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Characteristics of Joseph W. Folk, Prose-

cutor of St. Louis Boodlers.

cure Documentary Proof of

Municipal Rottenness-A

Terror to Crooks.

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MODERNS IN SECOND PLACE reference. Mr. Bidwell was busy writing o President Hughitt and trying to catch the 3 o'clock train for a return trip to Niobrara. But it was 9'30 that evening before the special pulled out from Webster street Omaha Book Borromers Still Oling to the depot-having been kept hot there ready to Standard Works of Fiction. start at any moment, with all traffic be tween Omaha and Fremont blockaded from

3 to 5:30, when the dispatcher was re-EXPERIENCE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY Heved of a tremondous burden, as he afterward informed Fry. At 9:30 we left on the

Miss Tabitt Gives Some Information as to the Demand for Stories of Various Classes and Other Writings.

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CHEROLOGIC CONTRACTOR

In these days when the printed page plays so large a part in our scheme of existence, anything which gives information as to the relative popularity of authors and their various books and helps to show which works have the merit to outlive their first burst of popularity, is of considerable interest. A report from the city library for the year 1902 gives us some interesting comparisons.

The works of fiction are of course the tost popular and are read by all classes. Next in demand are works of a religious character, especially those of an optomistic and reassuring nature. Books classed under literature, biography and travels rank next and are all about equally popular. Books dealing with philosophical subjects seem to have a certain popularity and works classed under useful arts, while in no case rising to great demand, have a high average of circulation. Books of poetry have no large popularity and the historical volumes are not read as much as one would expect to find them.

One Volume Wins.

In the department of fiction it seems that the popular book is the one-volume story. Readers do not like to carry home two volumes at one time and frequently do not rend the second at all, either because they have lost interest, or are atthe other schemers. So secret, also, was tracted to some other author when they return the first volume to the library. The short story, unless the collection is of marked excellence, does not seem popular. The reader, at least here in Omaha, appears to enjoy best the book with a considerable and well worked out plot. The novels of the romantic school do not have get in on the ground floor eminated from the popular demand which they are supposed to excite, and while when first introduced into the library, there is a rush among certain readers to obtain them, this is satisfied during the first year, and the books fail to a comparatively low average of circulation. It has been Miss Tobitt's observation, that taking a period of five years in the library, such books as Weyman's, Anthony Hope's and others of the we had no hard sledding they want to place kind, fall in average circulation below themselves in a like position. Everything some of the old standards, Dickens or has gone to show that we proceeded right. Dumas for instance. This is contrary to for the great danger that Niobrara felt was the popular belief, and goes far to refute taht instead of crossing the Niobrara river the statements of decadence in modern litcrossed at the mouth of the Verdigris, four | work of an author rises far above his other miles south, and engineers who worked on books in popular favor. One such popular this extension declare that the Verdigris book, however, draws attention to the other stories of the writer and secures for these an increase of circulation, owing to the curiosity of those who have been pleased by the popular tale. While there is a demand among a class of readers for stories of foreign countries and characters, the books most generally read deal with Ameri-

Pro!. Mommsen, the German historian, can life. Of these the books of homely, white locks caught fire at a plain living, lead. The second volu various works do not reach the circulation of the first. Popularity of Authors. Among all the recent authors Stevensor has perhaps the highest average of poputo be growing. "Treasure Island" has a demand among all classes. "St. Ives" is also popular. There is a small, constant circulation for all of Dickens' works and Dumas is in considerably larger demand "Monte Christo" is the great favorite of this writer. Thackery and Bulwer are also wanted. The books of Jane Austen gation ?" he was asked the other day. seem to be rapidly growing in popular favor, especially "Sense and Sensibility" and "Pride and Prejudice." "Janice Meredith" enjoys a large and well sustained circulation and a number of new copies have been ordered to replace the wornout books. "Because it is customary for a president The library list was made with the idea of ascertaining if the books were being purchased which the people wished to read. From orders made at holiday time, 1901, a list of volumes in each department was made, taking them as purchased, without any selection. The circulation for the year was then obtained. Crawford's "Marietta," Ludlow's "Deborah," Dalrymple's "That Wager of Dot's" and Waterloo's "The Seekers" ran out one book card, or over forty times in circulation. These were among the sixteen books first on the purchasing list. Habberton's "Caleb Wright" was taken out forty times; Chestnutt's "Marrow of Tradition," thirty-four times; Oppenheim's "The Survivor," thirty-three times; French's "The Colonials," thirty-one times, and the lowest in the list, Bourget's "The Screen," thirteen times. Moffett's "Career of Danger," twenty-seven times, was the most popular juvenile.

lessees." "Mr. Blank," sekod Mr. Folk, "do you FAME ACHIEVED BY A COUNTRY LAWYER realize that, by the confession of two of the men who have deposited the money Stupendons Bluffing Necessary to Se- here, bribery has been committed? Do Teobert Mater Gives Some Account of you realize that bribery is a crime? Do you realize that the bribe money is in your vaults-in your possession? And do you realize that you are, therefore, an accessory to the crime of bribery and can be arrested and prosecuted and punished It has been ten years since Joseph W.

