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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.

If John D. Rockefeller is really the type of the coming American, barbers can see their finish,

At last William Randolph Hearst is to have the "vindication" he was clamoring for in the hope he would not get it.

than a medal.

travels afterward.

coal and oil lands in the state shows tion to be the "Pennsylvania of the West" has some qualifications.

If congress insists, the new barge company, which is to reinstate river traffic on the Missouri river at Omaha. can easily arrange to put its boats on ice runners for winter business.

he may be mistaken in his mission.

their opposition might not be so stren- ously impaired.

enforced.

A law compelling railroads to run forfeit might have the effect of rearranging time cards, but it would also do much to relieve the shortage of

While New Orleans celebrates the anniversary of the battle that made Jackson famous, democrats elsewhere honor the memory of the man as the most successful patronage dispenser their party ever put in the White

of his illness, but kept quiet about it until he secured ten days to prepare for his examination on the stand. Mr. Harriman should be more careful to veracity

party platforms last year were not de action, but as a matter of experience signed entirely as a vchicle to office, it is little, if at all, needed, while anythough some successful candidates thing short of most scrupulous restricthat people really expect campaign trous. promises to be redeemed.

take a caucus in Nebruska.

COMING TO THE VITAL POINT. crucial test of its authority. The true a pull. center of the battle in the last session of congress was the question whether the commission should be invested with power to establish rates, and the

subject to judicial review. its rate-making power neither emamonths since the law went into effect seen. than was reasonably to be expected.

on live stock and affecting the whole chance to make a winning. west, are cases which the commission has heretofore decided, but under the old law was powerless to enforce its forced.

Louis a number of agitators rather tion in the vital point of charge for tional storage capacity. service, for it is known that at preporation abuses.

"FRAUD ORDER" PROTECTION.

fraudulent matter from the mails great deal of difference to the people estimated that the small contributions to William T. Stead says he is travel- should be carefully scrutinized before of Omaha whether they have a gas ing around the world in the interest final enactment. It is not alleged plant adequate to their needs. This of peace; but as his efforts with the that fraud orders are wrongfully is- must have been more forcibly imczar did not prevent war with Japan, sued by the postmaster general, but pressed during the last few weeks, Reciprocal demurrage is opposed by tunity for prompt action through dis- the efficiency of the electric lighting railroads on the ground that it will cretionary power is to be withdrawn plant and the gas works both impaired open up an opportunity for rebating. altogether because of possible mis- at the same time Omaha would be in a If they really believed it would do so take, executive efficiency may be seri- very serious dilemma.

But it may well be doubted if the supply every possible demand. Louisiana lottery in its palmiest days took from the susceptible public a their trains on schedule time or pay a tithe of the plunder since been realized from other schemes which, though not lotteries, were equally fraudulent, all dependent upon the mails for successcars and perhaps to prevent accidents. ful operation, and are under the lotthrough fraud orders excluding them

from the mails. An outright lottery is itself a warnfrauds to which access to the mails is vital are more dangerous, because they operate in the guise of legitimate E. H. Harriman mimimizes reports business. Prompt action, too, is in most cases essential to public protection, and in fact a fraud order generally accompanies criminal prosecution, after thorough review both by postofprotect his lawyers' reputation for fice inspectors and the Department of Justice. It is, indeed, possible to provide for judicial review which would seemed still to be surprised to learn tion of court review might be disas-

disgrace a patrolman who was found assisting indigent poor outside of the stocks in mining companies or other examinations. Rudeness in cross-examina lican members of the legislature in at home drunk when he was supposed county poor farm has been cut almost shipping concerns have been checked. Idaho has formally accepted the candi- to be walking his beat. A week ago in half. One reason for this is evi- Rocsevelt, in addressing congress, has out- in this suit a cross-examining lawyer date nominated by the state conven- the board imposed merely a fine and dently the decrease in the number of lined a reform program of vast reach shouted at a witness in overalls: tion for United States senator. The administered a gentle rebake to an poor people requiring assistance. No and importance. The retrospect is gratify- there, in the overalls; how much are you

THE HARRIMAN COMBINE-

It is not surprising that the exposure of the methods of the group new law confers such power, though of financial grand dukes controlling the so-called Harriman roads should The criticism that the commission take the breath away from Wall street has been dilatory in proceeding under and from stock speculators and gamblers generally. Whatever else may nates from quarters friendly to pub- have been uncovered, the facts demlic control, nor is in fact warranted. onstrate the existence of a concen-On the contrary, the commission has trated financial power which so far as acted with extraordinary energy in the speculative market is concerned is strict performance of its duties, having practically irresistible and the manner accomplished far more during the four of whose employment cannot be fore-

