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In spite of the prospect of four elechope to find offices enough to satisfy everybody.

Santo Domingo is having as hard a time making an assignment as the man who forgot to hide the oil can before the insurance adjuster arrived.

Charles M. Schwab is to have an interview with the czar. No man is bet ter fitted to tell the Russian ruler how to raise money without assets.

In the filrtation between Germany and France the latter would hardly object stitutions, the support of the public to the restoration of Alsace and Lor- schools and for the construction of good raine as an evidence of honorable inten- public roads are constantly increasing.

There is satisfaction in knowing that distilled in the state, this business being ueither senatorial courtesy nor state sovereignty can interfere with a full investigation of alleged polygamy in Ha-

If the legislature really surprises the people of Nebraska, as well as itself, by passing the anti-pass bill, it will only afford one more proof that the unexpected sometimes happens.

extinction.

If its request for the donation of a valuable street were granted, would the Bridge and Terminal company be willing to pay city taxes on it, or would it insist on throwing it into the mileage been decreasing and imports growing, of having two municipal elections this Treasonable Hint to Supplant the dump to escape taxation?

It is announced that it will require at least 200,000 more men for the Russians to make a stand at Gunshu. Is this General Linevitch's method of telling Harbin to prepare for visitors who will arrive tired and hungry?

If that \$5,000 bribery story is without foundation, it will be a good thing to head it off before it is set at large in the next campaign. If it is not unfounded, it will be a good thing to find ing period of last year. There are two 25 cents a ton each month to the conout just how much there is to it.

The World-Herald devotes a slice of its editorial space to enumerating the natural causes; the other the constant eminent citizens of this state who are and growing activity of our manufac- floor of the lower house of the legislakeeping Nebraska in the limelight without once mentioning William Jennings growing consumption of foreign commo- railway rate reduction in Nebraska out-Bryan. Somebody must have slipped a dities by our people, which of course is side of the newspapers. If these gen-

The next time the people of Otoe ator Jones they should make him justire of the peace or judge of the district court. With Jones on the bench all the newspapers of the state would be in perpetual contempt.

In considering the argument between the United States and Venezuela it may the falling off is due to the reduced price terms of judicial and county officers for be well to remember that American in of cotton and the lessened shipments of a year under pretext of economy should vestors did not go into the South American republic without knowing the nature of the country and the character of the men who run it.

Thirteen hotels were closed in Chicago for fallure to enforce the ordi- particularly in manufactures, which nances providing for adequate fire escapes. This comes in time to be used months of the fiscal year of \$52,000,000, member that these contracts are the certificate of character from the houseby managers of the Iroquois theater to just offsetting the loss in breadstuffs, remnant of democratic control of county

MOVING TOWARD HARBIN.

have done. The Russians are desper- couple of decades. In the meantime we ately maintaining in retreat the best need to develop to the greatest possible pace they can in their disorganized and extent our foreign trade in manufacdemoralized condition and it would not tures and it is highly satisfactory to be surprising if they should give out be- know that this is being steadily done. fore reaching Harbin, granting that they are able to escape.

the junction point of the railroad lines Omaha of great advantage to the Japanese. Should they capture the railroad back her to exact indemnity. , Another reason that makes Harbin of great importance in favor of this country. is the fact that there are mills there which produce several thousand barrels of flour per day. Furthermore, supplies can be carried from Japan to Harbin by an all-water route. Its relation to Vladivostok, its food-making facilities and its water transportation combine to make that place a prize worth having and seem to justify Oyama in traversing the comparatively small distance that remains to be covered. It is stated that in order to enable the Russians to meet 30,430 the Japanese on anything like equal terms reinforcements to the number of army altogether hopeless.

TO TAX TRUST PRODUCTS.

