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THE DESPOT'S PLEA.
The Russian oligarch and oligarchy, winning and arising under the criticism of the world, begs and blubbers and enters pleas in avoidance.

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We should be glad to see the Legislatures of the three states agree to give the water right a decent name.

ROOSEVELT TO DIG IT.
In order to get water actively at Panama, it is necessary to get it to abolish the Canal Commission.

And this will be the surest way to avoid "graft." In the letting and performance of contracts so vast there would be endless ordinary circumstances, endless opportunity for graft.

PLAIN WORDS ABOUT THE RAILROADS.
From Maine to California, from the Lakes to the Gulf, the railroads of the United States are being debated.

There was an attempt to get up a scare about a purpose to "promulgate" a constitution, without submitting it to a popular vote.

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When Governor Mead, of Washington, was in Portland the other day he was interviewed. Among other interesting things he said that "the railroads are working in harmony for the creation of a railroad commission."

Some Washington legislators want to remove the state capital to Olympia. The chief complaints against Olympia are that it is out of the way, and that its hotel and other living accommodations are meager.

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SHORT STUDIES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

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NO OTHER country in the world has so heterogeneous a people as Austria-Hungary. Its population is a hodge-podge of Germans, Poles, Magyars, Jews, Roumanians, Czechs, Serfs, Italians, Croats—of every people, in fact, of Eastern Europe.

The Emperor is assisted in the performance of his duties as chief executive of Austria by a Ministry having seven members and presided over by a Minister President. A law enacted in 1867 made the Ministers responsible to the Reichsrath in other words, required them to resign when a majority voted against their policies—but little attention has been paid to this law in practice.

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HOW THE LUXURIOUS LIVE

A Story of the Squad Who "Summer" at Newport.

Cleveland Moffett in Success.
A general impression of the cost and complexity of a modern education in the United States may be obtained by glancing over the following specimen payroll:

Yearly \$2,500
Special chef from Paris..... \$5,000
Second chef..... 2,500
Private tutor..... 1,000
Governor..... 2,000
Two surrives..... 1,000
Housekeeper..... 1,000
Two maids..... 1,200
Head coachman..... 1,200
Second and third coachmen..... 1,400
Butler..... 900
Chef..... 1,000
Head gardener..... 1,600
Four helpervs..... 2,500
Total..... \$23,500

Three hundred thousand dollars a year without counting gifts and charities, doctors, training courses, automobiles and automobiles, new furniture and jewelry, dolls in lace dresses at \$100 each, and numbers other things.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.
Clara—Did he propose to you before or after he kissed you? Maud—Yes, he proposed the customary kiss and the customary "I love you." "Did you ever try any of my whiskey, Judge?" "No," replied the Judge, "but I tried a man today who had."

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