Proof is at hand that this combine The mass of initial work was im- has within six months purchased in mense, including such matters as a the name of the Union Pacific alone uniform system of bookkeeping and stocks of other railroads to the value reports, joint and through rates, and of over \$120,000,000, having for such rulings on free passes and many other transactions absolute control over important subjects whose considera- the vast resources wielded as a unit tion could not be postponed. More of half a dozen of the greatest and over, although the two members richest railroad and steamship coradded to the commission could not porations in the world. But even take their places before fall, congress these forces are but a fraction of the imposed an enormous burden through stupendous influence of this unpreceorders for investigations which like- dented cabal, whose members domiwise permitted no delay. The com- nate the copper, oil and other indusmission accordingly has had to con- tries, as well as great banks and trust duct exhaustive inquiries into the coal companies and the funds of some of and oil industries, into the grain and the life insurance concerns. How the 26 32,120 elevator situation, into the consolida- Illinois Central, itself one of the big 28...... 21,610 and Hill combinations, into safety sig- country, succumbed to this power is a nals and wrecks. These great labors matter of recent record.

have been not only imperative under But here is a factor whose purposes the law, but also of the utmost value. are undiscoverable except in retrospect The commission deserves well of the that is capable at any moment of concountry that it should have accom- trolling the stock market, and, indeed, plished so much in a short time, so all markets and industries to no small that it may now, in pursuance of its extent. In concentration of power paramount duty, take up the cases and secrecy of counsel and action, it is brought before it requiring decision of ominous to every interest, but most amateurs. what are reasonable rates. Some of of all to the great body of stock gamthese, like the first one to be heard blers who usually imagine they are involving the Chicago terminal charges placing their stakes with at least a

GAS.

The supreme court has decided that decisions, while others involve great the Omaha city council has no authorquestions like discrimination under ity by ordinance to prohibit the erecpretense of water competition. But tion of a gas holder within the city now the commission, when it finds a limits, except with the written consent rate unreasonable, will also decide of the owners of every foot of ground able and order it to be forthwith en- of the site. The parties who have ation of some millions of acres of rubber Thus the work upon which the com- gas plant, however, do not appear to theirs in the United States look like philanmission is now entering must raise be willing to stop with this, but are thropy and therefore believe that he ought President Diaz would probably be conclusively the issue between public seeking new means to block the gas to be encouraged. better pleased to receive from St. and corporate power over transporta- company's plans for providing addi-

cisely this point the constitutionality the gas company. It wants the city of Omaha, Neb., Issued 1.548 marriage That postoffice at Avery threatens to of the power of congress will be chal- to exercise all its powers of regulation divorce applications were filed in the local become famous. It is the only place lenged in the courts. Furthermore, if in a proper way. The obligations of courts-establishing a ratio of about one in this vicinity where Uncle Sam has the supreme court shall broadly sus- the gas company to the city should be divorce suit for every three marriages. to advertise for some one to serve as tain the power of congress, the door strictly enforced, every cent of royalty of the divorce applications "are from the will be opened for root and branch due it should be collected, every gas treatment of the whole question of meter should be made to test stand- tempt to show that divorce is more sought In deciding to be inaugurated in a railroad capitalization and valuation and, the gas sold should be required to for by easterners living under stricter laws church the governor of Colorado is as a basis for determining what con- produce the minimum number of light than by westerners who provide easier laws, making a good start, but his reputa- stitutes "a just and reasonable rate," and heat units. In opening streets to tion will depend upon the road he cost of service, investor's profit, etc. lay mains the gas company should be If by a narrow and reactionary judi- held down to every requirement of the cial construction the commission is ordinances. But mere factious inter-Oklahoma's desire to purchase all paralyzed, then all the agitation that ference with its building improvewe have had will be the merest pre- ments, especially when they serve to of some other years. Those who look for that the new Commonwealth's ambi- liminary to the universal uprising for keep the city continuously exposed to a progressive annual increase in charity more sweeping relief from carrier cor- the danger of a gas shortage in case of or two gas holders, on the present site The bill which has passed the house can make no material difference to the providing for appeal to the courts neighborhood if there must be a gas against executive orders excluding holder there anyway, but it makes a butions in 1900 aggregated \$47,500,000. It is error some time. But if the oppor- been partially incapacitated. Were

