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

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to sefore me this dist day of March, 1906.
(Real) M. B. HUNGATE.

No news is not necessarily good news when one is watching for reports from Aside from the tremendous outright dein earthquake and all wires down.

Fortunately for residents of San Fra sisco the climate preciudes suffering from the cold at this season of the The blow that smote with instant year.

The earthquake ruins of the California coast overshadow in public importance the ash-covered district in the region of Vesuvius.

If those Yaquis refuse to return to the reservation Geronimo may have to be sent to them to preach the beauties stricken city as they always have been mutually agreeable date for the elecand profits, of peace.

licly in favor of Sunday base ball. "Jim" Dahlman is not to be allowed to make all the base hits,

Taking everything into consideration Omaha's geographical location and climatic conditions are about as good as can be found anywhere.

This is the tree planting season, Each householder should appoint himself a committee of one to help in the campaign to make Omaha beautiful.

Now that Chancellor von Buelow is compelled to take a rest the world may see just how much influence Emperor William has on his administration.

candidates have been trying to stir up will have to take a back seat for a little while until the atmosphere is

A better idea of the extent of the disaster at San Francisco can be gained by remembering that the burned area and keeping it there. The simple fact is equal to one-third of the area of

outside assistance Omaha may be degenerously.

The grain rate situation is again to be readjusted, but the rate-makers have had to recognize the fact that Omaha is on the map as a grain market and there to stay.

Natal is sending an expedition against the Zulus, and members of the British Parliament, far from the scene of trouble, may prepare resolutions sympathizing with the savages.

Father Gapon is said to be missing. Perhaps he has served his purpose as a stool pigeon of autocracy and has gone to his reward as have many before him who relied upon the bureaucracy.

have for many years expected the San Francisco earthquake iny themselves open to criticism either of stretching the truth or of fearing to tell what they knew in time to save life and property.

to bear arms and "anticipate the white liberty, and as such it is safeguarded by men in their deviltry" takes a place all our constitutions, federal and state. alongside of Thomas Dixon as a dis. But it was never intended that these turber of the social order. Both whites safeguards should apply to information and blacks should leave their firearms not secured by compulsory legal process, at home wi

cisco again emphasizes the fact that accessary it should have, and more and surprised to learn that more of their fireproof buildings cannot be made out more necessary as business is conducted money is going into legislative chansiderably. Then why should the carriers Haskell institute, a school for Indians in of wood and other inflammable mate- under the forms of incorporation. rials no matter what pretense of fire son abould be learned again in Omaha part the potency of official publicity for tendents in session in Omaha suggests federal government is now seeking to and every other grawing city.

LET OMAHA HELP.

Omaha has already come nobly to the front in response to the demand for relief for the stricken people of San Franoffer to place \$10,000 at the immediate disposal of the authorities of San Francisco should result from the first call for aid speaks volumes for the generous and humanitarian impulses of our leading citizens. This will be only a first contribution from Omsha, followed by further tenders as tangible expressions of our sympathy for the unfortunate victims

Other communities are, of course, oming forward with commensurate liberality and while the matter of contribregarded in the light of a competition, still Omaha should and will do its full among us who has not friends or relatives in the earthquake-ridden district and the thought that the needs or sufferings of some one personally known to us may be alleviated should inspire open-hearted response to the call for

with the designation of Luther Drake, president of the Merchants National bank of this city, as treasurer to receive contributions. Omaha people should send their donations to him at once without being solleited, remembering that the first proffered assistance goes much further than that tardily extended.

SAN FRANCISCO'S NEED

The earthquake catastrophe whose effects stagger humanity will stir the American people to help the sufferers. The response must be quick and commensurate with the awful need.

The magnitude of the disaster grows as the appalling details become known, struction of property and loss of human life, the country is confronted with the fact that almost the whole population of a great city is suddenly homeless. paralysis of the industries of San Francisco leveled the people's habitations. Food and shelter and care for the sick need that cannot wait.

It goes without saying that the Amerlean people will rise as one man under Candidate Benson has come out pub- mediate relief of the dire necessities of out. and abundant as its resources are.

the emergency of the hour.

POLICYHOLDERS' INFLUENCE.

The prompt enactment by the New York legislature of so many of the insurance reform bills prepared by the Armstrong committee that the weakening of one of them in an important feature is a public disappointment and at once attracts attention. That provision which would require mutual com-The political earthquake which local panies to expose lists of policyholders in connection with their annual elections would have been of great value and ought to have stood.

