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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, A. D. 1904. M. B. HUNGATE. Notary Public. It turns out that bulling the cotton market is not the soft snap it was

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cracked up to be. It is pretty nearly time for Russia's luck to turn if Japan is not to get altogether too chesty.

John N. Baldwin has endorsed Mr. Gurley for United States district attorney. That ought to fix it.

We presume that Ping Yang, which has just been occupied by the Japanese,

is some sort of a cousin to Ping Pong. House committee No. 1 evidently thinks it easier to bear a lesser evil than to undertake to settle the race question

in South Carolina.

Russia may have a chance to discover his judgment the applicant is not qualithe difference between marching to Peking with the Japanese forces and fied for full citizenship. It rests, therefore, with the authorities issuing natmarching to Peking without them.

Former President Cleveland has just tional test in a reasonable manner. This celebrated another birthday anniversary. | would not keep out any desirable immi-It is needless to say that Colonel Bryan gration because the right to vote is not forgot to send a birthday present.

Partnership with calamity is not the most certain road to success, as Daniel Sully, who claimed the boll weevil as his partner in the cotton boom, will

have to testify. It is to be hoped that the Abyssinian hyena sent to President Roosevelt lost his voice in transit to America. The

presidential campaign will furnish noise enough for the year. British war correspondents who want to retain their usefulness will hereafter say nothing derogatory to "the thin red

line of heroes" when sent to report wars in which Great Britain is engaged. What has become of the Gorman presidential boom? It must have gone up in smoke with the Baltimore fire, for it certainly has censed to attract attention

in public discussion of presidential

politics. figures most of his friends will prefer

not pay lawyers for defending pauper to raise difficulties which render more struct. criminals. That is the only plausible or less troublesome all the questions According to Commissioner Pepper explanation of the fact that no lawyer and issues between the two countries. only 4,800 miles of railroad are lacking. could be found to volunteer to defend | That spirit is being shown at present. all the way from Mexico to Argentine, William Rudolph.

If the New England savant, who has reached the conclusion that much crime is due to suggestion, would have sent along a method for repelling such suggestion his remarks would have been more to the point.

The action of the Sixth Nebraska district republicans in projecting their candidate for congress ahead of the other five districts is another illustration of the proverb about the last being first in that direction the initiative must be sible benefit is an indisputable propoand the first being last.

confirmation as major general by de- zen, whatever his views in regard to feating a force of 2,000 Moros, which the question of reciprocity. Why should can be no doubt of its ultimate accomwill reconcile the people to his eleva- the United States take the initiative in plishment. tion, since the American honors above a movement for reciprocity with Canall the man who does something.

A free tip to inwmakers at Washing- joint commission to secure a reciprocity ton: In the consideration of the postthere for the benefit of one Mr. Bristow, the fourth assistant postmaster general.

Congressman W. E. Andrews would shy his castor into the senatorial ring has to forget that it is not so very long the democrats. proved correct. The prize is not to be ago that this same statesman, with his awarded until next winter and it is not colleagues in the Dominion government, to be expected that any one aspirant were uncompromisingly attacking the the Russian army. In other words,

ILLITERACY AND IMMIGRATION. their power to create British sentiment From the discussion going on in east- hostile to this country. However solicitous we may be in the matter of preern papers it is plain that another effort is to be made before long to make the serving our trade with the Dominionimmigration laws more stringent by and it is certainly worthy of preservaprescribing an educational test in addition-we cannot overlook the fact that tion to the present rigid physical and the whole temper and tendency of Canamental requirements. The burden of dian policy is inimical to American inthe argument is that while immigration | terests. laws are fairly effective to keep out crime and disease they do not keep out

dangerous menace to the institutions of

it is said, is too short a time for proba-

tion, and yet in some states aliens are

half, and have taken out their first nat-

uralization papers. The conclusion is

therefore reached that even if the term

of probation were to be ten years or

fifteen years, the hopelessly ignorant

of the matter by forbidding the immi-

The agitation against the further ad-

questionably has a footbold among cer-

to European immigration without going

back more than two or three genera-

the first place, the most dangerous citi-

zens are not always the most ignorant.

