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Young Carter Harrison now wears the smile that won't come off.

Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this list day of March, A. D., 1903. M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public.

Governor Mickey's turn at the appropriations not only comes last, but is beyoud appeal,

Iowa.

the council, all they have to do is to call on the courts.

The corporations and their agents are always active. The people must be awake to the issue if they would protect their interests.

After the lighting monopoly is again company it is possible something may be doing for the auditorium.

When will the managers of the electric lighting company and of the gas company allow the city council to hold a meeting? Will it be this year or next

over most of us in the privilege it pos. repaid within a generation. sesses of prolonging its existence after the time set for its life's extinguish-

It is not often that a bill goes through but the present Nebraska legislature insisted on making a record in that direction also.

and ability.

Omaha retail merchants are to be congratulated on the fine displays of Easter goods they are presenting to their patrons. When it comes to enterprise the Omaha retailers lead the procession.

izes by this time that murdering newsimagined.

tempt of the allied corporations to sub- construction of a municipal electric vert self-government in Omaha by the lighting plant. use of boodle and the coercion of em-

county members, who, after speaking the bills have to be paid for this piece of treachery to Omaha's interests, remember where the responsibility rests.

And new California is struggling with the question whether the use of the bible in the public schools is a contravention of its constitutional provision against sectarian instruction. For some reason or other, the Californians do not of the Nebraska supreme court on the of the popular revolt against rallroad same matter as conclusive.

The Stratton will contest has been settied by compromise payment of \$350,-000, nearly half of which, it is said, will go to the lawyers. The contesting heir he kept his fight up, he would in the end owe his lawyers more than could be realized on the whole estate if he se-

oured indefensible title to all of it.

PHILIPPINE ACHIEVEMENT.

Undoubtedly the so-called anti-imperialists will find something to criticise in the president's statement of what has been achieved in the Philippines. Portions of it they must admit. It cannot be successfully denied that the Filipinos are enjoying a greater degree of freedom than ever before in their history, that there have been vastly increased facilities for education and that progress has been made in the conditions necessary to a better civilization. It is undeniably the fact that the natives are justice is impartial and that the government of the islands is being conducted purely in the interests of the people.

These are unquestionable facts, yet the anti-imperialists will point to the ladrones as showing that our rule has not given contentment to all the natives and will further harp upon the severity alleged to have been practiced as a reproach to this government which no results can atone for. It will again be given the Filipinos is not that measure of their preparation for such a condition is to be tolerated. It can be very Michigan, viewed in its general bearing joint patronized by degraded men and confidently asserted that an overwhelming majority of the American people are well satisfied with the administration of affairs in the Philippines. All party should not be as strong now as trated, while saloons in respectable lofair-minded men will concede that the it was at the last presidential election. calities, and notably the Prague hotel

it. He did not say more than is de- and receiving better wages and everyserved of the men who constitute the thing we are producing finds a ready by special order of William J. Broatch. commission and particularly of its market. The policies which the people The Garrity groggery, patronized only head, Governor Taft. They are able, overwhelmingly approved in 1900 have by disorderly people, where a murder upright, conscientious men, who are not been changed and a republican con- had been committed just two days preperforming the immensely important gress has fulfilled, as far as it was vious, was allowed to run full blast task given them with a profound desire to promote the welfare of the Filipino this time, the promise of the party in tion. people. It is a task in which Governor regard to the great combinations. The Taft especially has shown the deepest outlook for a continuance of prosperity interest and the best answer to those who would depreciate his services is things even larger republican gains to be found in the esteem for him than noted in the elections might rem shown by the Filipinos.

Our government is doing a work in in the interest of civilization. The go into next year's campaign with kets. Few people are in position to islands have had since our occupation an unfortunate experience financially President Roosevelt may now take his and commercially. Congress erred in THE CANDIDACY OF JOHN N. WESTBERG. rest in the Yellowstone to get primed not making earlier provision for remfor his excursion through Nebraska and edying the currency situation and pertion in tariff duties on the products of of Herbert Spencer, the foremost polit-If the corporations accidentally fall the archipelago imported into this counical scientist of modern times. But John down in getting what they want from try. But there will soon be a change N. Westberg, who has now served three for the better am ith progress in the terms as comptroller of Omaha, differs industrial and commercial development of the islands will come greater popular He proclaims the opposite doctrine and contentment and a general desire for the preservation of peace and order. Then will be seen to better advantage the beneficient effects of American policy.