MAN WHO ROUTED THE GANG want you to open box (giving the number). STILL WORSHIP AZTEC GODS

The trust company's head, an old friend,

"Sorry, but I can't accommodate you,"

"That box is sacred to the

bers of the house of delegates."

of the prosecutor's, laughed.

be suid.

Folk, seeing no future for himself beyond a don't open that box for us." comfortable living in the practice of law in his native town of Brownsville, Tenn., decided to go to St. Louis, the metropolis of all that region, and hang out his shingle. He landed there an unberaided and unknown country lawyer and for seven years the average resident of St. Louis knew that no such man existed. Then, by a queer turn of the political machinery, the democratic leaders picked out this young man as their candidate for circuit attorney and

Today Joseph W. Folk is known not only sions of a fugitive, John K. Murrell, and in St. Louis, but in all America, as the man by members of the house of delegates of the the Usumataintia valley, in southern Mexwho pulled down about the heads of the city council while under cross-examination ico. "hosses" who elevated him the corrupt in the grand jury room. political structure they had spent years in How Mr. Folk Prepared for the Trial. the "City of the Green Stones," El Cayo, rearing; who has sent fourteen men, including the democratic leader, a millionaire or two, and city lawmakers, to the peni-

tentlary for the crimes of bribery and perjury; who hopes to convict ten more men four others, one a multi-millionaire, to become exiles from Americon soil.

elected him.

lawyer has cleansed St. Louis of the mu- a point the prosecutor successfully met it nicipal debauchery that had infected it with another always a little better. for twenty. Alone and unaided he has performed this monumental task by bluff, hard experience and a determination unshaken work, and his knowledge of criminal law gained while defending petty offenders before the courts in his home town of some work for the downfall of friends-these are \$,000 population.

Mr. Folk Goes to St. Louis.

list, that when, unexpectedly, "Boss" Edward Butler, democrat, appeared before him and asked him to become the party's nomince for circuit attorney, Mr. Folk instantly refused to consider such a proposition. Nor could days of argument budge him, and then the "boss" threatened:

you refuse the honor on the floor of the convention."

"Very well," was the reply, "I'll refuse." Then Mr. Folk's clients, backed up by other business men, stepped in and interceded with him to take the office for the welfare of the city. They finally induced

him to surrender, but when he said to I will accept," he added:

therefor? I shall do this very thing if you

It was stupendous bluff-its maker had o bluff-but it worked. Fifteen minutes later the pale and shaking trust company president led the way to the vaults, the box was opened, and there lay \$75,000 in bribe money before the very eyes of the ancient ruins in the interests of the Peacircuit attorney and the three grand jurors. An hour later the same bluff was worked, but with more difficulty, at the bank which trated account of what he has seen and was repository for \$60,000 and the first chain of evidence was complete, which later publications of that institution. on was alarmingly amplified by the confes-

Then Mr. Folk set to work studying criminal law for eighteen and twenty hours a day, so that he could be prepared to meet the onsiaughts at the trials of the famous on similar charges, and who has caused array of legal talent that the defendants had retained. This midnight toil had its reward-the trial records show that when In less than three years this country ever this or that opposing legal light raised

> Bluff, unceasing work, a country court even by threats of assassination and the bitter knowledge that he would have to the weapons which have caused Joseph W.

Folk, just turned 35, to bring about the biggest collapse of a corrupt political ring When, in his 23d year, Mr. Folk set since Tweed was sent to jail, and which ing of some twenty stelae, or carved monohimself up in St. Louis, it was with the de- have placed him in the foremost rank of lithes, on which are represented many of termination to begin all over again. He the leading criminal lawyers of the day. decided to drop criminal law, which he had And yet, for all the reputation that has their religious rites; the restoration of bebeen practicing ever since his graduation come to him within the last two years, he tween twenty and thirty ruined buildingsfrom Vanderbilt university three years be- is as modest and unassuming as in the days fore, and to take up the civil end of the when he was a green lawyer in little and the examination of nearly fifty carved profession. Gradually he succeeded in get- Brownsville, Tenn., or when, a carefree and painted lintels, many of them excating business men to trust their legal in- school boy, he played town ball on the comterests to him, and so firm had his purpose mons-which, according to Mr. Folk, was never before noted by the modern explorer. become never to meddle in things criminal the only exciting event in his career until In many cases the expedition has preserved again and so remunerative was his civil he uncarthed the boodle gang of St. Louis.

