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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. It is better than a daily letter from home. Address will be changed as often as requested.

The Omaha Howelling dervishes are very mad over the verdict-that's very tions that threaten its existence as never as the bill had passed. evident.

proceed to follow at a safe distance.

Moscow must have been confused as to people, not merely bare promises. whose life they were expected to guard.

Bankrupt Capitalist Devlin is on the official bond of the state treasurer of Kansas. Is Nebraska history repeating New York from Colon and the canal itself across the border?

For years Omaha had been clamoring for an Auditorium, but now that it has the isthmus because of the bad condi- Omaha exchange, the Omaha exchange an Auditorium there appears to be no very urgent demand for it.

\$300,000 to accept a judicial office at what is called the dead train runs from pendence, with an aggregate population \$3,000, might not have done so find he not first told tales out of school,

In the objection to being classed with President Roosevelt one can see Mr. Bryan's determination to keep open an gests the question whether the commisopportunity for a democratic campaign sion has taken all the precautions which

Now that the Kansas refinery law has been declared unconstitutional a number of struggling colleges may feel more encouraged to send representatives to Rockefeller.

The Frank Murphy bequest to the Omaha public library will come into wait until the next legislature shall amend the charter to authorize its use.

If there is any discussion as to the "tactical orbit" of any of Togo's ships in the late battle in the Sea of Japan, the press censors are keeping the matter dark.

It is left to Topeka courts to decide whether deposits made in the First National Bank of Topeka after it was known to be in a failing condition come out of the bank or out of the men who took the money.

A French socialist leader has been barred from delivering an address at ficulty and undoubtedly the government Berlin. As it is the French socialists who are most bitterly opposed to war with Germany the real desire of the kaiser may be in conflict with the attitude of the Berlin police.

The statistics of the number of killed and maimed in the annual celebration of the glorious Fourth locks like returns from one of the Manchurian battiefields. And yet the number of acci- manifestly the thing of primary impordental fatalities is said to be lower this tance. That it is entirely practicable is year than any previous year during the past decade.

Since Chairman Shonts says ideal sanitary conditions will be secured on the isthmus before the real work of the canal begins, it would seem as if the consulting engineers called to meet in place to an international conference of fore it with energy and vigor, Just nanitary experts.

THE BLACK SEA SITUATION. Reports regarding the Black sea situ- safety to life on the isthmus.

ation continue to be more or less of the nature of rumor and consequently conflicting, but there is sufficient that may have grown into formidable proportions through the legislature. and is very likely to go on spreading. was turned into a pirate ship.

Nicholas and the bureaucrats upon should have awarded him only \$5. whom he has relied. What remains of the church. Thus far the army has been The Bee to the penitentiary for at least 20,600 case the czar will be secure on his The Fontanelle governor's signal failure throne, for a loyal army can keep him to secure a vindication at the hands of a 29,730 ger of any impairment of its fealty to a full and fair trial, leaves him in a 29,730 the sovereign, who is the head of the lamentable predicament. The trial has alty should arise in the church then, in- facts beyond a reasonable doubt: 904,050 deed, the throne would be in peril.

It has been remarked that the Russian government does not really need the ger from the Black sea incident lies in the same subject,

before. What it will do to overcome

ISTHMIAN CONDITIONS. A few days ago a steamship arrived at mony. zone having on board one yellow fever victim, three suspected cases of the dis ease and sixty-one passengers who left garding Omaha real estate values to the readers but by the students of history. tions there. One of the passengers estimated the population of Omaha at newspapers vary in their spelling of its stated that the situation is serious, a 115,000, but the Kansas City exchange name from Potemkin to Potemkin. The number of diseases, including yellow placed these figures as against Kansas Statesmen's Year Book gives it in full as Judge Dill, who resigned an income of fever, being prevalent. He said that City, Argentine, Armourdale and Inde-Colon to a cemetery a mile and a half of 345,000. With greater propriety the Mr. Philip W. Sergeant, the English hisfrom the town always once and some- Omaha exchange could have placed the times as often as fourteen times a day. Our Omaha Auditorium will not be There is so much yellow fever about Council Bluffs and Dundee at 175,000, the scene of a flower show this year, that ten graves are kept always ready which in reality constitutes Greater phonetics disagree? All Omaha has been a grand flower show for cases of emergency. There is a lack since the foliage came out in the spring. of nurses in the hospitals and the number is diminishing from departures, so That Delaware natural gas company that within the next two or three months which has been declared an outlaw is there will be very few left. It is furdoubtless sorry it tried to break prece- ther reported that the canal forces are possible. In this respect nobody in icans in the canal zone are all hurrying

back to the states.

