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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

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

That county jail graft has lasted just a few years too long.

Don't wait till the last minute to do your holiday shopping.

Bartley's bondsmen have all been released, and the state rests.

modern hotel will be filled during the coming year.

Since the Bartley bond case is finally decided a new showing can be made in the financial ratings of a number of eminent Nebraskans.

Could the drills be operated at long range by compressed air, Washington might be able to supply power for the work on the Panama canal.

Of the two cut-offs Omaha much pre-Fremont over the Jim Hill cut-off between Ashland and Fremont, but-

General Sakharoff apparently forgot that times had changed in Russia since he accepted the position of adjutant general of the Russian forces in Manchuria.

The resignation of Count Witte is prophesied at St. Petersburg, but no one claims to be prophet enough to foretell his successor unless it is to be General

According to Governor Mickey the police commission can do no wrong, whether it conforms with the law or, like Moses of old, breaks all the commandments at once.

General Oyama should remember what followed the triumphal entry of Dewey at New York and sternly repress any movement toward presenting him

The Bee's oft-repeated assertion that the people of Nebraska need to establish a higher standard in the selection of men for public office is being reinforced nearly every day.

Perhaps the suggestion of Congressman Williams that the Panama Canal commission be allowed only sufficient money at this time to pay running expenses to January 15 means that it will take the minority in congress that long to adopt a policy on the subject.

American exportation to Argentina increased about \$6,000,000 last year and there is a noticeable decrease in the revolutionary spirit in that country. There may be no connection between these facts, but other South American republics should try the experiment.

Comptroller Ridgley says bank directors should co-operate with the government in the supervision of national banks: but it is probable that each will continue to lay the blame on the other when trusted employes make hurried exits from the country without stopping to settle unliquidated balances,

State Superintendent McBrien thinks he and his appointees should be exempt from solicitation for contributions to help maintain the organization to which tional have increased at the rate of they owe their positions. That is a common failing with aspiring politicians who have landed a public job, but they always want everyone else to help pay they are running on the ticket.

AS TO DUAL TARIFF RATES.

President Roosevelt said in his mes sage that "it should be considered whether it is not desirable that the tariff laws should provide for applying, as against or in favor of any other nation. maximum and minimum tariff rates established by the congress, so as to secure a certain reciprocity of treatment between other nations and ourselves." Senator Lodge has introduced an amend ment to the tariff law which provides for maximum and minimum rates of duty, "so as to give preference and advantage to the products of those countries which do not discriminate against structive in the comptroller's report. products of the United States." It pro poses the levying of excess duties against countries which do not admit the goods of the United States on equal terms with those granted other coun-

Undoubtedly the president and the Massachusetts senator had in view the exigency created by the new German tariff, which will go into effect within a few months and will operate to the try Cormany desires a reciprocity igreement with the United States, such in effect as she has made with several probability of a treaty of this kind, if negotiated, being ratified by the senate. it is manifestly important that some other plan be adopted with a view to protecting our commerce against the liserimination involved in the new German tariff. Whether or not the proposed amendment to the Dingley law would afford such protection it is impossible to say. It might prevent any other country from following Germany's example, but so far as that nation is concerned it is not in the least likely to now alter or make any departure from the tariff policy it has fixed upon. The Lodge amendment does not con-

template any revision or readjustment of the existing schedules. It simply proposes the levying of higher duties upon the products of any country which may discriminate against the products of the United States. It is therefore probable that it will not meet with any erious opposition from the republicans. The interests having trade with Germany and which desire reciprocity may not be satisfied with the proposition, but it is perhaps the best thing to do if reciprocity be not possible. Meanwhile the house democratic leader has introduced a bill providing for a minimum tariff and declaring the existing schedules to constitute the maximum, from which a general reduction of 20 per cent is to be made to all countries which grant admission to their markets of articles the product and growth of the There is a fair prospect now that United States at the minimum tariff Omaha's long felt want of a first-class rates provided for them. It can be conthis kind will get beyond the ways and

DISTRIBUTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

gent, commissioner general of immitry in the year ending last June about scandalous pages. two-thirds of them went to six states and of course most of these to the large cities of those states.

gested condition of the alien population have needed the labor which the immisuch information. The plan seems enthink would prove most beneficial.