Bills have been introduced in the legislature of Pennsylvania providing for a tax of 3 cents upon every ton of coal mined and a tax of 5 cents on every bar-If you have any doubt about spring rel of crude petroleum produced in that state. The proposed tax on coal was recommended by the governor in his message to the legislature and it is said tions this year Lincoln politicians cannot that despite the protests of the coal barons the republican leaders have decided to pass the bill, which if it shall become a law is expected to yield an annual revenue of \$5,000,000. The proposed tax on crude petroleum would also give the state a handsome revenue. In justification of the contemplated legislation it is urged that the revenue derived by the commonwealth from her mineral resources is not commensurate with their value and that the demands upon the state treasury for the support and main tenance of benevolent and charitable in-Another measure provides for a tax of \$1 on every barrel of spirituous liquors

It is understood that these bills have the support of the leaders of the republican organization, in which case they are pretty sure to be enacted into law. There is probably no doubt as to the right of the state to levy the proposed taxes and there appears to be no good reason why it should not be done. It is unquestionably true, as stated, that the Federal prisoners are being sent from revenue derived by Pennsylvania from Ohio to work on a new federal prison her mineral resources is not commenin Georgia. Former Senator Dietrich's surate with their value, and those who idea of making federal prisoners useful control these very valuable resources by putting them to labor is taking root, should be required to contribute more tiously independent newspapers." He than they are now doing to the support The spirit of Niagara Falls cau sym- of the state government. That they will pathize with the Indians who once make a very determined effort to avoid in this state, flying the banner "An inhunted along the banks of the stream, this is to be expected, but it is not to be when the march of modern progress now doubted that public sentiment in Penndemands exploitation which amounts to sylvania will be found strongly in favor of the proposed legislation.

under the control of the Whisky trust.

DECLINING TRADE BALANCE.

It is perhaps no material disadvantage The gentleman from Michigan should have become in recent years so much officers, and the second to elect supunderstand that while the road from as- accustomed to hear of increasing exports plemental councilmen. Lincoln may also so well beaten that everyone can travel nimity. We have grown so used to a First district, and then again in the regunfailing evidence of national prosperity, a view not concurred in by all political economists.

The trade statistics for February plausible explanations of this, one the continuous and heavy increase in our population from immigration and from it is needless to say contributes to the election to do that.

general prosperity. In regard to exports, the decrease in which for eight months of the current sprung by the World-Herald against fiscal year, as compared with the similar period of last year, is \$112,000,000. wheat and wheat flour and breadstuffs be indefinitely postponed. The way to generally. In cotton alone the loss was abolish annual elections is by way of \$28,000,000 and in breadstuff's \$52,000,-000-a total of \$80,000,000 for these two items. In other fines of exports there were a good many respectable increases. show an increase of exports for seven tenness in county contracts, just re-

News from the seat of war for the last ture we must to a large extent pay for present year. few days has not very clearly defined our importations in the products of our the situation, but there is no longer any manufacturing industries. It will not doubt as to the intention of the Japanese be a great many years, if our population to push the enemy to Harbin should continues to grow as rapidly as it has they not succeed in cuiting off the Rus- increased in the past, until our producsian retreat and inflicting a decisive tion of breadstuffs will not exceed the blow. This result is by no means im- domestic consumption and we shall have probable, though it would seem that the no wheat or wheat flour to send abroad. Japanese are not pressing forward quite This is likely to be the case when we as rapidly as formerly, a not surprising shall have reached a population of 125,fact in view of the enormous work they 000,000, which probably will be in a

There is nothing in the foreign trade statistics to cause apprehension or dis-The occupation of Harbin, which is turb confidence. They are in all respects indicative of a condition of subsouth and east to Vladivostok, would be stantial prosperity. We are sending less of the products of the farm to foreign markets because there is a home of Vladivostok that place would become demand for them. We are more freely easy prey and Japan would then hold importing foreign goods because we Russian territory, which would enable have the means to pay for them. Meanwhile the balance of trade is still largely

MORE MOON-SHINE ON A SHOVEL. According to the Howellite organ, the Omaha Water board will in a few days hold a meeting to take action in the matter of a reduction of existing water rates and the citizens of Omaha are invited to let the members know how they feel about it. This is simply another piece of grandstand dramatics.