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

Mrs. Abram Van Howe of Sodus, N. Y., 50 years of age, is cutting her third set of "We'll nominate you snyway and make teeth had once been, although she lost sail from the Gulf of Mexico up the Usuteeth was struggling to get through the El Cayo, the first of the ruined cities, was in his right hand what appears to be a

welfare of the city. They finally induced him to surrender, but when he said to him to surrender, but when he said to "Coionel" Butler's committee, "Very well, Six to ten inches long, the larger ones I will accent." he added: The oenter of the mother-of-pearl shell "Coionel" Butler's committee, "Very well, Six to ten inches long, the larger ones I will accent." he added:

Forgotten Shrines. STRANGE TALES HEARD BY EXPLORER him we never could have come up the river. NORTHWESTERN SCARED OF MILWAUKEE

the Peabody Museum of His Work So Fruitful of Archaeolo-

Another chapter has been added to the evploration of the ruined cities of Central America, once the seats of Aster civilization destroyed by Cortez nearly five centuries ago, in the recently published report of Mr. Teobert Maler, who for several years has been conducting researches mong these body Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard university, and whose fully illusfound is shortly to be issued as one of the Dr. Maler's explorations stretched over

three years, and were carried on mainly in Among the long-forgotten cities which Mr. Maler visited were Yaxchilan, literally the "Place Where the Banks are Strewn with Stones;" Budsilha, or "Smoking Water," from the mist arising from an adjacent waterfall; El Chile, so called from the herb from which chile sauce is made; Annite, named for the white lilies that flourish on the banks of the river, and El Chiconapote, named from a tree which produces a well known Mexican chewing gum. These cities are all hidden in the tropical jungle, some entirely unknown even to the wandering woodcutters and gum collectors,

and others visited only by mysterious bands of Indians who still come to make occasional sacrifices on their fallen altars. Definite Results Extensive.

The definite results of Mr. Maler's investigations were the study and photographthe scenes of Aztec daily life, in particular

the record of objects that in another century would have entirely vanished, for the changing course of the Usumatsintla tides has already eaten away the former water front of some of the cities.

Tenasique, where Mr. Maler made his

nized by certain signs. The 'cuyo' on the NIOBRARA AND THE ELKHORN the spot, had entirely vanished under the water. We now breathed more freely, and, Mexican Indians Still Devoted to Long glad of having thus far surmounted all diffi- How a Local Company Made Terms with culties, we fastened our cayuco to a tree. a Great Railroad System. My men admired eath other as heroes and each one asserted that had it not been for

"In the meantime we sought shelter in the neighboring 'shore temple.' But as the antire stone structure was soaked with rain and all the cellings dripped with moisture, my men constructed for themselves a palmleaf hut, while I, after discovering the 'Labyrinth,' (Dr. Maler's name for a structure afterward explored more thoroughly) settled myself within its walls with my

very convenient for sleeping purposes or for spreading my things upon them. It was rather dangerous to spend the direct cause of this whole mess.

nights alone in that solitary ruln on account of the tigers. But fortunately we the ruins. It generally rained at night and hardly ever by day. Even the Usu-

matsintla soon sank again to a less danto contend against. Our stock of provisions had run very low, because the men in examining and excavating the ruins so heap with other enterprises. deeply buried under a tangle of trees,

shrubs, and tropical creepers that it was only possible to picture the general plan were being grabbed at with no definite purof the city after each structure had been examined in detail. sembled and nobody but Fry had a word to

City of Terraces.

a curiously vivid picture of temples, dwell- at least find out how much of a power we ings, altars and palaces. The ancient city had so as to lay right foundations for the was not a city of streets but of terraces future. This elicited considerable interest rising from the water front that is slowly and we went to work at once to make the and inevitably being eaten away by the survey. When it was discovered that there turbulence of the river. Many of the struc- was a fifty-two-foot fall a permanent surtures were so overgrown that they could vey was ordered and a competent hydraulic

and there were found circular stone altars, probably set up over the graves of persons of rank. About the temples were many

beautiful stone stelae carved on both sides -the side facing the temple almost invariably representing the ancient god Ketsal koatl, who seems to have been the special deity of the city, while the other side represented a human figure.