THE WORLD'S MONEY SUPPLY.

The financial statistics presented in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency are almost bewildering to tion of the liquor traffic by federal enwould be informed as to the world's the face of the power of congress to bar money supply. The compilation of these them from the union. Such insistence dustry and undoubtedly they can be re- usual in territories desiring statebood. garded as in the main trustworthy, and but it is nonetheless commendable. so far as the United States is concerned

The growth of banking in this country during the past few years has been the selection of successors to the varapid, indicating as strongly as any this time there is no section of the of scarcity of candidates as the scarcity for the requirements of legitimate busi- The average politician has queer ideas ness, but the organization of new insti- about the perquisites of office. tutions goes on. At the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, the number of national banks was 5,668, with capital of over \$748,000,000 and deposits of nearly printing \$75,000 for a*public building at \$4,000,000,000. The report says that the number of national banks in active opper cent, while banks other than na-

about 22 per cent during that period. The stock of money in the United States at the close of the last fiscal year the expenses of each campaign when but \$851,813.822 was in coin. The averator Fulton, the sole free representative along its line is the best asset of a railroad

Only France has a larger per capita of China circulation, but her population is less than half of ours. The greatest mass of gold is held in the United States and is stated as amounting to \$1,348,200,000. This vast gold supply constitutes not only a basis for our currency system. which makes it absolutely safe, but also renders this country secure against any danger from a foreign drain. We could part with a very considerable portion of it without suffering from the loss. The banker and the commercial man will find much that is interesting and in- literary talent.

RELEASE OF BARTLEY'S BONDSMEN-

The unexpected does not often happen and nobody familiar with the Bartley over the final release of Bartley's sure-There was a precedent in the sham pros-Bartley's predecessor, who deposited expressly prohibited by law from states also constitute the nation. depositing in any bank more than 10 per cent of its capital stock, which in this instance would have been \$50,000. causing a loss to the state of \$236,000 and interest. It is an open secret that release by the selection of friendly Injuns as referees and jurors.

It will be borne in mind that Bartley had two sets of bondsmen, and there default from at least \$100,000 to \$200,-000 when his first term expired. The was in itself sufficient proof that there was something rotten at that time. The release of the first set of bondsmen was simply a prelude to the release of the

The most scandalous part of the whole susiness was the gross neglect of former Attorney General Smyth to take steps toward enjoining Bartley's sureties from transfer of their properties immediately after the magnitude of the Bart ley embezzlement had become known the transparently sympathetic prosecution of the suit by former Attorney General Prout and his failure to attach the valuable assets in the possession of hills blossom as the rose; the men are of served for 15 cents. Bartley either before or after his release the kind that build up, never tear down-

There is absolutely no extenuation for that the tariff will not be wholly ignored a lucrative money-lending business with head.

When a truthful history of Nebraska The National Civic federation is con-shall be written some day the chapter sidering the subject of immigration and on Treasury Embezzler Bartley and the farther. He is going to interlace the wide will hear the opinions of a number of part he and his accomplices and beneprominent men on the matter. Mr. Sar- ficiaries have played in piling threequarters of a million of debt upon the fers the cut-off by the Union Pacific to gration, in an address before the fed- taxpayers of the commonwealth, and ment" on the Hill territory, to be sureeration, again urged the expediency of the underhanded means by which they provision being made for the better dis- accomplished his release from prison tribution of immigrants. He stated that and the release of his sureties from their of the 1,206,481 who entered the coun- obligations, will form one of its most Harriman's ablest lieutenant, Horace G. a picture of their farseeing forefather on