But the laws already passed abolishing so many abuses also make extensive provisions for restoring control of the mutual companies to the policyholders that the law falls to afford complete facilities for information as to one detail will direct the attention of policy-If the stricken people of San Fran- holders in that direction. It is not uncisco and the coast towns appeal for likely that the pressure of public opinion will be sufficient to induce the pended upon to respond promptly and officials of the mutual companies voluntarily to give the information which the law does not compel them to give. To refuse is to invite suspicion and thus to defeat the motive for keeping policy holders in the dark.

THE PRESIDENT ON "IMMUNITY." The importance of the subject of immunity certainly warrants the emphasis a change of judges when the cases the president puts upon it in his special come up on their merits, but will hardly message to congress calling for legisla- look to Judge Humphrey. tion both to define the privilege of witnesses and to give the government the right of appeal in criminal cases. Judge Humphrey's decision in the beef packers' case does make the law a farce, for to the enforcement of criminal penalties, gladly relinquish all its claims. and on top of that prevents possibility Scientists who now say that they of remedy by appeal from the inferior federal courts.

No one denies the right of a person commanded as a witness in court either to refuse to answer if an answer would be self-incriminating or if he answers to have immunity. It is a right of the The woman who told Chicago negroes citizen essential to his security and his which has always been regarded within the right of the executive branch of the The destruction by fire at Sau Fran- government to secure and which it is

The Humphrey ruling would have the proofing is applied to them. The less preposterous effect of destroying in large good. Legislation has been proceeding that while long distance talk comes in climinate.

through the mere authentic disclosure of face. the truth about them, and the truth is at all events vital to correct and effeccisco and the Pacific count. That an tive legislation concerning such evils destroy them. It would defeat the very purpose if the collection of information through such administrative agencies as the Department of Commerce and the Interstate Commerce commission should work, as a permanent policy, complete absolution from the consequences of criminal acts even remotely related to the official inquiry. The Humphrey deand it cannot be permitted to stand as a general rule.

The public will sustain the president in his desire to punish guilty men rather than the corporations which are the mere senseless instrumentalities of the violation of the law. This is why be and all right-thinking people deplore so to Washington is not due to preoccupation, its cruelest work. Shock after shock rent keenly the obstacle which the Beef trust decision has thrown in the way of jusshare. Hardly a family is to be found tice and why congress should not besitate to use its legislative powers to remove that obstacle.

> PRIMARY LAW COMPLICATIONS. The crudity of certain provisions of the Dodge primary law as enacted by the last legislature is again brought out held to select delegates to the repulcalled to meet at Lincoln August 22. stock. Under this law, which applies only to Douglas county, a primary election must be held on a fixed day seven delegates are to be chosen.

If each party were to hold but one were to meet upon the same day, one ure when it reaches the senate. general primary would suffice. As a matter of fact, however, there will be three or four party tickets in the field this year, each of whose membership in this county will be represented in two conventions—the state convention three political parties have each separate conventions on different days to nominate state and congressional candidates we would have to hold under strict interpretation of the primary law not less than six successive primary elections in Douglas county.

Manifestly the expense of such proedure would be altogether excessive, to say nothing of the wasteful diversion of time and energy it would entail. In the interest of the public something should be done to simplify this conand hurt are the first need, and it is a fused situation. The suggestion that has been made that all parties concomes by stipulation and arrange for when sudden calamity of fire or flood tion of delegates by all the parties or plague has anywhere befallen. Im- seems to offer the only practical way

overwhelmed in the twinkling of an eye, this direction until the calls shall have is no light task, eager as the country is been issued for the state conventions of all parties and also for the congres-The rehabilitation of the city is a sional conventions of such political parmatter of the future, but immediate re- ties as may be expected to put forth lief for the hungry and the roofless is candidates for congress in this district.

The re-election of Mayor Zimman as conneilman from the Third ward is assured in advance for the same reasons that he won out hands down in the primary against all comers on the strength of his own record and personality. Mr. Zimman is the only member of the council who has made such an impression upon the public as to command support by the very virtue of his independence and fearlessness in standing up for what he believes to be right and In the interest of the taxpayers.

When it comes to furnishing the news promptly in readable and intelligible form, The Bee invites comparison with the best metropolitan newspapers. People hereabouts who want the facts in any great news event so ook to The Bee.

husiness lots. Money is being made in of a painted grief, it is so cold and formal. Omaha realty every day and a whole But it saves time. pile more is going to be made right along during the next few years.

