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THE BABY OR THE PICTURE.

Not since the appearance of Frank Stockton's story "The Lady or the Tiger," has there been so much discussion of probabilities as has been aroused by the question which Sir Henry Knollys of London has propounded.

"Were we in a garret, with the Dresden Madonna on the walls and a live baby on the floor, and the garret was all ablaze which would we save?" Stockton's query harked back to elemental passions love and jealousy and every man and woman with primitive instincts could realize that the dusky princess would be torn between her pure love for the man, which would incline her to mercy and her intense jealousy which would tell her to let the lover die rather than to see him happy with another.

Sir Henry Knollys' query is based on more altruistic motives but the elemental passions are still aroused. Everyone knows that the Dresden Madonna referred to is the famous "Sistine Madonna" or "Mother and Child" by Raphael, and hangs in the gallery at Dresden.

Sir George Birdwood, an officer of the Legion of Honor laureate of the French academy and professor of anatomy and physiology, has answered by saying he would try to save both, but that being impossible he would save the Sistine Madonna.

Sir Hiram Maxim, Arthur Bouchier, Max Pemberton, the bishop of Sodor and Man, and H. S. Wells declare they would save the baby first and the Madonna afterwards.

NEGRO GAVE SULZER AN IDEA.

There is an interesting tale in the origin of the "open door policy" which Governor Sulzer has announced will mark his administration at Albany.

During the strenuous campaign days it was the habit of the candidate to return to his car in the evenings and, before retiring, to partake of a late supper consisting of a sandwich or so.

name could not be recalled but which the governor says is positively the longest of any except possibly the titled heads of Europe, was known as "Uncle" to all.

It was near the end of the campaign when the candidate returned to the car late one evening for the customary refreshment. The day had been especially strenuous.

"Mister Sulzer, don't you go and worry that selection cause you is gwine to win most sartialy. I've got dot premonition."

Thereupon the candidate resumed his campaign tactics, asking "Uncle" for whom he intended to cast his ballot:

"Ise gwine to vote for you, boss. The niggers know dat de man up at Albany has done pulled his late string inside and dey say you is going to put it out again. I suspect though, dat it is going to be too high for most of us poor coons to reach."

The following day the gubernatorial candidate made use of the "open door policy" for the first time in the campaign. He has since promised to put the string out again, low enough for anyone that wishes to reach.

LET THE SMOKERS PAY.

At the time when Roman supremacy was at its height, all roads led to Rome and the great highways straight as an arrow are still the marvel of the engineering world.

A plan to connect Washington with the capitals of every state in the Union and also with the principal parks in the country will be proposed at the present session of congress by Congressman Stanton Warburton of the second congressional district, Washington.

This bill will provide for a 16 foot roadway, with heavy concrete base, hard surface, such as asphalt or vitrified brick and the scheme provides for the construction of these various lines within the period of five years, a certain amount to be completed each year.

Over 15,000 miles of roads will be built, according to the proposed bill, the estimated cost not to exceed \$20,000 or \$25,000 a mile.

Congressman Warburton has evolved a unique plan for the financing of this scheme. He would restore the internal revenue tax of 1879 on tobacco and set aside this additional revenue amounting to \$80,000,000 annually, for the building of this national highway.

Figures which will be brought to the attention of congress by Congressman Warburton will show that the tobacco tax at present is not one-fourth what it was during the war, and that a tax on a luxury is always justifiable.

The announcement that a number of refineries along the Atlantic seaboard belonging to the Sugar trust have been running on half-time during the past two months throws an interesting sidelight on the strenuous

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campaign which the refiners are waging to bring about the removal of the tariff of imported sugar. It is no secret in the trade that the partial shut down of the big refineries handling Cuban sugar was caused by the appearance in the market of American grown beet sugar.

At a time when the legislators at Washington are puzzling over just what qualifications a man should have to be allowed to enter the United States, some cases have come up for decision at Ellis Island which suggest that the Commissioner of Immigration here needs the wisdom of

Solomon to help him out. A few weeks ago his officers held up a smart looking person who "had no visible means of support". The man proved to be a perfectly real count of Austrian or Italian blood who was released with apologies when he had proved he could get along.

Nine dollars a week is a decent living wage in this part of the world, and no girl can live with comfort and self-respect on any less. Such is the decision of the Public Service corporation of New Jersey and Christmas week that company announced that thereafter it would not pay less than nine dollars a week to any woman employe.

cial investigators at work among their thousands of employes studying the lives of the girls and the homes in which they lived. These workers declared that a wage of six dollars a week was an "invitation to a life of infamy" and that to escape from an indecent poverty a girl must earn at least nine dollars weekly.

The most terrible thing in connection with the Balkan war is the fact that there is likely to be a famine in attar of roses. Lay in your attar now before it gets to be as costly as gasoline.

Dr. Wiley says a woman of forty should be more beautiful than a woman of twenty. But women never get to be forty.

Wizard Burbank has produced some queer results in horticulture but he isn't responsible for what the women are carrying around on their hats.

An Englishman has invented a machine that cannot run over a pedestrian.

Probably it is a flying machine.

The baby born on a fast New York train at least had a good start in life.

Shoe Repairing

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