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Can anybody explain the why of those fuzzy hats? At any rate, the completed record of 1910 will have compensating features.

"Lucky" Baldwin was not lucky enough to escape the inevitable squabble over his estate.

That ten-million-dollar peace dove of Mr. Carnegie is undoubtedly the most costly bird in the world.

"What are we going to do with the long hatpin?" asks a New York paper. Keep out of its reach, if you can.

Remember that the door will close finally and irrevocably against the early Christmas shopper on Christmas eve.

It may be of interest to observe that the candidate who says he spent only 20 cents in the campaign was not elected.

A Charleston paper says a South Carolina girl is passing in Paris as an angel. Those gallant Parisians are gay deceivers, though.

Pullman porters demand an increase in wages. It will be gratifying to some of us to know they receive any wages, outside of their tips.

It must have almost broken "Jim" Hill's heart to learn that his old friend, former Senator W. A. Clark, paid \$250,000 for a set of dishes.

Milwaukee is going in for sanitary and social reform all in one. The city health board has ordered every hall room to be equipped with cuspidors.

"Courts versus the Stage" is a question brought up by a St. Louis paper. Sometimes the courts suggest burlesque as forcibly as does the stage.

Have you ever noticed how much noise the railroads make when they put on a new train, and how quiet they are when they cut their train service down?

"Misther" Dooley has joked a lot about twins, but now that a pair came to his home the other day, he doubtless does not find it such a joking matter.

Now we know, since the announcement of Dr. Wiley's plans for marriage why he put in so much time beforehand talking about poorly-cooked victuals.

From the tears they are shedding over his overthrow Governor Patterson of Tennessee ought to be able to be elected governor in either Texas or South Carolina.

It has been suggested that the St. Louis man who, to make a record, drank twenty bottles of beer a day for thirty days, must feel like a vat. Worse than that, he is a vat.

If President Taft persists in his plan to extend the departmental work day thirty minutes some of those clerks will not be able to reach the game before the fourth or fifth inning.

Fourteen democratic members of the state senate in a little preliminary secret session to talk over organization. That's the way the "jackpot" business in Illinois was usually started.

Fighting Parcel Post.

The popular demand for the parcel post is steadily growing and the president has recommended to congress the installation of a system for rural parcels post service first as an experiment, with the view of extension later.

Under the name of the American League of Associations, these mercantile establishments are said to be formulating a determined campaign to defeat the parcel post. Evidently they propose to pursue educational lines and build up a sentiment against the system among people the country over.

So people may be prepared to receive literature from this new source of "education," telling them how injurious for them will be the parcel post. It will behoove the people to do some careful thinking of their own, therefore, and to give heed to what the president and the postmaster general have to say as disinterested parties in favor of the parcel post.

Criminal Carelessness.

Reckless carelessness or negligence is more culpable than large will ordinarily admit, especially in large cities, surcharged with their high potentialities of death. The slightest mistake may bring deadly disaster, as was the case in that Grand Central station explosion in New York, where human beings were killed or maimed in large numbers.

But this catastrophe, like many a similar one, will pass into history and be soon forgotten without serving in sufficient degree as a warning or precaution for the future, unless emphasis is laid on its preventableness.

Of course responsibility is evaded, not with any intended depreciation of the value of life or even property, but the effect is the same. It breeds the spirit of carelessness and whether it paves the way for another such "accident," at least sets up no warning against it.

People have no right to play recklessly with gas, electricity, dynamite and other explosives and dangerous elements. Only by exerting every precaution can these elements be safely handled. Obviously such care was not taken in this New York case. The same is found to be true of nearly all similar calamities. While no way exists of absolutely preventing accidents of this kind, there is a way of reducing their number and that way is by more systematic methods than have been employed.

Conserving Health Resources.

The American Association of Labor Legislation, in its splendid effort to conserve the human resources of the nation, estimates that more than 13,000,000 cases of sickness occurring annually among industrial workers represent a national loss of three-quarters of a billion dollars. Hence correct agencies must be employed to correct the abuses that lead to such an undermining of health.

But it should not be necessary to reduce the loss to a money basis to obtain an attentive hearing. It should be enough simply to show that human life, without any regard to a money consideration, is being wasted by lax methods of sanitation.

The fact remains, however, that this association, and similar organizations, are beginning to make a showing in what is one of the sanest and best enterprises ever undertaken in this country—the conservation of human resources. And so the people are willing to waive their claim to a protest against the seeming necessity of first resolving the question into terms of dollars and cents and to look out through a generous vision to the end to be achieved. Much good has been done and more is sure to follow the association's convention in St. Louis the last of this month, when plans for extension work will be laid out.

After all, this financial aspect may serve to arouse a lethargic public conscious of the overwhelming need of improving the conditions in which men and women and children work as a prime factor in their health. And, therefore, it has enlisted for the movement the hearty co-operation of men at the head of industrial institutions impressed with the fact that sickness—therefore unsanitary conditions—means loss, not gain, financially, to them, as well as to their workmen.

This is going to the core of the question. The larger part of the ac-

Opium Troubles at Home.

Americans have generously gone to the aid of China's new regime in its effort to overcome the insidious opium habit among its people and Chinese reformers do not hesitate to acknowledge their debt of gratitude to our people. But it appears that Americans have an opium problem at their own doors, without going to China to seek one.

Under the laws of the United States opium may not be imported except for medicinal purposes and yet, it is said, that only one-fourth of the 75,000 pounds of the drug annually brought into this country is used for legitimate purposes, the other three-fourths being consumed by those unfortunate persons called "dope fiends." It is sold to them in various forms and disguises and under many different names and labels, but they seem to have little trouble in getting what they want.

Police court records in almost any city in the land will reveal a shocking spread of this debasing and degenerating habit among men and women.

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