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Notary Public

Merry Christmas to all

This is a good day to forget it.

the satisfaction that no one has to read them.

One note of cheer comes out of the Watsons' mess; and that is the loyalty of the poet's wife.

Still with only fifty millions, Mrs. Harriman will not have to worry about the high cost of living.

If Santa Claus didn't bring you all you wanted, don't worry. Try to get a little pleasure out of what he did for others.

Nailing the Stars and Stripes to the pole proves to bring a reward of stars or stripes, according to who wields the hammer

And to think that the innocent candy cane of the Christmas tree is the possible product of the short-weight scales of the custom house!

Discovery of the prosaic facts will in the Gulf of California.

no more questions to ask.

John W. now says he never told the world. Well, who believed it?

Having demonstrated its ability to give a square deal, regarless of its own feelings, will Copenhagen supplant The Hague as an arbitration center?

puckered lips besides the whistle.

The African royalty Roosevelt has been receiving on his travels is as nothing compared to the royalty he will receive on his writings when he

Of course it was "vulgar" for any publisher to attempt a cheaper edition of the "five-foot bookshelf," but it is a form of vulgarity that the plebeian pocketbook can tolerate.

is it not strange that railroads, professedly unprofitable investments when the government seeks to correct abuses, should be so enserly bought up by the kings of finance?

A son of Jim Hill has had a harrowing experience, treed by a buffalo bull. For an extinct animal, the bison appears to be holding his own. But you couldn't keep the old man up a tree.

Mrs. Christy may take it as a personal vindication of her stand against her artist husband's choice of domicile. that the suffragists are to remove their headquarters to New York from Ohio.

Having decided to run a daily newspaper, the suffragettes begin their real finitude of delicate manipulation calltroubles. But why "The Wireless?" If ing for men of parts to be the brains the dear creatures expect to make a of the marvelous machines. success in politics, they will find wirepulling one of the first essentials.

"Merry Christmas."

human nature is that at least once a tiles, express a general wish for the Bee (without Sunday), one year...... 6.00 bor greets you today with "Merry Bee and Sunday, one year...... 6.00 Christmas," and you return his salutation. The stranger you encounter expresses in his face, his manner and his tunity. greeting the cordiality that supports the sincerity of his "Merry Christmas."

This is not an empty and meaningless phrase, no matter how trippingly it may fall from the lips. Even its most careless expression has in it something of that element of good that is latent in all natures. The religious aspect may mean much or little today. Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department. some sentiment conveyed by "Merry Christmas" is an evidence of the fact that man is not essentially all bad, and that even in his lowest state he has the element of good and aspiration for

Christmas is a day for giving. Even the most selfish nature expands under the genial influence of the season and the satisfaction that comes from the bestowal of remembrances at this time is far more enjoyable than that which comes in taking. This truism has been so often stated that its repetition seems unnecessary. It is the excuse, perhaps, considers the motive that underlies it. officialdom for congress to recognize. To the devout who look upon the day 41,650 as the nativity of the blessed Son of God, on whose life of patience and selfsacrifice rests the foundation of the

condition or in what walk, Christmas guile. is a day of peculiar and appropriate There is about Zelaya's manifestoes significance, and to all of these we matter of immigration, which caused wish a Merry Christmas.

A Minor Chord.

is also recognized by the nations as our Twain, has been a household word for generations. This man more than any permanency of harmony. Will Mr. Morgan's purchase of two other now living has played the har-

spirit! We know what his message to the hear his "Merry Christmas" in his whimsical voice, with his wonderful smile, above which his white locks are an aureole.

Kindly, lovable Mark Twain, would that the response of mankind could awaken in you one touch of the merriment that you have kindled in our universal breast! But not for you the merriment, alone and desolate in your house of mourning; for you only the not interfere with story writers weav- resignation, and the waiting, and the ing fancies about the "cannibal" island inner faith and the living love of all men to comfort you at the ashes of your hearth. Not the "Merry Christ-Whereas Alexander sighed for more mas" we would like to say, may we utworlds to conquer, Mr. Wu goes back ter; but oh, Mark Twain, the children to China discouraged because there are of your brain and soul, they live forever, and contribute to the merry Christmases of mankind throughout the year; and in token of the love the Methodists that he was going to turn whole troubled world bears to you, we his back on the gates of the gambling may say "God bless you, Mark Twain, nobleman, let nothing you dismay!"