While this is not an altogether unlooked for condition, it naturally sugmight have been adopted. In view of the fact that there has been from the outset more or less friction among the commissioners, it is quite reasonable to assume that the work of sanitation has not received that careful attention which should have been given it. Some progress has been made, but it seems very evident that this most necessary work is a good deal short of what it might be play in due time, even if we have to if adequate effort had been made. The present commission appears to be fully alive to the requirements of the situation and has announced a policy which if strictly carried out will avert a recurrence of the very bad conditions now reported. As the president of the commission well says, the creation of sound underlying conditions is now vastly more mportant than the moving of dirt. That this view is seriously held is shown in the statement that Governor Magoon has assigned to this work a considerable per-

> centifie of the employes on the isthmus. The clerical force is at present insufficient and difficulty is found in getting men to take such positions. The reports coming from there will increase the difwill find trouble in securing any kind of labor until it can give the most satisfactory assurance that the danger from disease has been as far as possible removed and that provision has been made for rendering life in the canal zone endurable. The policy outlined by the commission contemplates this and while the carrying of it out may for a time retard canal construction work, it is not to be doubted. What was accomplished in Cuba in the matter of sanita tion, with the most beneficial results, start suit to enforce the terms of the can be done in Panama, probably in a

good deal less time and at much less There is reason to believe that the state has an organic law. present commission will work harmoni-Washington in September should give ously and prosecute the great task be-

those conditions which will give greater

HOWELL'S VINDICATION. When R. B. Howell rushed into court be regarded as trustworthy to show that the day before election last November it is a very serious situation, from which with a charge of criminal libel against the government is certain to experience the editor of The Bee it was presumed a great deal of trouble before order is that his sole aim was to make an imrestored. The mutineers who seized pressive public denial to offset the effect the most powerful battleship in the upon Omaha voters of the publication in Black sea squadron have been instru- which he was represented as a stoolmental in arousing a revolutionary spirit pigeon of the water company in engi-

Having been triumphantly elected as It strikingly demonstrates how general member of the Water board, Howell was is the popular hostility to the govern- in position to claim a popular vindicament and how easy it is to call it into tion, although as a matter of fact his activity. A like spirit has been found election was encompassed by a rotten to exist throughout the naval force, deal with the democrats in which the otherwise short work would undoubtedly votes of the Howell contingent of repubhave been made with the mutineers. But licans were pledged to the democratic for the fear of a general mutiny the candidate for congress in exchange for Potenkine might have been captured or the solld democratic vote for Howell, sunk within forty-eight hours after it with an incidental distribution of electric light boodle in exchange for his own As the situation is now represented, opposition and that of the Fontanelle the navel force in the Black sea seems braves to the bond proposition by which to be practically lost to the czar, while Omaha was to acquire a municipal lightthere is open or incipient rebellion in a ing plant. Howell was, moreover, in dozen cities which is stendily extending. position also to seek vindication by a It is indeed an ugly state of affairs for civil damage libel suit even if the jury Gaynor and Green took a lot of money over

But Howell would have no vindicaautocratic authority lies in the army and | tion that did not consign the editor of found reliable, though there have been one year. Manifestly Howell counted a few isolated signs to the contrary, on personal prejudice and party rancor and as long as this continues to be the to vindicate him by a verdict of "guilty." there. As to the church there is no dan- jury of twelve good men and true, after church as well as the state. If disloy- established and re-established these

