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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public A Christmas motto: Patronize home industry.

(Seal)

With still another disagreement of a is finding the trials of life not a few.

We thought it was pretty near time for Pat Crowe to turn up again-and to good faith. Senators and representamake another get-away.

American skyscraper it is up to the Russian capital to secure an American fire escape.

St. Joseph officers could not be expected to engage in a shooting scrape with a criminal of less importance than Pat Crowe.

Japanese report setting fire to the arports of the state of supplies at that place are correct.

big and little, at the St. Louis World's interest congress must sooner or later the electric lighting company. fair. Nebraska takes no back seat in recognize and safeguard. any competition where intelligence and enterprise counts.

gested by holiday shoppers.

From now until after the Missouri States senator, Judge Lee Estelle will

Bunau-Varilla has expressed his idea of the Panama canal and, like his celebrated treaty, Secretary Taft will have power to make necessary revision, which will insure the soundness of the uitimate work.

New York police have the satisfaction of having the "black hand" upon which to place blame for crimes which are not easily traced to their real source. This relieves the Gotham sleuths of much unprofitable speculation.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who is heavily interested in Omaha property, says he is well satisfied with his investments here. That's the kind of a nonresident property owner that does a community good instead of being a drag upon it.

Wall street traders do not like to admit that Tom Lawson is responsible for the decline in prices on 'change, but as penditures, and this will be a quite long as the slump was in the direction indicated by the Boston revealer his reputation as a prophet is not dimmed.

Among the reforms that should commend themselves to the representatives whole conservative, and probably will main to the inquiry, but few men in pubof Douglas county in the coming legis- prove to be as nearly accurate as such lature is the abolition of sinecures and a forecast can be made. double pay grafters. One office should be sufficient for one man at one time.

Chicago republicans are trotting out their candidates for mayor, to be elected of a panic, was repeated yesterday, with next spring. Omaha goes Chicago one hardly less excitement than marked the better. Its candidates for mayor were trotted out a year ago and will continue to run at large until the spring

lar plurality of more than 2,500,000. Yet slump in prices and demoralizing the it will be recalled that Colonel Bryan market. It was alleged that Lawson won issued a pronunciamento on the eve of heavily from his operations and then be impeached is the decision of the com- It has long been known that that organ election expressing his unshakable con- withdrew from the market. viction that Judge Parker was about to

breaker in the association's history.

PREIGHT RATE ARUSES.

ton, which appear to be trustworthy, be taken. Discrimination in rates has to keep out of the stock market. destroyed competition, Mr. Roosevelt is reported to have said to members of congress who have conferred with him on this subject, and the only way to restore competition and give individuals a chance to do business is to place the individuals and the combinations upon the same footing with regard to freight charges.

As heretofore noted, opposition to this ittitude of the administration is becoming active. The men in the senate who are known as "railroad senators." and who exert a very strong influence in that body are counted upon to vigorously antagonize the efforts of the president to secure the legislation be has recommended. While there is also in the house a considerable republican contingent which will doubtless be arrayed against the proposition to enlarge the power of the Interstate Commerce commission. But this opposition is not, it is believed, in a majority in either branch of congress and although it may be able to delay legislation, it is thought that it cannot prevent the 31.517 ultimate carrying out of the executive recommendation, supported as it is by a practically unanimous public approval. It is said that this opposition is already planning some measure which may appear to include the president's idea and will yet leave the railroads and the trusts a loop-hole of escape, but it can be very confidently assumed that the jury former Mayor Ames of Minneapolis president will not accept any false pretense legislation. Knowing that he has public sentiment behind him he will rely upon this to compel congress to act in tives will be forced to go on record in this matter and will be held to a strict Now that St. Petersburg has its first accountability by their constituents.

