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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.

Notary Public.

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Timely arrests will cure premature celebrations of the Fourth

Editor Stead says Washington reminds him of an English city. Probably by contrast.

California boasts of a hog worth \$1,000,000, but fails to give the name of the corporation which he controls.

"Is there a too free use of medi-

neighbors.

called on the carpet. The carpet is commerce," as defined by the federal too soft-they should be called on the laws, and therefore can not be prerough hard pavement.

The magazine editor who is advertising for "good, truthful fish stories" ought to know that the good fish dicate to book the plays of indepenstories are not truthful.

talk to Mars. It would be a pleasanter troversy and not a subject for judicial summer if Tesla would only talk more to Mars and less to Earth.

Royalty is having a pleasant time this summer. Mr. Carnegie has visited the kaiser and Mark Twain has condescended to meet King Edward.

Owing to the high price of fruits, the pie of the season is much like Pittsburg society-not much difference between the upper and the lower

whipped mob" in San Francisco in a manner indicating that it is not his upon the plays he shall book and the fault that the whipping has not been administered.

us believe that the far has been the ployed by the so-called Theatrical trust theme of poets for centuries. Must in the conduct of its business, but the be mistaken. Base ball is a compara- courts have held properly that it can prevent railroads using this form of tively modern game.

Army surgeons insist that mosquitoes have been entirely banished from the Panama canal belt. That's all right, but they should have been driven south instead of north.

Lightning struck an oil tank in Pennsylvania and Mr. Rockefeller doubtless thinks the lightning must have made a mistake, thinking it was striking the tank of an independent company.

The Department of Agriculture declares that rats destroy \$100,000 worth of grain on railroad trains every year. Still the shippers suffer heavier losses by railroad rates than by railroad rate

not always wait until the Glorious of July fatalities should, therefore, begin early.

Dr. Hindede, a Danish physician, sists that he has personal knowledge gives the assurance that 2 cents worth that many girls drop out of the high of bread, cheese and fruit is enough school in the final term in order to for the daily food of an average man, save themselves the humiliation of not That sounds good until you get an appearing as well or as expensively ocular demonstration of the amount dressed as some of their graduates. of fruit you can buy for 2 cents.

CAN FUSION BE SAVEDI office on more than one ticket.

crats. The fusion which was accom- | Cooley proposes. plished heretofore under the convention regime through duress of political circuit riders compelling two or three

the various state committees. of the populists "for Bryan's sake." ticket in 1908.

It will make no difference in the maries or after the primaries. Fusion phorus. can be saved in Nebraska if Mr. Bryan wants to save it.

LIMITS OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE. progress toward correcting the erroneous impression apparently held by many people that the federal rate and anti-trust laws are a panacea for all kick. be found in the marked expansion of tatives of other leading powers, and rights on the public thoroughfares. the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission within the last two years. but it is plain that some combinations grievances against the sultan that have may exist without coming under the recently held that life and fire insurance are not subjects of interstate republic, but the best Minister Leish-Dr. Kellogg of Detroit declares the commerce and immune from regula- man was able to do was to report progdo not believe it, just look at your comes a judge of the general sessions court in New York with a decision that what is known as the Theatrical Omaha paving contractors are to be trust is not engaged in "trade and vented by federal laws from conduct-

ing its business as it pleases.

The controversy, in the theatrical case, arose over the refusal of the syndent mangers and actors in their theaters. The court has held that the mat-Nikola Tesla still insists that he can ter was simply a private business conaction. The suit was but a repetition of the old contest between the syndicate and the independent managers, which Sarah Bernhardt and other more or less prominent stars have been carrying on for several years. The public is, of course, concerned, as it naturally feels injured when one of its footlight favorites is prevented from appearing because the theater insists upon booking other attractions. In law, however, the public and the so-called independent managers and actors have General Funston refers to the "un- no recourse. The manager or owner. of a theater has the right to decide terms he shall make, just as a landlord may exercise choice in selecting tenants and fixing the rent. Relief A London antiquarian tries to make may be desired from the methods emnot be secured through an appeal to the federal law.

