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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Attorney Jerome probably made a mistake when he sued two New York yellow journals for libel, as results show that their "every knock" was a boost.

Nebraska farmers may be delayed in their spring work by the snow, but when they are working overtime in the wheat fields this fall they will be more than thankful.

accomplished its purpose by keeping the question. liberal leaders from the ballot boxes.

Spanish generals are angry because a the accusation as over the end of the her sincerity.

It is not to be expected that Colonel Mann will be able to secure the same high personal consideration from the prosecuting attorney as was accorded the defendant when he was prosecuting witness.

California fruit growers seem to think that their business will be irreparably injured if they cannot route their products as they desire, but California real estate boomers will admit no such regarding the battle seemed to some to all consistency to defend the new char-

Russian newspapers are still printwar with Japan. One of these days Russia will realize that it was whipped, tries as far back as their war for inde- and register of deeds, which was seteven though Japan never realizes that it pendence have in nowise been lost in the only by appeal to the courts. To won a victory.

It transpires that More women and children killed near Jolo were being used as defenses by the men. These misguided savages now probably realize with the fanatic and savage Moros. But that there comes a time when American gallantry ceases.

Those letters shown in the oil hearing at Kansas City may cause an increase in the force of traveling agents of the Standard Oil company, as it is safer to talk than to write, when it comes to evading laws.

Though former Premier Balfour has assumed the leadership for the British parliamentary opposition, it remains to be seen if the opposition can keep its head in the face of a liberal majority

Of course, the police board is not in politics, but if there is any way Broatch can use his position as a member of it to promote his ambition to be mayor, he doubt about this, let him attend a meeting of the police board.

It is to be regretted that congress is affording so little opportunity for "good stories" by Washington correspondents that they are compelled to revise the president's cabinet for him at this time. Cabinet revision usually waits until the vacation of the lawmakers.

premature appearance should serve one and falsehood as a political weapon.

to duty as a municipal officer.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

As William E. Gladstone won for him- tion. self the endearing appellation of Engmost generally associated.

of famous patriots, including Horace notably enhanced by such conditions. Greeley, George William Curtis, Wendell Phillips, William Ellery Channing, Henry Ward Beecher, John G. Holland expected that the movement for carryof the period-men and women-as well complished in the early days in extending the temperance gospel.

in removing from women the civil dis- world." abilities with which they were formerly burdened and giving them equal rights with men before the law and in the toward civil and industrial independleading figure and a potent factor.

woman suffrage in Nebraska in the of the clerk to ignore such a filing. early 80s, in which the editor of The bate, the high ability with which she tion of a treasurer and a tax commis-

distinction as a woman among women they "grafted" in the lost possessions ponents may have disagreed with her, of Spain; but they are not as angry over no one ever doubted her patriotism or

GENERAL WOOD'S EXPLANATION.

The response of General Wood to Secretary Taft's prompt demand for a full pursue is to recognize the present charexplanation of the deaths of women and ter as valid until there is a court dechildren in the recent battle with the cree otherwise. Inasmuch as the whole Moros will go far to aliay public feeling city government has been conducted on on a point in which Americans are ex- this theory ever since the charter law tremely sensitive. They would not tol- went into effect, the fact that the city erate for one moment the wanton kill- offices directly concerned have been acing of women and children the possibil- cepting benefits under it in the way of ity of which the first vague dispatches increased salaries, would bind them in suggest, but which is explicitly denied ter as against those who would over-

honor for them in all civilized coun- over filings for county commissioners the meantime, but are stronger now avoid any mis-step that would invalidate than ever before. Humane impulse is the entire primary, it would be better shocked even by the circumstances of to let those endeavoring to inject their military necessity, as General Wood de- candidacies on the ballot go into court scribes them, which surrounded the fight first and find out where they stand. our people are too familiar with the horrors of warfare in our own country with savages not more bloodthirsty. desperate and insensible to humanity than those of the Jole Islands, to fail to appreciate the deplorable position in which our soldiers were placed, in fighting against men who force defenseless non-combatants to serve them as living