Every consumer of water and every Omaha taxpayer would like to see the water rates reduced just as they would also like a reduction in the gas rates, 200,000 are needed. This appears to make electric light and power rates, telephone the outlook for Linevitch's retreating rates, railroad rates and the tax rate. But the citizens of Omaha who have taken the trouble to investigate the subject know that the resolutions adopted by the water board to reduce the water rates will come to nothing unless the water company is willing to reduce

The rates which Omaha water consumers are paying under the contract made by the city in 1881 will continue in effect until the expiration of the contract, September 5, 1908, unless it is modified voluntarily by the water company, and that company is not likely to make such concession so long as it is not obliged to do so, and it cannot be compelled to do so by any legislature, city council or water board because a contract cannot be abrogated without

the consent of both parties to it. To be sure, there is nothing to hinder the water board from making an exhibition of itself or trying to play upon the credulity of the community. It can cut the water rates by resolution with impunity, but it does not take the seventh son of a seventh daughter to prophesy that the federal court will, on the application of the attorneys of the water pressmen. company, promptly issue an order to restrain the water board, the mayor and concern from interfering with the collection of the established water rates.

In saying this The Bee does not at tempt to justify the rates, but simply to this community is being periodically treated by water-spout patriots and yel-

association asserted that there is no such thing as a newspaper independent in politics, although there are "pretenshould have first looked at the flagdependent newspaper." and then tempered his remarks to conditions as they partisan shams and political mounte-

The new Lincoln charter gives the to the United States that exports have people of the Capital city the privilege since the balance of trade in favor of spring within two months of one anthis country is still large, but our people other, the first to elect the regular city great annual balance of trade as to have ular fall election later. Four elections naturally come to the belief that it is an in one year would be about the record.

Of course there is no combination to control the price of coal, President Bachr has sworn to it, but effective show that the total imports were larger May 1, the managers of each and every than for any month in the history of mine will reduce the price to the point American commerce. For the eight that obtained the same time last year and months of the current fiscal year ending will uniformly but independently adwith February the value of imports was vance it 10 cents a ton each month until \$75,000,000 in excess of the correspond. September-which means an advance of suner who purchases at retail.

The railroad attorneys, railroad doc tors and railroad beneficiaries on the turing industries. There is no doubt a ture insist that there is no demand for evidence of their greater ability to buy, tlemen would take the trouble to min-This means prosperity. The facts as to gle with the farmers and small mer-

unnamed members of the state senate be true or false, the bill to extend the constitutional amendment and not by

prove the existence of prejudice, which The growth of the exports of manufac- affairs and that the democrats have predatory eagle, and substitute the feathwould prevent a fair trial in that city. tures is a very interesting and gratify- been uprooted from control of the ered queen of the republic.

ing fact, for in the not very remote fu- | county board only since the first of the

Danger Past. Baltimore American. Now that the Mothers' congress has adjourned, the fathers throughout the land

are beginning to stay home and look pleas-Helpful Advertising. Chicago News. This advertising that Mr. Burt is get

An Old Idea Revived.

ting as "the \$100,000 man" ought to be helpful in case he ever gets out of work and goes hunting for a job.

Washington Post. President Castro's idea of marching ar army through New Orleans and up the Mississippi valley is not original. General Weyler was doing that once when the alarm clock went off and woke him up. Sticking to the Reliable.

Boston Transcript. A fifth transatiantic cable is being laid by the Commercial Cable company, in spite of wireless telegraphy. This indicates a bellef on the part of the cable company that wireless telegraphy for commercial purposes is still "in the air."

Prophets Without Honor.

Chicago Chronicle. General Stoessel assured the caar a dozen times that Port Arthur would be his tomb, and General Kouropatkin, when he went to the east, took along with him a splendid coffin for his remains, but both of them are still living, with a whole skin and in good health.

Signs of Spring.