THE GRADUATE AND THE GOWN. Superintendent Cooley, head of the public school system of Chicago, talks a little like a professor in the University of Chicago when he utters a tirade against what he is pleased to term senseless extravagance in the matter of expenditures for the gowns of the girl graduates in June. Superintendent Cooley insists that 75 cents is enough to put in a graduating gown and he expressed the belief that the public schools should adopt some simple academic dress, similar to the college cap and gown. His argument is that the poor girl who has won all of the class honors is lost sight of at commencement time and eclipsed by the The festive giant firecracker does girl who didn't stand deuce high in the examinations, but whose indulgent Fourth before gettting down to busi- father or mother has equipped her ness. The work of heading off Fourth with a "creation" in the form of a graduating dress that would make Worth and the rest of the man millipers sit up and take notice. He in-

The scheme of the democratic politi- lic will not agree with him. Of course, money printing particular laws in cal wirepullers to hold a state con- it is humiliating to a poor girl to be vention or conference to decide on can outdressed at commencement time by didates in anticipation of the coming her classmate who is inferior in educaprimary election, plainly springs from tion, but has familiar relations with a a desire to save fusion in Nebraska at bank account. But what of it? After make an appropriation for the enterleast for another year. When the the graduation the same poor girl will direct primary law was up for consid- have to go into the world and meet eration in the legislature the support the same humiliation, if she so conof the populist and democratic mem- siders it, in the matter of personal bers was given to the bill on condi- and dress adornment that comes from tion that it should be made possible seeing her neighbor better dressed. for a democrat to run on the populist Clothes do not make the woman, any ticket and vice versa. As a conse- more than they make the man, and quence, the law as enacted permits while it is to be deplored that all fusion to this extent whenever the women cannot dress as well as they same candidate receives the highest would like, or as well as they deserve, vote for nomination to any particular no good result can follow an attempt to have the June graduates dressed in The practical politics of the situa- uniform garb like the inmates of an tion, however, is an almost positive ellemosynary institution. Overdressing certainty, unless some agreement is is just as bad taste at a college or high reached in advance, that the populists school commencement as any place will nominate only populists and the else, but it is no worse than underdemocrats will nominate only demo- dressing, such as Superintendent

THE SULTAN BROUGHT TO TERMS. The average American, who is a deconventions to coalesce on their tick- cent sort of person in his way, exets is out of the question. The voters presses and generally feels considermust either be fused at the primary able contempt for titles and degrees election or the candidates must be of rank, but they feel differently about fused after nomination by the rough it in the old world, as has just been method of forcing involuntary with- demonstrated by a diplomatic incidrawals and substitutions by action of dent. For many years, the purveyors of news have been wont to fill in dull If the populists and democrats each days with stories about how the sulnominate separate state tickets in Ne- tan of Turkey, old Abdul Hamid, is putbraska this fall, the democrat will once | ting in his spare time in inventing new more be summoned to retire in fayor forms of snubs for the American minister at Constantinople. America has With Mr. Bryan as the prospective a good deal of business with Turkey, candidate next year and the all im- owing to the exchange of missionaries staring them in the face, the demo- trophies or atrocities, and the record the populists may demand to keep any deal between the nations that was question is whether they are ready to made of wax. them in line for fusion on the electoral not accompanied by "diplomatic com- start now or prefer to wait a little plications." The wily old sultan has accepted everything and conceded end, therefore, whether the conference nothing, unless a new style of Ameri-

tative at Constantinople from minister | Eagles. The courts are making some good to ambassador. "Minister" Leishman used to be treated like a book agent the result has been markedly successful. The United States has had six of them would have created a revolupartment at Washington that the sultan has granted every claim made by America and has said, in effect, that if there was anything else Uncle Sam wanted and did not see, all he had to do was to ask for it. A title and brass buttons have accomplished what strenuous remonstrance and convincing argument failed to secure. It may pay Americans to keep their contempt for titles for home consumption.