> While commending the publicity given to the financial statement of the repub-This is a matter which congress lican state committee, some of the beneshould give attention to. It is the con- ficiaries who have shirked their share of the party burdens complain because in the big cities that is mainly respon- the exhibit reflects upon them by comsible for the demand for additional re- parison with those who have gladly constrictions. While the west and the south tributed in their full proportion. The fact is no one is entitled to commendation grants could provide, they have for making public this statement, beswarmed to the cities, swelling the cause it is nothing more than the law ranks of common labor where more was requires and has been the regular pracnot needed, to their own detriment as tice ever since the corrupt practices law well as those with whom they competed | went into effect in 1809. That the list for work. The proposed remedy for this of contributors is this year as notable is to supply information which will en- for the names it does not contain as for able immigrants to go where labor is in the names it does contain is the fault of demand, instead of taking chances in no one except those who accept lucrathe cities, and it is not doubted that tive party offices without reciprocating many of them would avail themselves of favors. One great hindrance to success of the republican party in Netirely practicable and there is reason to braska in the past has been that it has been loaded down with so many deadheads whose fares have had to be paid by the common everyday passengers.

statistics evidences great care and in- upon states' rights, however, is not

The Nebraska delegation in congress cated Valentine land office registership other fact the advance in prosperity. At and receivership, not so much because country without ample bank facilities of men of known integrity and capacity.

Congressman Pollard has made his debut by introducing a bill appro-Plattsmouth. If his constituents would only agree to keep him as their official representative until this building is completed and occupied we have no doubt Mr. Pollard would feel sure of at least

It would appear that Oregon business age per capita at that time was \$31.08, of the state, has time to prepare a bill company."

estimating the population at 83,260,000. for a United States district court in

Distinctions in Aristocracy

Washington Star. There are certain subtle distinctions of istocracy in all phases of existence. Some erely retire to private life.

John D. Long, former secretary of the navy, will publish a book of verse this month. Paul Morton, Mr. Long's successor, is writing life insurance. The Navy department has been a great inspiration to

Outgrown State Jurisdiction.

Chicago Chronicle The intelligent American public is likely to concur with the president in the opinion that matters of national concern ought bond case will be in the least surprised if it becomes necessary to amend the national constitution in order to bring them No foolish fear of centralization ties by decree of the supreme court, should deter us from making any amendment necessary to that end. When instiecution of the sureties on the bond of tutions outgrow state jurisdiction they ought not to be permitted to remain outside of all jurisdiction because of that more than \$250,000 in the Capitol foolish fear. Let us bear in mind that the National bank of Lincoln, although same people who constitute the several

Selling Under False Labels.

New York Tribune. We record with sincere satisfaction the man for selling from a drug store goods original brand. under false labels. His trick was to get the Hill bondsmen managed to get their back bottles which had been emptied of that while there are in New York City their original contents, but upon which the Ing. It is to be assumed that he imitated was scarcely any doubt that he was in preparations which he was thus counter- with bottles of the same, and proceedings be detected by the purchasers of the refilled bottles. It may be, indeed, that his revelations. fact that Bartley refused to make a compounds were as good as the originals, showing of state funds in his custody or even better, but even such facts would his action. He was committing a double be guaranteed pure drinks." fraud-upon the purchasers, by selling them something which pretended to be what it was not, and upon the proprietors build another hotel for the housing of of the original compounds, by using their names and the names of their goods for selling something else.

WESTERN RAILROAD BUILDING.

Rivalry Among the Magnates to Gridiron the West.

New York Commercial A great battle is impending in the northest. It is to be one of those herculean decimate the country in which it takes only one grew before.

pocket thousands of dollars upon notes three great railroad systems. They cover hundred dollars laid by. rith his Great Nogthern he traversed the a judgment of \$600,000 hanging over his transcontinental highway clear to Puget there at a small cost. Sound and then pieced out the intervening space to China with some big ships.