Whether or not we shall ever be rehas cost is a question that time only can determine. There is no accurate of the islands and no certain opinion can be formed as to the value to this country of their development. We have expended in acquiring them and establishing our control there several hundred millions of dollars. It is safe to A legislative body has the advantage say, at any rate, that this will not be

THE BATTLE IN ON The battle royal between the allied corporations and the people of Omaha is on. Five members of the city counthe legislature over a governor's veto, cil, including its president, have been captured and made voluntary prisoners by the franchised corporations. These councilmen are the identical council combine of five who stood self-con-Returning members of the Douglas fessed as chattels of the corporations delegation have the satisfaction anyway when they lowered the assessment of of knowing that they still have Tom the franchised corporations made by the Blackburn's testimonial to their honesty tax commissioner and slammed the doors in the faces of the attorney and members of the Real Estate exchange, who appeared before them to plead for equitable taxation.

The conspiracy to break the quorum and prevent a regular session of the city council was hatched in the offices of the Milwaukee railroad and the Former Lieutentant Governor Till- Thomson-Houston Electric Lighting man of South Carolina probably real- company. Why the local manager of the Milwaukee railroad should lend paper men for criticising his official himself to such high-handed work is acts is not the pleasant pastime he once not apparent, but in his dual capacity as manager of the electric lighting company his undoubted object is to thwart It is not to be expected that newspa- the popular demand for municipal ownpers supplied with free electric light, ership and prevent the submission of free electric power and free telephones the bond proposition prepared by the would see anything improper in the at- city attorney for the acquisition or

A more high-handed and scandalous proceeding has not been witnessed in Omaha since the Holly water Remember that the constitutional con- works boodlers were overthrown vention call was carried through the by the spontaneous uprising of its citilegislature only by the votes of Douglas | zens. It seems incredible that any man, or set of men, representing corporate against a convention, voted for it. When interests would countenance, much less exert their influence, for such an auda-

ernment. In the annals of Nebraska this deliberate attempt to strangle local government has only one parallel and that is the successful abduction by the paid railroad lobby of a member of the state senate while that body was in regular session in 1893. That high crime against seem to be disposed to take the opinion | the state was one of the prime causes rule and the victory for populism in the desiring to be the candidate, although following year.

That the citizens of Omaha who do not yet wear corporate manacles will mayorality of the metropolia of the assert their rights can scarcely be doubted. The majority of the present doubtless came to the conclusion that if city council may stay bought, but no candidate will be elected to the next content to dictate who shall be the cancouncil who is not known to be free from corporate trammels and will stand

will be owned and governed by them.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

faction. In most of the municipal con- cratic councils of 1904. being protected in their religious and tests, of course, local issues were paracivil rights, that the administration of mount, so that the results are not conclusive as to the attitude of a majority of the voters in these communities in Cleveland election the democratic vic-Mayor Johnson made the issue a 3 shot fired by Patrick Henry Jackson. cent fare on the street railroads and the wards filled with workingmen gave inupon the strength of parties.

There is of course no good reason why civil government of the islands has been The country is as prosperous now as on Thirteenth street, where disorderly all that President Roosevelt claims for it was then, labor is as fully employed people are never permitted to enter, extra session a revised franchise tax bill is most favorable. In view of these sonably have been expected. At any rate it is shown that the party is mainthe Philippines that is most distinctly taining its strength and will doubtless

> strong assurance of success. "The only safety for municipal cormost radically with Herbert Spencer. has gone so far as to declare that the

needs the people of Omaha. John N. Westberg is not a man to hide his light under a bushel. For years he as managed to keep himself before the people by explosive self-laudation, not in keeping with his record either as a business man or as a city comptroller. information in regard to the resources Had he been content to pursue the even tenor of his way and attended strictly to his own business instead of trying to run the whole city government The Bee might have been spared the painful duty of turning the searchlight upon his business career, and his lack of sobriety, which is doubtless responsible for the vile language and profanity that characterizes nearly all his talk.