1. That Howell has no regard for his word of honor. 2. That Howell is either afflicted with

Black sea fleet at this time and can re- a defective memory when on the witmain unmoved by its revolt as long as ness stand or unfortunate in conflicting the army remains loyal. The chief dan- with all other witnesses who testify on

its moral effect upon the army. The | 3. That the Omaha Water company church can be depended upon to exert favored Howell's compulsory purchase all of its powerful influence to bind the bill and that Alonzo B. Hunt, their succity that it is enough to make strong mer army to the throne, but there are ele- perintendent and political manager, was weep. ments in the army which it may not be urgently requested to absent himself able to control. Its influence will be from the state while the bill was pendconfined to those who are Russians. Ing before the legislature and urgently Those who are not are very liable to be requested to come back and put the affected by the growing spirit of revolt. three appraiser clause of the bill into The autocracy is confronted by condi- effect through the city council as soon

4. That Howell, although claiming to them remains to be seen, but obviously have resided in Omaha for the greater The call for the republican state con- the first essential thing is to make peace part of seventeen years, and although he vention is out and the democrats may with Japan, which would enable the gov- had drawn more than \$7,500 out of the ernment to withdraw its armies from city and state treasuries as a city engi- up. The appointment of Mr. Magoon to the the far east, and this should be promptly neer and secretary of irrigation, has place may be, however, a somewhat scath-Those life guardsmen who revolted at followed by some real concession to the never paid one penny of personal taxes. 5. Also that while claiming to be a civil engineer, he has never been admitted to membership in any society of civil engineers-this by his own testi-

> population of Omaha, South Omaha, Omaha.

Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, is quoted as saying that Omaha should acquire its water plant as speedily as at what price. Possibly it will be Hobson's choice when we get to voting the

The suppression of bookmaking on horse racing has been followed by bookscorcher is a bird that can outfly the fastest equine that has ever hoofed it on a race track, and it does not matter much to the man who bets whether he gasoline motor.

The receipt just this week by the 1894, again goes to controvert the claim set up by the railroad tax bureaucrats that the railroads always pay their taxes

In the reduced collections of the internal revenue office for the Nebraska the tax on beer are on the increase side of the page, giving room for hope that

That a man on the witness stand may refuse to answer questions which tend to criminate himself is a recognized rule; but his refusal may easily be taken as probable cause for believing that there is something criminal which he wants to cover up. A logical conclusion of the land fraud

cases would be to cause the land secured by the parties to the fraud to revert to the government. Such a conclusion would not only make land grabbing odious but unprofitable The governor of Colorado says he will

constitution of that state. Every one

should be pleased to learn that one

Colorado official still remembers that the

The figures of relative real estate values in Omaha and Kansas City, in-

sponding grade in Kansas City are worth twice what they are here, only foresindows how much money is going to be made out of investments in Omaha realty within the next five years, by which time Omaha will have passed far beyond the point occupied by Kansas City today.

Now that German insurance officials have started after the New York life insurance companies the people of this country may secure some valuable tuthroughout that region which appears to neering the compulsory water works bill formation as to how supervision supervises in the Fatherland.

> Hard to Forget. St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Mr. Cleveland warns the country to re member "Insidious influences." never been able to forget them since 1898-97.

> > Irrisistible Pathos. Washington Post.

Members of the senate may place their own construction on John M. Thurston's plea in mitigation for Senator Mitchell on the ground that he had served twenty-five years in the United States senate.

Favored Visitors. Chelago Record-Herald.

Gaynor and Green are still in Canada, although, according to our extradition treaties, they have no right to be there It must be remembered, however, that with them.

> Pass Him Up. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Talking about building the Panama canal, has the American engineer who understands thoroughly the efficiency and appreclates the potentiality of the American wheelbarrow been given a chance to show

> Common Essentials. Boston Globe

Commander Peary isn't exactly begging his trip to find the north pole unless \$30,000 starts. Courage and confidence are all right, but corned beef and sardines also are essential.

Time for Tears.

Baltimore American. The Beef Trust will object to indictment on the ground that it was already forbidden by the law to do things it is charged with doing. The childlike assumption that it would never do anything forbidden by the law is so touching in its beautiful simpli-

Diplomatic Ardor Chilled.