Judge Smith McPherson has decided that the traffic managers as well as the railroads will have to be tried at Kansas City. The defendants may ask for

The divorce decision of the supreme the transportation business are often comcourt removes a menace that was threatening to put Omaha in the ranks as a divorce colony. This is one indusit renders the law itself a fatal obstacle try, however, to which Omaha will

it must be a mistake about the British ambassador being unwilling to athis ancestors would surely have rejoiced to have been present on such an

The railway passenger agents now have a puzzling question confronting them; Will the Pacific coast earthquake disturbances retard or promote transcontinental tourist traffic this sum-

Now that the New York state senate has begun to amend the Armstrong in- from all than to favor a few big shippers; surance bills, policyholders need not be

The convention of telephone superin-

on the demonstrated fact that many handy now and then, it does not com. SAN FRANCISCO'S CATASTROPHE corporation evils and abuses disappear pare with telling it right to a man's

> Senator LaFollette's high opinion of the supreme court of the United States fire, but never before have both destructive expressed cannot be considered very flattering to the lawmakers whose work the Judges are called upon to correct.

The Unexpected Happens. Springfield Republican The muck rakers are still fairly happy.

it's the millionaires that have the cold feet. Poor Time for Coal Scare.

Chicago Inter-Geean. Every effort to alarm us about the coal cision, however, goes to this extreme, strike has thus far failed. The mild muds, 250 miles, and Cuba, 100 miles away.

It is to Laugh.

Pittsburg Disputch absence of any public excitement over Congressman Towne's threat to exposs Roosevelt as soon as he gets back Broad street, the leading thoroughfare, for

Galvanizing Dead Timber.

From their heated conversation it is evident that President Roosevelt has offended only meritorious plank in their last plat-

Side Suaps of Railroad Magnates.

Philadelphia Press. A little while ago it was the life insur in connection with the primaries to be sance directors who were explaining. Now it's the railroad directors who have been days, that caused a general demoralization working a little side line of coal graft who The citizens' committee has organized lican state convention, which has been are explaining or selling their coal company

Too Ensy to Guess.

Chicago Record-Herald A resolution providing for the election weeks before any convention to which of United States senators by the direct votes of the people has been favorably acted upon by a house committee. shall not offer prizes to people who corconvention and all party conventions rectly guess what will happen to this meas-

Observations of the Big I.

Pittsburg Dispatch. senator who avows his repre sentation of a big express company is unalterably opposed to a more liberal parrela post." A few utterances of this sort and the congressional convention. If may arouse a decided movement against having the corporations and the government identical.

Much Ado About Nothing

Portland Oregonian It turns ou that the smuggling sensation reported from San Francisco was based on a lot of inconsiderable presents dispatched by officers and men of the battleship Oregon to their loved ones at home. A government that won't let its uniformed defender, innocent of fraud, deadhead a keepsake to his sweetheart isn't worth

Behind the Times.

Springfield Republican President Roosevelt's inheritance tax idea is so familiar to England, through actual experience with Sir William Harcourt's are not in the least shocked by the presia common impulse eager to aid the the holding of a single primary at a dent's suggestion. This again shows us how much more conservative we are getting in this country, in certain ways, then they are in the land of monarchy,

> Judicial Technicalities Spell Anarchy. Pertland Oregonian.

Like all our distinguished criminals, appeal on the ground that the evidence periment in a city of earthquakes. against him does not sustain the verdict of guilty. To allow it on trivial technical grounds is to encourage anarchy.

eased us so well in a long time as the hotel in the country is just like it. office and it would be a great loss to the of wood. nation if he should do so. In like manner there is no man who could be so useful congress as an ex-president. We have had some examples of it and we need more. The truth is, the constitution ought to provide a permanent seat in the senate or every ex-president

Printed Grief.

In order to save time the house of rep esentatives at Washington has adopted the plan of holding sessions on Sunday for oblivary purposes. Last Sunday morthat they can rely upon them always ber from Illinois-Hon. Benjamin F. Marsh. tuary honor was done to a deceased mem For the occasion Speaker Cannon deputed a pro tem. Resolutions of respect were The rise in realty has not been con adopted. Leave to print remarks was fined to any one section of the city, but given by unanimous consent. There were three or four prepared orations. In the s visible in resident sites as well as in printed Record this all has the appearance

> OPPRESSED BY BIG SHIPPERS. Transportation Companies Shamefully

Held Up and Chented.