THE COURT AND CHICAGO TRANSIT. The decision of the supreme court of the United States, sweeping away all his translation to the War department, ple by a long chalk. and a conservative leaning toward tariff the important contentions of the Chi- His relations to the administration and cago street railway companies regarding eminent fitness for the judicial promotheir franchises and rights under the tion are so apparent that such an outacts of the legislature and the ordinances of the city, clears the way le- lieved to be probable in the not far fugally for putting into effect the policy ture. of municipal rapid transit ownership to will go the limit. If any one has any which the people and the city government of Chicago stand committed.

settled, as is well known, have not only changes and transfers of the heads of long paralyzed effort by private enter- the departments of war, treasury, navy to the needs of the western metropolis, has no substantial or newly discovered but also seriously embarrassed progress basis to rest on. It has long been gen-In taking over the service to municipal erally understood that Secretaries Shaw ownership. If on the one hand the right and Moody have contemplated retireof the street car companies to the use ment from the cabinet and that they The fakes and forgeries of the munici- of the streets expired in 1905 with the have even formed plans therefor, but bought library seems to open up a new ocpal campaign seem to be making their term of the city ordinances under which the time of their retirement, so far as appearance early this year. Their contracts ran, notwithstanding the state there is authentic information, is wholly law of 1868 extending the life of the indefinite. Beyond that all is mere good purpose in putting the voter on charters to ninety-nine years, obviously guess. his guard against misrepresentation the corporation proprietors would restrict outlay for equipment and improvement to the minimum without regard to fice he frequently loses all sense of dis-W. Ernest Johnson, who is seeking the public need. On the other hand, if ex- crimination and perspective. That is republican nomination for city comp clusive rights to the streets remained the only theory on which can be extroller, will be conceded one big credit in the corporations and the force of or plained Candidate Benson's public mark by every good citizen. Mr. John-dinances and contracts were extended declaration that "the value of every ington. son is a busy business man, but having by the state law through the ninety- piece of property in Omaha would be been drawn on the jury he is serving, nine-year period, no thorough solution doubled by tomorrow noon if it were to His devotion to public duty as a juror of the vexed problem through municipal go out to the world that Omaha were

land's "Grand Old Man," so Susan R. between the horns of this dilemma. or John Butlers, or Billy Saunderses, or Anthony deserves the title of America's Aside from the finance and jobbing Charley Unitts, or the other grafters or "Grand Old Woman." Miss Anthony's scaudals which arose in the corpora- frauds masquerading under the Fontapassing at a ripe old age takes away tions, involving both the municipal and the last survivor of a notable and bril- the state government, street transit in city populated with people like these we Hant group of reformers, whose achieve. Chicago became a physical abomination would not only need no police force, as ers. ments in behalf of human liberty and and a serious menace. It is not sur- proclaimed by the overenthusiastic Mr. enlightened civilization far transcend the prising that, notwithstanding doubts Benson, but we would need no mayor movement to establish electoral suffrage caused by the maze of litigation in the nor city government of any kind, be kidnapers think I will I serve notice or of the universal tendency of public Susan B. Anthony was connected thought towards municipal ownership of more than fifty years ago with a group public utilities should in Chicago be

The court of last resort having re moved these difficulties, it may now be and Samuel Bowles and a circle eming out municipal ownership will go bracing most of the literary celebrities rapidly forward. Grave practical problems in finance, in administration, in as a large number of secondary lights surmounting prejudice and in accommoin public life and the professions. Miss dation to old and slow-yielding customs Anthony's contribution to the anti-slav- yet remain to be solved, but that the ery propaganda and to women's organi- typical American city will attack them zations that supported the government with characteristic energy and deterand succored the sick and wounded mination is beyond doubt. Such an apduring the war of the rebellion was by plication of municipal ownership to no means small, and to her efforts must rapid transit in the second greatest city be credited also much that was ac- of the country is a matter of universal interest, an attempt as Mr. Dalrymple, the Glasgow expert, characterizes it, to To her successful leadership is like own and operate municipally "the largwise due much that has been gained est street railway undertaking in the