This other master mind in the railroad western territory with branck lines and then with other branch lines until there will be no mile of its productive richness beyond his reach. It is an "encroachan intrusion to be met rail for rail and tie for tie; but the country is to be the sale. Some of the heirs of the man who beneficiary and these millions will be sold the plot for the mules are living in planted in material and equipment. Mr. New York flats and paying rent. They have Burt, once head of the Union Pacific rail- the walls and are proud of him, although road, has been abroad studying railroad they are broke. construction, and it is believed these mammoth plans will be carried out under be a year of great activity in the west.

POWER OF RATE REGULATION.

Rights of the Government Conceded by a Railroad Man. Springfield (Mass.) Republican

Many railroad officials are appearing in print on the great question of government ontrol of rates. Most of them write with volved. There are those, however, who are able to look at the subject in its broader aspects, and one of them is Walter Chadwick Noyes, formerly a judge of the Cor necticut court of common pleas and now Judge Noves does not attempt to conceal

forming public functions or those of a fused to move. The Tammany tion, for example, which shall reduce to He kept his post. pursued with interest by those who for the right of local self-government in practical operation the principles of the common law, in force from the very outset of railroading, by which shippers can recover for unjust or unreasonable charges. The present attitude of the railroad interest in opposing public regulation of rates flies in the face of principles admitted and lishments. There is one merit about the of the industry. * * *

the long fun who never falls to appreciate

this point is clear, impressive and indicative of a mastery of the legal or constitu-Pure Air as a Tonic. tional side of the subject. It merits the Cleveland Leader. close attention of the committee of congress charged with framing a bill to carry out President Roosevelt's policy. Meantime we most earnestly urge upon the general public Judge Noyes' concluding words; "The obligation of the railroads under existing conditions to unite in the movement for conservative legislation is as clear as is the necessity for such legislation. The railroads should perceive that they are not merely private corporationsthat their interests are bound up with those of the public. Their officials should In winter the effect is often as bracing recognize the popular feeling that the ship- as a tonic. Open bed room windows mean per does not now have a fair opportunity o assert his right to just charges. Instead closed windows. of assailing all propositions of rate regulation, they should join in an effort to ascer tain that which is most judicious. Defeating conservative measures merely incites radical action. That railroad official serves the interests of his stockholders best in

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Builders of the Hall of Records are energefically striving to reach the sititude of cost attained by the Philadelphia city hall and the New York state capitol. The Hall grafters go straight to jail and others of Records has already cost \$8,000,000, and if the whims of architects and contractors are approved with the cash it will achieve distinction as a haul of fame. The building is considerably smaller than the congres sional library in Washington; it covers about one-sixth the area and contains about two-thirds the room of the national building, yet its cost overtops the congressional library more than \$600,000. The great expense of the Hall of Records, the many delays in its construction and its present state of incompleteness have convinced many citizens that the prospect of housing all the municipal departments in one or more structures of similar architectural grandeur is far distant.

The New York judge who remarked 'seven months in jail" to the man wh refilled special water bottles with Croton fluid and sold it as the genuine stuff, places himself as a bulwark between the people and one of the meanest forms of fraud-There are many business cheats who would risk a fine who will take no chances of a prison sentence.

The whiskey sellers are also complaining of frauds of the same nature. Their botties, warranted to contain the pure juice of the grain, right from Kentucky, are emptied and refilled with a decoction of wood sentencing to a term of imprisonment of a alcohol and dye stuff, and sold as the

One of these whiskey makers declared 7,000 places where liquor is sold, not over original labels were intact, and to refill 5,000 are guiltless of this form of graft. them with mixtures of his own compound. Detectives have been at work for some time, nightly filling their skins with drink as closely as he conveniently could the of the spurious stuff, and their pockets feiting, in order that his trick might not are to be commenced soon that will be followed, it is promised, with startling

"The people," said one of the whiskey makers, "are told much about pure food not mitigate the intrinsic dishonesty of It is just as important that they should

