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Is the tendency of woman's dress a cause or effect of modesty?

What sort of Easter bonnet will go well with those harem skirts?

A slice of Chicago's lake front has been discovered that was not stolen.

Perhaps little Japan is playing the part of the fox in this Russian-Chinese affair.

Little Martin Littleton has not as yet seemed to offend Tammany by his coming out.

Too many people do not properly distinguish between obligation of duty and charity.

Our fashionable women probably could wear those harem skirts with perfect impunity in Turkey.

It appears that Secretary Knox put one over on California in that Japan treaty—one that will help the whole country.

If Dr. Cook had a vote he would undoubtedly cast it against Senator Lorimer for crowding him off the stage so long.

Former President Elliot should have remembered that a Harvard alumnus had beat him to that anti-race suicide argument.

We are almost beginning to lose faith in those Texas Rangers, the way they are permitting the Mexicans to bully them.

Congressman Hobson recently admitted on the floor of the house that he had "two thoughts," but forgot to tell the other one.

Would Russia have asserted its determination to dance a jig in China's front yard had China not been ravished with a plague?

The wise railroad man is not threatening to close down operations as a result of that rate case decision. We have wise ones here in Omaha.

Why scold Boss Murphy for using the New York legislature in an attempt to elect his man senator? Didn't Tammany elect the majority of the legislature? Cannot a man do as he pleases with what is his?

Former President Roosevelt's recent visit to Chicago, where he put in a strenuous day's program amidst incessant plaudits, offers small consolation for those who have written the colonel completely down and out!

If it is such a task for our trained law-makers to initiate an initiative and referendum law, what may be expected when anyone indiscriminately may initiate laws and submit them without opportunity to perfect them by amendment?

America can never compete with France in dramatic art until it is able to furnish first night audiences who work themselves up into a riotous frenzy over everything displeasing which the playwright has written into the performance.

Collier's Weekly quotes an oratorical interchange in congress in which one august senator asked, another, "What is meant by the term 'jack-pot'?" and adds that no senator volunteered the enlightenment. Respectfully referred to Mayor "Jim" for an authoritative definition.

In his open letter to President Taft, Mr. Bryan disclaims belief in the alleged purpose of the president to prevent admission of Arizona if its people dared to adopt such a constitution as its people desired. Despite this expression of confidence in President Taft, however, Mr. Bryan reserves the right to exclaim, "I told you so!" if the executive approval of the constitution is withheld.

The Silver Lining.

"No cloud without a silver lining" is a time tried maxim which we may be permitted to recall to our railroad friends in their disappointment over the refusal of the interstate commerce commission to authorize their proposed increases in freight rates.

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All things considered, including the reductions on commodity rates by state laws and state commissions, the railroads have fared tolerably well, particularly inasmuch as they have succeeded in heading off applications to the Interstate Commerce commission for reduction in rates.

The "Jim Crow" bill introduced in the house at Lincoln by a Gage county democrat should be promptly defeated. It has nothing in existing conditions in Nebraska to justify it and one is rather puzzled to know just what could have inspired its introduction.

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Protecting the Forests. The upheaval which some changes in the personnel of the forestry service created seems to be working out with good results. Both sides are now willing to admit that progress and improvement are being made in our forestry operations.

Opening on the Panama. The question has been raised as to the movements of the Panama canal employes when the work there is completed. Nearly 40,000 men are engaged there, including the Panama Railroad company's force.

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sition of the grass, but it does away with the danger that comes from that grass dying down and matting, forming tinder to feed flames and spread them from forest to forest.

It is idle to quarrel longer over how to proceed to save our timber. The best patriot is not disposed to haggle over methods. If we are for genuine conservation, let us go to conserving.

A World-Wide Unrest. That the political and social ferment of which we see signs all around us, in the protests against established institutions, and the demands for novel experiments in government, is not local but world-wide, must be almost self-evident.

The States' Rights Bugaboo. The raising of the state's rights bogie in connection with the popular election of senators may be an adroit means calculated to defeat the resolution by lining up all the southern senators against it, but as a serious proposition we regard it simply a bugaboo.

Crises in Dress. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Brooklyn bridge broke its record as a scene of daredevil exploits today. A suicide or professional bridge jumper would thrill the throng of bridge promenade no more than did the appearance of a dashing young blond on the great thoroughfare late this afternoon.

Where the Uplift Blooms. Cleveland Plain Dealer. A Pawnee Indian recently engaged a colored valet in Omaha. Shades of Fenimore Cooper.