A QUESTIONABLE DECISION.

The Interstate Commerce commission, which has performed marvelously good work in accomplishing reforms in transportation matters, under the extended power granted it by the new rate law, has apparently made a mistake in deciding that railroads and other transportation companies may lawfully make special rates for the movement of federal troops when such movement is under the orders and expense of the United States and that the rates so made need not be filed or posted.

The basic principle of the new rate law, passed in 1906, is the prevention of discriminations and rebates and the adoption as a transportation rule that all railroad patrons should fare slike. The abolition of the free pass system was inspired in part by a desire to a bribe, to secure transportation contracts either from Uncle Sam or other shippers. Coupled with the law was nually for the traveling expenses of the president of the United States, illustrating the fact that the government was not asking favors from railroad

companies. The new decision of the Interstate Commerce commission runs counter to rich enough to remit the fine which was the signs. both the letter and the spirit of the rate law. If federal soldiers may be transported at reduced rates, why should not federal judges, federal attorneys, federal inspectors, federal postmasters, and the whole long list privilege, so long as they are on duty for the government? And the words 'official duty" have been known to cover a multitude of railway passes. The government is amply able to defray the legitimate traveling expenses of its servants and it should do so, infavors which it prohibits the railroads by dying of indigestion. extending to other patrons.

The secretary of state is having a Possibly Superintendent Cooley feels by the state constitution the state

justified in his argument, but the pub- would not have to spend so much separate pamphlets.

> The War and Navy department officials are going to ask congress to tainment of visiting army and navy officials from other countries. Under existing conditions, our army and navy officials must pay for the entertainment of these visitors or ask them to of \$1,100,000. The conference also agreed bring their lunches with them.

South Omaha still maintains separate and distinct assessment of lows: Omaha, there is no good reason why the South Omaha tax commissionerpossible moment.

Mayor "Jim" says he will issue per mits suspending the license ordinances fit without waiting for the aid or consent of any city council on earth. As Mayor "Jim" has the pardoning power and can remit fines imposed for violattegic position.

The frequent erection of that new of the Theatrical trust suggests that union than anything else. perhaps there is an object to be gained

The people of Omaha and Douglas structure that will be creditable to the

or convention is held before the pri- can warship was anchored in the Bos- help make Omaha the nesting place the pavement with a coating of metal. But all that has been changed. The Eagles. Omaha's altitude, which is last session of congress passed an act about 1,000 feet above the sea level. There was nothing to be done in the way raising the rank of America's represen- ought to be quite congenial to the of controlling the powerful element until

Another spurt on the enforcement or a bill collector when he called at the of the speed limit on automobile Women screamed and men tumbled over sultan's palace to register an American scorchers traversing Omaha streets is "Ambassador" Leishman has urgently called for. The reckless autocommercial and social ills. Some ex- now the privilege of seeking the sultan mobile driver should be forcibly recuse for the prevalent impression may in person, the same as the represen- minded that other people also have by a battery in action.

but possibly there is a too expensive The supreme court of the United States tion, a junta, a modus vivendi or sometion, a junta, a modus vivendi or some to be educated up to the real article. group of boys ran toward it, but quickly

man was able to do was to report program was abl world is rapidly going insane. If you tion by the federal authorities. Now ress and ask leave to sit again. Min's in construction it matters little as

Former Governor David R. Francis of Missouri admits that he would be a crying hysterically. candidate for the democratic presidential nomination except for the fact that he cannot get the delegation from his own state or from any other.

Mr. Hearst announces the organization of the National Independence league. It will be a compact organization, with a limited number of high-

A court has decided that one of the principal hotels at the state capital should pay the sum of \$180 to the city for water used during a period of five have prohibition tendencies!

A Michigan man has patented a device to keep the dust behind the autoodor of the automobile in the machine, which these are samples: instead of leaving it behind.

Nebraska postmasters are furnishing a model for lowa postmasters to all about it." organize into a state association. Nebraska has drawn on Iowa frequently and it is only fair that we should reciprocate occasionally.