Springfield Republican. The president ends a grotesque little diplomatic farce by authorizing the governor of the canal zone, Charles E. Magoon, to serve also as United States minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary to the republic of Panama. This action will close such droll chapters as those in which John Barrett, O. G. D .- our greatest diplomatsaved the integrity and the entity of the Panama republic every few days by threatening to put the Panama army in the locking commentary by the president upon the value of Minister Barrett's late services at the Isthmus.

Painful Side of War.

Boston Transcript. One of the results of the war between Japan and Russia ought to be an international conference to settle once and for all When the Kansas City Real Estate the spelling of Russian pames. It would be xchange sent a list of questions re- a boon not only appreciated by newspaper Take, for example, the Russian battleship which has been terrorizing Odessa. The Kniaz Potemkin Tayrichesky, and we now think we have it on authority. Just as we are resting in this comfortable belief comes torical writer, and an authority on Russia, and gives the name of the eminent Russian as Patlomkin, and his title as Taurishefsky. Who shall agree when the exponents of

WESTERN CALL FOR TRADE.

Move for More Open Doors in the Markets of the World. Philadelphia Ledger.

There must be some vitality in the reci dents by organizing outside of New Jer- working 90 per cent short of men. Amer. Omaha disagrees with Captain Hobson, procity idea when business men can delibbut Captain Hobson has not indicated erately concert on the brink of summer how the works are to be procured and to begin serious agitation of the whole question. The manufacturers of Chicago, of the middle west and of the northwest are beginning to demand a "further extension of our foreign trade and the holding of that which we have won." The call for this new national reciprocity convention, to be held in Chicago on August 15, is issued by representatives of the Chicago making on automobile races. The auto Board of Trade, the Illinois Manufacturers' association, the Millers' National Federation, the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers

and many other bodies. The sponsors of the convention announce bets on the speed of a horse or of a that they propose to call upon their senators and representatives in congress "to exercise their political power, regardless of party, in behalf of fairer trade relation with Europe, as well as with the orient." reasurer of South Omaha of checks to The movement looks formidable because cover taxes levied against one of the the millers of the northwest, with whom are rallroads for the years 1892, 1893 and allied the transcontinental rallroads, are enlisted in the effort to take down the bars, and also because the agricultural implement makers, a vast interest, are lending their support. The whole of New England is also in the mood to trade with Canada if the Maine farmers, who fear some competition with their handful of hay and beans, can be placated, and there is a general desire among manufacturers and district, compared with a year ago, it is producers to sell more goods abroad to such refreshing to note that the receipts from as will buy them; but those who expect results from this agitation should call to mind the fate which befell the Kasson reciprocity treaties in the senate. Every-Omaha may still be as famous as Mil- body wanted reciprocity, but nobody wanted the kind of reciprocity which Mr. Kasson had provided. A manufacturer of cheap magem jewelry in Providence killed the French treaty because a few gewgaws might find their way to America; a few knit goods men and the like stopped the progress of the German treaty, and so on. Everybody wanted reciprocity if it meant the sale of more goods; nobody wanted any sort of reciprocity if it meant the chance that any other nation should sell any more goods to us. A little local interest in Kalamazoo is sufficient to hold up a treaty as

ong as a senator exerts his might. The convention is not going to bring about reciprocity. Some rude, aggressive nation like Germany, for instance, will open our doors sooner or later. The German mperor and his Reichstag will denounce our tariffs and shut us out of the German market, and then our senate will begin to act because the people will wake up. We paid absolutely no attention to the

squirming of the Chinese who begged and prayed, solicited and appealed to this government for fair treatment of the excepted classes of Chinamen at our ports of entry ander the treaty stipulations, but the ingoods our president acted for us with commendable alacrity and promptitude. When now its most urgent duty is to provide dicating that building sites of corre- heavily, even the senate will jump. the Germans touch the pocket nerve more POLITICAL DRIFT.

