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NAMES DON'T HURT.

Huerta started calling the Americans "Yankees" some time ago, and is now urging his people to use the same term when referring to people of the United States.

It might be that certain old-fashioned southern statesmen who lived in Civil War times might be slightly offended if called "Yankees," but they are likely to fight all the harder for being called that.

Now election is over, pay a little attention to the Union Stock show, for this year it is to be the biggest thing ever pulled off of the kind.

If General Funston gets his 60,000 additional men it is going to severely test the transport and moving picture facilities.

A PLEA FOR THE AUTHOR.

The government has decided to permit the transmission of books by parcel post, which will decrease the cost of books to the consumer.

But now that something has been done for the readers of books, it is suggested by an eastern paper that something also be done for the poor down-trodden authors who spend their lives writing them.

A manuscript usually takes 20 or 30 trips back and forth before it is accepted by someone and published.

book, and give the tired and struggling literary genius a chance?

By all means give the railroads the five per cent increase in freight rates. When the arteries through which the blood of commerce flows, get to crumbling look out for the whole structure.

Anyway, Lafferty suffered defeat at the hands of Pat McArthur, which is a direct compliment to the primary election this year and a further compliment to the people of Multnomah county.

President Wilson not only went to a circus in Washington but remained for the concert. Any man who will stay for a circus concert is no match for a crafty old strategist like Huerta.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Withycombe, or Dr. Withycombe and Dr. Smith it is plain that everyone realized something was wrong in Oregon and that the state needs a doctor.

The Pennsylvania man who named his new son Woodrow Huerta may have begun his celebration with grape juice, but evidently didn't finish that way.

By rotating names a few more times on the ballot, election returns would have been delayed until the middle of the week following.

If general conditions were not so serious we should like to know what member of the cabinet poses for the other Wilson girl.

We assume that in handling the troops "every little movement has a meaning of its own."

Bill's Terrible Condition.

There was only a thin partition between the bar parlor and the taproom of the suburban hostelry, writes "H.L." in the Manchester Guardian, so that I could not help hearing what was perhaps a confidence about a certain Bill's terrible condition the previous afternoon.

Wild dogs do not bark—that is to say, the explosive sound so familiar to us in the "bark" of our dogs is never heard from any species of wild dog.

Locating a Quarrel. "And when you were abroad on your honeymoon trip did you visit the palace of peace at The Hague?" asked the girl friend of the bride just home from abroad.

Madge—Have you really found that absence makes the heart grow fonder? Marjorie—Indeed I have! Since Charlie went away I've learned to love Jack over so much more.—Lippincott's.

Sarcastic Retort. Walter—Were you ringing the bell sir? Customer after long wait—Ringing it! Great Scott, no! I was tolling it—I thought you were dead!—Every body's.

Hardship is not an unmixed evil. It is the native soil of manhood and self-reliance.—John Neat.

Except for the fools the wise guys would starve.

Never tell a woman you're unworthy of her; she knows it.

Only a fool would trade all his valuables for a watchdog.

We never take a man's word for the deed in a real estate transaction.

Perhaps it is better to take chances as they come than to take chances.

The world goes around, but many a man feels that he doesn't get his share.

There is nothing new under the sun except tomorrow, and that never comes.

A failure of \$6,000,000 gives further evidence of the modernization of Berlin.

The man who has no secrets from his wife has either no secrets or no wife.

Talk is cheap, which may explain why we are given so much gratuitous advice.

Some people are satisfied to take what they can get, and others get what they can take.

Numerous morals being drawn from modern plays may explain why so few are left in 'em.

An original person is one who does the sort of things you've always wanted to do, but never dared.

A copy of Keats' poems recently brought \$7,000, but a lot of living poets can't give theirs away.

Already man, proud man, is running to cover. A new transatlantic liner has special bachelors' quarters.

It is said that "fresh" eggs are known to be fresh because they have been tested under the incubator.

A Savannah man climbed a tree to propose to his girl. After she married him he'll soon come down to earth.

Intuition is the faculty by virtue of which a woman can understand her husband without listening to what he says.

The New York police must now learn to swim. Perhaps this is to fit them in their struggles with the submerged tenth.

Occasionally a woman is so contrary that she will not fall in love until she discovers that the fellow isn't worthy of her.

A lecture may be right about the debt we owe to ancient Greece, but it's being gradually collected at 5 cents a share.

What a blow to Parisians will be the 1,082 foot wireless telegraphy tower at Brussels. It tops the Eiffel structure by 169 feet.

Some flims are not satisfied when they get hold of a good story that is true. They want to tinker with it until they spoil it.

No one who knows New York believes the two course dinner idea recently introduced from Paris will ever become popular.

The French jeer at the new style of green hair, but we should have thought that that dear absolute hue would make a popular hit.

"Don't pick a husband until you've had a hundred chances," says a New York girl. But few girls will care to take that many chances.

A group of spots 50,000 miles long has been discovered on the face of the sun. Evidently God has neglected the precaution of getting vaccinated.

Economy is relative. It is as difficult for some to give up an extra limousine as it is for other men to deny themselves another egg for breakfast.

Germany has the champion father-married twice, thirty-five children, twenty-six living; nineteen boys, seven girls. Must be the original paterfamilias.

The federal authorities have instructed the income tax collectors to be at all times polite. Train robbers frequently are, but it does not lessen the victim's pain.

An English advocate of peace says it would take 47,000,000 Japanese soldiers fifty years to subdue the American people. He should have added, "and then they wouldn't."

But if Mr. Asquith were the shrewd politician his supporters think him would be not, instead of taking it himself, have handed over that war secret to Mrs. Pankhurst?



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Turn and Turn About.

It was sometimes the custom of professors in former times to give free tickets for their courses—a kindness that was sometimes abused. In "The Book of Edinburgh Anecdotes" Francis Watt tells how the famous Dr. John Barley, extraordinary lecturer on anatomy at the University of Edinburgh between 1737 and 1825, once applied a humorous corrective to an imposition of this kind.

He received a note from Dr. Laing the well known antiquary, requesting a free ticket for a young medical student. Barley professed himself delighted to confer the favor, but invited the pupil to accompany him to Dr. Laing's bookshop, where he selected books on anatomy to the exact value of a ticket for his course of lectures. Then, sagely remarking that without textbooks his lectures were useless, he presented the books to the astonished youth as a gift from Dr. Laing. He would not listen to the young man's expostulation, but bundled him and the books out of the shop. He did not find it necessary to repeat the lesson.

Our Poisonous Snakes.

Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the New York zoological park, classified the poisonous snakes of the United States in seventeen species. Of these, the common coral snake and the Sonoran coral snake inhabit the southern and southwestern states respectively; the copperhead and the water moccasin are in the east and southeast; the dwarf rattlesnakes—that is, the massasauga and the pygmy—infect the central and southeastern regions; and the eleven typical rattlesnakes live in the east, the southeast, the prairie region and the great southwest. Of these, the southwest, indeed, holds six—the white, the tiger, the black tailed, Price's, the green and the horned. The other five are the timber rattlesnake, the diamond back of the southeast, the prairie, the Pacific and the Texas—Youth's Companion.

Storm Center.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." "In a republic it is the president, private secretary who acquires the insomnia." Kansas City Journal.

Effective Covering.

"When the train handit was captured was he covered with confusion?" "No, sir; with the train crew's revolvers." Baltimore American.

He who will not reason is a bigot, he who cannot is a fool; he who dares not is a slave.—Byron.

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