STAY ON THE SAFE SIDE

The request of the officers of the two so in almost every instance as the re- mary election. On the contrary, it states the sheriff's jailers? sult of a campaign in which she parti- specifically that proclamation shall be cipated, either in person on the plat- made in advance, enumerating the of-

In the present case the excuse for cents on the dollar, Bee and Miss Anthony crossed in de- recognizing the possibility of the eleccandidates for tax commissioner and front. treasurer on the ticket without ordering the names of candidates for the council from the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth

by the commanding general on the spot. turn it to reinstate the old one. A The humane sentiments which in situation something similar was pre-

CABINET SPECULATION.

That the newspaper cabinet makers at Washington would be stimulated to elaborate speculation was inevitable tice Brown from the supreme court was reported a few days ago. It was natural that Secretary Taft should be connected in theory and rumor with the vacancy on the bench to be thereby created, although he took pains promptly to deny authoritatively that any definite agreement had been reached involving come is even yet quite generally be-

speculation with which the newspapers mention. are rife on the succession to Taft at the These legal contentions thus at length head of the War department or on

When a man seeks to break into oftime, nor could there be even satisfaction those" blicked up with him on the real thins.

tory experiment looking in that direct he Fontanelle reservation. What a millennium Omaha would enjoy if all its Chicago has been for years impaled inhabitants were turned into Westbergs.

> There seems to be a decided difwho may be elected to devote any considerable part of their time to the mancouncil corresponds to a board of directors for the municipal corporation elect dummy directors on the plan of business in New York and elsewhere. the big insurance companies, with a \$1,500 salary as an honorarium for the ter. If we are not mistaken, however, the era of dummy directors is past, whether for insurance companies or municipal corporations, and whoever may be chosen to places in our city council will be expected to render services in full value in refurn.

It is in accord with the eternal fitcourts. Scarcely any advance step in party committees, asking the city clerk come to the front again to vote the ence has been made during the last half candidates for the offices of treasurer increased salaries when the law plainly there is no provision in the city charter, of the fees of his office. Why should the result of the second suit. In the matter of achieving political raises a ticklish question. The law cersuffrage for women Miss Anthony's ef- thinly does not contemplate leaving it than heretofore, when their work has forts have not been so satisfactory. discretionary with the city clerk, much not increased, except, possibly, to chase Those states, however, which have taken less with the party committees, what after escaped prisoners breaking jail up with woman suffrage were led to do candidates shall be voted for at the pri- through the connivance or negligence of

Big corporations are everywhere of form or with her direction and advice. fices for which nominations are to be the same clay-if there is any way for While The Bee has been consistently made, and prescribes the procedure them to evade their taxes they will take and persistently opposed to giving which must be followed by the candi- advantage of it. The traction company oils) comes to New York with his pockets women the ballot, in the belief that it date to get his name on the ballot. If, down at Lincoln has just hypnotized would accomplish no good and do much for example, some one should file as a the city council there into compromising numerary who does him the slightest servharm, it has always recognized in Miss candidate for police judge, there being a city tax bill of \$48,000 in consideration ice. 'All overcharges the westerner is said Anthony the ablest champion of her no police judge to be chosen at the com- of a payment of \$14,280. We know a lot to accept and pay with a scornful disredoctrine, and in the great campaign for ing election, it would surely be the duty of private citizens who would like to gard of prudence. The result is, according

voiced her convictions was conceded, sloner is that a case is pending in the in his declaration that political plat-The order of the czar in the matter of and out of that contest grew a close supreme court in which the validity of forms are meaningless except in so far political prisoners would indicate that personal friendship, unshaken to the the charter is attacked, but should this as they square with the records of the maker, who admits that she puts her price the government is satisfied that it has end by divergent views on the suffrage attack prove successful it would nullify men seeking public favor upon them. up E per cent whenever she learns that her another section of the ballot, namely, All political promises and platitudes customer is from the west. Much of Miss Anthony's pre-eminent that which relates to the councilmen about reform count for nothing for a from the three additional wards created | candidate who has never practiced what was due to her unselfish devotion to her when the city was redistricted. The he preaches, or has studiously kept in

The Morning After. Philadelphia Press.

