in England has been very largely responsible for conditions existing there. It has been parbitrary, dictatorial, short-sighted and at times almost senseless. The harvest that it is reaping is largely of its own production and its tacties m st change before England can cease to go back it the commercial race.

A Matter of Policy. Baltimore American.

The United States supreme court has de cided that suicide does not prevent the ollection of money on a life insurance policy regardless of the wording of the policy. The basis of the decision, perhaps, is that that method of collecting insurance will never become popular.

WONDERS OF OUR DAY.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the The Warbling Ox and the Kissing Bug Sketched by Master Pens.

Washington Post. Bulletin No.38-new series-of the divition of entomology is perhaps the most interesting document that has been issued from the Department of Agriculture for several years past. It is paturally out of the restment and the risk. All that is nec- question that a mere newspaper should give even the faintest suggestion of the wealth adjoining one of the palaces and threaten of fact and sapience contained in that modest but pregnant pamphlet. We shall not, Dayy Crockett's coon, the millionaire therefore, essay the impossible. Keep on the safe side is our motto. But surely we may be permitted to revel in, and peradbought a corner mansion on Fifth avenue venture comment upon, at last a few of the simpler propositions involved. That cannot offend science or take modern journalism

On page 109 of the pamphlet to which we

have never heard an ox warble, in Missisbe it from us to enter a denial. Strange had bought out the persons who things have happened in Mississippi within doesn't warble in that illustrious state, or their cows for screw-worms by Christian Science. We den't knew anything about the in Texas, and our information as to screwworms could be passed through the eye of a cambric needle without crowding the orifice in the very least. It may all be truedoubtless is. But we shy at the "Notes on by a gentleman residing in Philo, O. One must draw a line somewhere, and it seems to us that the limit has been reached in

"Notes on Kissing Bugs-June 28, 1902, we Linu., from Mr. W. T. Hubbell, Philo, O., with the information that it was caught in the night within the fold of a lady's nightdress after twice stinging her. The lady described the sensation like the sting of a wasp, causing sickness and something like a chill, symptoms which, however, might have been due to nervousness, as the lady a return." was not very strong."

Any one who wants to believe this yarn is at liberty to do so. For our part we don't see how a well-regulated kissing bug could get tangled in the folds of a lady's nightdress. We have never heard of such a thing before, and we don't propose to swallow the proposition now.

A careful perusal of Bulletin 38, however, moves us to wonder whether the president's protest against lengthy official reports, protest against lengthy official reports, especially those which are illustrated, was intended to apply to such publications as this. Surely every right-minded person is no talker. must want to know about screw-worms, and kissing bugs, and warbling oxen, and things of that kind, and surely no taxpayer would object to expenditures in illustrating these exciting things. A really life-like picture the affable salesman. "It is made to fit kissing bugs, and warbling oxen, and things of that kissing bug, for instance, would be welcomed in every American home, while | the very simplest black-and-white sketch of the warbling ox-especially if it were accompanied by the musical score-would i take the very highest place in the affections of the people.

We are glad we saw that bulletin. Such experiences help to impress us properly touching the greatness of our own, our native land.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Venezuela has millions for defense but very little to pay bills with. Despite the terrific speed of Tom son's "Red Devil" automobile he is unable

It will hardly do for any more raconteurs to die at present. All the good stories have already been credited to Tom Reed and Tom Ochiltree.

King Oscar of Sweden has conferred the Royal Order of Vasa upon Dr. John A. Enander of Chicago, the oldest editor of a Swedish newspaper in this country. Librarian Putnam is preparing a card

catalogue of the various breakfast foods. It will soon be possible for a debilitated congressman to push a button and ascertain what is good for him. Dr. Steiner of Sandusky, O., Who will

write Tolstoi's biography, is a Tolstoian disciple, and has worked as a day laborer with the immigrant people of the United States to study their needs.