Mr. Westberg boasts that he is the watchdog of the city treasury. As a matter of fact the duties devolving on him have been performed by two deputies and several clerks, while he has been prancing up and down the streets of Omaha and running from saloon to saloon. Mr. Westberg's excuse for his scaly business record is bad luck and lack of ability to meet his just obligations. This plea is fiatly contradicted by the fact that he is engaged in various speculations in mining claims and petroleum lands and enterprises that must have absorbed a part of his in-

But even if the statute of limitations had run against all his honest debts and every hour of his time had been devoted to the duties of his office, John N. Westberg has barred himself from the support of the taxpaying citizens by his manipulation of the charter by which the salary of the comptroller has been raised \$1,200 a year, his bond is to be paid by the city and all limitations as to the expense of the comptroller's office for clerical hire have been removed so as to leave him full swing to hire as whatever salary he pleases, while he can devote his time to speculative enterprises, junkets to Wyoming and Colorado, with unlimited time for duck hunting, fishing and other sports at the taxpayers' expense.

JOHNSON'S RENEWED PRESTIGE.

The re-election of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, by an increased vote, will doubtless renew his prestige as a leader. This was somewhat damclous attempt to subvert municipal gov. aged last year by his course in the state election, he having boldy and vigorously antagonized the McLean faction of the democracy, and had the election Monday gone against him his political star would have probably experienced a complete eclipse. As it is he will undoubtedly recover prestige and it is more than likely will dictate the next candidate of the democracy for governor of Ohlo. He is suspected of he has said that his political ambition is at present quite satisfied with the Buckeye state. At all events, it is im probable that he will seek the gubernatorial nomination this year, but will be didate.

Tom L. Johnson may be expected to up and make an unqualified piedge that figure more or less prominently in the in a similar way.

he will vote to submit an electric light democratic national convention of next bond proposition as soon as it can be year. He is one of the "regulars" and done at special election, and, if the cor- so far as known has no sympathy with Ripples on the Current of Life in the porations dominate the special election, the movement for democratic reorganithen again at next fail's general elec- zation which is being promoted by some tion. The people of Omaha will either of the eastern and southern leaders. own and control public utilities or they As now believed he will endeavor to secure a delegation from Ohio to the national convention favorable to the The elections just held, insofar as be surprising if he succeeded. At any they are indicative of political condi- rate it can be confidently predicted that tions, give cause for republican satis- Johnson will be a factor in the demo-

ANOTHER SAMPLE OF SHAM REFORM. On the night of Friday, April 3. Robert J. Walker, a western stockman, regard to national questions, but it ap- was shot in Garrity's saloon in the propears that republican gains were more scribed district. Walker died the next numerous than democratic. In the day and a coroner's jury after due investigation brought in a verdict that sporadic disturbances created by a few tory was due wholly to local questions. Walker came to his death from a pistol give me your opinion on them." The result

Detailed accounts of the shooting were published in all the Omaha dailies creased majorities for Johnson. Local and members of the Broatch sham requestions were also in a great degree form police commission could not posresponsible for the re-election of Carter sibly have been ignorant of the murder, declared that the freedom we have Harrison, though by a considerably re- but no action whatever was taken by duced plurality. In Cincinnati the con- the police board or any of its members of liberty which they had a right to test was more of a party nature and the to close the resort temporarily or perexpect and that nothing short of leaving republicans were successful. Perhaps manently. The Garrity saloon is notothem to govern themselves, regardless the most instructive result was the de- riously known to the police and must cisive victory of the republicans in be known to W. J. Broatch as a tough

women of all colors. This dive was allowed to run day and in the country at large the republican night ever since the crime was perpewere singled out last Sunday and closed was enacted. deemed wise and practicable to do at with its diurnal orgy without molesta-

> This is a fair sample of what they call anti-machine reform.