Perhaps the most remarkable of the memorials Mr. Maler discovered is a sculptured lintel which he considers the finest piece of sculpture yet found in the toeth. Two weeks ago she experienced a preparations for plunging into the Mexican city. It was done in fine-grained limepreserved that it looked as new as if it them all many years ago. A physician was matsintla, which here flows between mod- had just left the hands of the sculptor. gums on both jaws. Mrs. Van Howe has another four days' journey, overland, with quiver with bow and arrows which he ex-never worn false teeth. animals. Budsilha is not far from El Cayo, his shoulder hangs an ornament of cords mestication in this state had been received and La Mar-another town visited by Mr. his shoulder hangs an ornament of cords here the right-of-way from here to the Maler-is in the same neighborhood but will accept," he added: "As I intend to do my duty if I'm elected, weighing as much as ten pounds. It is ical vegetation through which the explorers the front of which is fastened the small figure of a man holding another human head. A serpent with open jaws rises from the top of the helmet. The warrior himself, it may be, lies buried on the platform of the temple which the lintel was carved to adorn.

Inside Story of the Niobrara Extension of the F., E. & M. V. and How a Lawyer and an Editor Caused

"It's rather a strange coincidence," said most important baggage, for the ceilings E. A. Houston up at Niobrara, as he finwere dry, and the great stone benches were ished reading The Bee's report of the outcome of the Northwestern's absorption of the Elkhorn, "that Njobrara seems the in-

"Ed Fry and myself were secretary and president, respectively, of the corporation escaped all collision with these felines, that brought it all about, or at least forced which are always to be greatly feared. an issue. Nichrara had waited over thirty We were so fortunate as to have a month years for this railroad to build in. During of glorious weather, which greatly les- this time Omaha and Niebrara delegations sened the difficulties of my work among had waited on President Hughitt without moving him. All manner of schemes had been worked without avail. We had asked for engineers to look over the ground and gerous level. But we had another trouble the last one was sent out by the Northwestern, who reported adversely, saying to our committee, 'We don't have to come to when living at some one else's expense eat Niobrars to reach the country west.' Sloux enormously and know no moderation." City organized a company about this time Later, it may be added, provisions were and established a survey, but the financial obtained and some three months were spent crash of 1892 submerged it in the same

> "It got to be pretty desperate when the county seat took wings, and 'last straws' pose. Finally a half-hearted gathering as-

offer. He suggested the harnessing of the But this plan, once completed, presents Niobrara river for a great water power, or not be excavated and photographs of va- engineer engaged. It was while Fry was rious parts of the ruins had to be taken industriously engaged seeking capital for at special moments when the sun forced this project that he ran up against the rail-

its way through the thick foliage. Here road situation and found men who would build the railroad." Some Railroad History.

Here Mr. Houston went on to give a hisory of the Niebrara, Missouri River & Western railroad, with himself as president and Mr. Fry as secretary. He selected his incorporators, who cheerfully put in their money, and organized under the New Jersey laws, the eastern end of the corporation taking the vice presidency and treasury and being a part of the directory. Not a word was said to anybody outside of the ones directly interested, and nobody outpeculiar sereness in her gums where her wilderness, is a small town about five days' stone of a light yellow color and so well side knew that any such organization had at the mouth where it does it would have erary taste. As a rule, some particular been effected until the Associated Press dispatches announced the fact in the newscalled in and found that a full new set of ern Mexico and Guatemala. From here to The figure is that of a warrior, holding office had been bed here bud here office had been busy with stock certificates and other necessary work for the corporation and as soon as the certificate of do-

officials stepping out, but we hall the Northwestern coming in." aware of it "A few days after Division Superintendgas jet in his library a few days ago, is \$5 ent Reynolds arrived at Niobrara," conyears old, but has lost little of his physitinued Mr. Houston, "and Fry being accial and none of his mental activity. quainted with him, was sent on a mission Twenty years ago he was almost cremated to discover his business here. Reynolds when the valuable library in his home at had gone to interview one of our merchants Charlottenburg was destroyed by fire. In and Fry waited at a convenient distance the more recent accident his face was larity and this interest in his books seems Here, also, in the temple of Ketsalkoatl, until the railroad official came out. Then somewhat scorched and the professor re-

"Mr. Bidwell that morning, upon reaching Fremont, remarked that he had for once escaped the newspapers. Fry, being a the Northwestern to Move. newspaper man, took time to go up to The Bee building, where he saw Charley Best and asked him if he was prepared for a 'beat,' and then it was that The Bee surprised its readers with a big piece of news for its last afternoon edition. Taking it up to Mr. Bidwell's office, where we were yet hard at work arranging our affairs, Fry remarked to Mr. Bidwell, 'The newspapers

situation for the time being and as matters revealed themselves proved how well we had our organization in hand.

angineers here watching our course. Fry and I kept our own counsel and the directory was blind to what was going on, having confidence in our ability to cope with the Northwestern (under whose exclusive control the late extension was constructed) that the engineers who were shipped here to do the work read their transportation to 'Atkinson' and found themselves upon awakening next morning at Verdigris. Mr. Bidwell said that all this organization to Chicago by wire and no time was allowed

caught you this time.' When reference was made by The Bee about the Niobrara, Missouri River & Western railroad being the cause of this extension. Mr. Bidwell's pride was considerably touched, and he remarked that 'that's not so!' Fry had a twinkle in his eye and we exchanged winks, but said nothing. But on our return home Mr. Bidwell here and these dropped some secrets which were not intended. The Chicago,

special for Verdigris at fifty miles an hour.