In the second place literacy need not be

literacy in the English language, al-

hough it might take an educated for-

eigner almost as long to become accus-

We certainly cannot expect an immi-

he did learn it he could gain at that dis-

tance but an inadequate conception of

our institutions. Finally, an illiterate

alien is no more dangerous than an Illit-

The chief weakness of this whole ar-

gument against immigration is that it

confounds the question of immigration

and naturalization. The mere fact that

we admit allens and give them certain

rights of citizenship does not entitle

them to, nor require us to grant, the

right to vote. Admitting that the pro-

bationary period is in many states al-

together too short, that is simply a valid

reason for lengthening that period, and

educational test for the franchise be-

fore naturalization would require an

educational franchise test fee native

voters as well. As a matter of fact in

Nebraska, and, we believe, in most of

the states, naturalization is not a right

but a privilege, and can be withheld by

which final papers are procured, if in

iralization papers to apply the educa-

usually the prime incentive to their com-

All competent observers agree that

were intended to operate, and there are

no good grounds for closing the doors

tighter now while the great states of

dustrious settler willing to help develop

their resources. Illiteracy in the immi-

grant of today is quickly wiped out in

illiterate parents, thanks to our superb

CANADIAN FOLLY

Every idea that comes from Canada

which is antagonistic to the proposition

taken by the United States.

question.

ada? The opportunity which that coup-

try had at the last meeting of the high

agreement it deliberately sacrificed and

Appreciate as we may the expres-

becomes a more desirable citizen.

gration of illiterates altogether.

CO-UPERATIVE CHARITY. The Bee prints on another page an article by Rev. A. W. Clark of this city on the subject of associated charities which states the case very plainly for the co-operation of our local charitable have been perfected long ago.

Mr. Clark truly says that "no other city the size of Omaha in America can and if it is made a party issue in 1905, be found without such an organization." and he calls attention to the fact that aliens would never become intelligent the lack of system in charitable work by it will carry. voters, and it is better to go to the root the various philanthropic institutions supported by our public-spirited citizens arraigned themselves more directly than is chargeable with a tremendous amount in giving as the reason for their action of waste and misdirected effort. People the excuse that the secret ballot system mission of immigrants from Europe un- who contribute to charitable purposes has worked against the democratic have a right to ask for an assurance tain, classes who forget that the whole that the money will be spent in a way population of this country can be traced calculated to bring about the best results. To duplicate, through ignorance or neglect, a charity, no matter how tions, and such sophistry as this appeals worthy and deserving, is to deprive some other deserving object of assist-

ance equally needed. The idea-is put forth that a scheme of charity organization be projected and tion and terrorizing and affords each executed in connection with the newly established International Christian institute, an idea which should commend ittomed to our language and methods of self to all thoughtful people interested other hand, is an invitation to corrup government as an uneducated foreigner. in the subject. The co-ordination of our tion by facilitating the delivery of the numerous charitable agencies is a work grant to learn the English language be- as essential and urgent as the conduct dation, buildozing and violence. In a fore coming to this country, and even if of those agencies themselves.

SOUTH AMERICA BY RAIL.

Among the great projects that are be ing considered at this time with a view erate native, but on the contrary often to the expansion of commerce, especially between the United States and the countries south of us, none is more important and fraud. Suffice it to say that no than that of constructing a great railway to unite the northern and the southern continents. This is a subject which has been talked of for many years and which has the endorsement of some of power. the most practical and the wealthiest of our great capitalists. Men who rep resent millions are in an organization struction of an inter-continental rail road, connecting the northern and south ern continents of this hemisphere by a more than anything else to preserve peace between them and promote trade that would be of mutual advantage.

The idea of a panamerican railway originated years ago and repeatedly the judge presiding over the court from talked of since by men of the highest standing in the financial and railway world, seems to be in a fair way to become a material proposition. The special commissioner appointed by Prestdent Roosevelt to investigate conditions in the South American countries with reference to the construction of the proposed railway has made his report and its facts and recommendations are such ing, although it would bar the hope- as to justify the conclusion that the lessly illiterate from the exercise of the proposed enterprise cannot only be successfully carried out, but would prove profitable as an investment. That is all our present immigration laws are work- that American capital will need to know ing satisfactorily along the lines they in order to embark in the enterprise and carry it to success.