Steps were taken toward erecting a monument in bronze to Commodore John Barry, "Father of the American Navy,"

Washington, at a recent meeting of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. The Missouri politician who denied the charges made against him, "unequivocally and without reservation," has defied the

usual Missouri and Kansas form, says the Kansas City Star, which requires the use of "in toto, every scintilla and each jot and Edward Butler of St. Louis has the pe

culiar distinction of having been dead and brought to life, but only in a legal sense. He was recently convicted of bribery, but appealed his case. Later he qualified as a bondsman for a friend and in accepting Mr. Butler the court reversed a former decision which declared that he was civilly dead. Emperor William of Germany talks fluently in six languages-English better than any other except his own. Indeed, it has been said that he actually speaks German with just a trace of English accent. In the case of his august uncle of England

this condition is just reversed, and for a

THE OLD RELIABLE



precisely similar reason. William's mother was English; Edward's father was German. The sale of the household goods of M. Cambon, the retiring French ambassador at Washington, took place last week and many articles exposed for sale brought fancy prices. Chairs that M. Cambon paid \$16 or \$20 for sold for \$75 and \$100, and so on. Fashionable society was represented and men and women bid against each other with acrimony. The Persian minister paid a high price for lace curtains.

An official of the house has returned to Washington from a trip in the west and meeting Congressman Bull of Rhode Island, began telling him of his experiences. Among other things the returned traveler told of received a specimen of Reduvius personatus a barbecue which he attended in Colorado, where they roasted the finest ox he ever saw. The Rhode Island man, who was badly beaten by his democratic opponent in November, interrupted: "Don't want to hear about your roast ox. You should have been in my district last election day and seen how they roasted Bull to a turn, but not to

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Detroit Free Press: Tom-I can read your thoughts. Clars-I can hardly believe it, for if you could you wouldn't sit so far away.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Young Flut-terby seems to be an empty-headed fel-"Yes. He hasn't a lump in his bin."

Cincinnati Tribune: "And this long, shai-

under any bureau." Brooklyn Life: Hewitt-I proposed to twin sisters and both gave me the mitten. Jewett-Well, there's one consolation; your mittens ought to be mates.

Philadelphia Press; Ascum-I don't see why you patronize that cigar store. They give you pretty poor weed there.
Graphter—I know, but they keep a big box of matches on the counter and you can take all you want.

Chicago Post: "What makes papa so cross?"
"I don't knew. Did you say anthing to annoy him?"
"Certainly not. I just happened to remark that Christmas was almost here." Baltimore American: Jones -Do you treat your cook like one of the family?

Smith-Great heavens, no! We wouldn't dare to take such a liberty.

Signs of the Times.

Washington Star. Washington Star.
Christmas Day approaches,
You feel it in the alr;
'Tis written in the grocery sto
Where fowls are fat and fair.
'Tis mentioned in the window
Of the big emporium,
'Tis whispered in the murmur
Of the shoppers as they come.

Christmas Day approaches, The people smile to see
Its heralds thus appearing
In a splendid pageantry.
You note the fact most keenly
Whene'er you pause to look
On the vanishing proportions
Of your busy pocketbook.

A WOMAN'S HEART.

8. W. Gillilan in Baltimore American. Omaha, Dec. 10.-With more than a dozen Omaha, Dec. 10.—With more than a dozen astonished but admiring passengers looking on, a society woman this afternoon arose in a stret car, removed her sliken petticoat and wrapped it about the shivering form of an infant 2 years of age. * * Stooping over, she snuggled that garment about the infant's legs, smiling into the child's face and remarking to the father: "I'm afraid the baby has scarcely enough on for this weather."—News Dispatch.

Ah, there spoke the heart of a woman! Who'd ask of her church or creed? She followed a Godlike impulse To lessen a human need; Her womanly soul was ringing With "unto the least of these"— She gave of her best to shelter A babe from the chilling breeze.

She gave of her best; the widow
Who came with her wretched mite,
And gained for herself approval
From Him who was just and right;
Deserves not a place more honored
Than she who was quick to part
With costliest silken raiment
Because of her tender heart.

O women of wealth and station, O women of wealth and station,
O women of pow'r and place,
There's more in this life than beauty
Of fabric and form and face;
There's always a chance for playing
The womanly woman's part—
God gave to the world no blessing
Surpassing a woman's heart.

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