on his mind, and it was thought we were in close alliance with that great system in our scheme to build a railroad. It is not saying but that this may have resulted to the Milwaukee's advantage had the Elkhorn

"Two weeks before the Northwestern had

Milwaukee & St. Paul, which is opposite Niobrars, was the greatest bugaboo he had

not stepped in. We held the key to the

for undue delay. "I therefore say, it is a strange coincidence that Njobrara unwittingly has retired several high officials and been the means of blotting out forever the name of 'Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad.' But Niobrara got what Fry and I started out to get, and if anybody thinks

crossing was the cheapest and easiest to maintain. I don't like to see our Elkhorn

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

temples, tombs and communal dwellings, vated from long-accumulated debris and

gical Results.

some of you fellows had better look out. for some day I may find it my duty to prosecute you."

and timely warning to the men he has sent to prison.

Where Mr. Folk Got the First Clue

Louis, and his name was Joseph W. Folk. pound. Naturally, Mr. Folk fell immediately back on his knowledge of criminal law gained in his home town, and he worked at night to improve this.

saw a "squib" in a newspaper stating that great gravity and a wealth of circumstanit was rumored that certain members of tial detail that the applicant, when a child the house of delegates (St. Louis' lower in arms in 1861, was so frightened by legislative branch) were having some trouble in getting at \$75,000 bribe money came paralyzed and has never been able in a safe deposit vault, which they felt they to do any work. There is talk of awarding were entitled to have.

Mr. Folk's idea of politics is ideal-that politics should be clean. "He who violates the law is not a democrat, is not a republican-he is a criminal," he has said. Here was a hint at the worst kind of municipal crime, and although he knew that, if it were true, men of his own party and some of his friends would be implicated, he quietly began investigating.

A few days' inquiry satisfied Mr. Folk that the clipping referred to an attempt on the part of the Suburban railway to secure passage of an ordinance enhancing the value of its property several million. Then, although he had absolutely nothing except his suspicions that this was so to back him, he sent for the railway's millionaire president, Charles H. Turner, and its legislative agent, Philip Stocke, to appear before him. When they came he informed them that he wanted them to tell him about the attempt which they had made to bribe the house of delegates to pass house bill No. 44. They denied that any such thing had been attempted.

A Scared Millionaire

"Very well gentlemen," said Mr. Folk, "it will be my duty to issue warrants for coat. The judge tied the knot good and your arrest and prosecute you to the fullest solid, the groom kissed the bride, removed extent of the law. Would you rather have his coat, put on his apron and resumed me do that, or will you come back to me business. The witnesses were Herman at the end of three days and give me the information demanded?"

of the leading criminal lawyers of the middie west, walked into the prosecutor's of-Dce.

"Mr. Stocke is my client," he said. he cannot appear before the grand jury tomorrow."

"Governor," was the reply, "I'm sorry that Mr. Stocke is ill, but appear he must before me tomorrow and tell me what I demand of him, or I shall see to it that he is arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The quiet, determined manner of the young man and the set of his prominent jaws made the older report to his client that "Folk means business, and you'd better do as he says." The result was that next day, not only Stocke, but his mil-Honaire employer, Turner, walked into the grand jury room and told of the boodle clique in the house of delegates and city council, and of the railway's attempt to put through house hill No. 44 with the mid of \$135,000 in bribes, \$75,00) for the delegates and \$60,000 for the councilmen.

Another Ambitious Bluff.

The bluff had worked, but it was legally necessary to see the bribe money which had been placed in the care of two safe deother bluff.

He went to the president of one of the banking houses.

who accompany me are grand jurors. We noble red men."

found on hard bottom channel between islands when the current is strong. In gathering it a diver takes with him a bag eter, made in large meshes, which while pede his traveling along the bottom. The up to our own times, as was shown by the

apparatus for diving has not been intro- presence of several broken incense vessels The year 1901 found a civil lawyer occu- duced in the Philippines, although the in the tumble-down room in which the pying the position of circuit attorney of St. Manila shell brings the high price of \$1 a image was discovered.

Perhaps the most remarkable pension application ever presented in congress is that embodied in a bill introduced by Congress-He was thus occupied, when, one day, he man Pearce of Maryland. It recites with

Yankee invaders in Maryland that he be-Congressman Pearce some kind of a championship in view of originality of his bill.

