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A Reform in the House.

The general public may not be much concerned in the mere physical comfort of the members of the house at Washington, but one of the minor measures adopted in the closing days of the session may have a distinct bearing on the methods of house debate and may greatly change the present methods of conducting the public business.

The need has long been felt of some change of the kind proposed. Under the present arrangement a member who really desires to make himself heard must have wonderful patience and lung power of a high order to fill the big auditorium.

The Cabinet Proceedings.

President Taft's decision that members of the cabinet must refrain from discussing for publication the proceedings of the cabinet meetings will be accepted generally with less enthusiasm than when Mr. Roosevelt issued a similar order some four years ago.

None will question the wisdom of the general intent of the order. Neither President Taft nor any member of his cabinet seeks to keep the public in ignorance of decisions made by the cabinet council, nor to deal with public questions in star-chamber session, but it is wholly proper that the decisions of the cabinet should be announced in an authoritative way from some responsible source.

The Standard Oil's Victory.

While there will doubtless be great rejoicing in the camp of the Standard Oil company, as well as in democratic headquarters, over the decision of Judge Anderson of the federal court at Chicago in ordering a verdict for the defendant in the famous case of the government against the Standard Oil company, this rejoicing may be premature, or at least only temporary.

The layman is entitled to the conclusion that Judge Landis' decision, imposing a fine of \$29,240,000 against the Oil trust was perhaps as extreme in one direction as Judge Anderson's action in directing a verdict for the defendant is in the other.

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cause of its violations of the state's anti-trust laws. Practically similar decisions have been made against the trust in Arkansas and Texas, and whatever the outcome may be in the Chicago case the existing federal and state laws are in way of being enforced promptly and vigorously against a further continuance of the abuses and extortions which the trust has practiced upon the American consumers for many years.

The New Copyright Law.

In its excitement over other propositions the last congress passed the copyright law, a highly meritorious measure that has been under consideration for a number of years without definite action.

By the terms of the new law the copyright period has been extended to fifty-six years, which will cover the working lives of most writers and the minority years of their children.

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Around New York

Glimpses on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

The wolf bounty appropriation is left up in the air by the legislature, which means that Wyoming and Dakota exporters of wolf scalps will not flood the Nebraska market very soon.

The head writers will never give as much space to President Taft's private secretary as they did to Mr. Loeb. Mr. Carpenter's name does not fit so neatly in a three-word keyline.

Why not have the speaker of the house and the president of the senate set the clock back on March 4 and wait until they get a fine day for inauguration services?

There are snakes in Africa that can swallow a rhinoceros," says the Atlanta Constitution. It is too bad they cannot enforce that prohibition law in Georgia.

The Nebraska legislators are making over the democratic platform to suit themselves, and when they get through with it its parents will not recognize their offspring.

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ERA OF GOOD FEELING.

Selection of a Democrat for Place in Cabinet.

Ex-Mayor Dunne of Chicago, was rather premature in refusing to attend the dinner given by the Iroquois club to his member, J. M. Dickinson, who has accepted the office of secretary of war in President Taft's cabinet.

But the officer did not follow the straight and narrow path marked by the three sides of the triangle. Instead he would go from X to Y, and after he finished his work in X, instead of proceeding on to Z, he would double back to X, according to his expense accounts.

Probably the most astonishing piece of military which has reached the port of New York this season was worn by a young woman on the premenade deck of the Cunard Lusitania.

Colonel John M. Otter, who once handled all of the A. T. Stewart hotel interests in Saratoga and New York and who was commonly consulted by men purposing to erect new hotels in New York, died after his home in New York, died after his funeral the directions for the strange funeral services that were held on the night of March 4, according to the strict letter of his final injunction, at the home where he died.

These fifteen gentlemen, none of whom is under 35 and some of whom are over 80, who compose the survivors of the little club of Colonel Otter's founding, sat about the plain mahogany coffee table in the parlor and recalled their dead friend's whimsical stories and his cheery optimism and un-falling good humor.

General Edward S. Bragg of Wisconsin, who coined the phrase, "We love him for the enemies he has made," and used it in seconding the nomination of Cleveland for the presidency in 1884, recently celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of his birth.

General Bragg was general in Cuba for a while under President Roosevelt, but his view of the Cubans—expressed in a letter—that "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," caused his transfer to Hong Kong. That was his last official post.

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There was an endless stream of women passing through the swinging doors. With innate politeness the boy stepped ahead of his aunt, opened the swinging door and held it for her to pass through.

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ROOSEVELT'S FUTURE.

Likely to Remain a Guiding Force in the Nation's Life.

What is the future of Theodore Roosevelt? He retires from the presidency at 50. He is absolutely incapable of the reserve that has characterized all former ex-presidents. He has engaged to write for a controversial weekly newspaper on his return from Africa. He is now preparing to lecture before three great modern universities in three modern languages.

SUNNY GEMS.

"If you think your son has something wrong with his mind, you'll not have him examined by an alienist." "Don't like alienists; I'll have a good American doctor for him all right."—Baltimore American.

"Harry is swearing mad over his examination." "Why?" "Because he failed in his profane history."—Philadelphia Press.

"Does your boy Josh make the most of his time?" "Yes," answered Farmer Corroaso. "He takes all morning to do an errand that ought to be done in fifteen minutes."—Washington Star.

"Has she a sense of humor?" "Can't tell." "Why not?" "Because she looked serious when she told me she admired your singing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"How's Smith getting on in his new position?" "Fine; he's already begun to think that the boss couldn't run the business without him."—Detroit Free Press.

Hobo—No, madam, I am neither a socialist nor an anarchist. I am a passive altruist. Keep-keeper—And what in the name of common sense is that? Hobo—Believe in being helped all I can.—Boston Transcript.

Agent—Mr. Drygodson, have you any visible typewriters in your office? Head of Firm—Great Caesar, yes! One of them weighs 300 pounds.—Chicago Tribune.

Little Lester Livermore—Papa, what is the difference between a violin and a sign? This book says— Mr. Livermore—The difference between a girl before and after she is married.—Puck.

The grocer had warranted the maple syrup to be the real stuff. "It doesn't taste like my maple syrup I ever bought," said the customer, who had just sampled it. "And I strongly suspect," said the indignant grocer, "I strongly suspect, in spite of your guaranty that it's genuine."—Chicago Tribune.

"What's the purpose of that freak bill you've introduced?" "Nothing simpler," replied the western legislator. "You read about the bill in the paper, didn't you?" "Yes." "And you heard many people discussing it?" "I did." "Well, that's the answer."—Philadelphia Ledger.

LAUGHTER.

John K. Bangs in Almslee's. Worry stalked along the road. Trouble sneaking after. Then Black Care, and Grief, and Good-Enseness, and Laughter.

But old Laughter with a shout "Rose up and attacked 'em. Put the frivol pack to rout. Walloped 'em, and whacked 'em. Laughter frolic day and night. Sometimes he's a bubble. But he hath a dash of might In a bout with Trouble."

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