Steam for Cold Feet. Cleveland Leader. The graveyard whistling simile fairly

of the Taft movement. Secret Sobs for Leniency. Chicago Record-Herald. understand why their organization lines streamed into the shows and attracshould be fined \$29,000,000 if Uncle Sam is tions after having enjoyed the humor of

imposed upon China for the Boxer out-Come Out of It.

Brooklyn Eagle. Last year a Belgian crew won the world's blue ribbon of aquatics at Henley. Now a Frenchman takes the open golf chamof federal officeholders, snare the same pionship of Great Britain. What's that nigth about Anglo-Saxon supremacy in athletics?

> Untarnished Glory. Baltimore American

One reply to the question often asked. dents?" has been answered in one particular. We are not going to allow them to stead of accepting from the railroads dim the glory of the presidential prestige

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Metropolis. Under a state law requiring the city of New York to pay employes "the prevailing never will become popular, for it hurts. rate of wages," 5,565 suits were begun against the city by skilled mechanics who contended that they were not paid the prevailing rate in their respective trades. The claims aggregated \$10,000,000. A conference of city officials and representatives of the claimants reached a basis of settle-

ment calling for the payment by the city upon "the prevailing rate of wages," which all employes of the greater city will rea ceive during the year. The schedule fol-

Engineers, \$3.50; firemen, \$2.50; pavers, property for purposes of city taxation. \$4.50; rammers, \$3.50; stokers, \$2.50; oilers, Irrespective of consolidation with \$2.50; painters, \$3.50; decorators, \$4; carpenters, \$3.50; blacksmiths, 23.50; caulkers, \$3; machinists, \$3.26; riggers, \$3; helpers, \$2.50; flaggers, \$4; wheelwrights, \$3.50; ship should not be merged with the masons. \$4; plumbers, \$3.75; electricians, office of county assessor at the earliest | \$3.50; steam fitters, \$3.75; stone cutters, \$4; boilermakers, \$3.75; riveters, \$3; harnessmakers, \$3; tinsmiths, \$3.50; well drivers, \$3.

The first Norwegian battleship to visit New York harbor arrived last Saturday, whenever and to whomsoever he sees and, according to the police, every man, woman and child of Norwegian birth or descent, visited the ship during Saturday police have the least trouble in preserving ing city ordinances he occupies a stra- perfect order among the hundreds who for several years. The lands to be ex- would understand the futility of their apselves in their efforts to make the visitors theater in Omaha by representatives scene looked more like a big family re-

a theater here which the independents trains the public had a demonstration Satbrick and stone and steel is worth ten tral viaduet, at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Park avenue, of what destruction is possible when this powerful an insignificant affair. current of electricity is short circuited. Those who dared approach within half a county want no patchwork court house. block of the fire saw streams of molten portance of a presidential campaign for cigarettes, rugs and other forms of When they build they will erect a iron and copper pouring down into the street like so much water and saw the crats will have to sacrifice anything fails to disclose the consummation of city for years to come. The only open melted into a white hot fluid as if they were

"For half an hour the destroying current had its own way, melting the conduits and wires from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to One Hundred and The Commercial club will try to Twenty-seventh street and bespattering for the 1909 national convention of Firemen dared not turn on a stream, fearing that the water would act as a conductor and cause them to be electricuted. power house, and that required nearly thirty minutes.

Then came the roar of explosion. one another to get out of the way. On latures, many were killed. Two-cent fares, the station platform some darted down the stairways and others dodged behind piles of trunks and trucks as if confronted erally adopted or the way prepared for

except the ties that are imbedded in was made manifest. According to the Orange Judd
Farmer, the enforcement of the pure food law will make it possible to get real buckwheat cakes again next winger.

Stone ballast, but five seconds after the first encount for a block appeared to be blasing and a huge cloud of smoke rolled down into the street. Then a stream of something began to trickle to the payement. At first important reforms which were made into stone ballast, but five seconds after the darted back with their hands and faces Navy experts report that six of the pitted from the spatter of molten iron.