There are bills now pending in congress, introduced at the last session, designed to accomplish practically what the president has recommended. It is quite possible that final action upon these measures cannot be had at the present session, though a determined effort will be made to secure it. At all events it is assured that the question senal at Port Arthur, but little damage will not be ignored. The decisive stand

somewhat reduced.

treasury during the next fiscal year will barrel. be equal to, if not in excess of the exsatisfactory condition, since the treaspedient. The estimates of the secretary of the treasury appear to be on the

ANOTHER FLURRY IN STOCKS. The flurry in the stock market last week, which approached the character previous occasion. The situation on last Thursday was ascribed largely to the work of Thomas Lawson, who was said to have created alarm among small investors and caused them to throw over President Roosevelt will have a popu- their holdings, thus bringing about a

As to yesterday's flurry it seems to have been due to a general feeling of judge still has a chance, as the commitdistrust, doubtless engendered by the tee does not agree as to what he should Everyone in Omaha who has friends previous break. What seems to be the be impeached for. or relatives in the teaching corps most plausible explanation of the situathroughout the state should extend tion was given by the New York Jourhospitality for the period of the State nal of Commerce of last Saturday. Teachers' association convention, to be which said that there was no bottom Chadwick may be due to the fact that grinks. Somebody must have sworn off. held here the holiday week. Let the to the market, or at least that it was they are not certain as to what sort of invitations go forth at once and the not resting on the bottom, but had been a paper their name might appear when coming meeting will be a record "jacked up and put on stilts." The the defendant again gets within reach of rapid advance in prices in the last two pen and tak.

months had no solid ground. There was According to reports from Washing- reason for improvement and for a steady investment in securities that had President Roosevelt intends to press gone sufficiently low, but the passion for upon congress consideration of his rec- buying on a rising market in the hope ommendation that the powers of the of speculative gain gave a fictitions Interstate Commerce commission be en- celerity to the movement and the prolarged so as to give that body authority fessional operators found their account to regulate freight rates. A dispatch in pushing it along with a view to unto a Philadelphia paper says that in loading at the proper time. The less of the opinion of the president legislation visible or tangible value there was in a attached; to prevent discrimination in railroad stock the easier it was to set it rates is a question of far greater im- "a-ballooning." This process, of course, portance than the tariff. He believes, it attracted thousands of small investors is stated, that the trust evil has as and when a break came they wildly sumed its present proportion as the re- threw over their holdings. The end may sult of railroad rebates and that leg- not yet have been reached. It is quite islation which will effectually prevent possible that there will be a still further rebates will do more to solve the trust fall in prices before a reaction sets in. problem than any other action that can At any rate it seems to be a good time

> PATIENCE WILL CEASE TO BE A VIRTUE Many months ago City Electrician Michaelson called the attention of the mayor and council to the fact that life by defective electric wiring, and espe- the maid, places the care of her person cisily in the high voltage currents of the first in all her multitudinous affairs. electric lighting company's lines. More than two months ago an expert elecderwriters made an inspection of the the mouth is full, well-formed and closes electric lighting company's lines in snugly over a perfect set of white teeth. Omaha and his report embodied substantially the conclusions reached by the city electrician.

Shortly after this report was filed notice was served upon the mayor and council of Omaha by the underwriters that insurance rates would be materially raised in this city at an early date unless the defects in the electric wiring were remedied. The report of the insurance expert and the notice of the insurance companies were practically pigeonholed by reference to a commitof the strenuous president of the electric lighting monopoly.

Instead of carrying out the recommendations of the insurance expert and complying with the demands of the insurance underwriters to avoid an increase of fire insurance rates, it is proposed to increase the fire department the average observer would pick out as force and burden the taxpayers with possessing hypnotic power. \$100,000 more a year for fire protection than they have been paying up to this time.

We violate no confidence in declaring that the people of Omaha will not stand this kind of treatment much longer. There is a limit to popular endurance, especially when relief can be secured by legislative action. In other words, we feel sure that the taxpayers of Omaha, and citizens generally, will demand relief the essentially irresponsible nature of the pass on September 1. through the coming legislature, if they do not get it from the mayor and coun- President Roosevelt's message that, if Tenth infantry, was placed under arrest cil.