Mr. Pepper, the commissioner sent out by the president, furnishes some very the west are eager to welcome the in- interesting facts. He found that our sister republics to the south are very much alive to the necessity of the inter-American as well as lateral railways, if the next generation and the children of they are to take the place in the world's horizon indicated by climate, resources former styles in that announcement. educational equipment, are quickly and productiveness. Argentine is buildcounted among our most substantial citi- ing northward to Bolivia, says the report of Commissioner Pepper, and Mexico southward to Guatemala. Negotlations are going on for a line through Nicaragua and a similar activity is beginning to appear in Costa Rica. Chile of better relations between the United is to tunnel the Andes, thus connecting walking away from it as fast as con-States and the Dominion, is born of with the Argentine rail systems. Peru some prejudice or hostility to this coun- is anxious to bring rails to its deposits General Leonard Wood is to be con- try which is without justification. There of coal and copper and is considering gratulated, but with cable toils to the seems to be among our northern neight ways and means for the extension of Philippines at practically prohibitive bors an instinctive and innate desire to lines to trade centers. It is said that find fault with everything that occurs the link of greatest difficulty and unto write rather than to wire their good on this side of the line affecting Cana- certainty in the great railroad scheme dian interests. Whether intelligently or is the long one through the isthmus and The state of Missouri evidently does bors are ever prone to find fault and not regarded as impracticable to con-

According to an address delivered at to make the vast system complete and the recent opening of the Dominion ever this distance much of the work is Parliament by the Canadian premier going on within the different countries. there was no favor or concession to be The entire cost of the construction of Oiney to make a complete investigation of asked of the United States. While the proposed intercontinental railroad is confessing a desire to have closer trade set down at \$150,000,000 and there relations between this country and the seems to be no doubt that the invest-Dominion, the premier still declared ment would be fairly profitable from the that it was the determination of the beginning. That in binding together Canadian government not to take any the countries of the northern and southsteps to bring about such an arrange- ern continents of America the proposed ment and that if anything was done railroad would be of the greatest possition. The construction of a railroad The folly of such a position as this uniting the northern and southern con-General Leonard Wood celebrated his will be apparent to every American citi- tinents of this hemisphere may not be achieved in the near future, but there

Representation in the coming populist national convention is based on an apportionment of delegates according to office appropriation bill the surest way it has now no just claim for further president in 1802. Inasmuch as Colonel to kill an item is to charge that it is consideration in connection with that Bryan admits having cast his ballot in 1892 for General Weaver, he will be The Bee's prognostication that former part of the premier of Canada, so re- It is barely possible he would feel more cently enunciated, we are still unable at home with the populists than with

Five hundred Servians will fight in wiff have a monopoly of the running. American government and doing all in King Peter has not missed the oppor-

tunity of making himself solid with the When Nicholas recognizes the CERT. son of the swineherder, others may

ELECTORAL BACKSLIDING.

The people of our calightened commonwealth should not overlook the disgraceful exhibit of backsliding from electoral reform held up to them by Kentucky, whose legislature during the past week enacted a bill providing for itself closed half a point higher for the viva voce method which was in force agencies. This is a subject on which in that state prior to the adoption of permitted to vote after they have been The Bee Has hammered from time to the present constitution in 1800. The residents but a year or a year and a time and for which a movement should bill was passed by a strictly party vote as a democratic measure over the strenuous opposition of the republicans, when it comes before the electors, there may well be grave apprehensions that

party by enabling democrats who could not stomach the party nominees to vote the republican ticket under cover, when they would not have dared to do so in the open. What to the Kentucky demo crats is most objectionable in the secret ballot is the very thing that commends. it to the friends of electoral reformnamely, that it does away with intimidavoter the opportunity to cast a ballot a malevolent influence upon the value of representing his own personal convictions. The open ballot system, on the goods, and also an incentive to intimiword, the secrecy of the ballot has come to be regarded as one of the essentials of free government and it is simply amazing that a state like Kentucky should for a moment entertain a proposal to give up this priceless privilege and go back to the dark days of force such step could ever be taken except in a state dominated by partisan-blind democrats resolved to resort to the most desperate means to keep themselves in

