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respondent then proceeds to discuss the easy access to raw material for the British manufacturers, and concludes that "in cheap and convenient supplies of minerals, in geographical situation, in sound capitalization, and in skillful labor, we hold a combination of advantages enjoyed by no other country—not even the United States."

Unfortunately for our British friends, the claims set forth are soon borne out by facts. "It is true that the area of Great Britain is so limited that all materials are naturally be comparatively close at hand; but the economical handling of this raw material in the United States has been reduced to a science, and the ore is carried from mine to mill at a cost per-ton-per-mile that is unapproachable in Great Britain. At the mill it

guitar, but it often succeeded for all that, and its success shows how much more inclined to charity than to logic human nature is. Such is the goodness of our hearts that we are constantly ready to forgive our idols if we are honestly canny and if we discover that they are strictly logical. We will take an illogical man for the next best thing. The disposition to hold public men to a rigorous account for their conduct is one that most people have yet to acquire either by the slow process of evolution or by education. If they are of our party it matters little what they do, we acquiesce in them eagerly and completely. If they belong to the other party the whites of their eyes are the blacker they look to us.

Mr. Roosevelt's doctrine is that we must manage in some way to get over this habit and learn to judge public

who would have paid more than half the figure at the time the Government so generously came to the rescue of the owners and took them off their hands at such an exorbitant price. The excuse for this raid on the treasury, even had the vessels been needed which they were not, will probably be found in the plea that none but American-built vessels can be used in the canal work. In view of the fact that the Government has repeatedly violated this ruling, both as to the purchase of vessels and the shipment of freight, it hardly warrants the presentation to the owners of the Shawmut and Tremont of the extra \$500,000 over and above what their vessels would sell for in the open market.

The Shawmut and Tremont are ves-

A lot of public employees found that they had more work than they could do; so they took a vacation and went to Salem to have their salaries raised. The work will take care of itself while they are gone.

After the Legislature has created a state inspector of everything else, it should appropriate money for the office of inspector of inspectors.

is the owner of a farm where 13 eggs every day last Spring. From 12 of these 13 chickens were hatched. These pullets, now eight months old, are laying 14 eggs every day, one laying two eggs a day.

Court Judge Ignorant of Phone.
New York World.
Judge WHITEL, a noted County Court Judge in London, England, said in court the other day that he had never seen a telephone.

put his head in the trough and presently hauled out 'Stub, wet, bedraggled, and nearly drowned, but otherwise intact.

Girl Dies From Fish-Skin Disease.
Richmond (Va.) Dispatch.
Geneva Reynolds, aged ten years, who had been ill for two months with "ichthyosis," or "fish skin" disease, has died at Middletown, Va., of her rare ailment the first case of this disease ever known in the state.