Chance for Our Youth.

Latest in pomology is the puckerless now afloat, renews attention to the picion of our intentions lingers, that we gregate over \$3,000,000 and all the crooks persimmon, but let us be thankful that fact that with our greater navy we have no designs in Central America, there remains one other cause for need a larger force of trained men for but that we are actuated absolutely by the mastery of our ships that shall desire for the general welfare. command the respect and obedience of other fields of endeavor.

States has blazoned in letters of gold fighting men bear food to the hungry. all over the world, those shine supreme which had their beginning in the navy. Where is there an array that so stirs our own patriotism as Barry, Jones, Decatur, Farragut, Dewey, with the host of others no less distinguished that is encompassed in the annals over martyrs will have died in vain.

which those typical names stretch? The prodigious advance made in naval construction and equipment since the time when Commodore Barry executed the exploit of making the first capture of a foreign ship by a commissioned officer of the United States navy, affords vaster opportunities for modern youth than were possible in those days of hand-to-hand conflict, for now the guns of the leviathan hurl projectiles across miles of distance with accuracy, and the huge mechanism is under exact control at the pressure of a finger applied to electric devices. Thus the arts of war affoat have an in-

And while some may deplore the

remembered that the American navy Perhaps the most redeeming trait of has ever been an instrument in the beace of the world and in the spread of year mankind is willing to pause in its civilization. Beyond the seas and on the and stab and, laying aside all animos- islands in the midst thereof are alien peoples who today have occasion to good and welfare of all. Your neigh- arise and call the American navy blessed, and in the forceful perpetuation of our doctrine of humanity the youth of today has a brilliant oppor-

tional memorials at San Juan and other For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a battlefields of Cuba because of the individual and united valor shown by our commanders and our troops at those landmarks of signal victories, is well givery enough in its way, for tablets at sacred In the homes of the nations that Jesus is spots where men have laid down their lives in a humane cause serve to remind the thoughtless of deeds worthy of emulation.

But one cannot but reflect that in a larger sense we have reared up a memorfal that all the world may read as it runs, in the reconstructed Cuba whose sufferings enlisted our forces in the most unselfish war the world has ever

Inscriptions of metal may be necessary to mark the spots of special valor for the guidance of future generations, Of the blare of the tasseled bugle but the visible and glorious monument is already reared to our heroes in the happiness and prosperity of the islandfor some extravagance, but extrava- ers whom we liberated from oppression gance that is easily forgotten when one by the very heroism now detailed by

Japanese Assurances.

There is a holiday flavor about the greetings brought to Washington by Ambassador Uchida from Japan, and Run through the melody. Christian religion, it is doubly signifi- Ambassador Uchida from Japan, and cant. It was this divine man who an- while naturally he could not be exnounced the doctrine of love as the pected to discuss the topics that are basis of personal conduct. "It is more continually active in the popular mind blessed to give than to receive," He where Nippon is considered, neverthesaid, and by His example, as well as less the hints that he threw out were of precept. He taught the world the sub- a most reassuring nature. We must limity of His thought. And so the remember, however, that the baron is Christian, in contemplation of His first and last a shrewd diplomatist, birth, sees with eyes of faith the con- whose training precludes his saying summation of His life given in the end anything but pleasant things and the that all might through Him receive life. nice-sounding words of diplomacy fre-Thus to mankind, no matter of what quently have been known to conceal

For example, touching on the vexed such a foment on the coast, he remarks that "the existing agreement has no fixed date of expiration," as though that was a guarantee of perpetuation One of the greatest of human hearts of good fellowship. As a fact, howis that of our national humorist, who ever, that simply means that it is subject to revocation when either party most notable author. Dr. Samuel L. finds it to its interest to break it, and Clemens, whose pen-name of Mark while the advantage is mutual, still it does not form a very secure basis for

will Mr. Morgan's purchase of two soup tureens for \$40,000 tend to make monies of mirth and good fellowship among our people, and who so generous as he with his serene and loyous outlook on life through a personal career that has been crowded with how to make and how to break.