All the tramway car vestibules of Denver. Colo., are to be fitted with mirrors as fast as they can be placed upon the cars. This does not mean that the motormen are going into the beauty culture fad. The referred to by Cortes in a letter to his masmirrors, which are of heavy plate glass, ter, the Emperor Charles V, although Mr are hung out at one side of the vestibule Maler himself rather doubts the identifica-

ing his head the motorman can see exactly accidentally started up again while a passenger is getting on or off.

An unsentimental wedding in Kansas is thus described by the Marysville News: 'The ceremony was performed in Charley's business office, and was done up in ments from the debris that now overflows short order so that business was interrupted only for a few minutes. Charley came from behind the counter in his shirt

sleeves and with his spron on and was ready for the ceremony, but at the judge's request removed his apron and donned his Brenneke. Joseph Sedlacek and George T. Smith. Somebody may want to know what At the end of the second day ex-Gov- kind of a business house this is where this ernor Charles P. Johnson of Missouri, one marriage took place, but as this is Kansas we will have to say that all we know about it is that it is not a dry goods house

The Bremen boys celebrated the occasion "I with firecrackers, guns, tin pans and all have come to tell you shat he is so ill that kinds of musical instruments, and Charley took them in and did the right thing by them.

> This is the season of the year when the Indian chiefs come in from the reservations to see the Great Father. There are a score of them in Washington now. A group half a dozen standing on the curb watching an automobile recalled to some Texans who were passing the story Colonel Bill Sterrett used to tell about the man who went into the Indian territory to sell baby carriages. Everybody said he was crazy, it was

admitted that there was a fine crop of hables in the territory, but no one could see what the squaws, who were used to packing their offepring on their backs, could do with baby carriages. Still, orders began to come back, first

for dozens and then for carloads, and finally Sterrett went up to investigate. He went into one of the Indian villages.

"And I'll be dashed." said Colunel Bill. "if I didn't see a dozen big fat Indians sitwhile the squaws were poshing them around. The baby carriage man had made

the indians believe that haby carriages thing was flooded. At noon of the second "Mr. Biank," he said, "these three men were the right kind of pleasure rigs for the day we finally arrived at the ruined city, but what it was to be one of us for a lt had been pretty well studied by the legal from the miserable mochanical machine life gerated statement, but a fact .-- Greenup

culty. Interesting finds were made in all these places-in El Cayo, for example, the In so many words did Mr. Folk give fair of coll rope one-fourth of an inch in diam- figure of a god that dates back, perhaps, to the very earliest period of the city yet suited for holding the shell, does not im- which had evidently been worshiped even

Outlines of a City.

At La Mar there still remained sufficient evidence of its ancient structures to reconstruct a very good picture of one of the tive of some of the eastern representasmaller cities of the Aztec period. The tions of the Hindoo Buddha. The eyes, found, was formed by two temples, now in facts which are interesting in view of the go west." ruins, which crowned two pyramids, one theory that America was settled from Between the pyramids was a wide plaza the woodcutters who work in the neigh bordered on the north and south by smaller boring forest and who told Dr. Maler that pretty well along. buildings. The plaza was originally orna- the Indians still come and offer sacrifices mented with stelae, one of which, although to this very image, burning incense in Mar, is a splendid specimen of the best con-

temporary Aztec sculpture. It has been suggested that Yaxchilan, the most important of the ancient cities which bird as a head dress. Whence they come and I went over the situation frankly and Mr. Maler visited, may have been the town and whence they go not even the woodat just such an angle that without turn- tion. The rulns have been visited in modern times by more than one explorer, and the condition of affairs on the steps. He in 1882, when the city was visited by Mr. can thus watch the rear platform, and Desire Charney, a French archaeologist, there will be less danger of the car being whose expedition was supported by funds from his home government and from the American millionaire, Lorillard, in whose honor Mr. Charney called the place "Lorillard City." Mr. Maler, however, has succeeded not only in uncovering numerous hitherio unnoted sculptured stone monuits terraces and esplanades, but also in discovering certain important temples.

Getting Up the River.

"There must have been heavy rainfalls in distant Guatemala and eastern Chiapas. says Dr. Maler in the new Peabody museum report, describing his approach to Yaxchi-"for the Usumatsintia was excessively bigh, having risen to the very edge of the high banks, which made progress up the river exceedingly difficult, since the poles by which the cayuco is propelled could not reach the hard bottom. Under such circumstances forked branches are made fast to the end of the poles, and with these 'hor quetas' the men seize the overhanging branches of the trees and shrubs and push the cayuco forward, while those not occupled with the poles grasp the branches, if possible, with their hands, and pull with all their might. This procedure is exceedingly laborious, and progress is slow. In this manner if took us a day and a half to overcome the short distance between Analte and Yaxchilan. When the river is in this condition no one attempts to go upstream. the labor and the danger are too great. In point of fact, we had a terrible struggle

We had to force our way through branches of trees projecting out of the water, and often we had to use our machetes to remove the obstacles impeding our way. In spite of all our exertions we were frequently whirled round by the force of the current and carried downstream. Masses of trees which reached far out into the river could not be surmounted, nor powerful rapids overcome, without two or three successive attempts.