> Speaking of his reasons for planning to the respectable man whose resources have been reduced to a few pennies, or, at most, to a few dollars, D. O. Mills is

quoted as saying: "My other two hotels have been a success; hundreds of men are turned away from them nightly, and there is evidently room on Manhattan Island for another

house of the kind." The two hotels Mr. Mills has already built are conducted so well and so cheaply struggles of financial giants that do not that they are paying investments, though a good clean room in them may be had for place, but which make its valleys and 20 cents a night and a good dinner be

Mr. Mills called attention to the fact that make two blades of grass grow where that George Francis Train lived happily for several years in the Mills hotel No. 1. The plans of E. H. Harriman for a He often said that the happiest days of allowing Bartley to turn broker and gigantic railroad construction scheme have his life were spent there in his little money lender almost under the dome of been outlined. Nearly \$400,000,000 are said room. It cost him about 45 cents a day the capitol in the face of a deficit of to be available for this campaign. There at the hotel. As far as could be learned, more than \$600,000, and to permit him except the natural boundaries of the counwithout let or hindrance to collect and try. The west is supplied with two or month, so that at his death he had several

and I. O. Us. from parties who had bor-rowed state money. The denials of west one railroad was enough—and it was prised to know how many men who were fidently predicted that no measure of Bartley and his beneficiaries that the sometimes exceedingly expensive to the formerly well to do, some of them forfamous cigar box contained any papers | owners. Thus the divisions of territory | merly wealthy, are living at these hotels. means committee, but the proposed of value are flatly contradicted by the came, the agreements and the separation Men are there who have been on Wall amendment to the law gives promise fact that he has been able to carry on James J. Hill first sew its possibilities, and places in business. They live there beause they can be in a respectable atmos

Within a few days work will be begun on Mills hotel No. 3, which is to be erected at Seventh avenue and Thirty-sixth street.

About 100 years ago a man sold an acre of ground in the financial district for a pair of spavined mules. He had use for the mules, but the land was a burden, because it called for the payment of taxes. Today the same plot of ground is valued at \$4 a square inch, according to the latest

The stock transfer tax is proving an ex his administration. Next year is likely to cellent source of income for the New York state treasury. During November the receipts were more than \$600,000. This is the record month for receipts from this new tax. Controller Kelsey plans for a more thorough administration of the stock transfer tax which was provided for at the last session of the legislature. Up to the present time no machinery had been provided for supervision to see that the state stamps were used on all shares of an eye single to the special interest in- stock held. Inspections are to be made by a number of examiners who are familiar with brokerage business and understand the provisions of the new law.

At the recent election in New York Tam president of the New London Northern many thugs tried everywhere to drive Jerome watchers away from the polls. The latter were nearly all young, intelligent from the reader, but to force upon his fellows and some of them were brutally attention, the fact that the railroad is of a beaten for refusing to depart. At one dual nature-it is private property engaged polling place the watcher, little more than under a grant of special privileges in per- a boy, was ordered from his post, but recarrier. This fact of itself pre- growled: "None o' yer lip or I'll push sumes and justifies public control or regula- | yer face in." The young fellow turned tion as to charges and otherwise. The pale, but he answered quickly: "Of course railroad, moreover, is essentially a mo- you can do me up if you like; I can't nopoly as to most points on its line, and protect myself. But you may have noticed where competitive it is being reduced to me writing. I have put down, among other monopoly through combinations and con- things, the names of every officer, watcher, solidations. This, again, presumes and judge, inspector and clerk here today and justifies public regulation-a public regulat I have mailed those papers to a friend."

The proprietor of one of the leading New York restaurants wants all his waiters to wear mutton chop whiskers. This is in the European fashion and is esteemed the only correct thing in high-class foreign estabmore or less asserted from the foundations | style that should be appreciated. It will happen very rarely that a guest in evening Judge Noyes' handling of the question at clothes will be mistaken for a walter.