Omaha has certainly gotten the cold shoulder in the realignment of the supreme court commission. This judicial state's population, but it has no repredistrict contains almost a sixth of the sentation whatever among the six judges and commissioners who constitute the supreme court. We presume, however, we will be permitted to continue to furnish the large share of litigation for the

Mayor Moores is enlisted in the cam paign to beautify Omaha. Energetic action by the city authorities means a great deal, but the co-operation of the savage boisterousness of passion as by the is a sanctity and dignity belonging to a individual citizen is equally necessary. frivolity and insincerity of men and women Omaha can be made beautiful only if to whom unshaken belief has become im- proper regulations and this provision every one interested in the city does his or her part.

Just Like the Pugilists.

Chicago Chronicle, Russia and Japan will hardly begin real business in the field until they get through notes to the powers.

Modesty Forbids.

Detroit Free Press (dem.) about the disorganizers. Possibly, however, this was due to modesty.

No Change in Style.

Washington Post. A fashion note says that gold will be used extensively in spring millinery. It will be difficult to convince the husband and father that there is any change from

Spieling Over the Wall.

Brooklyn Eagle, China's great wall has a use in these ater days. It marks a place that, in the opinion of the nations, Russia is not to noss. Russia's warning to China to stay behind it or consider herself in trouble, is amusing, considering that Russia is

Snow Stacked on Mountains,

Portland Oregonian. The past winter has been one of heavy snows in the Rocky mountain states. In portions of Yellowstone park, for example now is now twenty-five feet deep, with at least six weeks of winter to come. If the waters of this mass of snow could be fairly or otherwise our Canadian neight the republic of Colembia, but this is stored and distributed, it would mean a summer of smiling verdure throughout a vast expanse that by the middle of August will be dry and withered.

Overhauling the Red Cross.

Philadelphia Press. The steps taken in Washington by Sens or Proctor, Representative William Alden Smith and General Ainsworth, comprising the committee appointed by ex-Secretary the affairs of the American Red Cross promise satisfactory results. Mr. Olney named the committee in accordance with nstructions given at the last annual meeting of the Red Cross, when the charges of mismanagement and unbusinessike methods were under consideration. A thorough examination of the books is to be made by countants and both sides are to file their statements. It will be fortunate for the Red Cross organization when these charges have been thoroughly sifted, and any necessary changes made to remove any feeling against the society.

"Heads I Win-Tails You Lose."

Minneapolis Journal. An interesting illustration of the beautiful principle of "Heads I win, talls you lose" nas come out of a case recently dismissed by the supreme court of the United States for want of jurisdiction. A negro named Glies was refused the right of registration as a voter in Alabama. He appealed to the vote cast for General Weaver for the state courts, and, losing there, to the United States supreme court. The state courts decided adversely to the negro on the ground that if the state constitutional prorision as to the qualifications of a voter. represented in the populist convention under which he was excluded by the regissions of good will and friendship on the as well as in the democratic convention. trars, is null and void under the federal constitution, then the board of registration without authority and virtually nor existent, and, being so, cannot be required to register him or anybody else. On the other hand, if the state constitutional prothe board of registrars is empowered to act Isn't that a beautiful -100 of

FINE THEORY SHATTERED.

Actual Property Uninjured, Crooked Schemes Spoiled.