It's all well and good for "Chawlie" it seems to us, the only safe plan to fellows just the same who have felt that way the morning after.

> Eminent Exceptions. Washington Post.

There might be some chance of the government clerks becoming reconciled to a seventy-year age limit if the provision was made sweeping enough to congressmen also to back away from the public trough at that age.

Evils of Water-Logged Stock. Minneapolis Journal.

President Ellot of Harvard opposes dividends of stock because it is a secret device to increase the profits of the stockholders. A substantial objection to the payment of ing lists of the soldiers killed in the spired Americans and won so much sented last year when a question arose dividends in stock is that in the case of public service corporations it increases the capital upon which returns may be claimed efficiency of the service. It ought to be impossible for public service corporations to outright and putting the proceeds into the equipment of the plant.

Increase in Railroad Earnings.

Philadelphia Telegram. One hundred and fifty millions of dollars is a large sum for any industry to earn in represents not the gross earnings, but the an example to the community." increased earnings of the railroads in this country last year. What the husiness of when the prospective retirement of Jus- the people of America amounts to may be imagined from the fact that they paid \$150,amount of business done, but merely the

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Dominion of Canada will invite the king and queen of England to visit Canada when the new Quebec bridge will be opened. Brown from the supreme bench gives many But there is little profit in the current eminent gentlemen a chance for honorable

> Andrew Carnegie wrote to a newspaper in who laugh are rare.

Theodore A. Cook, a brother of Dr. Fredprise to supply rapid transit adequate and justice, because such speculation crick A. Cook of Brooklyn, is building three motor cars at his home, Calicoon, for the use of the South Pole expedition, which The statement that a newly made million-

aire in Gotham has employed someone to

cut the pages of all the books in his newly cupation for the young and industrious. Mr. Haines, who has just been forced to resign the presidency of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, explains that his opponents are "jack-

raider, has in hand and ere long will complete an autobiography. During the last few years he has held a responsible posttion in the Department of Justice, Wash-

als." Then he ought to be kind to them, of

Mock Duck, New York's leading Chinaman, has the mischance to be in jail, and a stand by and see the sentiments of the

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

Local papers are throwing hot air bo quets at John Bossuffi, the Italian banker, whose son was kidnaped, held for ransom and released after two days' captivity nelle banner of reform. If we had a They applaud the courage of the banker who refused to pay a dollar to the kidnap "Thousands for prosecution, not cent for ransom" is the sentiment which strikes New Yorkers as heroic. "I won' give a penny," said Bozzuff, "and if the for women, with which her name is slow processes of the courts, the effect cause there would be nothing left to them now that I have seven more children they can steal before I'll pay one cent of blackmail."

The stern Bozzum does not intend to let matters rest where they are, but from it ference of opinion among councilmanic formation given him by his son the banker candidates as to the necessity for those is going to try and have the kidnapers arrested and punished. Just how great the chances were which this father took it would be hard to say and if the kidnapers agement of the city, business. Some of really had carried out their menace his them have evidently heard that the city reflections would not now be pleasant. His course, however, was not only successful, but more quickly than its opposite has ever been and it will undoubtedly have a de and they have an idea that we are to cidedly depressing affect on the kidnaping

> According to a decision handed down by Justice Bischoff in the supreme court, union wages must prevail when the city is an em ployer. There is a statutory provision re quiring the city to pay "the prevailing rate of wages."