Will Mr. Morgan's purchase of two other now living has played the harbard pl Fortunately, the general treaty with garding immigration and other Japanese problems as shall render more defworld is on this holiday, for it gleams inite and secure all visible problems from every page of his books, stored which afford possibilities for dispute with concentrated sunshine. We can between ourselves and the nation which Baron Uchida represents?

Bread Instead of Bullets.

Optimism occasionally gets its opportunity, even in the zone of warfare, and what a pleasant sight it is to see the United States battleships pouring medical supplies instead of shells ashore at Bluefields, and the American State department superintending the distribution of bread instead of bullets among the famished Nicaraguans.

The United States has never given the world a more striking and efficient lesson in the humanities. Prompt as it has been to respond always to succor the victims of calamity, in such relief matters it has necessarily been a liberal sharer with the rest of the world. But in our neighboring troubled republic it is alone in its work of cheer and for them to dwell lightly on the "divine peneficence.

This hospitable manifestation is prompted solely by goodness of heart, and is a spontaneous outburst of fellowship and loving kindness aroused The launching of another United by the necessities of the case. Yet it States battleship, which is said to be will bear its good fruit, for the event Uncle Sam. The total receipts from that the most wonderful fighting mammoth shows to even those among whom sus- source for the present year already ag-

All over the world the Christmas the rebellious nations. And it is an bells are ringing, but nowhere is their occasion for ambitious youth to recog- joyous peal more triumphant with the to the number of dollars worth of prop nize the opportunity for which many of message of "Peace upon earth, good erty in the United States theoretically prothem have been longing in will toward men," than in troubled tected thereby, is, of course, abruptly Nicaragua, where our navy adminis-Among the names which the United ters relief to the wounded, and our

Can the Illinois legislature, now in session, hear the voice of the mine exin the mines? Unless legal restrictions are provided by statute, the Cherry

The apple is now touted as a cure for coming into its own, but it has long

Red Spots on the Record. Chicago News.

Some railroads are not going to be able to report this year that they carried millions of passengers without injuring one passenge

Europe's Young Kings.

New York World. By the death of Leopoid another is added For example, the blond dollchocephali, or to the list of amiable young kings on long-headed ruces, frequently change into European thrones of whom Alfonso and the brunette brachistocephali, or flat Manuel are examples. These youthful headed, or vice versa. Another profound nonarchs have opportunity to secure their discovery of the commission is that the hold on their kingdoms by a wise and immigrants for the most part fare better of living be subjected to expert investigatemperate administration of their high of- in this country than they do in their na- tion and that every unnecessary expense necessity for fighting ships, it must be fice. But it will be the part of prudence live homes. Who will say that all this and every unreasonable profit be eliminated

Poetic Yuletide Sentiments

A Christmas Carol. There's a song in the air'!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer!
There's a baby's low cry!
d the star rains its fire while the
Beautiful sing.

Our Hero Memorials.

Secretary Dickinson's plea for na
There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.

Ay! the star rains its fire and the Beauti-

In the light of that star Lie the ages impearled; And that song from afar Has swept over the world. hearth is aflame and the Beautiful

We rejoice in the light, And we echo the song That comes down through the night From the heavenly throng. e shout to the lovely evangel they greet in His cradle our Savior and —Josiah Gilbert Holland.

A Song for Christmas. Chant me a rhyme of Christmas-Sing me a jovial song— nd though it is filled with laughter,

Sing of the hearts brimmed over With the story of the day-Of the echo of childish voices That will not die away.

And the timeless clatter and beat Of the drum that throbs to muster Squadrons of scampering feet. But, O, let your voice fail fainter, Till, blent with a miner tene, You temper your song with the beauty Of the pity Christ hath shown,

And sing one verse for the voiceless; And yet, ere the song be done, A verse for the ears that hear not, And a verse for the sightless one.

-James Whitcomb Riley.