It is interesting to note that while the American steel industry has been growing steadily, the British steel manufacturers have also been increasing their products both for horse and export marperceive the extent of the demand for wisdom is and even the huge figures in the statistical tables convey but a faint idea of idly that our facilities for supplying it have not kept pace. It is no wonder

Mayor Moores declares in unmistakable language that if he appoints the people of Omaha need him more than he next Board of Heview it will be made the corporations, but will see to it that the corporation property is assessed at its full market value the same as the home of the wage worker. No other candidate for mayor has declared himself on this point. What kind of men will they appoint on the Board of Review?

Philadelphia North American. The Asphalt trust is to be sold at auc tion, and the court fixes \$6,000,000 as the "upset price," The investors paid their price and were upset long ago.

Influence of Environment. Baltimore American.

Already the demoralizing influence of the United States senate has shown itself in the case of Senator Clark of Arkansas, who after a week or two in the national de liberative body, went home to Little Rock and whipped a congressman.

What Roosevelt Stands For. Baltimore American

President Roosevelt stands for hope and enthusiasm. If anyone can name two better things that a president of the United States could represent in connection with unquestioned patriotism, let him speak quickly or forever hold his peace.

Little, but Oh, My!

San Francisco Chronicle. It is definitely stated that the grip microbe is only sixteen one-thousandths of an inch in length. It is not the size of the microbe that worries the sufferer from grip, but the power for mischief which it

Good Maxim for All.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Those are excellent commercial maxims that the late Gustavus F. Swift left behind him-even if they carry with them a somewhat selfish flavor. One of the lot, however, is quite good enough for general "The best a man ever did," he says, "ahouldn't be his standard for the rest of his life." In other words, never have so many additional clerks as he pleases at much respect for your own record that you are afraid to break it

Springfield Republican As soon as the New Haven railroad of ficials receded from the "high and mighty" attitude early adopted toward their complaining employes and began to talk and confer with the latter on a common level the trouble at once began to disappear So also of the Wabash officials. Now that they have found an appeal to the courts in vain and have begun to confer with the men in a really serious effort to reach peaceful adjustment the difficulty rapidly yields to treatment. Not always can this method of dealing with dissatisfied omployes be made effective within the bounds of reason in averting a strike, but as a rule

Stenography as a Stepping Stone.

Indianapolis Journal. Mr. Roosevelt's private secretary, Mr. Loeb, is naturally brought into prominence these days, and it is worth while for boys looking out for a career to remember tha he began life as a stenographer and made his way gradually to his present position Boys are somewhat disposed to give sten ography the go-by, now that girls have entered into the business so extensively, bu there is always a demand for male expert. in shorthand, and places for them that for various reasons cannot be well filled by romen. In fact, skill in the art seems to afford a good stepping-stone for the intel ligent, wideawake young man. Mr. Cortel you and Mr. Lamont both served apprenticeship as stenographers, and many men of prominence in the business world started

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Metropolis.

The vast number of "grafting bills" pend-

ng in the state legislature and the probability of the passage of some of them has awakened New Yorkers to the necessity for a closer watch on measures sent to the governor for approval near the close of Kansas City platform and it would not the session. The situation presented recalls the methods pursued under like circumstances a few years ago. Governor Roosevelt was fearful that he would inadvertently sign some measures that should not become laws. A large batch of new bills was submitted to him, and given, in turn, to his attorney for examination. It was reported that not a flaw could be found in any of them. Mr. Roosevelt was not satisfied, however, and he sent word for all the newspaper correspondents in Albany to come to his office. "Now," he said, "you gentlemen know better than anyone else whether or not these bills should be signed, and I would be greatly obliged if you will of the examination and report of the newspaper men was that about half of thirty or more bills submitted to them were vetoed Another experience of Mr. Roosevelt with newspaper man was when he was about to sign the Ford franchise tax bill, the constitutionality of which, by the way, will be argued on Monday before the court of appeals. The governor sent for the repre sentative of the Associated Press, and stating that he had determined to sign the bill, gave him his memoranda on the subject, to be used when the measure was actually signed. The journalist was a personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt's and took the liberty of calling attention to some bad features of the bill, urging the governor not to sign it. Mr. Roosevelt, however, was not to be swayed, and the memoranda was telegraphed to the press of the country. A few days later Mr. Roosevelt sent for his newspaper friend and told him to recall or