For a time the scene was one of panic. Horses with heavy loads became unmanageable, women ran out of the shops

When the current was at last turned off quivered in pools and then the smoke lifted and the firemen went to work.

For three blocks, wherever the rails were of shapes. Here and there the current partly melted the steel beams of the viaduct and the four-inch iron tubes that salaried players, with Mr. Hearst as had carried some of the wires were almost the board of governors and the umpire. entirely consumed. In the estreet the asphalt pavement was melted in places where the streams of liquid metal had fallen upon it.

A transformation as startling as its regeneration in the last ten years was years. And Lincoln was supposed to wrought at Coney Island last Sunday. Barkers for all the shows were muzzled by police orders and not a word louder than a whisper escaped their lips. A marvelous Sabbath calm prevailed. To show the throng of pleasure seekers that they were mobiles. The pedestrian will be happy not dead, though speechless, the barkers if some device is patented to keep the rigged themselves with sandwich signs, of

"The police won't let us talk. Aren't they the mean things?" "Honest, this is a swell scenic railway.

'Wouldn't it be great if the police enorced this law on mother-in-laws?" "If this show isn't good, go around and nake the police give you your money back. haven't said anything about it."

office man says that statement is a joke." main thoroughfares of Coney, usually a application for a change on the actual a provision appropriating \$25,000 an leaps before the mind's eye when Senator buzzing babel, were solemn and sedate. Foraker talks loudly of the hopelessness That the barker is something of an institution was evidenced yesterday. The position with the people than the resort to strolling crowds seemed dull and uninteresting. Something was plainly lacking and that something was the barker. However, Officials of the Oll trust will find it hard business didn't seem to suffer, for long

> Hard to Believe. Savanah (Ga.) News.

Representative Hull of lowa, who is chairman of the house committee on mi tary affairs, says that if Theodore Roose velt were to be again a candidate for president, "he would get 40 per cent of the democratic vote." We have heard it suggested in other quarters that Colonel Roosevelt is a 40 per cent democrat, after having stolen Colonel Bryan's boots and breeches while he was in a-swimming, yet we cannot bring ourselves to believe that "What shall we do with our ex-prest, nearly half of the democratic voters of the country would condone the purioining of Colonel Bryan's garments.

> Vacation Time at Oyater Bay. Boston Herald.

"I found the president in outing clothes and our talk was correspondingly breezy. Railroad and trust magnates are very free, and unconventional," says John Temple second edition in pamphlet form of gloomy in their predictions of the future, Graves, returning from his visit to Sagathe primary law printed to supply the and the downfall of prosperity which is more Hill. Enough said. Nothing makes the primary law printed to supply the sure to follow the hostile legislation for solemn confab like starched linen, but-extraordinary demand for copies. If against big monopolistic interests. But toned-up coats, creased trousers and shinthe session laws were ready for dis- the Years of these prophets are not for ing bats and boots, and nothing is more tribution within the time stipulated themselves. It is for the poor, dear pub- conducive to vacation comfort and joy than lic for whom prosperity is not good any-clothes to correspond. This is the outing

PERSONAL NOTES.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Two men in Pittsburg fought a duel with hot frome as weapons, and the from cooled before their wrath did. The method Henry James says American women do not acknowledge the "superiority of their husbands, as the English women do." No. indeed; the women on this side are a good dead harder to fool than the English brand.

One of the food faddists says that a man might live well on two cents a day, but another states that five cents is the adequate amount. When they have tried their respective systems of living we'll be rid of their nonsensical bilther, any-

For a memorial to Henry Ward Beecher to be placed upon some suitable spot at the Beecher homestead in Litchfield, Conn. the Litchfield County University club has declared in favor of a bas rollef in bronze of medallion heads of Rev. Mr. Beecher and his sister, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the medallion to be garlanded with oak leaves. A London sculptor is now at work on the model. Investigations of far-reaching importance