Evidences of Heroism.

"When we rested at night," he continues. 'we fastened our cayuco to the branches of a great chimon and protected ourselves and cloths against the heavy night rains. It ers. was not possible to go on shore, as every-

the location of which one of my men recog- | change."-Baltimore American.

Great Figure of a God.

much of which is still standing, the ex- he sauntered up the street in great haste, marked whimsically: "It is all over with plorer found a great figure of the god and meeting Mr. Reynolds and his engineer. sitting cross legged and yet so tall that it accosted him with affected surprise;

"'Well, Mr. Reynolds, are you not off originally must have almost touched the ceiling. As a whole it is curlously sugges- your beat " "'I think not. Why do you ask that?' " 'It seems strange to see you in Nioarchitectural center of the city, it was also, are oblique, like a Chinaman's-two brara-you usually turn at the bridge and

"'Have you any new railroads in sight? facing to the east and the other to the west. Asia. More curious still is the story of asked Reynolds. "'Oh, yes,' replied Fry, 'we have one

"Is it local capital?" he asked 'No, sir; it is eastern capital. Our presserving only to adorn so small a city as La vessels adorned with feathers, and per- ident is here, however, and I should like forming strange dances-one of which is you to meet him.' He hesitated, but finally called the "Dance of the Toucan" because walked across to my office and the formthe dancers wear the stuffed skin of this allties over, the railroad subject came up

> truthfully. Mr. Reynolds was very attentive and drank in every word I had to say, cutters can answer. took the address of our treasurer and gath-PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS. ered such other information as I cared to

offer. Tommy-What did your mother do fo

your out finger, Johnny? Johnny-She didn't do nothin' but lick me for cuttin' it.

Mamma-Tell me why you dislike your 1901. new doll, darling? Little Elsie-'Cause she's like Aunt Jane;

her complexion rubs off. Small Willie had done an errand for his-

uncle, who merely said: "Thank you." "Oh," rejoined Willie, "if that's all it's were early arrivals. Fry had gone to his next before Croker, became a member of worth. I suppose you're welcome. But I pasture and his daughter sent post haste the New York stock exchange a few days was figuring on a nickel at least."

Little Elmer was saying his prayers be fore retiring, and having got as far as "if together, consulted such of the local di-I should die before I wake" he hesitated. "Why," replied Elmer, "I suppose a funeral would be the next thing."

Small Bobby hurt his finger while playing, and his mother caught him up in her brara. He acknowledged that we had proarms, bissed him and began to dry his cured considerable inside ground that bothtears with her handkerchief. ered him. Then I gave a history of our effort, and every now and then Mr. Bidwell "D-Don't wipe m-my eyes yet, mamma."

would break in, 'You went about it just sobbed the little fellow. "I a-ain't done right,' and finally with this general undere-erving." standing, we agreed to let the Elkhorn in

Mamma-Didn't you feel afraid of some thing when you went into the closet to get plece of cake without permission? Elmer (aged 5)-Yes, mamma. Mamma-And do you know why you had

hat feeling of fear? Elmer-Sure I do. I was afraid I couldn't find the cake.

pany. Hot Engine and Special. He had recited to his class the story of Abraham entertaining angels unsware. "We were railroad magnates for a day Feeling that the children might not know at least, and dined at the Omaha club!

asked them if they did. One little hand White, the general attorney for the Elkwent up promptly, and the smallest girl in horn, was blind as a bat on the New Jersey law. "The thing you wear next your skin."-

Harper's Magazine for March.

The Same Old Gam

the class said:

"And who," whispered a member of the document on which I had spent many a legislative committee, "is to get the hot weary hour during that swful August great cities. "What we want," said the

end of this deal?" "The people," wildly exclaimed the trate companies. So Mr. Folk began and ting in baby carriages, all acrouged up, our baggage as well as we could with olied member who was floating with the reform-

my beauty." Why didn't Senator "Tom" Platt devote himself to a diplomatic career? "Will President Roosevelt go into the next national convention with the New York dele-

"I think," said the senator, with apparent deliberation and evidently weighing every word, "it would be absolutely safe to say that he will not."

"And why not ?" the interviewer followed up hotly, scenting a big piece of news.

who is seeking renomination to stay in Washington while the convention is in progress."