"A phase of the New York character not ften touched upon," says a Pittsburg dispatch letter, "is its provincialism. This was brought sharply to the front during the week by the statement of a prominent railroad official in effect that Philadelphia, through the swift perfection of New York terminal facilities, would soon become mere suburb of the seaboard metropolis. Did this surprise New Yorkers? Not at all. Every community in the United States has long held that relation to New York. To be out of New York was to be campingthat is, unless they were in Europe. As a rule New Yorkers know more of London than of San Francisco, and more of the Riviera or the Nile valley than of Kansas of the valley of the Mississippi. All westerners are "jays" and "farmers" and all concentrated in Manhattan structural steel in all parts of the world borough. The one great source of shame is that Brooklyn is now a part of Greater New York. Yet, as a matter of fact, there porations is to make frequent changes of it. The area of steel consumption has Nebraska than in Boston, to say nothing is a smaller percentage of illiteracy in haps also in not making a larger reduction their auditors." That is the conclusion been expanding so greatly and so rap- of New York; the finest public schools in the country are in Kansas, and, generally speaking, the farther west one goes the that the biggest fortunes of the world it not the rule that the cream of the popukeener and broader minded the people. Is have been made out of steel and allied lation go out to do the pioneer work of a community? Though all who stay at home are not dull and unprogressive, all the dullards stay at home. Thus many an eastshorn, wondering and indignant at the "farmers," whom he expected to find an up of men who will not be owned by easy prey. Perhaps if there were fewer passengers for Europe and more for the tion with third-class resources posing as a bounding west New Yorkers would after first-class power and maintaining a con heir mental map of the United

> Five thousand dollars to see a king! This is a pretty good price for four of them according to our national game of poker. An Englishwoman now in New York is advertising the Messed privilege of behold ing good King Edward. She is a professional chaperon, and her amiable mission here is to introduce uncultured Americans with plenty of money into the best English idclety. A court audience is quoted at \$5,000. She has personal acquaintance with a whole raft of peeresses and she will place them in touch with American girls for a fee. Really clever girls she will take into the best English homes, to the race courses, the opera and all the fashionable entertainments of the London season. Oh the charge will be reasonable-for them! Mrs. Clifford is at present installed at the Waldorf

New York's dream of rapid transit is at last to be reduced to a tangible thing. The subway contractor definitely promises a service to Harlem by January 1 of next year. This means "to Harlem in fifteen minutes." Up to the present time \$24,-480,000 of the contract price of \$36,500,000 has been paid by the city to the contractors. Of the total length of twenty-one miles of tunnel 95 per cent of the excavating has been done. In the three years since work began nearly 4,000,000 cubic yards have been taken out of the heart f New York.

The appraiser's office reports that the importation of precious stones through the port of New York for the month of March reached the total of \$2,871,645 in value. These figures are in excess of those of any month on record, and strikingly illustrate the country's prosperity.

An especially good demand for pearls is eported by jewelers. The importers of the famous Hope blue diamond say that it is still in this country, despite reports hat it had been sent back to Europe.

The chief monument of Tweed's reign of rapacity in New York is the county court house. It cost \$12,000,000, twice as much as the beautiful hall of records, only a little less than the great and splendid capitol in Washington. Bricks enough were paid for though never used for its construction to have covered the entire City Hall park solidly to a depth of more than twenty-five feet. Yet today the building is inadequate, unfit, detrimental to health useless-except as an object-lesson of the

When the new liquor tax goes into effect n New York there will be no more 19ent whisky in Sixth, Seventh and Eighth avenues. Even the Bowery is to boost the price to 15 cents. Heer may jump to 10 cents a "tub," and saloon keepers are threatening to raise the "growler" to 15

If you chance to see when on a New York street car the conductor go up to a man and pass him a yellow ticket about three inches long and an inch and a half wide ion't make the mistake of thinking that the ratiroad company has changed the color of its transfers.