inaction of the council in a matter of corporations. The suggestion is similar to resignation and is understood to have been such grave concern. No rational explanation has yet been given why the of the national banking law. Both ideas partment the incident was reported to the recommendations of the city electrician are in the direction of conservatism and regimental commander with a request for can have been effected if Japanese re. taken by Mr. Roosevelt has started and insurance expert have been ignored, public safety. In the case of the insurance his recommendation. He at once telea discussion and agitation that is certain or why Omaha should be subjected to to grow and to eventually have a prace additional insurance tolls merely betical result. The power of the presi- cause the enforcement of precautionary companies not so managed have no right Nebraska corralled over 500 awards, dent is in the public interest and that regulations do not meet the approval of to exist as the custodians of sacred inter-

fairs will soon be shaped by the loca-The estimates of the secretary of the tion of the new city hall, and the loca-The department store fire at Amster- treasury show that the financial depart- tion of the proposed new city hall will session of by United States examiners and dam, N. Y., should be a reminder to ment of the government will have no have a most salutary effect on the fuother cities to exercise more than ordi- difficulty in meeting its obligations in ture of South Omaha real estate." If the interest of their policy holders. State connary care while retail houses are con- the near future, even if congress should future of South Omaha real estate really be rather more extravagant in appro- depends upon the location of the new mainly outside the state to which they priations than is now expected. For the city hall, speculators in South Omaha owe their charters, is necessarily feeble current fiscal year, which ends June 30 real estate are liable to be disappointed, and ineffective. The strong, far-reaching legislature has made its choice of United next, there will be a deficit, but this will The location of the proposed new city arm of the national government is needed. be more than made up for in the next hall will, undoubtedly, enhance the have invested their savings to the amount hope and pray for the consummation fiscal year if results should bear out value of real estate adjacent to its site. of over \$2,137,000,000, and whose directors of the highest aspiration of Major the estimates. Of course, there are con- That was doubtless anticipated by the wield such tremendous power in the finantingencies that cannot be foreseen. The projectors of the scheme. In the long cial world, is certainly a fit object of govsecretary counts upon an increase of run the governments of Omaha and receipts from both customs and internal | South Omaha are bound to be merged | revenue, and while at present there and the new city hall will sooner or der superfluous the insurance departments seems to be good reason for this it can-later be abandoned as a municipal office of the state governments, now maintained not be regarded as assured. All depends building and utilized for some other at so much expense; so it would be a step upon the course of business. The out- purpose. A separate municipal governlook is certainly favorable, yet circum- ment is too much of a luxury for South stances may arise to disappoint present. Omaha taxpayers, who will soon realize five sets under which they now do busianticipations. Then there is necessarily that there is no more need of two may- ness-and policy holders always gain by uncertainty as to what congress will do ors, two police commissions, two treasin the matter of expenditures. The urers, two city clerks, two engineers, secretary can only estimate the total two fire department chiefs, two police expenditures on the basis of the recom- chiefs, and other duplicates, than there mendations submitted to congress and is for two sheriffs, two coroners, two this may prove to be safe, since there county surveyors, or two sets of county is being shown a disposition to keep commissioners in Douglas county. The down appropriations, so that the depart- only parties interested in perpetuating furnishes the best reason for the exment recommendations are likely to be the duplicate governments in Omaha and South Omaha are political pie-biters In any event there is good reason to and grafters, who swarm around every expect that the receipts of the national city hall like files around a molasses

Senator Smoot's hearing has opened at Washington with a witness on the stand ury now has a cash balance fully as telling what former Congressman Roblarge as is necessary or perhaps ex- erts said when addressing a Young Men's Christian association meeting at Salt Lake. The evidence may be ger-Roberts is the political autagonist of the junior Utah senator.

In funny, funny Omaha the city owns a market house, where there is no mar- the Wall street market can be knocked keting done, and employs a market master whose activity is largely employed ful advertising would serve to strengthen her amazing feats because some financiers in supervising the marketing of vegetables and fruits at a market place owned give the public a chance to see how it is by a private corporation and operated done. for its profit. In other cities of Omaha's pretensions and dimensions market houses are a source of revenue.

That Judge Swayne of Florida should mittee of the house of representatives to is capable of some shocking performances whom the matter was referred, but the

The hesitancy displayed by New York business men in signing the bond of Mrs. of whicky and miscellaneous alcoholic

MRS. CHADWICK AS SHE IS.