Lights of Christmas. The lights of Christmas With splender glow; Out on the gloom, Out on the groom,
Out on the snow;
Streaming from millions
Of windows thrown wide;
Proclaiming good cheer
At Christmas-tide.

The lights of Christmas Gleam on high In millions of stars That strew the sky; These windows of heaven Are, too, thrown wide nd heaven seems nearer At Christmas-tide,

But the lights of Christmas
That hollly shine;
True stars that lead
To the Child Divine,
Stream not from windows
And not from the skies,
But sparkle from millions
Of children's eyes.
aha BAYOLL NE TRELE.—

An Old Christmas Carol. h, wake ye, little children, And be of goodle cheer. Yon sun so high along the sky
Hath shone two thousand yer
And once it saw a little child
In manger lying undefiled,
And all about the cattle mild
Did lovingly draw near.
So wate ye little children So wake ye, little children, And be of goodlie cheer.

Everypody's Magazine,

Hark, Ye! Merrie Gleemen! Good morrow! men of gay employ, May peace attend your way, and may no note of grief alloy The merrie measure of your joy Upon this Christmas Day.

And if, belike, ye only think
Of ale and goodly-roast;
Then may your songs beget the chink
Of gold to buy the meat and drink
which ye esteem the most.

But if beneath the motley coat,
Beat hearts for higher things,
Ah! then ye know how weak the note
He makes within his straining throat
Who feels not what he sings. And all the glees and merrie trolls

That ye may sing today, Are nothing to the song that rolls, Unheard by men, from grateful souls Of simple folk who pray. This day upon a manger-bed Was born the Godly Boy, Whose blood, another day, was shed

souls that hungered might be fed their eternal joy. So, if your glees small country
Your hunger to allay,
Your souls may still be banqueting,
If ye the sweeter song will sing
Of simple folk who pray,
-P. A. Daly.

A Backelor's Christmas. I fill my pipe and sit me down beside the

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer!
There's a baby's low cry!
I the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing.
The manger at Bethlehem cradies a king.
There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth.

I fill my pipe and sit me down beside the bonny open fire.

Tis Christmas eve and here am I with all that mortal hearts desire;
What, all? Yes, all that gold can buy;
there's not a single thing I need.
And yet somehow what lines are those that in the leaping flames I read?
Why should a grate fire crackle so and laugh at ail my single bliss?

Why there is Jack! Five years ago we roomed together, he and I.

Full many a midnight romp we've had and little cared how time would fly;
Where are the steins we used to clink and where the songs we used to sing?
Ah. Jack! dear Jack! I'm ail alone, what is the message now you bring?
For there you are as big as life, slippered just as you used to be,
Great Scott! old man, don't tell me now that they are yours—those children three.

Why, hello, Jim? What, ill in bed and fighting now to save your life.

And who's that cools your fevered head? By George, my boy, have you a wife? Are those her soft white hands that smooth your pillow with such gracious care? I'll as you are, you're better off than I am, Jim, tonight, I swear; For though you die, you're not alone, unloved, unkissed, you will not be, While I—Oh, what a change is this the open fire brings over me?

Now there is George, my pal of old, the very first to blead our cause.

You held that single bliss was best and now you're playing Santa Claus; I hardly recognized you through that cotton batting fringe you wear.

And there's a little boy and girl now waiting for you on the stair.

Go down to them with laugh and song, go make those little youngsters glad.

I realize at last, my boy, I've not the wealth I thought I had.

—Detroit Free Press. -Detroit Free Press.

Is There a Santa Claus? "Is there a Santy Claus?"-

He pins me for an answer; An' is his reindeers all got names from

For every idle word o' his, accordin' to the Bible;
But seems to me it never hurts to say a word that's pleasant, what ain't so some other day is and a bond issue of \$12,500,000. The most result true at present.

We stayed at home on Christmas eve, an' never went a-skatin'; We set around an' watched th' fire die

We set around an' watched th' fire die down into a glow"Is there a Santy Claus?"

Mebbe so.

An' Christmas mornin'—well, he'd come!
We'd dreamt about th' tinklin'

Of his sleigh bells, an' we got up while stars were still a-twinklin'.