Wyoming of Harlan I. Smith, of the American Museum of Natural History. He jal interests' the right to plunder the and Sunday. The crowd was a happy and will be followed by other experts in public. well-behaved one, and at no time did the archaeology, for the institution is now carrying into execution a plan cherished source of Secretary Taft's popularity they Bed the shore, waiting for an opportunity plored extend over all the country from peal to the people for the old-order of to get on board. The sailors outdid them- the North Platte to the Canadian border, things. Taft is in harmony with the southfeel at home, the result being that the Central Railway, is to be credited with are right. He is opposed to the governin discouraging any one from building of high power currents for running heavy total for thirty-five years reaches the wages, and adds only to the riches of colossal figure of 2,281,250 miles. It is a protected trusts and corporations. It is might get hold of. One theater in orday afternoon on the New York Cen- remarkable circumstance that in all his not surprising that such a man should

NEBRASKA LEADS ALL.

Reform Measures in Many States Aimed at Corporate Domination. Philadelphia North American.

Seldom has a nation in one short year seen sections. Legislatures in the east, north, south and west have joined hands to remedy old laws and create new ones, which tend to regulate and check the misuse of enormous corporate power and control, within the boundaries of the various states, the great corporations which depend upon all parts of the country for their existence.

Nebraska, perhaps, lends all states in the wave of reform which has swept the country in response to the policies inaugurated the current could be turned off at the ination of that state was completely overthrown, but only after the most bitter battle in the history of the state.

Although bills planned to remove evils innumerable were introduced in all legisprimary bills, more equal taxation and railroad regulation by commission were gen-There is no woodwork on the viaduct popular choice of United States senators

been hanging fire for years. Any one food law will make it possible to get cloud of smoke rolled down into the freight bill, eminent domain for trolleys

In New York the creation of a railroad commission with enormous powers and the pitted from the spatter of molten iron.

Second by second the stream grew sweeping of its kind ever brought up, was believed.

We thought we were picking out men who would acquit our client."—Washington between up the stream grew sweeping of its kind ever brought up, was

Practical Tests of Earning Value of

Reduced Passenger Rates.

Pittsburg Dispatch. A report is heard that the western railroads have agreed to accept the 2-cent-athe explosions ceased instantly and the mile legislation in states where it has been flames disappeared. For a few minutes enacted and to forestall it in states where the red-hot iron glowed, the melted metal it has not been adopted by adopting that figure as the general basis of rates. Official corroboration of the rumor is not yet furnished. It may be developed from the not melted, they were twisted into all sorts basis of that experimental arrangement in Missouri, where the railroads have agreed to try it for three months, which is an entirely inadequate length of time to determine the effect on business of that rate.

It would be a judicious course for the railroads to agree to the experiment for her the rest of the year, or till the next meeting of the legislature. By so doing they will avoid such self-impeachments as that which the Pennsylvania railroad is contemplating, of practically asserting that it has made the ordinary traveling public pay the cost of carrying the commutation and excursion traffic at low rates, thus inflicting an unjust discrimination. This, if true, would be a justification for the law.

But a more important phase is that by giving the rates a fair experiment the railroads will avoid the obnoxious attitude of trying to nulify and defeat legislation. If after a fair test the traffic returns show the effect to be unsatisfactory they will Come down tomorrow and let me tell you have evidence in their statistics to support an application for amendment. The probability is that the effect of the 2-cent rate on main lines-in this section of the country at least-will be to enhance traffic so as to make up for the reduction. On branch and local lines it is quite possible "They say that silence is golden. The box- that experience may show the propriety of changing the law to allow a higher charge. The whole thing had an odd effect. The The policy of a fair trial and basing the traffic statistics where it results unprofit ably will put the railroads in a far stronger retaliatory schedules or court injunctions.

SOURCE OF TAFT'S STRENGTH.

Represents the Principles of the Scuare Deal. Kansas City Star.