Pen Pleture of the Woman Who Worked Bankers for Money. number of alleged photographs of the notorious Mrs. Chadwick, printed in the newspapers, represented her as fair to look upon and commonplace, buxom and slender, a youthful face creased with time's furrows, dressed gaudily and severely simpie. To lend variety to the group a pen picture drawn by a New York reporter is Mrs. Chadwick is neither large nor small,

stout nor slender, neither repellant nor yet particularly fair to look upon. She is of about average height-say five feet six, with a well-rounded figure, full face, regular features and hair that has turned almost white. She looks about 50

perhaps slightly younger than her years. She is deaf in her right ear. The gray hair was arranged in a simple knot on the top of her head, brushed back over the smooth, white forehead, neat and kept in place by numerous pins which the maid frequently arranged. Her hands, white and soft as the face, are well kept, these two also receiving the constant care of the maid, for Mrs. and property in Omaha are endangered Chadwick is fastidious and, according to

years of age, active, well preserved and

She has dark eyes, over which sweep ongish dark-brown lashes and eyebrows heavy, but shapely and well kept. The trician employed by the insurance un- nose is straight and of medium size, and

> Thin lines run from the nose on either side down to the corners of the mouth, and between the eyes slightly deeper ridges have formed. The eyes have a peculiarly wistful expression and they look straight out at one as Mrs. Chadwick talks.

Altogether the face shows none of the aristocratic tendencies of the society woman, however, but, on the contrary, is cose-fitting gown of dark bengaline, made severely plain and which was almost completely covered by a cloak of brown broadcloth, also loosely made, with side pockets a hat of dark brown cloth, with a feather drooping over the edge, and thrown loosely about her shoulders was a boa of rabbit fur. She carried a muff to match.

Laced shoes of patent leather completed the outfit. There is nothing in the appearance Mrs. Chadwick suggesting either cupidity or guile, and she is about the last one that

It is only when Mrs. Chadwick is watched closely that one begins to understand her.

NATIONAL SUPERVISION.

Important Suggestion of the President Concerning Insurance Companies. St. Paul Ploneer Press.

The recent discussions of the enorm

power exercised in the financial world by the great life insurance companies, and control exercised by their directors and officials, give point to the suggestion of practicable, these companies be placed un-There is absolutely no excuse for the der the control of the national bureau of day. That officer recently submitted his that made, not long ago, that the trust in the city for the purpose of urging its companies be brought under the provisions companies, no concern that is well and ests. Did the bureau of corporations today possess the power which the comptroller We are told that "South Omaha af- of the currency has over the national banks, it is practically certain that two at arrest and taken to Fort Myer. This was least out of the twelve greatest life in- done and later in the week Lieutenant surance companies would be taken postrol over companies whose operations cover two continents, and whose investments are officer is a native of Virginia, a graduate Illustration of the Available Wealth A class of companies in which the people ernment solicitude. The president voices that sentiment. National supervision would probably ren-

in the direction of economy and simplicity. Insurance men would welcome the substitution of a single set of rules for the fortywhatever lessens the expenses of the com-

Turn on the Light. New York Tribune

The president's remark that the bureau of corporations "offers to the congress the means of getting at the cost of production of our various great staples of commerce' istence of such a bureau. If such facts can be supplied to congress the work of revising certain tariff schedules to bring them into harmony with changed conditions will be an easy and simple matter, provided congress then has the courage and wisdom to act up to its knowledge and con-

Magie Power Played Out.

Roosevelt's plurality in Nebraska is about \$6,000. But it would be rather unfair to blame that on Mr. Bryan when so many other states did much worse. It was easy for Mr. Bryan to make populists and silverlie life would like to be held responsible ites, but not so easy to unmake them. even for remarks of their friends while Like the magician in the Arabian tale, he lost the potent word to disenchant them.

Well Worth Trying. Chicago Record-Herald.

Mr. Lawson of Boston has shown that out by advertising. No doubt good, skillthe market, too. Let the bulls and bears | led the simple life. fight it out in the advertising columns and

Secret of an Unruly Department. Haltimore American.