Detroit Free Press Nothing could have better demonstrated the utter artificiality of the modern method of industrial exploitation than the decisio of the supreme court of the United State in the Northern Securities case. The an nouncement of the decision made hardly ripple in the stock market. Even the stock of the Northern Securities company day. Twenty-four hours after the decision was rendered the market betrayed no evidence of the slightest knowledge of a Northern Securities company or a supreme court of the United States. This could not have been the case if the

organization of holding companies was really necessary to the advancement American industry. It could not have been the case if Justice White were right in his contention that the majority opinion involved principles "destructive of this gov ernment, destructive of human liberty and destructive of every principle upon which organized society depends." If the court had actually enunciated principles of the destructive nature described by Justice White, the country would already be pay ing the penalty. But as a matter of fact there is nobody who supposes that a dollar's worth of real property in the country is worth less today than it was Monday morning as a consequence of this decision Even James J. Hill concedes that nothing has been destroyed. The railroads are there as they were before the Northern Securities company was organized. Their equipment has not been crippled. They are hauling freight and carrying passengers common carrier just as they were when the court destroyed the holding company. The decision has not cost the railroads a pound got there anyhow. of freight, or added a penny to the cost properties controlled by corporations that are made amenable to the Sherman law by this decision. The entire business of the country is running along as smoothly as it was before the "evolution of industry was ever dreamed of.

If this proves anything, it proves that the prosperity of the people and the stabillity of industry hear no relation whatever to the trust method of exploitation Instead of being essential to business development, the Morgan theories of promotion have no standing in the world o actual things. The "logical development turns out to have been neither logical nor a development.

LIVING IN GLASS HOUSES.

gaged in Knocking the Mormons. Chicago Tribune.

While we are searching the recesses of our chaste souls for words to express our shuddering horror of simultaneous polygamy as practiced by the Mormons, we might to our consternation find that we had been providing our enemies with words most uncomfortably applicable to consecutive polygamy as practiced by ourselves Father Sherman said the other day that it the United States during the last twenty years there had been 300,000 divorces Father Sherman stands against a background which might well lend him an aspect of authority. Fifteen hundred years ago when turbulent barbarians settled within the confines of the Roman empire it was the Catholic church that coerced the vagrant lust of the barbarian heart and bound one woman to one man till death did them part. Today, when the sacrament of marriage is threatened, not so much by possible, it is the Catholic church that still refuses to make a single concession to legalized promiscuity, and that still keeps unblemished the ideal of an indissoluble spiritual union between man and wife. If we cannot subscribe to the theology of the Catholic church in this matter, neither can we fail to subscribe to its practical moraladdressing explanatory and controversial ity. The Smoot case ought to give a tremendous impetus to the demand for a uniform federal divorce law. The easy route to consecutive polygamy ought to be beset with more obstacles. The voice of the In classifying the democrats as regulars whole Christian community ought to beand reorganizers Mr. Bryan said nothing come as clear and emphatic as the voice of the Catholic church.

LAUNDRYING THE LUCRE.

Unclean Money a Menace to Thos. Who Handle It. Philadelphia Press.

Congress every now and then listens to such statements as that made this week by the health commissioner of New York concerning the filthy character of paper money, but it does nothing to stop the evil. Dr. Darlington, the health commissioner found 135,000 bacteria on one bill and 126,000 on another. Upon all bills were found dis ease germs of a serious nature. Some of the bills in circulation are abso-

lutely filthy, to say nothing of their work in distributing disease. No European nation has such bills in circulation. Congress makes the laws under which all paper money circulates in this country and it should provide for clean money. The little extra expense involved should not be considered for a moment, in view of the public benefit that would follow the prompt re-

newal of the note circulation. The Bank of England never issues the same bill a second time. There should be some such rule in this country. No bank should be allowed to reissue a dirty bill of its own or one issued by another bank. But these filthy, disease-laden banknotes continue in circulation in many cases until they almost fall to pieces. It is a great mistake and has a bad effect on the public.

STRONG MEN NEEDED.

Wanted, Majority Controlled by Conscience Bather Than Expediency. St. Louis Republic.

Cardinal Gibbons, in a recent sermo sald: "We need men who are controlled by conscience rather than by expediencymen who are influenced by a sense of duty and not of self-interest, who are swayed by a spirit of patriotism and not by a de sire of political preferment." Such men are needed in the world. They

are needed in the pulpit, in the bar, ir politics, in business-everywhere. But it will be many years before we have such men in the majority. They are in an evident minority new.