James J. Carey, a painter who was em ployed in the city's repair shops, sued to recover an amount alleged to be due him as the difference between his daily wage as a painter in the city repair shops and the prevailing rate of wages. After being employed from May 17, 1897, Carey, on Noven ber 29, 1898, served notice on the comptroller ness of things for the Fontanelle mem- setting forth that he received but \$3 a day, bers of the county board, who cham- while the prevailing rate of wages was ploned the sheriff's jail feeding graft, to \$3.50. A month later he began an action and within twenty days judgment subsequently handed down by the higher the progress of women of this country to insert upon the official ballot for the sheriff authority to reach into the county courts in another case, which, apparently, coming primary election the names of treasury for money to pay his deputies reversed the decision in Carey's case and where "equality before the law" does not the judgment was vacated. Carey's lawcentury in which she has not been a and tax commissioner, for filling which contemplates that they shall be paid out affected and Justice Bischoff's decision was It is said that enough city employes are

in the same category as Carey to force the city to refund \$1,000,000 if they institute

Assertions are being made that Western tips are demoralizing servants in hotels, waiters in the restaurants, cabmen and are declaring that the westerner (and everybody from beyond Buffalo or Pittsburg is called a westerner in the metropfull of coin of the realm and the idea that get out of their taxes for less than 30 servants are being turned into rapacious cormorants and petty swindlers, Waiters short-change, cabmen overcharge, bellboys City Attorney Breen is quite correct sulk for silver and messengers refuse to liberal fee. The latest story of westerners as spenders is told by a popular dressplenty of money and never haggle over prices," she explains.

That the youth of New York City show member of the Cortes intimated that cause, and no matter how much her opproved the other day when the school that out of 700 lads examined only three could "chin" themselves-that is, draw zontal bar until the chin rested upon it Schwab to laugh at the story that he was This is discouraging. A generation ago With such complications in prospect, at death's door, but there's a lot of other nine boys out of ten in good bealth could "chin" all the way from three to a dozen been neglected.

> had Charles G. Gates before him for violation of the speed law the spectators expected an interesting dissertation.

without at the same time increasing the have heard of you before. You are a man dorsed Mr. Rosewater's suggestion which increase capital stock without selling it you men have money you think you can do to be allowed to discuss it without fear. anything. Instead, men of your class and that the laws should be amended so when you come here the harder I shall which gives us free speech and a free press. one year, and yet thin sum, great as it is, punish you. A wealthy man should be Let the libel laws of Nebraska be taken

Mr. Gates was held in \$300 bail for trial.

900,000 more money for freight charges in printing establishment in Brooklyn made soever he sees fit a horsethlef, and he can that the men would have had a case increase of that business in 1905 as com- against the unions if the latter had brought amendment of Nebraska's libel laws. pared with 1904. And the railroads are not pressure to bear upon the company to prodoing all the carrying for the American peo- cure the discharges, but if the company a league of eastern newspapers has been men were not wronged and had no case.

Civil service has been put in a new rence lately in a federal court in New The prospective retirement of Justice York. In a case involving misuse of the mails the complainant caffed the defending lawyer a liar, whereat the lawyer The complainant vainly sought the arrest London: "Wealth lessens rather than in- of his assailant, the court authority hold- the effects of financial depression and panic, creases human happiness and millionaires ing that the language used by the comproper protection of the court. In future that court will be Chesterfieldian in its atmosphere, especially when sensitive and strong muscled lawyers are engaged.

The rubberneck wagon will have to where else if the proposition to wipe out Chinatown is carried out. Borough President Ahern has set March 20 for a public hearing before the local improvement boundaries of Bayard street, the Bowery, Chatham Square and Park Row, Worth street and Mulberry street, known as Chinatown. Mayor McClellan is on record General Mosby, the famous confederate as in favor of the plan, and many of the property owners interested have signed the petition for the park.

Senatorial Inconsistency. New York Tribune.

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STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Kearney Hub: The Woodmen of the World threaten to remove their headquarters from Nebraska, being located at Omaha, to some other state where their reserve fund is not taxed. They can, of course, find such states, several of them in fact, apply to equality in matters of taxation. Monowi News: J. C. Root, sovereign mmander of the Woodmen of the World, says he will move the headquarters from Omaha and Nebraska because the state is talking of taxing the reserve fund of that order. Well, if we should all shift our business to evade taxes, where would the support of state, county and villages

come from? Please tell us. Weeping Water Herald: There was another meeting of the Commercial club of Omaha held last week, at which the subject of independent 'phones was discussed. The business men there are awake in the matter and realize that it means something in a business way. What people go after nowadays is business, and anything that retards business retards the growth and development of a city. There is going to be an independent franchise granted in Omaha before many moons if the most influential men of Omaha can secure it. Several of the managers of independent lines of the state were present at the meeting of the Commercial club and they are now more hopeful than ever.