Experiments conducted in a San Franis o medical school demonstrates that the stomach is electrical in its action. but it is only now that electricity is sucpected in the case.

> Who Swore Off? Philadelphia Press.

According to the commissioner of in ternal revenue there was a decrease last year of 11.661,765 gallons in the production

The Ohio Man in Eclipse. Chicago Tribune The Ohio woman may not be as pervasi. as the Ohio man, but she is smoother,

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON. Matters of Interest Gleaned from the

Army and Navy Register. The War department will shortly act upon the case of Lieutenant General N. A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, whose detail to a winner. militia duty in Massachusetts will be necessary if he is to draw the full pay of his grade. It is understood that some objection is destined to be made in prominent quarters to the official designation of Gen- to get right down to business and it should eral Miles for duty with the organized mi- do it. litia, the prospective appointment of General Miles as adjutant general of Massachusetts having been announced by the new electing E. B. Berry speaker of the house. democratic governor of that state. Of The people in this part of the state want course there is nothing in the way of Gen- him to be the speaker and will use all eral Miles serving as the adjutant general their efforts to elect him. of the state, but he may not draw the active pay of the army rank unless he is It is not the policy of the administration to detail to active duty, either on militia work or elsewhere, retired officers of senior rank." This is a reason which has been vouchsafed to inquirers from a distin- Senator Jennings was a member two years guished source of information. It won't pass muster, however, when it comes to the militia details. There are twenty-eight retired officers detailed with the organized He would preside with dignity and fairness militia and of these no less than nine are and he well deserves the honor. of the rank of brigadier general-practically one-third of the total number of officers engaged on this work are of what might be of Loup City, is being mentioned as presisupposed to exist against the detail to miltia duty of high ranking army officers will after January 1.

The general staff of the army has decided to change the effect of the paragraphs of kindly, sympathetic and motherly, and army regulations relating to the dates this suggestion is further carried out in when preliminary and final examinations the ample figure, which was clothed in a of enlisted men as candidates for commissions will be held, so far as those provisions concern men who would be adversely affected by the changes made in the new regulations. It has been decided tee that seems to be under the spell and large brown pearl buttons. She were to have two final examinations, one on May 1, 1966, for the benefit of those whose term of enlistment of two years expires by that time, and the other on September 1, 1905, so that those whose two years' service expires after May 1 may be examined The preliminary examinations will probably be held on February 1 for both classes. The holding of two examinations was one way of doing justice to those soldiers who enlisted with the prospect of being able to the house and served the people with such complete their two years' service by Sty- ability that he was re-elected at the retember 1, 1906, and September 1, 1906. The original change in the regulations removed the eligibility of some of these soldiers by establishing May 1 of each year as the final date of examination. It is not announced whether the results of the two examinations will be combined and the successful candidates graded accordingly. It is possible there will be two distinct classes and those who pass in the May examinations will have precedence over all of those who

Second Lieutenant Paul H. McDonald, while at the War department last Thursacceptance. Following a practice of the denumerous rcharges had been preferred against McDonald and that he should be held for trial by general court-martial. It ceived at a time when Lieutenant McDonald was at the War department and General Chaffee ordered that he be placed under McDonald, still under arrest, was taken to Fort Lawton, Wash. The charges preferred against the officer alleged all manner of irregularities in financial transactions, including duplication of pay accounts and obtaining money under false pretenses. The of the Atlanta (Ga.) high school and was for a time an enlisted man of troop 1. Twelfth cavalry, having been commissioned a second lieutenant of the Tenth infantry in October, 1903.