Zansas City Times. The complant of the railroads that many ig shippers have cheated the common carers out of vast sums of money, with the anowledge and without the protest of the carriers themselves, looks paradoxical and plausible at the same time. The railroad stervels or a whole are the most powerful the country, yet separate branches of

temptuously weak when dealing with men who control large tonnage. The railroads have permitted the big shippers to exact rebates for years. This oncession has been made to get business. Now, it is just as plausible that the same rattroads would let the shippers make false classifications and take underweights in order to keep business already secured. But in all such favors granted for the purtend the funeral of John Paul Jones, as pose of either securing or holding business, the railroads flagrantly and criminally discriminate against the general publie; they make the average shipper pay for the concessions made to the favored shippers. It is an unfair deal. Public service corporations secure their charters from the people as a whole, and they are in duty bound, and law-bound, to treat all alike. The declared intention of certain railroads to resist the encroachments on their carnings by greedy shippers is so clearly in the right direction that it seems strange that the policy was not adopted long ago. As a matter of choice, of course, a rallway official would rather obtain equal rates

for aside from the fact that fairness would lower the average rates slightly, it would ceived the greater part of his education in submit to extortion at the hands of the Lawrence, Kan Last August he returned shippers? If they will stand together they can root out all these discriminations, in- work as he could get. Some time ago he

None to Equal it in the History of

the United States.

San Francisco has experienced earthquakes before and has been accurred by doments combined to ravage the city. The ruin wrought on Wednesday morning and by the succeeding besom of flame has no mparable record in the history of the United States. Losses in property and life evertops the record of fire-swept Chicago. The only record of similar nature in the datory of the country was the Charleston earthquake in 1886, when 110 lives were lost and property valued at \$15,000,600 was destroyed. The tremor traveled over an area of 900,000 square miles. It was felt at Boston, 800 miles: La Cresse, 250 miles; Ber winter, the early spring, and the prospects. The lines of all the railroads in the vicinity for a warm summer were too much for the within a radius of twenty miles were twisted and loosened.

Charleston at that time was a city of 50,000 Inhabitants. The city is built on beds of low, flat, sandy country, in regions of alluvial deposits. The earthquake selected the city. Dwelling houses were forsaken in the night and the terrified people, half clothed and shivering with fear, sought refuge in the outlying country. Fire added to the horrors of the scene, and negroes, a number of democrats by recognizing the held to the spot by fear. Kneeling in the trembling streets, they prayed. The rumbling and rocking of the earth continued without intermission during thirty-six hours and hundreds of men and women temporarily lost their reason.

It was the repeated manifestations of the phenomenon, which continued for many of the inhabitants more terrible to contemplate than the wrecking of thousands of buildings.

San Francisco is one of the oldest cities on the Pacific coast, its first settlement dating from 1776, when two Franciscan monks established an Indian mission which they called San Francisco de Azisi. A small trading village grew up in the place, but it had not made much headway when the Americans took possession in 1846 When gold was discovered in 1848 in California the town began to grow with trenendous rapidity and it quickly became the meropolis of the Pacific coast, a post-

tion which it has since maintained. Its population at the present time quoted as saying that "the government is habitants being of foreign birth, including mining companies. Whether the disclosursome 14,000 Chinese. It does a large busi- of a system of "graft" of which Pennsylited by craft from all parts of the world. uters up to vice presidents, were the bene were 50,494 frame buildings and only 3.381 stone and brick. The abundance of wood has not reduced this proportion in favor in half a dozen coal companies which furmany new houses are built of timber.

> reclaimed from the bay. Market street, the great thoroughfare, is several miles long and a level street, as are the streets west intersecting it strike boldly from the hills and have gradients in some instances as steep as fifty feet. This feature gives the city a most striking sky line, and from the bay the houses seem piled on top of a day-a mere drop in the bucket; but the one another.

payements in numerous instances are intersected by a strip of cobble to enable

horses to make way up and down. revolves is the green turf of Union square, with its statue and flower beds, overtopped eptions" ready to file when they were by the towering St. Francis hotel, a skysentenced, and thus escaped the penalty scraper among skyscrapers and a palace of their crime temporarily, if not forever, among hetels. This immense structure of convicted man should be allowed an steel and tiler, stone and brick, was an ex-The Palace hotel has been for years the