Philadelphia is sounding the depths of

political decay and the population is holding its nostrils. Senator Alger of Michigan announces that se will retire to private life with the close

of his term as United States senator in 1907. Poor health is given as the reason for his decision. Political prophets are not highly esteemed, but there is no ground for flouting the Ohio democratic prophet who prophecies

that his party will get as badly walloped

this year as it did last year. Governor Hoch of Kanzas is giving the state a "John" administration. That is the first name of the bank commissioner, live stock commissioner, state accountant, state grain inspector, secretary of the Board of Control, regent of the agricultural college, state agent at Washington, member of the Hutchinson reformatory board, one member of the grain commission, assistant state grain inspector, state architect and the

governor's private secretary. Uncle Shelby Cullom of Illinois does no intend letting political grass grow around his senatorial broguns. There are several aspiring senatorial candidates in the field, the most prominent being former Governor Yates, a fact which causes Uncle Shelby to shorten his summer vacation and get busy with his fences. A series of fraternal calls on various communities will be undertaken to go to the United States or Canada. right away, and wherever a hostile trail is struck there will be something doing.

As is usual in such cases the retirement of Israel Dunham, republican boss of Philadelphia, from the office of state insurance ommissioner, is explained on the ground that he needs a rest. The explanation is as good as any that could be offered. Dunnam does need a rest from the Philadelphia mess, but the prospect of getting a rest is slim. The explanation failed to add that Dunham drew \$17,000 a year from an office the work of which was performed by a

It is said in Washington that John R. Me-Lean, who recently resigned as the Ohio member of the democratic national committee, is not unlikely to be found in the republican ranks inside a few years. Mr. for food, but he says that he cannot make McLean has for years been frankly identified with Washington, where he lives and worth of supplies are contributed before he has his largest business interests, rather than with Cincinnati, where, however, he has maintained his legal residence and Colonel Picquart says that the remark of continued to own the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mr. McLean, who is worth several millions and reputed the richest man in Washingon, is now in Europe recuperating after a sharp illness last winter.

"THE LEVEL OF EXPENSE."

A New Phrase Meaning Much in Practical Application. Pittsburg Gazette.

A new catch phrase has been coined which should be as popular as "the simple life" or the "new thought." This phrase is 'the level of expense." It represents that keeping of one's expenditures of all kinds in a correct ratio one to the other. The woman who has ascertained her proper level of expense will not be paying an inordinately high rent, as compared with her ncome, merely for the sake of a good locality. She will not purchase a velvet gown and sable furs, even though she has the money to pay for them, because those things do not accord with her house, her furniture and her usual style of dress. She has found a way to proportion her income so that all she has and does may seem in keeping. There is in this a wisdom which the student of domestic economy will do well to ponder over.

One of the most usual inequalities to be observed in the American home is that of clothes and the table. Many families will strain a point to garb themselves in the most extravagant of apparel, though they will live on fare so meager that they would not invite a friend to partake of it. Then, n the other hand, there are people who spend quantities of money on imported groceries, choice meats and fine wines who go out looking positively shabby. Neither of these have found the proper level of expense. There are those who love to be known as lavish entertainers, and who extend a beautiful and costly hospitality much more widely than is demanded of them by ordinary social custom, yet their private table will be poor, often inadequate to the real needs of the appetite. These are follies which have no real excuse.

As for personal expenses, women must plan for themselves how to make them proportionately equal. The eternal fitness of things plays a large part in helping us to keep our own level of expense, since it will tell us that fine lingerie and a cheap readymade suit are incongruous, and also fine dresses with cheap lingerie. The bill for perfumes, powders, unguents and tonics may be out of all proportion to other bills. and must be reduced to that level of expense which the income makes for each of us. The bargain counter is a serious tempter into extravagance, since a fine article at a ow price is something which few women can resist, and afterward one finds it altogether unsuitable and out of place with

one's other belongings. It is not always easy to find the level of expense, or, having found it, to keep it There are no rules, no formula by which it may be sought. To attain it successfully one must do as told by the little girl at school, "Just begin, and then stay begun."

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK.

Effective Work in Running Down Public Land Grabbers.

New York Sun. No one except the Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock can tell what pressure was brought to bear on the secretary of the personal noblemen and officials, 588,497 nterior to induce him to "let up" on United States Senator John Hipple Mitchell when that distinguished person was 605,500 foreigners. Assuming that all wealth found to be involved in the Oregon land frauds. Mr. Hitchcock will not tell. He is not that kind of man.