Fresh air being a foe to disease, it is naturally a preventive. The necessity for the thorough ventilation of houses is generally recognized. But the sleeping room is the place where the greatest benefit from fresh air may be obtained. Leave at least one window open is the advice of high authorities, in winter as in summer. No discomfort will be felt on account of cold if enough blankets are used. Those who sleep with the windows open winter and summer arise each day fresh and buoyant. better health and more joy in life than

We Need the Money.

Springfield Republican. further increased by \$9,002,961 during November, nearly all of which came from bank notes, which again make a new high the rights of the people. A contented public record-\$521,249,773. The per capita circulation is \$31.73, or the highest ever known

The Taking Cold Habit

The old cold goes; a new one quickly comes. It's the story of a weak throat, a tendency to consumption. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral breaks up the takingcold habit. It strengthens, heals. Ask your doctor to tell you all about it. Sold for over sixty years.

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THE MESSAGE.

Characteristic in Tone. Chicago Chronicle. The moral tone of the message is tho roughly characteristic of Theodore Roose-

Enough to Go Around. Kansas City Journal. If there is any part of the presidnet's nessage you don't like, try another part. There is plenty of it.

Wide Public Interest.

Kansas City Times. There probably never was a presiden whose utterances were awaited with equal interest by an equal number of people.

Length Provoked Reflection. Indianapolis News,

Concerning the presiden's message. fortunately, there will no doubt be a large number of people who will reflect that life

> Stands Pat. Chicago Record-Herald.

If we were asked to give a general idea of the president's message in the fewest possible words we should say that the writer "stands pat." Clear and Strong.

strong. It touches on all the United States' great concerns, internal and external, and it deals with them sanely and adequately.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The message is clear, comprehensive and

Minneapolis Journal. The president's message seems to have met with general approval in the senate where the members will immediately be

its recommendation into effect,

Public Interest at Hear Chicago Tribune. President Roosevelt's messages are interesting to those who have time to read them. His earnestness, sincerity and sense of duty reveal themselves in every paragraph. He enunciates no theories and makes no

recommendations which he does not believe

Insurance Brought to Light by Energetic Reporters. Success Magazine,

ROW THE TROUBLE BEGAN.

There would have been no investigation of the insurance companies had it not been for the recent disclosures made by David Ferguson, a reporter for the New York World, who began by prodding the officers of the Equitable about James Hazen Hyde's Cambon dinner and other evidences of ruinous waste. At the outset Ferguson was laughed at by the men he approached. Hyde and Alexander, the two heads of the Equitable, denied everything-denied that there was any factional uprising in the Equitable or the slightest unfriendliness bethe reporter kept on prodding and digging patiently until he gained the confidence of some one on the inside whose name will probably never be known. From that time on Ferguson had the situation in his own hands, and what followed is thoroughly known to the American public today, having resulted in the greatest upheaval ever known in the history of American finance. Compelled by the persistent revelations Ferguson was making to undertake an investigation, Francis Hendricks, superintendent of insurance for the state of New York, filed away a lengthy document con taining the testimony he had taken, and it remained for Louis Scibold, another World reporter, to procure a copy of this secret report, which made the longest 'story" ever "run" in a newspaper about single incident-112,000 words. It is still a matter of keenest speculation among the newspaper men of New York how Seibold obtained possession of a copy of a state document, and it will be, probably, a mystery forever. Reporters of Seibold's type never betray confidence. Were the secrets of Messrs. Ferguson and Seibold known concerning the great insurance exposure, they would undoubtedly make good reading, but these men made pledges of confidence for the public good, and it goes without saying that those pledges will die with

> Distance Lends Enchantment. Minneapolis Journal.

Judge Hamilton, the confidential legislative representative of the insurance companies at Albany, jauntily sends word from Paris that his health is more important to him than the insurance scandal, and that it will be inconvenient for him just now to come over to New York. Not only inconvenient, but very annoying, Andrew's first care should be his health. What if it should suffer?

PERSONAL NOTES.