Most men are self-centered these days In politics the prevailing type is working solely for his own good; in business he is seeking the overthrow of his competitors for his own advancement; in the professions he does not blindfold himself to the shortcomings of his ilk because he seeks to benefit himself by these shortcomings. In the pulpit, generally speaking, the high salary and carefully selected sermons are of more importance than spreading the

homely gospel of Nazareth. The time may come when we shall have only such men of whom Cardinal Gibbon meaks, but it is evident all around us that the time is far away.

> still the Wheels Turn. Detroit Free Press.

After reading the decision a second tim Mr. Hill reluctantly admits that the suvision is valid, then by that very provision preme court has not torn up any of his track or destroyed any bridges, and that both railroads are still hauling freight and DEEDSINGUES.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Doing cures doubting. A puff is a poor prop All power involves privilege. Convictions create character. Fast living is but faster dying. Right motives make good manners

Only a fool's tomorrow ruins today, Blessings are hidden in the blows of pain It is the opportunity we make that makes

Better a deluded enthusiasm than a dead heart.

Slick lips are not accepted for shining We do not enrich the present by ridiculing

paradise. We shall be measured by what we might Men are known by their fruits, and not

We do not earn heaven by pining for

by their feelings. Dogmatists are sound because they are othing but sound.

The golden rule looks well as a motto, but It works better as a law. Our shame is not so much in our sin as

in our being satisfied with it. Being up-to-date alone will not keep man from going down to defeat. They who will not walk to do good have

small prospect of doing it on wings .- Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chicago Post: There is a strike of choir boys in the New York Church of Heavenly Rest. What's in a name, after

Chicago Record-Herald: Dr. Parkhurst says Moses was too strenuous and hotand performing all the functions of a headed. It is unfortunate that the doctor is unable to give Moses his support, bu perhaps Moses won't care, seeing that he

Memphis Appeal: The Ray, Mr. Conwell of operation. And neither has it exercised of Boston says the only reason a young man goes to church nowadays is because his best girl is there. The church that "gits thar fust" with the most girls will therefore have the congregation.

Minneapolis Journal: Booker Washington calls attention to the fact that so called Christian communities in this coun try, which give money to send missionaries to the heathen, are burning negro men and women at the stake in broad daylight and almost at the very doors of Christian churches. Mr. Washington's reference to this fact is embarrassing.

Chicago Inter Ocean: To many laymen church-going seems to have declined chiefly because modern preaching, with its tendency to appeal to welfare in this life alone, offers no sufficient motive for taking the trouble to go. By dropping the argument of fear of the consequences of sin after death it takes away the strongest motive of the average man to seek salvation in the ordinances of religion.

Chicago Chronicle: Rev. Thomas Sherman in his lecture before the Knights of Columbus at the Auditorium Wednesday night expressed the opinion that polygam; was no worse than repeated marriages by aid of repeated divorces. In saying this Father Sherman told the exact truth. The man who maltreats and divorces a succession of wives is infinitely worse than the man who marries the same number all at once and cares for them and their children as long as they live. Both are criminal and detestable, but let us "tote fair." Indianapolis News: A Catholic priest at Fort Wayne ordered an undertaker to re-

move a fing from the coffin of a Spanish war veteran and there was great excitement thereat. The priest explained that by a rule of the church neither flags nor flowers should rest on a coffin in the church; and a very good rule it is. There church that ought to be protected by strikes us as seemly. But if it were u seemly, any and every church has a right to make such regulations as it pleases for its services, and these are to be respected. The Fort Wayne folk who got excited over the episode should calm There is nothing about it to warrant excitement.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. The first faint tremor of the vernal

equinox is due today. If you cannot feel it, search an almanac. The English for Vladivostok is 'I conquer the east." The definition is yet to be approved by the Nipponese.

A person struggling with a load of Jersey lightning is judicially declared to be "on the quiver." The burden bearer is lucky if he gets off that easily

When a thoroughbred -railroad builder comes upon a dangerous obstruction, he builds around it. James J. Hill is an experienced railroad builder.

A decided downhill movement toward the valley smiling below is reported in Butte, Mont. It's a rare day in the copperopolis when there's nothing doing.