Senator Mitchell-he adopted that name when it became convenient years ago for John Hippie to disappear-was the valuable accomplice of a band of land pirates who sought to make their fortunes by robbing the government of the United States, that is the people of Just as many otherwise thor-America. oughly respectable persons regard evasion of the customs and internal revenue laws as at least justifiable, many others think it no harm to rob the government of Hipple-Mitchell entered the band. employ of a party of such lawbreakers and aided their schemes by his professions advice and official influence. with his eyes open, knowing that he was violating the law and rendering himself liable to fine and imprisonment. counted on his wealth, his office, his great political influence to protect him from punishment. He counted without Secretary Hitchcock

however. He looked to find an easy going, olerant, not too inquisitive figurehead in the Interior department. Instead, he found a quiet, thorough, stiff-necked, honest man, who remembered nothing except his oath of office when the prosecution of thieves, big or little, became necessary Hipple-Mitchell must have been surprised when he sounded the full depths of Ethan Allen Hitchcock's conception of a federa

officeholder's duty. Secretary Hitchcock has not attitudinised for the benefit of his reputation or to increase his popularity. Where he saw s wrong he righted it as a matter of course The fact that he would be first to disclaim special credit for doing his work stant the Chinese began to boycott our thoroughly, intelligently and effectively does not alter the other fact that he has earned the gratitude of the public by the manner in which he is performing the

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The Cossacks seem more and more to be the one body of troops in the Russian empire in which the government can place emplete reliance. The sailors are dead, captured or in revolt and in many regiments the men are uncertain; but the Cossacks, now as always, seem willing and anxious to do the dirty work of the autocracy by shooting down Russians at home though they failed lamentably to live up to their picture paper reputations while serving in Manchuria against something besides women, children and unarmed workmen. One of the first surprises of the first land campaign was the collapse of the Cossacks as a military force when used against the Japanese, and a striking feature of what is almost civil war at home is their effectiveness when confronting Russians; a not mysterious fact when it is recalled that the Cossacks are not really soldiers and only nominally Russians. They are a people apart, who delight in venting their savagery anywhere and everywhere, in St. Petersburg as well as Mukden.

The emigration mutiaties for Ireland for the year 1904 furnish meiancholy reading. in that they show how Ireland continues to lose some of the best of its population Last year 36,902 natives of Ireland, a number equivalent to 8.3 per 1,000 of the popu lation, left their homes, the vast majority The total of 36,900 is a slight falling off as compared with several recent years, and is, indeed, the smallest aggregate since 1898 But, unfortunately, the outward flow has 3.997,913 of the Irish people have left their

are among the flower of the race, and it is almost an axiom in Irish history that the energetic and enterprising go, while the more helpless remain. How the provinces have lost may be briefly stated: Munster

native land. A large proportion of these

nnaught 659,741 ster 1,121,871 dinter 609,110 Leinster 699.110 Unclassified 110,7393,997,913 This total is equivalent to 74.7 per cent of the average population.

In his recent article on the present condi-

tion of the French army, Lieutenaut-

Marshal Moltke, "Every thing money can give the French army possesses, as for the rest we have the right to make certain reservations," is still applicable. He declares that France has an excellent artillery, that the French rifle is as good as any, that in come effectively to the rescue of the military administration, that French fortresses are redoubtable, and that the scheme of railway concentration is good. Moreover, thus far, in spite of the greater population of Germany, its effectives are not so far in excess of those of France as might be imagined. Both have 24,000 officers under arms, and as for non-commissioned officers and soldiers, Germany has 600,000, while France has 550,000. For the moment, therefore, the disparity in numbers is not alarming. He goes on to say that the weakness of the French military system lies not in the soldier, but in the command. Little change has been made during the last thirty years in the mode of obtaining the French officer. There is still a great lack of homogeneity, owing to diversity of origin and the political and religious dissensions that agitate the country. The great fact which inspires confidence in the future -and in this Germany does not share-is that France possesses an indefinite capacity for the production of such leaders as it might require in case of a long war. This, he says, is not the case in countries where command is the privilege of a caste and where an abyes separates soldier and the officer.