We was sure o' him them days as I am that I'm livin'.

An' that made half the goodness of the gettin' an' givin'.

There's sperrits that is part of us an' works with us, I guess—
"Is there a Santy Claus?"

Yes, child, yes!

Yes, child, yes! -Wilbur D. Nesbit. When Christmas Comes. When Christmas comes we one and all Our days of bygone youth recall. Those dear old times, and their rare joys No fading memory destroys, But keeps secure in golden thrall.

No matter what stern fate befall, Not all life's wormwood nor its gal One bit of their past charm alloys When Christmas comes,

We see again the festal hall, Green garlands hung about its wall; The gift-bowed tree, the wealth of We once again are girls and boys, When Christmas comes.

—George Beers King.

Tragedy of the Candles A little Eskimo once came To share our happy home, Brought by an Arctic traveler Across the frozen foam.

On Christmas eve we dressed a tree As every home should do. With toys and snow and glittering things, And candles red and blue.

The room was shut till Christmas day, When, after dinner time, All were to dance around the tree— That spectacle sublime! But ah! when the father hurried in

The little wicks to light, In vain, the taper in his hand— No candle met his sight.

"Hi, there!" he cries, "what joke is this!
The candles, where are they?"
And all who helped to dress the tree
Stood speechless with dismay. "The candles! There were forty-eight, Four dozen," mother said. "And not a single one is left "A beam of light to shed."

Then spake the little Eskimo:
"Me sorry what me done;
Me very hungry in the night,
Me ate them every one." -The Delineator.

right" of their rule. That theory has be come pretty well attenuated.

Every Little Helps. St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Any other trust that feels conscience stricken or is afraid of the law should come up and hand a Christmas present to have not yet reported.

> Stretched to the Limit. Boston Transcript.

Secretary Meyer's statistical method of of our corporation, and we had to let him justifying our naval expenditure is rather go." dangerous. The ratio of cost of the navy small. But it is easy in this way to pal liste anything.

Deliente War Question. Boston Transcript.

The general staff has taken up for con sideration a delicate subject in deciding to draw up a project for regulating the relaplosions demanding safety precautions tions of war correspondents to the government. It recognizes that the people "want the news." but that the purpose of a commander and the success of his plans they consider the request for an increase. may be put in jeopardy if the correspond. To which the workmen reply that the ents are allowed to gratify all the demands of their readers. The press has extent that the 10 per cent increase is applejack appetite and kindred evils. rights and so has the government, and to necessity. It is probable that a careful Gradually this much maligned fruit is find where the line of demarcation can be drawn as to be permanent is the quest the truth of the statements of both sides. traveled a long lane from the garden of with the press is suggested as one way of the general staff. A free conference for reaching a modus vivendi, and there of life. The average railroad is not waris one great precedent, at least, favoring ranted by present conditions in permanent this course.

Profound Discoveries.

Philadelphia Record. The learned congressional commission mmigration in its latest report has made disquisition on the anthropological changes that take place in immigrants after their acclimatization in this country.

science is not worth more than twice the cost of the commission to the public treasury? Unless congress should intervene and inopportunely stop the public printer the country is promised still more of it in future reports.

Enriching Speech.

Boston Globe. speech, already opulent in synonyms, is being daily enriched. One of its latest accumulations is the new adjective "tafty," signifying complaisant. "He was a good clerk," said a New Yorker, "but he was so good-natured to everybody, so tafty, that he neglected the interests

THE OMNIPRESENT FACTOR. djusting Wages to the High Cost of

Living. Boston Herald.

A great strike of rallway employes is

threatened in support of a demand for a

10 per cent increase in wages. The man-

agement of the larger railway systems reply that business does not warrant such last ten years. an increase, and that not until they have recovered from the depression of business and have met the demands on their income for maintenance and new equipment can cost of living has increased to such an and impartial investigation would confirm The workingman needs a higher wage to meet the higher prices of the necessities increase of its cost of operation. But the workingman must live. The cost of his living is a factor in the question. If cap ital demands a reasonable profit, labor also rightly demands a reasonable return on its investment, and that reasonable demand is determined by the required cost of his

living which is the variant. If the cost of

living is high he must get higher wage

than when it is low. It is for the interests

of every employer of labor, every industrial

manager, or commercial director into whose

calculations a payroll enters, that the cost

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First National Bankof Omaha

from it. The problem of the cost of living has priority over other industrial and social problems. It is the omnipresent factor.