Don't ask for one. If you want one you can get it by just spitting on the floor. These yellow tickets are "spit cards." They are warnings. Here is what they say

You are violating the law against spitting. You are subject to a fine or imprisonment, or both.
By order of the Board of Health, E. J. LEDERLE, President.

he car it is the duty of the conductor o step up, without a word, and hand him r her one of the cards. It will not only warn the passenger of his crime, but it will notify every other passeager in the car that the individual has just offended against the law and against decency.

THE OLD RELIABLE



USEFULNESS OF "A BIG STICK."

A Strong Navy Only of the Elements of American Greatness.

Washington Post. "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you old adage at Chicago the other night in due to a heavy Brazilian crop coming upon "kill" the memoranda, as he had decided Monroe doctrine. "If the American na- year, calls attention to the surprising tion," he said, "will speak softly and yet growth of the coffee habit. Monroe dectrine will 'go far.' That doc-

> and the strength to make it effective." 'a thoroughly efficient navy," and that universal, seems to be the settled purpose of the American people. Since the work of constructing modern ships was begun under President Arthur and Secretary Chandler by the building of Chicago, Boston, Atlanta and Dolphin, there has been no halting. We have gone as fast and as far as we should in that space of time, and we shall move steadily forward. The nation that would have a good navy must not pause in onstruction and remodeling. It is one of the most expensive of all national necessisafer to keep a navy strong and efficient cert pitch and bring it up again in an

But the bigness of our "big stick" con sists less in fighting apparatus and fighting men, essential as they are, than in other elements of greatness that have given this republic its indisputable primacy in the family of nations. Our material resources and our ability to make the best use of them, coupled with our traditional policy of erner who goes west to shear comes back fair treatment of all countries, make us strong alike in war and peace. There are few spectacles more absurd and, to the moralist, more pitiful than that of a naparatively strong navy by the most cruelly oppressive taxation. The latent power of the United States, its known ability to raise and equip armies and to buy or, build ships and guns at short notice, is the greatest factor in our defenses.

PERSONAL NOTES.

King Edward was pelted with rose leaves at Lisbon Saturday. This is a distinct improvement over the fashion of throwing

When the authorities of Hoboken decided to tax Hetty Green \$2 for her dog they probably did not know that they doomed the dog.

Sir Cheng Tung Liang Cheng, Chinese ambassador, has arrived in Washington. His is a name that ought to go ringing down the corridors of time.

Bishop Consty, the retiring rector of the Catholic University of Washington, will be given a banquet by prominent residents of the district on Easter Monday.

Dr. Julius Boeckelmann, German physician and scientist, who went to Patagonia eight years ago to study the conditions of the country, says the Patagonians will be extinct in a few years.

The Rev. Dr. Funk, famed as the editor of a dictionary, says he has communicated with the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher. In the bright lexicon of Funk is there no such word as "flubdub?"

George Washington Tuttle, one of the founders of the Pel Upstlon fraternity fied at Bath, N. Y., on Friday. General Edward Martindale of San Diego, Cal., is the only survivor of the original seven. Prof. M. I. Pupin of Columbia college, the

inventor of the ocean telephone, is building a large villa and expending thousands of dollars developing hundreds of acres of marshy and rocky land near Norfolk,

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, the engineer-in-chief of the United States navy, who reached the retiring age a couple o months ago, is to be retired on active duty as chief of the bureau until January 10 1904.

Public memorials to engineers are not

very common. One in honor of Sir Joseph Bazalgette, placed on the face of one of the pedestals of the Victoria embankment, was ecently unveiled in London. It consists of a handsome mural monument wrought in veined Sicilian marble, containing a portrait bust in bronze of the eminent enGROWTH OF THE COFFEE MABIT.

Enormous Crops Drives Prices to the Lowest on Record.