At a still different point Omaha is Exclusion from the mails under the interested in having the gas company form of a fraud order was the weapon in position to do a maximum of busi-With wires breaking from the with which, after ten years of arduous ness. The city gets a royalty on every mation must be shown and a due appreciweight of snow and ice upon them, the contest, the government finally wiped one thousand cubic feet of gas sold attor of what has been accomplished should advantages of the underground tele- the notorious Louisiana lottery out of and proportionately injures itself to phone and telegraph conduits required existence and has since protected the the extent that it prevents the company in the city streets are strikingly re- public against like lottery conspiracies. from having an equipment equal to law, the pure food law and the meat in-

Representatives of the Order of trainmen urging senators at Washington to oppose the law limiting service tery act liable to effectual attack a day have been in no way inspired by the sentiment molders at railway headquarters, but that the uniform appearing to the public, but the myriad that they were gotten up by the officers of their association and sent out exposure of previous efforts of the railagainst the rate bill and other legislation in the public interest naturally easts suspicion on any similarly concerted move against other proposed A general impression prevails that not interfere with effective executive legislation apparently for the benefit of the employes.

gratifying in several respects. They out of the gutter so paralyzed with had to suffer enforced idleness for any prestige in Box.

drink that he had to be hauled to the length of time in Omaha during the With the trial of shippers' com- police station in the patrol wagon, last year and most of those overcome plaints against rates the Interstate where he created a rough house before by sickness or other misfortune have Commerce commission is now proceed- he was fit to be released. This shows had enough saved up to carry them seer of the house of representatives was the ing to the vital purpose of the amended the difference between the policeman over a short period or have credit to commerce law and must bring on the with a pull and the policeman without pull along by themselves. A more business-like administration of the re-

> The statement of the attorney general of Texas that he has "original tween Senator Bailey and the "oil trust" means either that the documents are not as damaging as imto enforce the law.

It is now officially determined that Robert Cowell may take his oath of any time he chooses. Inasmuch as no salary nor duties yet attach to the position, delay of a few days will injure gressives scored in the first round. the public no more than it does him.

Congressman-elect Hitchcock is the only speaker on the Jacksonian program left to select his own subject. public-ownership-of-railroads question at the same time."

Open for More Entries.

New York Post. Now that both Bryan and Taft have declared that a nomination for the presidency should be declined by no American citizen. the new year should see many more come 27 31,770 tions of competing lines in Harriman historic transportation systems of the forward to protest that they, too, will not consent to have the next presidential election called off for lack of entries.

Seek the Guilty Higher Up.

Cincinnati Enquirer, Let us welcome all inventions that conordinates in locating the blame. Get after Fairfield Herald: For the second time

Relief in Forgetfulness.

Springfield Republican. There is no race discrimination in this growingly ghastly record of American railroad fatalities. Here within less than a week are two accidents each among the worst ever known for destruction of life; yet they will be forgotten in a day or two. so surfeited with such horrors have the American people become,

Philanthropic Ideals,

Pittsburg Dispatch. Perhaps the influence which prompts the been opposing the enlargement of the concessions. They may entertain the senti-

Omaha Marriages and Divorces.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. During the first eleven months of 1906 the but it is not a very conclusive effort.

Benevolences in 1908,

Philadelphia Ledger. The total amount contributed by citizens ntributions must be disappointed. During the last year a total of \$51,280,294 in large accident, serves no useful purpose. A contributions was given to educational essmall gas holder, or a large gas holder, tablishments, art galleries, hospitals and jects reached the great total of \$107,380,000 in 1901. The variability of such statistics is shown by the statement that the contricharitable uses in 1906 would aggregate not less than \$10,000,000, swelling the total philanthropic offerings to \$61,230,294.

only that there might conceivably be when the electric lighting plant has President Roosevelt's Policies Bearing Substantial Fruit. Kansas City Times.

Encouraging progress in reform has been states and in cities the general movement that began with the advent of President twelve months now ending. While much this country has produced. remains to be done, proper consideration of the inevitable slowness of civic reforbe manifested.

by congress in the enactment of the rate spection law. The scope and character of this legislation are not yet fully understood by the country at large. Assuming that it is all sound enough to withstand the scru-Railway Conductors insist that the let- tiny of the United States supreme court. ters which have been sent by railway this legislation is the best ever enacted for the enforcement of fair dealing in interstate commerce and for the protection of the public against inpurities in the food of operating employes to sixteen hours supplies. Incidentally the graft that lies rebating has been almost wholly eliminating and that of food adulteration has been greatly lessened. It is not enough that the people should have a square ance of the letters is due to the fact but it is important that business should be cleansed of crime, even for the sake of those who have wittingly or unwittingly fallen into criminal practices.