MORGAN AT THE 'PHONE. Getting Busy on Stray Lines Beyond

ae Bell. B timore American. The activity of J. P. Morgan & Co. during the last two weeks in buying up telephone companies scattered through Ohio and Indiana has aroused speculative query Blitzen up to Prancer; and Indiana has aroused speculative query does he shake like jelly does, with all in every financial center. Following the his jelly laughter?— A dozen questions every hour, an' more
a-comin' after!

I try to tell him not to vex and fret a
body so,
"Is there a Santy Claus?"

Target had been controlling interest had been obtained by the New York I don't know! terest had been obtained by the New York banking firm of six other independent companies. The system thus acquired emerce yield word o' his, accordin' to braces 40.000 miles of long-distance lines.

An' here he's lookin' at me, dependin' on generally accepted guess has been that the my word—
"Is there a Santy Claus?"
So I've heard.
Remember when we's little tikes, an' Christmas was a-comin';
We use' to wish th' days to Christmas Day would go a-hummin';
Th' fireplace, th' hangin' crane, th' stockin's all a-waitin'—
we stayed at home on Christmas eve, an'
We stayed at home on Christmas eve, an' poration. Clarence Brown, general counsel for Morgan & Co., has declared that the

properties were purchased as an investment by the New York banking firm without consultation or arrangement with any other interests. The consolidated companies, it will be observed, constitute an important system, ramifying a thickly populated territory, and it is a reasonable conclusion that if the lines have not been purchased with the expectation of merging with the Bell system there is a purpose to make the acquisition the basis of a much more expansive system. If J. P. Morgan & Co. are to go into the telephone business to stay, there is reason for the assumption that it will not be in a small way.

A FOOLISH PLEA.

torney. New York Evening Post. According to common belief, the lawyer's peared before a legislative committee to state of New York permits. argue that if an employers' liability law bring forward against the proposed meas- previously offered twice as much ure. The railways may not be able to afford it; it might depress actual wages; it might encourage thriftlessness and carelessness among the men. But it has been eft for a corporation lawyer to assert that workmen cannot be insured against accident because men are sure to cripple themselves to earn the insurance. Perhaps the 350 men who perished in the St. Paul mine. at Cherry, started the fire with the object of attracting newspaper attention.

SOME OF TAFT'S GOOD WORK.

Achievements that Make for Good

Clean Government. Des Moines Capital. The Arbuckles have glady refunded to the United States government \$600,000 in settlement of the government's claim against the firm on account of cheating by short weights in paying import duties. The government has not compromised any right to prosecute the Arbuckles criminally. Put this down as a triumph for the Taft administration, which is doing its duty

without a brass band. Upon trial five employes of the Sugar trust have been convicted of defrauding the customs. A jury found them guilty after a fair trial. A maximum penalty is \$10,000 fine and four years 'imprisonment or both. These are some of the achievements of

the Taft administration in the interest of good, clean government. Every man is required to do his duty. But the Taft administration makes no noise in regard to its achievements. The administration is also laboring to reduce the number of employes and to cut down the expenses of the government which have tremendously grown during the

Let the fault-finders go on. They can not much longer, contend against the achievements of the Taft administration.

SAGE STUFFING.

Same to you! Look up and cheer the while. Put some heart in the greeting. Heart, ess sweetens hot air.

A pair of Christmas slippers that will fit

are a joy while they last. Feast on Christmas poetry today. To the morgue, tomorrow, for a year.

Never measure the gift by the price tag. It may be a marked-down figure. The old reliable red necktie continues the

warmest bloom on the Christmas tree, No matter what the Danes decree, popular confidence in the cook cannot be shaken today. Christmas sentiments are all right in

their place, but Christmas substance reaches the spot. If you are still in doubt about who got there first, pull Santa Claus into a corner and start a quiz.