New York World. The fall of the price of coffee in the New will go far." The president quoted this York market to the lowest point on record, connection with our naval policy and the the heels of enormous importation last

build and keep at a pitch of the highest | In 1903 for the first time in our history raining a thoroughly efficient navy, the we imported more than 1,000,000,000 pounds of coffee, at a bulk cost of more than \$70,trine," he added, "is not international law, 000,000 and a probable retail price to cusand though I think one day it may become tomers of nearly three times that sum. such, this is not necessary as long as it re- , This was a supply of nearly twenty pounds, mains a cardinal feature of our foreign pol- at a retail cost of about \$4, for every pericy and as long as we possess both the will son in the United States above 10 years of age; it indicates a use which has quad It is advisable, for many reasons, to have rupled in one generation and is now almost

In the source of supply great changes have taken place. When "kauphy" was first drunk in London it came undoubtedly from Arabia, which remained the sole source of supply up to about 1700 A. D. Today our "Java and Mocha mixed" probably never saw Java and most assuredly never saw Mocha. Brazil alone gave us 85 per cent of our 1902 supply, and Mexico; the West Indies and other Central and South American countries 13 per cent. The East Indies supply about 1 per cent and ties. It is, however, less expensive and "other Asia and Oceanica," including Arabia, the home of the coffee cult, furnish all the time than to let it fall off from con- only 1 pound in 256. The Greek monks on the Isthmus of Sinai themselves drink Brazilian coffee, so complete is the "American invasion" of the world's market of the fragrant brown berry.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

She—I wonder why so few women stutter? He—They haven't the time to.—Detroit Free Press.

"I understood you to say the house was a brownstone front," said the house hunter.
"Oh! no," replied the slick real estate man, "I told you it was a brown front."
"Huh! It's nothing but plaster painted."
"True, but it's all hand-painted."—Philadelphia Press.

He-Miss Wilmington, as the only daughter of your mother. I suppose you take a keen interest in her happiness?

She-Most assuredly. Why?

He-Oh, I only wanted to know if you would like her to have me for a son-in-law.

New York Times.

"Yes, sir," said the impatient guest.
"Yes, sir," said the obsequious servant.
"Seems to me that soup I ordered is a mighty long time getting to me."
"Yes, sir," said the waiter with much respect; "but (deferentially) you will pardon me, I trust, if I remind you that you ordered turtle soup."—Judge.

"You think that negro melodies will af-ford the inspiration for the American music of the future?" said Mr. Cumrox. "That is my opinion," answered the eminent composer.

"Well, I'm glad to hear it. I always told mother and the girls they ought to trade off that grand plane for a banjo."—Washington Star.

"Father, said the youth, "what is your understanding of the asying. "The race is not always to the swift?" "Practically, my son," replied the wise father, "It means that in the race of life the fast man don't usually come sut ahead."—Philadelphia Press.

"Let me get at him!" exclaimed the wild eyed man, trying to force his way through the crowd surrounding the president.
"Stop him!" shouted one of the guards.
"He's an anarchist!"
"Anarchist be darned!" said the struggling man. "I'm the father of twenty-one children!"—Chicago Tribune.

HOW SHE DRESSED.

A blossom of some kind crowned her head No botany names it, I am sure. It just grew out of the life she led, And so it was neat and fair and pure.

Twas light as a rose-leaf, and as fresh As a new-blown dalay's dewy eye; In many a dainty curve and mesh It held the tints of a smiling sky.

Its beauty I'm tempted to compare
With the honest face it shaded slightly.
But no, I must not, I will not dare
Let comparison make the hat unsightly.

Some texture soft as the finest ruche,
Like a dovelet's down with moonbean
wove,
Lay round her neck in a circling blush
As fair, almost, as the cheeks above.

The gown was light, of medium length, Not flapping around imprisence feet. Not made to ruin the health and strength, Or sweep the dust and fifth of the street.

blended colors, modest and few, I liken to bluebird, thrush and linnet; ut, better than all to me, I knew herself, her own aweet self, was

In all was the touch of character,
The highest merit in woman's dress,
Its delicate charms were lant by her,
To be but the bloom of loveliness. BERIAH H. COCHRAN.



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