The language of the next appropriation bill will be so changed as to give authority of law for the reimbursement of army officers of actual expenses incurred by them while away from their stations under orders and engaged in the inspection and purchase of animals. In the execution of the duty imposed upon the secretary of war an officer (sometimes more than one) is selected to inspect the animals presented for acceptance by persons to whom contracts therefor have been awarded. Deliveries may be made under the contracts at places mentioned on those instruments or agreed upon by the parties thereto; as result the purchasing and inspecting officers are obliged to travel from place to place, where the horses are presented for inspection with a view to their acceptance for the military service. In addition to this they are required to make stops, from time to time, usually at places previously agreed upon, in order to inspect horses which have been collected with a view to their inspection and delivery under the contracts. These stops may and frequently do consume considerable time, and while thus remaining stationary the officer is under expenses for board and lodging, for the payment of which there is now no authority of law. It will readily be seen that mileage granted an officer for a short journey covers but a slight portion of the expenses to which he is subjected, if his duties in the inspection of animals require his detention at one place for any consider able time. Under the law as now proposed the officer will forfeit his mileage, and refundment to him of his actual expenses will simply recoup him for what he has actually spent in doing government work.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Emperor William of Germany has his own code, and his telegraph bills amount to \$15,000 a year.

Mrs. Chadwick was able to accomplish Captain Moses Gibson, who presided over

the first republican convention held in Wisconsin, has just died in Washington. All the poor ought to get encouragement from the Chadwick operations, because it shows that even the greatest fools sometimes have had possession of a good deal

of money. Hugh McLaughlin, for half a century the boss of Brooklyn democracy, died suddenly last Tuesday. Death dealt kindly with the sage of Willoughby street. He passed from apparent health into the eleep that knows no waking.

King Carlos of Portugal is generally known to be a crack shot with the reolver, but most people have forgotten that he once won a prize at a competition after shooting off a tie with the best shots of this country and England. This feat he performed in 1886 at Wimbeldon, England, his American competitor being Mr. Winans. The Englishman was Mr. Elitott Carlos, then duke of Braganza, carried off the prise.

ANTICIPATING THE LEGISLATURE,

Fremont Tribune: There is pretty good circumstantial evidence that J. A. Douglas of Bassett will copper the speakership when the legislature meets. He looks like

Scott's Bluff Republican: A short ses sion of the legislature is looked for and there is no reason why it should last a great while. That body is in good shape Stockville Republican-Faber: We hope

that the legislature will start right by

Wayne Herald: The Herald is glad to see N. D. Jackson of Neligh in the field formally detailed to duty at Boston. About for the speakership of the Nebraska legisthe only objection which can be raised to lature, and sincerely hopes he will receive General Miles' designation for the duty- the election. Jackson is able, just and outside of the prejudice which may exist level-headed and as a presiding officer we against him at the White House-is that feel that he would do honor to the state and himself.

Fremont Tribune: Senator Jennings o Thayer county is announced as a candidate for the presidency of the state senate ago, and proved himself to be one of the most trustworthy and intelligent members of the body, popular with all his colleagues.

Scott's Bluffs Republican: We are pleased to learn that our old friend, Judge Wall called senior rank. The scruples which are dent of the senate. There is not a better man in the state for the position, and as the judge has always been a warhorse hardly serve as an excuse for the refusal of the republican party could well afford to the president to detail General Miles to see that he gets the position. There is no than many of the great divisions of manduty under Governor Douglas at Boston doubt of his entire fitness for the place, kind. and he should be honored with the po-

Beatrice Express: Gage county has another candidate for the position of speaker in the person of Representative McMullen. Gage county is fortunate in its members of the legislature, as any one of them | ized giant. would be equal to the task of presiding over the legislature. Mr. McMullen is an able attorney, with an excellent knowledge of legislative procedure. He would make a good speaker, and while the Express could not venture to choose between Casebeer and McMullen, we hope the members of the legislature will choose one of them.

Table Rock Argus: Representative W H. Wilson of Pawnee county is a candidate for speaker of the house, an important position, and one he is eminently qualified to fill. Two years ago he was elected to cent election by an increased majority. A new member last year, he rose to leadership, was recognized as one of the strong men of that body and was prominently identified with the work of the house during the entire session. Here at home, where he has lived for twenty years, he has a large practice as a physician and does a big business as a druggist. He has the fullest confidence of the entire community and is recognized as a progressive, energetic, public-spirited citizen with a high sense of honor.