The Christmas purse is not as fat as it was, but much improved in appearance. A surgical operation helps in a crisis. Archeologists say that suspenders were invented before Christmas trees. Why they persistently hang together is not explained. The maker of the calendar did not improve his reputation as a prophet when he

put the shortest day five days ahead of the actual one. A large assortment of Christmas gags today give their farewell scream for a year. Should you find them too much for your

teeth, get an axe. Treasure the joys and forget the annovances of the holiday rush. A diversion from the besten path puts ginger where it will do the most good. If you get what you looked for, exult heartily; if not, don't "holler." Heroism

had its beginning in greeting disappointment with a happy smile. Mark Twain's remark, "T'm behaving as good as I can," and Gene Field's "I'm as good as I can be," are excellent companion pieces for a cheery decoration.

A MONEY MONOPOLY.

Unique Argument of Corporation At- Control of Vast Sources of Insurance Wealth.

New York World. No man, whether he be J. Plerpont Morfunctions consist in being as clever as he gan or Thomas F. Ryan, snould be percan in behalf of his client. We some- mitted to own a great life-insurance comtimes overlook the fact that a lawyer's pany. There is no man in the country duty may call upon him to make himself who can safely be trusted with such power as ridiculous as he can. How well he over \$460,000,000 of other people's money, occasionally succeeds is demonstrated by no matter what safeguards an insurance the attorney of a great railroad who ap- code may provide. Yet this is what the

In the case of the Equitable the entire were in force railway employes would de- stock is only \$190,000 and the dividends are liberately maim themselves in order that limited by law to 7 per cent; yet Mr. Ryan they might thereafter lead a life of great paid James Hazen Hyde \$2,500,000 for \$50,200 ease at the expense of the company. The of this \$100,000 in stock. The legitimate temptation to grow angry with such rea- earnings from the investment were only soning is quickly swallowed up by the \$3,514 a year. The interest on \$2,500,000 at temptation to laugh. Such a statement the very modest rate of 4 per cent is \$100,000 could very properly be characterized as a year. Nominally Mr. Ryan's investment callous and inhuman, if not for the fact meant a loss of at least \$96.486 annually; that it is much more properly classed as yet he was very glad to get the Hyde stock idiotic. There are doubtless reasons to for \$2,500,000, and other bidders had

There is no public information as to what Mr. Morgan paid for the Ryan holdings but nobody assumes that it was less than Mr. Ryan paid Mr. Hyde plus a reasonable return on the investment. No oody has assumed, either, that Mr. Ryan or Mr. Morgan in acquiring the Equitable was influenced by philanthropic consideration for the widows and orphans of policyholders.

SPICED PUDDING.

Mrs. Chugwater nudged her husband.

"Joshia," she asked, in a low voice,
"what is that man in uniform doing?"
"He's bottling a sample of the atmosphere in this car," answer Mr. Chugwater.
"What's he doing that for?"
"He's going to use it as a fertilizer. What did you suppose?"—Chicago Tribune.

"Do you believe in a future pu nent of everlasting fire and brimsto "Only for my neighbors," replied "Only for my neighbors," replied the party of the egotistical part.—Chicago "Did you observe anything peculiar about that explorer's observations?" asked one

Arctic expert.
"Yes," replied the other. "Most of them were personal and somewhat profane."—
Washington Star. "I am told that King Edward sends a message to his chef complimenting

him on his dinner."

"Yes," answered Mr. Crossiots. "We are all of one common humanity. Even a king has to go out of his way to jolly the cook."—Washington Star. "I fear that boy of mine is incorrigible." "He wants to send Santa Claus a Black Hand letter."—Kansas City Journal,

Tubb—Old boy, want to congratulate you on your speech at the banquet last night. O'Sudds (after waiting a moment)—I know you do, pard, and you're awfully sorry you can't do it truthfully. I appreciate the ffort just the same. Nasty weather, isn't t?—Chicago Tribune. t?-Chicago Tribune.

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