The work of prosecuting the trusts has moved forward during the year. Standard off has been vigorously and effectively assaulted and is being brought to terms by degrees. The Sugar trust has been prosecuted and flued. The movement along the line to bolster up the fight against the Paper trust has been success. Perret of Brooklyn, well known scientific ful so far. The principal Packing trust circles, with the Cross of Cavallere Officiale cases were never tried on their merits, for his conduct and nervices to humanity thanks to Judge Rumphreys, who threw and science at the time of the eruption of them out of court on a demurrer. A Mount Vesuvius observatory of the Uninumber of railway men and trust men have versity of Naples, when the eruption cobeen convicted, some of them under the curred, and remained with the Italian conspiracy act, which was uncarthed isolated on a ridge of rock between streams by Attorney General Moody and now serves of burning lava until the mountain was to supplement the general regulative laws again quiet. Many lives were saved through The figures for the outdoor relief with a criminal statute that is hard to the warnings sent out by the two couragework of the county for the last year dodge. The enormous land frauda, the ex- ous scientists. tent of which is not yet known, are under Joseph H. Choate, the lawyer and diplo investigation. The Steel trust is prepar- mat, said at a lawyers' dinner; ing to defend itself. Discriminations by lawyers couldn't do better than to resolve The police board has dismissed in show that the cost to the taxpayers of railroads through officials owning gratuitous in the new year to be gentler in our cross

MR. SPEAKER.

Tekamah Herald: The election of D. M. Nettleton of Clay county for presiding ofbest selection that could have been made Sloux City Tribune: The speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives is not much of a Beau Brummel, but he is there lief work may also have had some- with the goods when it comes to honesty thing to do in holding down the ex- and sincerity,

Leigh World: Dan M. Nettleton, of Clay county, is the speaker of the house of representatives. He was elected on the third ballot in the house caucus, and by this election gave the corporations a blow that documents" showing the relations be- will cripple their forces throughout the en-

York Times: The election of Dan Nettleton to the speakership of the house is in many respects a wise and proper move. He agined, or that the state official is as is an old member and deserves the honor. anxious to mix political medicine as He is well posted, strictly honest and impartial and will be an excellent presiding officer. In every way it is a wise choice. Newman Grove Reporter: The house organized with the election of Dan Nettleton for speaker. Mr. Nettleton is 63 years of office as state railway commissioner age, a farmer, and he was a member of the legislature some twenty years ago. He seems to have an excellent record and to be free from corporate influence. The pro-

Kearney Hub: The selection of D. M. Nettleton for speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives is a good start in the right direction, and no matter how much might be said in favor of any of the other candidates for that position, the peo-We would suggest that he dilate on ple of Nebraska do not doubt or need to "How I can be on both sides on the doubt that Dan Nettleton will be the right man in the right place.

Beatrice Sun: Dan Nettleton does not take a very pretty picture, but he is quite a forceful man. He has lived upon the prairies of Nebraska for the past thirtyfive years, where he has successfully farmed. He was a member of the legislature in 1883 and 1885, and was a presidential elector in 1892. He is 66 years of age, an Irishman by birth, and a keen, shrewd politician.

Wood Run Sunbeam: The railroad manipulators received their first blow in the legislature of the state of Nebraska this week when Nettleton was elected speaker over McMullen. The latter was backed by the railroad forces and they were utterly tribute to safety, but the first immediate put to rout. However, they are rallying requirement is to make the best use of the and their hand will be shown on every bill means already at railroad command. The that comes up that affects the railways in authorities should go higher than the sub-

the men who employ the "plugs" and in the history of the state Clay county furnishes the speaker for the Nebraska legislature, this time in the person of Hon. D. M. Nettleton of this city. No better choice could have been made, we doubt very much whether in the present emergency one could have been found in all points as well qualified to serve in this responsible and important place.