Fremont Herald: Every Interior town in Nebraska, as a matter of self-interest, ought to take pride in the growth of the metropolis of the state, and the people of the interior ought to do all in their power to contribute to that growth, because if Omaha shall grow great the greatness must be of value to the whole state. And the people of interior Nebraska would be loyal to Omaha if that great city would meet them half way. But Omaha does not road which leads to friendly relations. board's committee on athletics reported When the country cousin buys a bill of goods from an Omaha merchant he is informed that personal checks will not be themselves up by their arms on a hori- received in payment. Chicago merchants try yokels in Nebraska. St. Joseph and Kansas City wholesalers do not send such notices to Nebrasks buyers. We mention times without letting go. The city boy who this matter at this time just to show to used a gymnasium trapeze was probably our Omaha friends a fair sample of their not so strong as his country brother, who own penny-wise-and-pound-foolish policy. swung to the limb of an apple tree or a Omaha cannot grow as rast as Omaha has cross-beam in the barn, but he was an ex- a license to grow until the business interceedingly weak boy if he couls not stand osts of that city shall show a better grade this test. True, the simple feat involves of liberality in their dealings with the peoknack and practice as well as general ple of interior Nebruska. We do not speak strength, but the miserable showing of of this matter in a complaining way, but these 700 Manhattan boys puts them far rather in the hope that we may be able to below the average. Their bringing up has show Omaha to herself as others see her.

Hastings Tribune: As a result of Ed ward Rosewater's address on "Libel" be-Automobilists are one of Magistrate fore the Nebraska Press association that Crane's chief abominations, and when he organization adopted resolutions recommending that the libel laws of Nebraska be so amended as to make criminal libel a misdemeanor only, and not a felony, as at "Mr. Gates," said the magistrate, "I the present time. The association also en-Wall street with millions, and you recommends that after a court has tried a think you can do what you please. When case and passed upon it, the papers ought should be an example to the community. that courts should be prohibited from drag-'I read in the newspapers of young Mr. ging up an editor for constructive con-Gates here and there and everywhere, tempt. As the libel laws of Nebraska stand Now you are here before me and I am now they are unjust to the editor, and are glad of it. The more money you have not in accordance with the constitution, up at the next session of the logislature and be so amended that an editor will be put on the same ground with the ordinary The "closed shop" has won another de- citizen. As the laws stand today any citicision from the New York courts. A zen can parade the streets and call whom-1906 than they did in 1904. It takes a great an agreement with the unions in accord- only be charged with misdemeanor; while many tons of freight at an average charge ance with which the nonunion employes on the other hand if an editor were to use of 1 cent per ton per mile to pile up \$150,- were discharged. Three employes sued the same language in his newspaper he 600,000, and that, as above noted, is not the for their old places. Justice Marcan said would be charged with felony. This is too much of a discrimination and calls for an Kearney Hub: A special fake artist for

> discharged the men in the exercise of its giving Kearney some left-handed publicity hest judgment for its own interests the again in the form of a special letter written from this city and describing in harrowing word pictures how the town has been blighted by the railroad rate ring. and highly interesting light by an occur- The last time the correspondents took shot at us was during the presidential campaign of 1900, but at that time the blight that is now ascribed to the railroads was caused by the trusts. Kearney is a promptly struck him twice in the face. live, growing town, that is forging ahead steadily, having long since recovered from of drouth and famine, and the foolish plainant had removed him beyond the dreams of creating figs from thistles-of forcing the growth of an industrial center ahead of the time and the necessary development of the country. The charge of discrimination in railroad rates is true, but it is also true as to towns in Nebraska similarly situated. The Hub is not a dehange its route and visitors will have to fender of railroad rate methods, as all eat their chop sucy and bird's nest some- its readers know, and is not now nor has it ever been a corporation defender. Hence it is not making any plea for the railroads. It is merely standing up for Kearney, which is given a black eye every time any board to establish a small park within the demagogue or yellow space writer opens his yawp or takes his pen in hand to give the trusts or the railroads a rap. Naturally we are all quite tired of it.