Madagascar has a silk producing spider which is taken favorable notice of in a recent special report from United States Consul Hunt, at Tamatavi. The full grown female of the species at maturity is about two and one-half inches long, while the male reaches only one-sixth of that size. They abound in the island, and the fiber they produce has been long known to the natives, though little use has been made of it. At the Paris exposition of 1900 a piece of spider silk fabric eighteen yards long and eighteen inches wide was exhibited. being woven of 100,000 yards of spun thread of twenty-four strands, and for its manufacture 25,000 spiders were required. These were procured by offering the natives so much a hundred; this brought them in in basketfuls, mostly dead, so it was found necessary for the winding off machines to go to the spiders instead of calling in the spiders to the filatories. The cloth was of a shimmering golden yellow color, the exposition nowhere presenting a greater curiosity. There seems a prospect of making the fiber commercially available, and expert attention has for some time been addressed to the subject, with results which are said to be encouraging and satisfactory.

many of the curious things printed in the newspapers of other countries, as for instance the statement widely circulated here that all but 20,000,000 of the 125,000,000 subjects of the czar were "conquered" races, reluctant in their national allegiance. The purely Russian population is almost exactly \$4,000,000. More interesting than even the distribution of the races in this huse Babylonia is the distribution of the classes. There are 96,914,644 peasants, 13,586,392 burghers, 1,220,169 hereditary noblemen, 630,119 ecclesiastics, 342,927 hereditary and personal honorary citizens, 281,179 merehants and

The latest Russian census sets at rest

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comes from the farm, every seven peasants case of mobilization French industry could in Russia carry a townsman on their backs. One man in every 100 is a nobleman, one in every fifty either a nobleman, official or holder of some honorary title, one in every 200 an ecclesiastic, one in every 500 a merchant. There is, indeed, a healthy number of noblemen in the czar's domain. There are at least 200,000 ablebodied noblemen in Russia.

The Swedish army, on a peace basis, numbers about 22,000 men. There is, in addition, an organized militia proportioned to the population, which is about 5,000,000. Norway has only a militla, which has been organized to the extent of about \$2,000 men. A war, however, would bring practically the entire male population of both countries, capable of bearing arms, into the field. The rival armies would be quite large enough to make the struggle a very

RIPPLES OF MIRTH.

"Is he resting quietly?" asked the physician.
"No." said the watcher. "He's snoring to beat the band."—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Jawback—I'm going out at the end of this act to get a breath of fresh air. Mrs. Jawback—Well, don't bring it in here with you if it's the same kind of a breath you got when you went out before.— Cleveland Leader.

"Who was the originator of the folding bed?" said the furniture man.
"Lazarus," replied his son. "History says
that 'he folded his bed and walked away."

Robinson Crusoe had just discovered the footprints.

"Hurrah!" he exclaimed; "I shall advertise this as a summer resort, where men actually come on Friday."

Feeling his fortune was made, he recon-Feeling his fortune was made, he recon-itered with a light heart.—Philadelphis Ledger.

"Have you ever saved anything for a rainy day?" bawled the stern parent.
"Why, certainly, father," replied the irresponsible, cheerfully. "I'm well insured against a time like that—I've saved an umbrella!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Kilson-Gaylord's wife used to be awfully stout, and now she is quite thin. What caused the change, I wonder? Marlow-Divorce. This isn't the same wife.—Country Life.

May Kelly in Lippincott's. Some Boys they call their dad—papa.
Oh, gea! That makes me mad.
It sounds so stiff and like a book—
You bet I call mine dad.

And he's a ripper, too, you bet, The boys all wish they had A father that would laugh and joke, And love them like my dad.

Of course, sometimes, when all the Come in he's mighty mad; And then we sit as still as mice And hear him jaw, poor dad.

It's always over soon, and then You bet we all feel glad. And then we all climb on his lap-And hug and kiss our dad.

"You can't have kids and money, too,"
He says, and so he's glad
The good Lord made him poor, or also
He mightn't been our dad. I don't want to be president, Like every little tad! When I'm grown up. I'd rather be A nice man just like dad.

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