Boston is again threatened with a fishball famine. While these periodical scares are unchecked, the perpetuity of American institutions remains a debatable propo-

General Kouropatkin intimates that when he gets to the front there will be something doing. A famous British general said something similar on a like occasion. He found his Tugela. A man of 92 strode into a New York tax

department and cheerily waved aside the sympathy four-score-and-ten evoked. "It's mighty good to be here." he murmured, "and it's worth paying for." Any lingering doubt of the sincerity of

Uncle Sam's neutrality policy should be banished. "Fighting Bob" Evans is at liberty to leave Chinese waters and come home by any route he chooses. One of the latest Iowa ideas is to boost

the egg monopoly. A resident of Ackley is said to have sucked sixty-one eggs at one sitting of twenty minutes. That fellow has an interior department strong enough to digest the Kansas City platform.

The Saddle Creek Debating society recently took a fall out of the question "Is the backbone of winter straight or curved?" As soon as the judges recover from the frostbites gathered on the way home a decision on the momentous question will be

An uncommonly large jackpot in a club ouse in Pittsburg caused such a degree of excitement that one side of the building collapsed, leaving the male "witches" exposed to the rude gaze and jeers of a multitude of merry people. They saved the pot. Signs of spring are to be seen in London One in a tallor shop reads: "Dandy kicksies with rorty buttons and an artful takement down the sides, cut saucy over the trotters-'alf a monarch." 'Ow is that for

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"So Mrs. Nagsby married a nobleman."
What is his title?"
"He hasn't any. His nobility consists in the fact that he married her."—Detroit Free Press.

Nell-Kate tells me that your engage-ment with Ralph is broken off. Belle-Well, no, not exactly that, but it is pretty badly bent.—Somerville Journal. Harris-Was that your sister I saw with you yesterday afternoon? Barlow-She wasn't when you saw us. It was later in the evening whon she became my sister.- Boston Transcript.

> "Their engagement was very short, wasn't "Yes; she insisted upon marrying him at once, because she didn't like to have him about the house."—Chicago Post.

> Why do women always cry at a wed-Why do women always cry at a wedding? asked one of the spectators.
>
> "It's to make the bridegroom feel that any woman would be throwing herself away by marrying him," responded the confirmed old bachelor. "The object is to take some of the starch out of him,"—Chicago Tribune.

"Boskin's wife is much older than he is,

"Twenty-four years."
"She is kind to him, isn't she?"
"She means to be. She kuits his socks and cuts his hair."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Catterson—Mrs. Wilter is a woman with a great deal of pride, isn't she?
Mrs. Hattersou—Intense. She told me she had ordered as many clothes this season as she would if her husband hadn't been in debt.—Brooklyn Life.

"I don't see any way out of it, senator," said his intimate friend. "You'll have to take the vice presidency. You are the logical candidate."

"Old fellows," responded the eminent senator, deeply grieved. "you are the last man I should have ever suspected of wanting my job!"—Chicago Tribune.

Miss Passay-Mr. Oldbow wants me to have my photograph taken, and I really must—
Miss Cutts—Oh, you ought to go to Kammerer. He made grandma's latest ploture,
It's just wonderful the way he touches up
his pictures and eliminates the wrinkles
and all that—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"A KING GOES PAST."

New York Tribune.

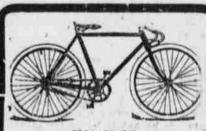
"Ho!" said the child, "how fine the horses With nodding plumes, with measured step and slow.
Who rides within this coach, is he not great? ne king, I think, for see, he rides in

I turned, and saw a little coffin lie Half-hid in flowers as the slow steeds went by:
So all a woman's arms might hold it pressed
As some rare jewel-casket to her breast.

"Ho!" said the child. "how the proud horses shake
Their silver harness till they music make. Who drives abroad with all this majesty? Is it some prince who fain his world would see?"

And as I looked I saw through the dim glass
Of one sad coach that all so slow did pass
A woman's face—a mother's eyes ablazo
Seize on the child in fleroe and famished
gaze.

drives," I said and drew him in alarm
Within the shelter of my circling arm.
So in my heart cried out a thousand fears.
"A king goes past." He wondered at my tears.



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