Creighton News: Nan Nettleton of Clay county, the new speaker of the Nebraska legislature, is a man 66 years old, a veteran of the civil war with a good record, having been wounded in the service, and has served in two previous sessions of the legislature, in 1883 and 1885. He is decidedly friendship of some of our trust magnates in favor of the regulation of corporations what rate as a maximum is reason- within a radius of one thousand feet for King Leopold is not the petty consider- by law and the execution of the railway transportation laws by the state railway

Friend Telegraph: The Nebraska legislature assembled on January 1. Senator Saunders of Omaha was elected president pro tem. of the senate and Dan Nettleton of Clay county, speaker of the house. It is conceded that the people have succeeded in organizing both branches of the legislature and that the corporations got nothing. We may now reasonably expect that the people of Nebraska may for the first time within the history of this state have an opportunity for real wholesome legislation,

Norfolk Press: The legislature made a good start in electing D. M. Nettleton There are no bounds, apparently, save sort speaker. The result of the cau subsequent election showed that the majority party was less under direct control of the railroad lobby than at any previous session in the history of the state, and this augurs well for legislation on lines that the people and the platform of the republican party demand. Party success in the future depends on the redemption of of the United States for philanthropic pur- the pledges made during the late campaign, and the republican members of the legislature show that they appreciate this fact. Their course, however, is not all smooth sailing for the railroad lobby will interpose every conceivable obstacle in the of wholesome reform legislation. A way good start is half the battle, and the legislature has that much to its credit.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Southern spirit has reached an uncomm level when an alderman who called the retiring mayor of Atlanta a liar and a flunkey survived the vocal effort.

A few days ago Miss Madeline Ives Goddard was married to Marie Alexander PROGRESS OF THE SQUARE DEAL. Leon Rene, Marquis d'Andigne, Compte de Sainte Gemmes, Baron de Legre. One can hardly blame him for standing in mortal terror of the autograph fiends. President Roosevelt will deliver an ad-

dress on Memorial day at Indianapolis made in the year 1906. In the nation, in at the unveiling of a monument to General may be beaten, through the law's loopholes Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in the of technicalities. The belligerents are Phillippines. President Roosevelt considers Roosevelt has borne substantial fruit in the General Lawton one of the greatest soldiers velt stands the wealth and the might of

"So this is the House of Representatives." an elderly man said with awe as he walked up to the main door of the house in Washington. "This is the place we are rep resented. This ain't any House of Rep resentatives," a page boy said. "This is Uncle Joe Cannon's office. There ain't no have failed to send the customery state House of Representatives no more."

The collective social eye of Pittsburg now directs its gaze Parisward, whither a pillar of the steel world hiked to bask in the smiles of a chorus girl of more or less repute. The affair is deliciously uppercrusty-the gay old duffer of 60, the putaway wife of less prosperous days and the frisky maid of the footlights with a kicking reach of six feet. A fool at 60 is the real

As a rule Canadians have shown some fondness for being knights, but "the pinchbeck title" has no attractions for Wiliam S. Fielding, minister of finance for the dominion, who has refused it more than "Fact is," says Mr. Fielding once. quaintly, "when I receive a bill from my tailor now I can take a little delay in paying it, but if it came addressed to 'Si William Fielding' I should feel that could not allow any delay under the altered cfrcumstances."

The king of Italy has decorated F. A

tion never, never pays. This is a truth And at the close of the year President that I once saw proved in a damage suit prospects are that it will not even other patrolman who was picked up able-bodied man willing to work has doctrine of the square deal has gained you are, the witness retorted, 'or you'd be in overalls too." "

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THE COLOSSUS OF ROADS.

Chips in a Gamble. New York World.

In ten years of unprecedented railroad prosperity the control of three-quarters of the mileage has passed into the hands of six or eight groups. The lines themselves have been merely chips in a Wall street poker game. The functions of the common carrier have been subordinated to the business of Wall street exploitation. The operation of the roads has been an incident and not the main business of the men in

Mighty and Dangerous Power. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The government of the United States has none too soon assumed a control over railroad rate charges as well as other matters affecting interstate transportation. And such a control will never be relinquished; rather it will be extended. It involves the exercise of a mighty and dangerous power, to be sure, but who will have the boldness now to repeat, as was so often urged during the rate bill controversy, that it is a power more dangerous to the people in the hands of the government than in the hands of E. H. Harriman?

> What Are the Bounds? Washington Herald.