St. Louis Republi Spring millinery is already here, and the bills will be in promptly on the first of the menth. A leveller iris changes on the burnished dove and the women are putting away their ostrich plumes. The sap is stirring, crocus fires are kindling, and the breath of lilacs and of camphor balls makes redolent the air. Old spring is in

> Getting Acquainted. Philadelphia Record.

Success in business is largely a matter f getting acquainted-learning the needs and tastes of your customers and making them familiar with yourself, your establishment, your methods and your wares. You cannot get acquainted with the purchasing public in a day, or even a month it takes time to make yourself "solid. but it is worth while. By cultivating the acquaintance of possible buyers day after day through the advertising columns of the newspapers you establish a basis of confidence that yields constantly increasing returns, and that will in the long run be worth more as an asset than money in the bank.

The Stomachless Man.

McClure's Magazine. The stomach proper has ceased to be erious problem to the surgeon. He can invade and explore it with impunity. He can even, if circumstances demand, relieve the owner of it entirely, and so arrange the loose ends that the functions of nutrition are successfully maintained. To be sure, the patient can never thereafter derive much pleasure from his meals; he must restrict himself to a rigid diet; but for all the other affairs of life he may be as competent as before. There are today several stomachless men who are earning their daily predigested ration in occupations varying from clerk to ex-

VIGILANT RAILROAD LOBBY.

ow the Nebraska Article Looks to a Distant Observer. Minneapolis Times.

The railroad lobby has been working with great success among the Nebraska solons. Several electric interurban lines have been point out the arrant humbug to which planned throughout the cornhuskers' state and an effort was made by the promoters to secure the right of eminent domain, as enjoyed by the steam roads, was defeated through the opposition of the latter, as expressed in the Burlington & Missouri River The principal speaker at the meeting and Union Pacific lobby. Nebraska has of the Nebraska Democratic Editorial done much for the railroads within its borders, but it has never received anything but scant courtesy in return.

The farmers of the state are robbed by the railroads of at least 3 cents on every bushel shipped to primary markets or through to tide water, and the elevator men make use of the railroads to extort another 2 or 3 cents a bushel. Positive legislation against the offenders

has been attempted, but the supreme court of the state has decided much of this legisexist in this state with reference to lation unconstitutional. The voters should bury the tools of the railroad lobby under such an avalanche of ballots that they will never be heard from again.

A FOWL SUGGESTION.

Engle as the National Bird. Philadelphia Ledger. The suggestion may seem radical, bu

why not depose the eagle and choose a more appropriate national bird? The eagle sistent secretaryship of the navy to the and declining imports that they may not yet participate in a special election to is a bird of prey, destroying many more presidency has been traveled, it is not regard the change with entire equa- fill the congressional vacancy in the useful birds; he is not beautiful, except when soaring at great heights, in which distance lends enchantment to the feathered pirate, and he is an emblem of the most tyrannical monarchies in the world Russia had adopted him long before our republic was born. Austria used him se long that he became shopworn. Ancient Rome robbed and ravaged, using him as its appropriate emblem. In the continental congress, when a national bird was selected, the carle won over the turkey by but one vote. Washington and Franklin favored the turkey as a bird of peace distinctively American, not at war everything else wearing feathers, including its own kith and kin. Why should a country like ours adopt a second-hand emblem already stained with the deeds of tyrants and the misdeeds of despots? Why not adopt the plain, useful, peace-

ful and practical American hen? While not a singer, her "lay" is pleasing and preferable to the shrill scream of an eagle with its talons dripping imocent blood The hen is industrious, unassuming and devoted to usefulness. She is an exponent of the simple life in all its beauty and seductiveness. She fills our beds with feathers, our departments of the interior with omelets and our souls with satisimportations of raw materials for manu- chants of the state they might change faction. Her eggs bring millions of dollars factures show industrial activity, which their views, but it may take another monthly to our people, exclusive of those her owners consume. Her spring chickens, though the "spring" in them sometimes resembles rubber, have fancy price-marks Whether the \$5,000 blackmail charge attached and are justly esteemed. You cannot eat eaglets nor get rich on eagles' eggs. The cackle of the household hen is musical, though not entrancing. She is sociable and does not. like the eagle, hold herself aloof. She is immortal, for her son never sets. She is brave, and for her little brood will fight anything from a mammoth to a mouse. As for the eagle's boasted prowess, a game rooster can whip him to a sandpaper finish, and make himlegislative enactment in violation of the self resemble twice 15 cents if he will but