Despite enticing propositions to come ome, "Judge" Hamilton will be likely to prefer the Latin Quarter to the kind of quarter hour that awaits him in New York. Let's be thankful after all that our life insurance presidents have never beeen so badly overpaid as the czar of Russia with his salary of \$6,750,000, or the emperor of Germany with his \$3,925,000 for his labora as king of Prussia, to say nothing of other perquisites.

A Kansas paper changed hands last week, having been purchased by its previous owner, Guy Stoddard. Instead of penning a long saintatory, Editor St. 'dard printed the following: "We wanted to buy the Record, Mr. Campbell wanted to sell, and here we are."

Eugene J. Leany, a citizen of New Lon don, Conn., is believed to be the only man living who fought on the famous Monitor during its engagement with the confederate ram Merrimac. Thomas H Viali, the only other survivor of the fight

died in Providence, R. L., a few weeks ago Three new congressmen, Ralph Cols Beman G. Dawes and Edward L. Taylor, are already known as "the Ohio kids." The three cannot boast of very much more than 100 years in the aggregate, but they are all hustlers from a state that has turned out some pretty swift movers in its

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who has been asked to form a new ministry for Great Britain, is an exceptionally witty Scotchman, whose knowledge of French literature is something wonderful. In figure he is stout and strongly built and he often expresses regret that he has not "the gift of the gab." All his speeches are prepared with the utmost care. Steady nerves, easy temper and tremendous self-control enable him to stand up under such an amount of work as would kill most men.

FLASHES OF PUS.

one bit.-Chicago Tribune

Hicks-Has that girl who lives next door o you her old piano still? Wicks—Well, she has the old piano, but m serry to say it isn't often still.—Somer-

"Do you have malaria in Crimson guich?" inquired the stranger.
"No," answered Three-Fingered Sam.
"We don't need it. The men out here is so tough that they go ahead an' drink without offerin' any excuses whatever."—Washington Post.

"See here." said the lady, "you told me that work would only cost me \$13 and here you've sent in a bill for \$14."
"Yes'm." replied the carpenter, "you see, when I come to think the thing over afterwards, I was afraid maybe you might be superstitious about that 13."—Philadelphia

Dr. O'Bosh-Your trouble arises from the fact that you eat too much and drink too Mr. McSosh-All right, doc, all right, I'll

"I envy you," declared Muchpop.
"Why so?" inquired Nokids.
"Because you haven't children. A mere husband cuts no ice with children in the house. You at least occupy some place in your wife's scheme of life."
"Oh, I don't know," was the rueful response. "She has a couple of rubber plants."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

shouldn't be surprised to see bright boy of yours in congress some day, said the statesman. "I hope not." answered Farmer Corntos-sel. "I want him to go into the insurance business. A man in congress doesn't get any chance whatever to increase his own salary."—Washington Star.

STARTING FOR THE PLAY. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Grace, the cab is waiting.
We are deuced late.
You are never ready.
Jove! It's after eight.
Darn this beastly collar
(Buttonhole's immense.)
Shines like celluloid—
Laundries have no sense.
Opera glasses? Have them Opera glasses? Have them. Wear your heavy Opera glasses? Have them.
Wear your heavy wrap.
Well then, wear the other.
How those gloves do gap!
Pix them in the carriage.
Come dear, never mind.
Don't stop. Stick a pin in.
There's no fault to find.
Yes, I kissed the baby.
Gadi you do look nice?
What's that? O, your flowers?
They are on the ice.
Try to hurry, dearie.
Darn it. Pardon me.
You should hold your train up.
Yes, I have the key.
Jane will guard the silver.
Everything's all right.
O, Grace, you must hurry. Yes, I fixed the light.
Leave the windows open—
It's not going to rain.
Everlasting fuseing
Goes against the grain.
What? Your powder chamols
O, you goosle, don't!
Put it in my pocket? ? ? ! ! !
No, my dear, I won't.
You look simply stuaning.
What's up now? O, hang!
(As this point the hall door
Closes with a bang.)



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