With Mr. Harriman in unchecked con trol of practically the entire transcontinental railway transportation system west of Chicago, including the Illinois Central, and owning immense blocks of stock in eastern railroads, it is not difficult to believe the newspaper statement that "he is the most important power in railroad circles the country has ever had." And sked Mrs. Gayman. "Been seitting up with a dying friend, what are the bounds of this power?" m' dear," answered her affectionate conthose which may be set by the federal government, through actions in the courts and the enforcement of the anti-trust and rate laws; against uncontrolled one-man power in railway finances the authority of the president of the United Straes, acting through the instrumentalities at his disposal in behalf of the whole people. That is the significant contest we now see be-

The People and Corporate Wealth. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The government has a long line of victories against combinations of different sorts, involving, in some cases, many hundreds of millions of dollars. It upset Hill's and Morgan's Northern Securities company. It brought the meat packers under control. Dozens of smaller combines have been overthrown or have been compelled to reorganize under forms which make a pretense at least to conform to the law. Under the decision just rendered by United States District Judge Landis in Chicago, a line of successful assault on the Standard Oil company has apparently been opened. In the end the government will triumph even over Harriman, although this may involve the enactment of new laws. But in the meantime the fight will be hard, and it is possible that at the outset the government evenly matched. Back of President Roose-85,000,000 of people, but Harriman also is one of the world's great powers.

Faise Premise, Wrong Conclusion.

Baltimore American The doughty legislators of Nebraska are on the warparth against the railroads that passes. The ultimatum has practically gone forth that either the legislators or antilegislation must be passed.

POINTED PLEASANTRIES.

"Your 'woman's lunch club' proved to be a failure. How did that happen?"
"No er men ever came to lunch there."
-Chicago Tribune.

Party Chief (sneering)—What do you think will become of all these fatuous reforms?

Ward Boss (sadly)—I don't think the fat's with us; I think the fat's in the fire,—Baltimore American.

Tess-If Miss Fairey doesn't get mar-ried soon she'll be a laughing stock for ried soon she if be a saughtly severyone.

Jess-Why, she's quite young yet, isn't she?

Tess-Yes, but she's outgrowing her name. She's becoming ridiculously stout.—

Philadelphia Press.

"Why didn't you vote to increase your salary?"
"I was afraid it might become a habit," answered the statesman, "and I'm one of those people who enjoy pointing to the pecuniary sacrifice they make in serving their country."—Washington Star.

The Apollo Belvedere had just been completed.

"Yes," proudly beasted Calamis, "several department stores have wanted him for a floorwalker."

Thus indeed, the sculptor realized he had produced the perfect type of manly beauty.

New York Sun.

"You should lay up something for a rainy day," said the able adviser.
"A rainy day doesn't bother me," answered the intensely literal person. "What I want is enough surplus to enable me to face a few cold waves."—Washington Star. "Now that you've gone to housekeeping, which rules, you or your wife?" "Neither of us. We have a provisional

overnment."
"What is that?"
"The cook's."—Baltimore American.

"That won't do this time." she rejoi
"The old year has been dead two or t
days, to my certain knowledge."—Chic
Tribune.

"Boss," said the fat begger, "I ain't had "Boss," said the fat begger, "I ain't had no food fur more'n twenty-four hours."
"Well, well!" remarked Kidder,
"Dat's de truth, boss, an' when I t'ink how well fixed I wus onct it makes a lump come in me t'roat dat—"
"Why don't you swallow the lump? That might help some."—Catholic Standard and Times.

MAMMA AT THE 'PHONE.

New York Sun. Our phone is on a party wire, Our letter it is L, Our letter it is L.
And when some one would speak to us
The central rings the bell;
And mamma, when she hears it ring,
Unless she is alone,
Calls out to all the family:
"Somebody 'tend the phone!" When some one calls up J or R.

Or B upon the line,
Or B upon the line,
Our telephone it does not ring,
But flutters faint and fine;
And when she hears within the box
That call for these unknown.
Whatever else she has on hand—
Then mamma's at the phone. Anon she hears the gentle purr Within the wooden box—
She's darning sister's stockings
Or little brother's socks—
But these she quickly lays aside:
"Three pounds and plenty bone'—
"She's getting soup for dinner,"
Bays mamma at the phone,

Another flutter in the box Brings mamma to her feet: Sh! "This is Mrs. Jones." she says. "Of Umpty-umptieth street;
'One ticket for the gallery'—
"She must be going alone;
'Oh, yes; it's for the matinea,'
'Adds mamma at the phone.

Sometimes when mamma hears the pure She lingers at the telephone
And smiles but does not speak.
And when we ask, "What's doing now?"
In an impatient tone,
"Go on and play and never mind,"
Says mamma at the phone.

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