stay on the earth for a round or two. Make the hen our national bird, and instead of the arrows and olive branches let her hold in her useful claws a statement of the annual egg money and a wives, with the motto, "Miscete dulce utill." Retire the boastful, impractical,

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The settlement of labor troubles in the suilding trades gives an impetus to building as has not been experienced in three years. Up to this time last year the value of buildings planned in Manhattan and the Bronx was \$10,000,000. This year

the total foots up \$23,500,000. In building operations last year was the biggest that Brooklyn had ever known, the estimated cost of new buildings for the first ten weeks being \$3,500,000. The corresponding figures of this year show the tremendous total of \$7,000,000.

In addition to private buildings, munici pal improvements are being carried out on a large scale, and with the tunnels being built by the Pennsylvania railroad. the Blackwell's Island and the Manhattan bridges, the vast schemes of the Rapid Transit commission and other corporate undertakings, it seems that no active man out of a job will have an excuse for not workin=

When Morris Redofsky, 17, of 174 Clinton street; Morris Wiengart, 14, of 165 Clinton street, and Max Samuels, 13 years old, of 174 Clinton street, were arraigned before Magistrate Flammer there was told a story of a gang of young pickpockets who had robbed many women on Grand street and the Bowery.

In court Samuels and Wiengart confessed their guilt and named other members in their gang. Redofsky, the police declare, is the "Fagan" of the gang. He refused to say anything, but Samuels and Wiengari in their confession to the police declare that Redofsky always accompanied them when they went out to steal.

What money and articles were taken had to be turned over to him, and after a night's work Redofsky would divide with

The amazing fact that 2,000 of New York's fashionable society women are sun worshipers and votaries of the Mazdaznana. the mystic Persian cult expounded by Ottoman Zar Adusht Hanish, has been re vealed through the arrest Saturday of Mrs. Brownie Rathbone Weaverson of 150 West One Hundred and Fourth street, a disciple of the mysterious religion. Mrs. Weaverson is charged with having taught the Persian theory to Mrs. Ellen Rahill.

Women have been driven insane by the belief; others have been made cripples and doomed to a life of misery; Dr. Hanish, the priest-apostle, has been arrested on the ground of having tortured his followers. yet despite these facts the society is not only in existence in New York City, but the number of his followers among the fashionable set is growing.

Hanish first came into notoriety through the case of Miss Reuss of Chicago, who became violently insone as a result of her devotion to the cult.

Astronomers, basing their figures on eclipses and other phenomena, have calculated that the sun is 94,000,000 miles away from the earth. This seems an instance of astronomical overcapitalization to Theodore M. Giesiel, a mechanical engineer. He figures that the distance is only 1,460,000 miles. In a printed communication he explains the process by which he makes his conclusion. He starts with the assumption that the diameter of the earth is 8,000 miles and its circumference 25,132.8 miles It makes, he says, 25,182.5 miles of its circuit around the sun each twenty-four hours. As it takes 365 days for it to complete the circuit, its orbit around the sur just naturally must be 365 times 25.182.8. or 9,173,472 miles. That would make a circle with a diameter of 2,920,000 miles. 'A little judgment must convince any thinker." he says, "that the sun must be and for the stimulation of coffee growing at the center of this circle, or at a distance from the earth of one-half the diameter of the circle. So that the distance from the surface of the earth to the center of the sun is 1,460,000, and not, as the great students of astronomy claim,

There is a new wrinkle among the young en who every morning send violets and other floral gifts. Fifth avenue florists are now doing a big business of delivering books neatly wrapped in a square of loosely woven straw covered over with flowers. In days of old the gilded youth whose idle fancy ran to florist bills was moved by the sentiment of the age to send soft and sweet notes wrapped in the bouquets he sent to his charmer. The modern young man is more practical, this being a busy age for busy business people, and is turning his attention to useful as well as beautiful eifts, wreathing the beautiful flowers about the useful if not so beautiful books.