Mecca of the western traveler. was when it was a gilded palace and though others rank with it today for honors, the Palace takes precedence as a landmark. It is corpulent and bulging and has No news about President Roosevelt has a distinctive look of its own. No other eport that when his presidential term has great central court opens to the sky and expired he will represent New York in the its balconies suggest southern days. San enate. In England a premier does not re- Francisco teems with comfortable hotels, fire from public life when he retires from lefty beyond the average and constructed

> The following are the great earthquakes n the last hundred years; December 16, 1857-Naples partly ruined

9,589 killed, 1,343 badly injured. March 4, 1881-Earthquake shock Isle of Ischin; Casamicciola destroyed; 144 killed. July 28, 1882. The rebuilded town of Casamicciola again destroyed and with it Lacco Forie; within fifteen seconds 1,300 house, swept into ruins; 2,313 killed. February 23, 1887-The Riveria suffered

damage \$5,000,000; Nice and Mentone shaken; on the French side, seven killed on the Italian side, 622 killed and 500 Injured. December 25, 1884-Audalusia, Molaga is

shaken; 266 killed. October 28, 1891-Mino Owari district by Japan: 7,279 killed, 17,393 injured: 197,586 buildings destroyed; debris strewn over twenty miles; rivers and canals altered. June 12, 1897-Cathedral at Calcutta, India, damaged and seven natives killed in panic; at Assam, public buildings and crop destroyed; deaths, 1,542.

are seized. May 18, 1902, occurred the Martinique disaster, when St. Pierre was destroyed and 20,000 persons killed by the combined volcano and earthquake catastrophe

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ban Francisco pushes Vesuvius off the front page. More's the pity. Stuyvesant Fish, the rich railroad president, started life as a railroad clerk at the age of 20. Europe again to the rescue. Sixteen

thousand bachelor emigrants arrived recently and on a single steamer. The only negro officer of the army who is a West Pointer is Charles Young. present on duty as military attache at Port an Prince, Hayti. Captain Young entered

the military academy in 1884 and was gradmated in 1889. Sir Charles Metcalfe, the consulting engineer to the Rhodesian railways, claims the world's record for rapid construction on the railroad above Victoria Falls. Five and three-quarter miles of track were laid

It is said that the late Mr. Bailey was nodest that his press agent had to obtain a photograph of him by stealth. Thus is another popular ideal concerning circus people shattered; thus also the press agent proves himself again a laborer worthy of

Paul Knapp, a half-breed Pottawatomie, 18 years old, has been appointed to a West Point cadetship by President Roosevelt. Young Knapp was born near Hartford. Mich., but for years has lived with his parents in Benton Harbor, where he reto Benton Harbor and has been doing such cluding all forms of relating, which the wrote to Indian Commissioner Leupp, who became interested in him, and the result was his appointment by the president.

## DR.PRICE'S Gream Baking Powder

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Exercise care in purchasing baking powder to see that you get Dr. Price's, which makes the food more wholesome and at the same time more palatable.

NOTE-There are many mixtures, made in imitation of good baking powders, which the prudent will avoid. They may be known by their price, being sold for ten to twenty-five cents a pound, or a cent an ounce. They are made with alum, interfere with

SOFT COAL MONOPOLY.

Disclosures Made by the Interstate Philadelphia Record.

The 'muck rake' is being wielded rather vigorously by the Interstate Commerce commission in its investigation of the reclose to 375,000, shout one-third of the in- lations between the railroads and the coal ness with the orient and its harbor is vis- vania railroad officials, from car distrib-The bay of San Francisco is one of the ficiaries, was "muck raking" of the kind finest in the world. Much of the city was that does harm or good President Roosebuilt with a view to withstanding earth- velt may tell us in due time when he shall quake shocks, but not to withstand fire have pondered the subject and is ready Frame buildings predominate. In 1900 there to make another speech on public morals The facts are briefly these: Captain Hicks, formerly president and still a stockholder of unsubstantial structures and in 1905 nished fuel for the "Pensy's" locomotives, has been in the habit of giving gratuities to railroad officials. Some of the recipi-A part of San Francisco is built on land ents held stock in the coal companies and received the gratuities in the form of 'dividends." There was "not a very elaborate system of bookkeeping," however; the south of it, but those from the north and coal companies trusted the captain implicitly and he gave each man what he

point of the case is that rallway officials who receive favors from certain producers generous width. The slippery asphalt of coal thereby disqualify themselves from treating other producers with the equality to which they are entitled. And, indeed, favoritism seems to rule the coal business. Other railroad officials besides those im plicated by Captain Hicks have confessed to being stockholders in mining companies. to their possessors transportation that others cannot get, acknowledged the general superintendent of transportation of the Baltimore & Ohlo; yet a few days ago a Pennsylvania raliroad official admitted that during the anthracite strike of 1902, when cars were in unprecedented demand, his company sold 200 brand new ones out of its everworked rolling stock to the Berwind-White company. The tes thmony taken in this city by the Interstate Commerce commission last week proved the