Beatrice Express: The Bartley bondsmen are willing to settle with the state now and pay the costs, if the state will quit and give them the several hundred thousands of dollars they owe the state. This case alone should disgust everybody with the individual bond. It is but rarely any thing is ever collected from individual bondsmen. Here were some of the wealthiof the state treasurer who robbed the of the state treasurer who robbed the state. The state sued the bondsmen, the case has been tried three or four times, but nothing has ever been recovered for the state. Attorney General Prout now advises a compromise. Individual bonds should not be taken. There are strong corporations making a business of furnishing bonds, and it is much easier to make them pay in case of a loss than to make individuals pay. Surety company bonds should be required from every public official.

UNCLE SAM, FINANCIAL GIANT.

of the Nation.

Chicago Inter Ocean The annual report of the comptroller of the currency gives in a few figures as amazing illustration of available wealth and financial strength of this American

nation The banking power of the world-the capital, surplus, deposits and circulation of all its banks-its fluid wealth for the daily uses of its industry and commerceis closely estimated at nearly \$34,000,000,000 Of this aggregate all the other countries combined have a little less than \$20,000 . 000,000. The United States of America alone has nearly \$14,000,000,000.

In other words, under the Stars and Stripes, which float over less than oneA MATTER OF HEALTH

thirteenth of the land area of the globs, and to which less than one-seventeentu of its inhabitants owe allegiance, is twofifths of the fluid, active, working wealth of the human race

Absolutely Pure

MAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Nor can it be said that the possessors of this wealth are less strong morally than materially. The American people are conceded by their rivals to average in education, intelligence and all that goes to make up civilization as high as any and higher

Uncle Sam, the financial glant among the natious, is not abusing his strength more than others. He is abusing it less than most. He is using it as beneficially to mankind as any, and more so than many as becomes an intelligent and highly civil

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

The Woman-No, I can't give you a The Tramp-I didn't think you could, mum; you look too young and inexperienced to know how to cook.—New York Sun.

"I notice that somebody says the Ameri-an hen could pay the national debt."
"Perhaps she could. But I don't sup-ose any such idea ever entered into her ackle-ia-tions."—Creveland Pisin Dealer.

Patient—Great Scott: Doctor, that's an awful bill for one week's treatment!

Physician—My dear fellow, if you knew what an interesting case yours was and how strongly I was tempted to let it go to a post mortem you wouldn't grumble at a bill three times as big as this.—Chi-

Bill-Did you have your head shingled when you were a lad?

Jill-No, not my nead.—Yonkers States-

"Do you ever have any difficulty in making your guests at ease in conversation?" No. answered the hostess. "I always invite a planist of reputation. As soon invite a planist of reputation. As soon as the music starts the conversation is sure to follow. Washington Star.

Jeweler-How about that watch of yours that used to go so slow?
Victim-Oh, I got into a tough crowd the other day and it went fast enough.-Phil-

Franklin had just drawn lightning from "Huh! that's easy," said a meek-looking man; "just hint to your wife that she is extravagant."

With a sniff of contempt for science he melted away in the crowd.—New York Sun. He prided himself on his powerful bass

He simply has no v -Philadelphia: Bulletin.

LINES TO THE YOUNG.

To stake your gold on the cast of dice
Is hardly the proper trick to turn,
To gamble with cards is by no means nice
And raises Cain with the coin you earn.
To bet on the ponies and then find out
That they've been detained for a week or Is carelessly wicked, beyond all doubt-I wouldn't do it if I were you.

Being profane is an awful trait
That should be cried down by every man;
If you are righteous I'm sure you hate
To hear men curse as profane men can,
And telling stories with naughty twists
Is also a bold, had thing to do,
A thing that's denounced by moralists—
I wouldn't do it if I were you.

Wasting your time where the wine glass

Is apt to make you a cynical cuss.
And rinsing your stomach with fancy drinks
Is demoralizing and dangerous. Is demoralizing and dangerous.
Drinking it straight is just as bad.
And can count for its victims a fe.
Have courage enough to say "No,"

I wouldn't do it if I were you. There are ten commandments-count them

The keeping of which is no soft snap;
If you don't shatter one now and then
You're really a most unusual chap.
Some of us bend them just for fun
And some of us crack them clear in two;
But remorse is sure to follow, my son;
I wouldn't do it—IF I WERE YOU;



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