The alacrity with which an audience applauds a speaker when he makes a point o philanthropy, and the apathy which the same audience shows when asked at the close of the lecture to contribute, were sharply contrasted at a lecture on Japan, given one night last week in Brooklyn.

"I went to a board of foreign missions to ask them to loan me an edict to show you this evening," the lecturer said, "but they were in session and sent word to call some other time. I went around the corner to a Japanese art dealer, told him my wants, and these beautiful ornaments you see costing \$2,000, were lent by him to me for nothing.

Prolonged applause greeted this remark. and the speaker went on: "I have prepared a little book, the pro ceeds of which are to be sent to the war orphans in Japan. They are on sale in the corridor and can be purchased at the close

of this lecture." When the audience filed out later in the evening, the majority that had applauded the kindness of the Japanese art dealer had either forgotten their early enthusiasm or had not fully comprehended the ecturer's words about the little book

Although she was said to be worth \$500,000, Mrs. Phoebe A. Berrian died of privations in her large house in the most exclusive section of Flushing.

The woman, who had been a recluse since the death of her husband, had few friends and none but the neighbors seemed to have any interest in her welfare. They found her dying on a pallet of straw in her The widow of Samuel Berrian, one of the

heroes of the famous Hamilton Rifles, vol-

unteers who covered themselves with giory at the battle of Gettysburg. Mrs. Berrian since the death of her husband, nearly twenty years ago, had led a life of seclu-She was deeply attached to her husband, and tradition has it that every evening since his death a plate had been set at the

head of the oaken table in the dining hall of the Berrian homestead. Living the most frugal existence, Mrs Berrian was finally overtaken by illness on Sunday. Richard McElroy, who lives next

door not having seen any sign of life in the home of the recluse for nearly a week. decided to investigate. Repeated ringing of the door bell falled to bring a response from within, and Mr. McElroy then in formed Clinton B. Smith, the woman's attorney. The door was forced and Mrs Berrian was found lying upon a couch in a dying condition. Physicians and a nurse were summoned and every effort made to save the fast ebbing life, but medical knowledge was unavailing and the aged

rectuse died Monday. The only food found in the house was a can of corn, a few apples and a lost of bread. Privation, causing a general breakdown of the system, was the verdict given by physicians who attended the woman.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Two candidates named Trickey and Grabske have been nominated for offices in the town of Rosedale, Mo. Miss Ida Tarbell avows the belief that

sundry Kansas agents of the Standard Oil trust are ripe for the penitentiary. The marriage of the earl of Rosslyn an actress is a gratifying arrangement all around. The earl needs the money and the actress needs the advertising.

Probably the duke of Orleans' intention to explore the Arctic regions was inspired by a desire to discover something colder than the reception of his claim to the French throne. The Japanese minister at Washington

says, in reply to the speculations of the political philosophers, that Japan has not the Philippines. She'd better not. Dr. Frank D. Gamewell of New York

one of the field secretaries of the mission ary society and for twenty years a missionary in Peking, China, planned the fortifications of Peking. He is at present visiting America. The kaiser has just been appointed captain general in the Spanish army. There

is not an army or navy of a continental power in which he does not now hold honorary rank. He is the proud owner of 150 uniforms, and all of them are different It takes three expert valets to keep them n repair and ready to be put on at a mement's notice.

It is said in Washington that some tim n the coming summer this country will be visited by Somdech Shah Chulalongkorn, king of Siam. The visit is regarded as an event of considerable importance, as out of it may come the possession by the United States of a coaling station on the coast of Slam. The king has two such places to dispose of and it is understood that he would be pleased to cede one of them to this country.