> The entire coal trade is honeycombed with abuses and discriminations such as were condemned by the supreme court in the Chesupeake & Ohio case. There are com binations and affiliations and deals and dickers, and the need of corrective legislation which will effectually divorce the business of mining from that of carrying appears to be imperative.

shipments to the Atlantic seaboard, which

pool included practically all available

SAILORS DISLIKE DISCIPLINE Portuguese Mutiny Said to Be Du to Rules of Ship Com-

mander. MADRID, April 19.-Letters received here from Lisbon say that 1,400 sailers belonging o the Portuguese warships, which recently mutinied are confined in barracks ashore Five warships are anchored in the Tagus in direct line with the fire of the forts. The trial of the mutineers by court-mertial is proceeding. A district cenorship is ob served over all press messages and newspapers containing reports of the mutinter

The sailors assert that the excessive discipline of the commander of the Don Carlos I was the cause of the mutiny.

LIGHT AND BRIGHT.

"It doesn't pay to be overbearing," said the first trust magnate. "You're right," agreed the second trust magnate. "Never defy the law, Just ig-nore it."—Courier Journal.

The populistic congressman announced his of making an attack upon the president.

"Very rash for you to do that at this time," counseled a friend. "You know there's a general move against the mosquito pest just now."—Philadelphia Ledger. Mr. Highmus (lunching between concert numbers)—How did you like that last polonaise?"

Mr. Gaswell—Why—er—there was too blamed much powdered nutneg sprinkled on it to suit my taste.—Chicago Tribune.

Jess-Why on earth did Gladys marry Charley Dumley? Tess-Oh, she took the greatest fancy to Charley's Boston bull and he wouldn't give

Magistrate: "Ah! they've caught you drunk again ch?"
Prisoner: "No, sir! Impersonatin' an officer dis time, I guess."
Magistrate: "That's the charge, is it?"
Prisoner: "I guess so. Dey caught me asleep on a coal-box."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"Thought he was worth."

The quantity of ceal involved in these transactions was but forty or fifty carloads a day—a mere drop in the bucket; but the point of the case is that railway officials.

"You can't see Mrs. Oldum." said the servant; "she has the toothache."

"You must be mistaken." replied the man; "I am her dentist and I have her teeth here in this package."—Philadelphia Press.

"Do you enjoy going into the country in your automobile?"
"Yes," answered the novice, "but the pleasure of getting into the country is nothing compared to the triumphant satisfaction of getting home again."—Washing-

The ownership of private cars insures hurry to marry."

"It seems to be quite evident that the girls don't read the papers."—Cleveland

And what have you ever done to bene-the world? You are merely a sluggish "And who set you up as a judge? It is true I am a sluggish idler, but as all my instincts are evil ones, I benefit the world by doing nothing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The life insurance man had come home "John," demanded his wife the next morning, "where were you last night?"
"I don't remember!"
And the reply was much more truthful than it often is when uttered amid sterner surroundings.—Courier Journal.

Miss Tersleep-You're not a very good poker player, are you. Mr. Stoplate? Mr. Stoplate-Why-er-what do you Tersleep-No matter what kind of a deal I give you, you always stay.— Baltimore American.

ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

John Sterling. O, unseen spirit! now a calm divine
Comes forth from Thee, rejoicing earth
and air!
Frees, hills and houses, all distinctly shine.
And Thy great ocean slumbers everywhere.

The mountain ridge against the purple sky Stands clear and strong, with darkened rocks and dells, And cloudless brightness opens wide and ne nerial, where Thy presence dwells. The chime of bells remote, the murmuring

The song of birds in whispering couse and wood, The distant voices of children's thoughtless And maiden's song, are all one voice of Amid the leaves' green mass a sunny play Of flash and shadow stirs inward life; The ship's white sail glides onward far

Undaunted by a dream of storm or strife

## A Doctor's Medicine

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