Not long ago Sir Richard Powell, a famous London physician, was called to treat King Edward. The king's regular physician, Sir Francis Laking, was present. After examining his august patient Sir Richard said in his characterictically "By a mere accident I learned a week brusque way: "You have eaten and drunk after that 'a friend of Sanford Parker of too much. I will send you a prescription Spencer desired to meet him at Niobrara that will put you right." Then he hurried Thanksgiving morning.' I knew something out to see other patients, when Fir Francis was up, but did not look for the surprise followed and protested against his abrupt that met my gaze Thanksgiving morning. way of treating the king. "My dear Laking." said Powell, "if there is any squirm-General Manager Bidwell Surprises. ing to do you return and attend to it. 1 really haven't the time."

"Thanksgiving day will always be a redetter day for Niobrara. General Manager Bidwell and two corps of engineers, with John Jerome Kelly, son of the late John Hon. John B. Barnes of Norfolk as counsel, Kelly, who was leader of Tammany hall after him, for Mr. Bidwell had sent for us ago and was initiated with a degree of viothat a consultation could be had. At 9 lence which bore testimony to his popuo'clock Fry and I had gathered ourselves larity. The members daubed his face with paint and made him dance as Indians dance rectors as we could on short notice, and in geography pictures. The reason they "Well, what's next?" asked his mamma. appeared before Mr. Bidwell as invited. He hazed him that way was because his father had come with the olive branch and stated was a political Indian and because Mr. before the assembled business men the Kelly expects to do whatever brokerage position of the Eikhorn toward Niebrara business there is to be done for the Tamand its full willingness to build into Niomany Indiana of this day.

> A citizen who has just returned from a trip in Europe says that the sword presented to Admiral Dewey is a beauty, but that in the matter of downright gorgeousness it is rather a poor second to that given to Lord Roberts by the city of Ports. provided our eastern friends were properly mouth recently. The American, who has taken care of .. All these plans were readexamined both weapons, says that the one ily consented to. After some important owned by the little English soldler is matters brushed away, Fry and myself were probably the costliest thing of its kind in requested to accompany Mr. Bidwell to the world. The hand-made blade is of Omaha that night to fix up the details in English steel inscribed with all the enreference to the dissolution of the Niobrara, gagements in which Lord Roberts has taken Missouri River & Western Railroad compart. The grip is of gold and carved ivory, the guard of solid gold ornamented with rubles, diamonds and sapphires, and the scabbard is splendidly decorated

Dr. Edward Everett Hale addressed the Mothers and Fathers club of Boston a day or two ago. He startled his audience

somewhat by saying: "Tenement houses, some seventeen stories high, packed with people and causing all kinds of tenementhouse laws to be made, are as wicked as hell." He expressed the hope that in a

hundred years from now there would be no weather of that year-and White wanted orator. "Is to initiate our children to live us to explain some things there. It was in the open air, to grow to love the counwith some hesitation that he brought down try, so that they can know the difference from his office a certified copy from the between a turnip and a potato and between "O well, then, go ahead." said the first secretary of state's office, something like grass and hemlock. When this has been

Other Than Fiction

Poetry and the drama: Field's "Book of Tribune Verse" went out twenty times Well's "Mother Goose's Menagerie," twelve times, and Dunbar's "Candle Lightin" Time," eleven times. The average for the other twenty-four books was only three times out, with seven books not out at all

In the natural history list, "Amateur Bee Keeper" reached its second card; "Life on the Stage" (literature), Morrison, was circulated twenty-nine times; "Bible

Stories" was out twenty-seven times; "Life Everslasting," twenty-three; "Life Beyond Death," eighteen; 'Making of an American" (biography), twenty-four, and Custer's "The Boy General," twenty-two. "Method of Bookkeeping" was the most popular book of the science list. "How to Make Common Things," "Gala Day Luncheons," "Farm Pouliry" and "Theory and Practice of Cooking" were the best liked of the useful art books. "Intervals, Chords and Ear Training" and "Romantic Castles and Palaces" lead the fine art list, and Halphide's "Physic and Psychism" and James "Will to Belleve" were the most popular of the works on philosophy. The books on language and education had an average circulation of five.

An Easter Hen.

There is a person residing in Greenup who has a number of hens, and he heard that to place Venetian red in the drinking water for chickens would keep off disease and improve the health of his chickens. He tried it, putting a large quantity of the powder in the water. The chickens did not take kindly to the colored water, except one hen that appeared to have a natural fondness for the liquid. She drank frequently and long of it, with the result that what should be the white of her eggs is a beautiful Venetian red. This is no exag-(Pa.) Gazette.

member, in a relieved tone. "I didn't know fifty typewritten pages, for our inspection, brought about we will have been converted department and not a little marked up for we are now living."

the meaning of the word "unaware," he We had put them all to thinking. Here is where Messrs Bidwell and White had to show a little inside interest that had hitherto not crept in. We had not taken with us any copies of our artieles of incorporation-a very exhaustive