A TAX ON COFFEE

Proposed Plan for Bavenue to Meet the Deficit. New York Sun.

The coffee importation of the United States last year was 1,112,703,546 pounds. A duty of 5 cents a pound on that quantity would yield \$55,000,000. This would go far toward wiping out the treasury deficit. It is possible that it would go far toward wiping out republican majorities at the next election.

There is no doubt that there has been guiet discussion of the imposition of such a tariff, although no rate has been fixed upon. The discussion has not gone quite so far as that. But, on the basis of last year's importation, each cent of duty means about \$11,000,000. The import price for last year averaged a fraction less than 8 cents per pound. Just what influence increased cost would have on the quantity consumed it is impossible to say. The imports of last year were the largest in our history, yet the average price was from % cent to 1% cents above the prices which have prevailed since 1897. Ten years ago the average import price was 14.7 cents a pound. But the succeeding years have accustomed American consumers to lower prices, and an increase caused by a tariff would certainly cause a roar which would not be raised if an increase followed a shortage in market supply.

This is illustrated in the case of sugar, for which we are now paying about \$90,-000,000 more than we paid a few years ago. Had this increase been caused by a tariff advance, congressmen would have heard from their constituents, as they probably will if they discuss the enactment of coffee tax.

The argument that a tariff should be imposed for the double purpose of revenue and for the stimulation of coffee growing in our island possessions should command a most careful consideration, if it is honestly advanced. The potential supply from those areas is quite uncertain, both in those areas is quite uncertain, both in quantity and quality. Porto Rico supplies a superior grade, but its greatest possible crop would not supply one-tenth of our needs. Hawaii and the Philippines are also possible producers of high grade But the important question concerns the lower grades, such as are now

Fifty Years the Standard

Made from pure cream of tartar derived from grapes.

gested that a very good way would be to effect economies in administration and thereby reduce expenditures. A period of industrial prosperity has made us a little careless, and perhaps a little extravagant. There seems to be a fair opportunity for patriotic statesmen to spend a little energy in the direction of administrative sconomies, and so avoid necessity for increasing an already high cost of living.

POINTED REMARKS.

"Why don't women part their hair in the middle any more" "They hated to be classed with the va-riety of men who did theirs in the same way."-Philadelphia Press,

'Is this what you people in this country call spring"
"No, it's what we call spring in this country."—Chicago Tribune.

"The old professor certainly is a regular bookworm, isn't he?"
"Well, since he only reads books on geom-ctry he's more of an angle-worm, perhaps."
—Philadelphia Press.

"So you consider him misleading and disappointing? Why??"
"Well, he had me on the qui vive last night in the expectation that he was going to ask me to go to the theater."
"And he didn't?"
"No: he only asked me to marry him."—

Molly-Papa, I wish you'd close the door of your room when gentlemen are calling on me. Your snores are something flerce! Dad-Well, it won't hurt 'em any. Molly-Perhaps not, but they might think it's hereditary -Cleveland Leader. Socrates came darting around a corner. "Whither are you going so fast?" inquired Alciblades.

Alciblades.
"I am executing a masterly retreat!"
gasped Socrates.
Scarcely had he disappeared around another corner when Xantippe, with blood in her eye and a skillet in her hand, came swiftly into view.—Chicago Tribune. "Did you examine the house, sir?" asked

the real estate agent.
"Yes," replied Kaustick, returning the keys. "Well, we'll make the rent low to the right party."
"My dear sir, there couldn't be such thing. No party who was right would re that house."—Philadelphia Ledger. THE WINDY DAY.

Lucy L. Cable in Harper's Magazine.

Oh, the windy day is a singing day!
For the wind is a minstret, strolling
Thro field and wood, with cheery lay.
Insistent, sweet, cajoling:
The strings of his harp are pine and oak.
As he chants his tale to the woodland folk—
Ah, revelers of old are they.
When the minstret wind begins to play!

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by excessive menstruation accompanied by unusual pain extending from the ovaries down the groin and thighs.

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