A Family Secret. St. Paul Dispatch. Miss Damm, lost from Omaha, has been located in Germany. What has become of the rest of that whole famous family?

Perils of Forgetfulness. Brooklyn Eagle. The Russian bear, bacon-tempted, is said to be nosing about Norway. Perhaps he has forgotten his experience with little Japan. Bears forget very easily.

Master of His Own Destiny. Indianapolis News. Canada has come too far and is too great a factor in the world to do anything but govern its own destiny, and it has at its back a powerful empire.

tion of the problem for those who care to remain in that section. Fertile land is available at reasonable figures, and already some of the men are preparing to invest in it.

Already the canal has become an element in fostering this friendship. Prior to now the laws of the Republic of Panama did not permit American ownership of land there, so we see in this one change a tangible product of our enterprise.

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that way, since theirs is a burlesque business. At any rate, that imperious mistress, Dame Fashion, has again come very near doing her worst, and cannot go much further.

Our friend who reads "all the new books as they come out" must have had the time of his life last year. Just 13,470 new books were published in the United States in 1910.

The authors of these books wrote with an abandon as free as the wind, upon any old subject, topic or line of thought. They got pens, or pencils or typewriters to going and could not stop them. They simply deluged the land with books and made the presses groan as they reeled them off.

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People and Events

The early robin is clearly distanced by millinery and the seed catalogues as a harbinger of spring. Count Agopoff, Austria's dove of peace now cooling in the United States, is denounced in six languages as a prize humbug by the Hungarians of Chicago.

At the age of four score and one Dr. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia can do as smoothly a piece of cutting with a scalpel as with a pen. He is a master emeritus in handling both.

Fifteen years in prison is the reward handed to one of the Newark, O. lynchers who pleaded guilty to the crime. It is believed the term gives ample time for reflection undisturbed by the rude noises of the outer world.

A New York school teacher, on a salary of \$100 a month, managed to pile up debts aggregating \$120,000. So he reported to a bankruptcy court. How he got it and blew it is not material to the show down of the metropolis as the home of easy marks.

Appreciating the value of publicity as a booster of business, Hudson Maxim expresses the opinion that war cannot be entirely abolished, and wisdom suggests adequate preparation. Therefore, buy the latest Maxims. Business on both sides.

The modern woman has appropriated not only man himself but most of his wearables and his jobs. The fluffy trousers may prove the last straw for the masculine cause. Preliminary shakes of his humps should be a warning to the daring seizers.

Bracing on the folly of women sermonizing to the inmates of jails, William Allen White, the Kansas mentor, spills the moral of his tale by locating the scene in Lincoln and the star character a caged drunk. Drunks are as impossible in Lincoln as in the holy cities of Emporia, Wichita or Topeka.

Defeat does not daunt the Oregon advocates of votes for women. Although a constitutional amendment granting equal suffrage to the sexes was beaten at the polls last November by a majority of 24,000, the Oregon legislature has decided to submit the proposition again to the people. Twenty-four thousand adverse majority is hard to overcome, but the women are "radiant with hope."

TEN COMMANDMENTS REVISED.

Baltimore Sun: On the whole, he suggests of revising some of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments may lead to vision. The point is immaterial. Many places they appear to have been repealed, and in others can be violated with impunity.

Philadelphia Bulletin: Obeying the Ten Commandments, and the law, is as easy now as when they were first given. All things may be right, but many expedients, as was remarked by the Paul.

New York Times: Nobody need worry about the Ten Commandments. They are safe. The Westminster consistory does not intend to abolish them or weaken their significance. If the consistory had such an idea, the rest of the world would reject it.

Considered More Deadly Than Spanish Projects. New York Post. The death of another sailor in the navy as a result of injuries in a boxing match receives in this morning's news but scant attention. In fact, this form of killing directly under the United States flag is now taken as a matter of course.

WOMEN AND THE THEATRE. A Dominant Factor in the Success of the Drama. Philadelphia Ledger. A theatrical manager has had a careful enumeration made at the doors of five theaters and finds that about 85 per cent of the play-goers are women.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. "The commercial aspect of marriage undergone a great change." "How so?" "In former times, fathers sold their daughters. Now they have to give to them."—Baltimore American.

ENCHANTED GROUND. W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post. There was a bill so far away It seemed the shadow of a mill; It melted into cloudy gray Or loomed against the sky all still— And many times we felt that thrill Of marveling, when on the breeze There came faint music, in the trill Of birds, an airy lullaby.

Successful Contestants In the A. Hospe Co. Piano Contest Will Be Notified by Mail and Monday's Press.