Restricting the Franking Privilege. San Francisco Chronicio

The amendments to the postal law restricting the franking privilege will effect no genuine reform. That can be accomplished only by abolishing the system and requiring each department to account for its needs for postage in its estimates. It countryman has eloped with Mrs. Duck. Arizona single staters outraged. But when is because of the absence of restraint that Mock intimates that when he gets out he it comes to giving the Pilipinos a fair deal the cost of carrying franked matter has should bespeak well for his devotion ownership could be possible for a long populated by no one of lesser character will demonstrate to the interiorer that he is and a chance to carn a living the senate's reached the extraordinary sum of nearly sense of justice is conveniently atrophied. \$20,000,000, which exceeds the postal deficit. SMILING REMARKS.

The army in Flanders had begun to swear dreadfully.

"We don't like to do it," explained one
of the officers, "but, of course, we've got
to back up General Sherman."—Chicage

"This is the age of wonderful inventions. It doesn't seem to me there is much left for inventive agents to grapple with," "Oh, I don't know. I haven't run access any self-licking postage stamps yet."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"You say you get a great deal of satisfaction out of your life insurance policy?"
"Yes. It makes me feel important when I read the reports of investigations."
Washington Star.

City Editor—You've got to quit using unnecessary words. There's a lot of reductancy of expression in this story.

Reporter—I thought i—
City Editor—Well, think again. You say "The decased was a wealthy plumber." "Plumber" would have been sufficient.—Cleveland Leader.

Weary Walker-Sawin' up wood fur kindlin'! I'm ashamed of yer! Ragson Tatters-Aw, g'on! dis is locust-Weary Walker-Wat's dat got to de wid it? Ragson Tatters-Why, yer chump! dis is de kind o' wood dat policemen's clubs is made out of.—Philadelphia Press.

"Here is another question that ought to brought before congress," said the earnest citizen.
"My dear sir," answered Senator Sorghum, "congress now has all the questions it can take care of. What it needs is some answers."—Washington Star.

"She jilted him seven or eight times be-ore she finally consented to marry him." "Maybe she considered him a dose of medicine."
"Huh?"
"To be well shaken before taken."—
Cleveland Leader.

Constituent—I suppose you know, sena-tor, that you have the reputation of being fabulously rich?
Senator Lotsmun—No, I didn't know that.
But I know that the stories you hear about my riches are mostly fables.—Chicago Tribune.

"We have two rolling mills," said the steel magnate. "This one, and snother at "At Washington!" repeated the visitor, in

"At Washington."
'And do you roll rails in your mill ashington, also?"
"No; logs."—Puck.

THE TOYS. Coventry Patmore My little son, who looked from thoughtful eyes, And moved and spoke in quiet, grown-up

Having my law the seventh time dis-

I struck, and dismiss'd With hard words and unkiss'd— His mother, who was patient, being dead— Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder I visited his bed.

But found him slumbering deep, With darken'd cyclids, and their lashes yet From his late sobbing wet. ng away his tears, left others of my

own;
For on a table, drawn beside head.
He had put within his reach
A box of counters and a red-vein'd stone,
A plece of glass abraded by the beach. And six or seven shells. A bottle of bluebells, And two French copper coins, ranged there

with careful art.
To comfort his sad beart.
So when that night I prayed
To God I wept and said:
"Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath.
Not verying these in death. vexing thee in death

We make our joys, How weakly understood Thy great commanded good.

when thou has molded from the clay.

'hou'lt leave thy wrath and say:

'I will be sorry for their childishness.'



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