The remarkable expression of friendship for Secretary Taft manifested everywhere throughout the west on the occasion of his recent tour through Minnesota, Da kota, Nebraska and Kansas, has caused the politicians who have combined to defeat him more anxiety for the success of their undertaking than they have heretofore experienced. The fact that Mr. Taft was not on a political mission all tha more attests his popularity with the peaple, and that he has strengthened himself in their confidence and increased his popularity makes the situation all the more discouraging to the political "elements" and the commercial "interests" which are striving to stem the tide which has turned in favor of the man whose candidacy towers above all others as representing the principles of the square deal

There is little wonder that the politicians of the old school-the "standpatters"should be unable to comprehend the secret of Taft's strength with the masses. They regard him as "out of harmony" with his party because he is not in acconcerning the life of prehistoric man, cord with "Uncle" Joe Cannon's decirine were begun last week upon the arrival in of "standing pat" for high tariff and a protective system which gives the "spec-

If these men could comprehend the President J. T. Harahan of the Illinois ment of the present day. His sympathies being the world's chief traveler. Average mental policy which allows the manipuing 150 miles a day for Afteen years, a lation of national presperity to increase total of 821,250 miles, and an average of the cost of living for the wage carner travels by rall over this country he has meet the approval of the people-and the been in only one accident and that was opposition of the "special interests."

If "Uncle" Joe Carinon and the rest of the "standpatters" understood the people they would understand Taft and Taft's popularity.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Seldom has a nation in one short year seen such sweeping reforms enacted in all of its of the injury sustained by Johnny when he sections. Legislatures in the east, north. il off the back porch.
"It's a wonder he ever went through it vo," she said. "The doctor says he came mighty near fracturing his juxtaposit You know that's the bone next to medulion obligate,"—Chicago Tribune

"Don't you think automobile accidents are inexcusably numerous?"
"Of course I do," answered the motor enthusiast. "The public ought to learn to dodge quicker."—Washington Star.

"Thar, my son, you see what larnin' done fer yer daddy, don't you?" "What, msw?" "Why, jest as soon as the govermint knowed that he could do figgers in his head they 'p' inted him postmaster at \$50 a year, an' purty soon he'll be sellin' stamps what goes on letters!"—Atlanta Constitution.

"My new play is sure to make a hit," an opportunity to display twenty "My!" exclaimed her friend, "How many acts?"
"Cinly four, but in one of them the scene is at the dressmaker's."-Catholic Standard

and Times.

"We demand a new trial. Grave errors were made in the selection of the jury!"

As to how?"
"We thought we were picking out men

Lady Missionary-My poor man, when you lie here alone at night and think of your past misdeeds, do you not feel remorse gnawing at your heart? Convict (disgustedly)—Naw!—Baltimore

"The man of the house," said the man at ne door who was taking names for the ity directory, "is a blacksmith, I be-'Yes," replied the young woman with the prominent pompadour, "but Papaw is quita wealthy now, so please make it black-smythe." -- Philadelphia Press.

The young wife was dismayed.
"Oh. John." she cried. "I'm so sorry our new cook has spoilt your coffee this morning, but she is so young and inexperienced, so you must be satisfied with a kiss instead this evening, dear."

"All right," replied the husband. "Call her in."—Chicago Record-Herald.

NEW NEIGHBORS.

Within the window's scant recess, Behind a pink geranium flower. She sits and sews, and sews and s From patient hour to patient hour.

As woman like as marble Or as a lovely death might be— a marble death condemned to make a feint of life perpetually. Wondering, I watch to pity her:

Wandering, I go my restless ways; Content, I think the untamed thoughts Of free and solitary days. Until the mournful dusk begins To drop upon the quiet street, intil, upon the payement far, There falls the sound of coming feet

happy, hastening, ardent sound, Tender as the kisses on the air-Quick, as if touched by unseen lips, Blushes the little statue there;

And woman like as young life is, woman like as joy may be, with color, lithe with love She starts, transfigured gloriously,

Suberb in one transcendent glance-Her eyes, I see, are burning black— ly little neighbor, smiling turns, And throws my masked pity back.

wonder, is it worth the while, To sit and sew from hour to hou o sit and sew with eyes of black Behind a pink geranium flower?

