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LUMBER'S CLAIM TO PROTECTION.
The worst blot on the Fordney tariff that has been placed on the industry by its sponsors to be protective and is fathered by the party which has always championed protection, its lumber section refuses protection to one of the greatest industries.

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Cost of producing lumber is not equal. In Canada the government owns the land, and the lumberman pays for it only as he logs it. Hence the Canadian lumberman assumes no risk of loss by fire or storm, makes no heavy investment in reserves, and pays no taxes.

But the Canadian lumbermen do not sell in the American market at prices materially, if any, lower than those of American lumber. The great economic advantage which they effect as compared with American lumbermen is appropriated as excess profit. No benefit to Americans in the shape of cheaper building material.

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AN HISTORIAN OF SCIENCE.
Fame has always been more or less transitory, but the fame of Caruso will endure beyond the limitations of the past. The records of his voice are imperishable, and it is logical to assume that many centuries from now listeners will thrill the songs he sang.

What the phonograph will do for the voice of Caruso, accepting a trust for many generations to come, will henceforth do for others whose gifts of genius in art or statesmanship, render them worthy of the tribute.

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THE SEASON OF FOREST FIRES.
That dim blue haze at morning, resting so gently on the hills, is pretty enough if it weren't so high priced. It is the evidence that forest fires are taking their annual toll of the Oregon timber.

Every vacationist in the timber should remember at all times that one of the greatest industries of the state is a profession to the farmers, to whom the bill gives a larger measure of protection than ever was known.

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markets of the world on something like a parity with their competitors. When American business shall have completely readjusted itself, admitted not to exist, and every day as done with, sound prosperity and general economic relief cannot fail to follow.

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BY-PRODUCTS OF THE PRESS.
Medford Men Report Savage Battle Between Huge Rattlesnakes.
You can talk about your bull fights, but you can't talk about the battle between two large rattlesnakes on the Crater lake road near McLeod, as described by Court Hall and Frank Isaacs and published in the Medford Mail-Tribune.

Hall and Isaacs were visiting some campers, when of a sudden they heard the brush cracking and saw rolling stones coming from a point 20 yards up the hillside. To their astonishment they then saw two rattlesnakes intertwined around each other standing on the end of their tails, battling viciously.

"As we neared the battling rattlers they disdained to notice our approach, seemingly fighting more vicious than before," says Court Hall in describing the conflict. "Wrapped around each other, their heads eight or ten inches of their heads, sometimes standing on their tails and sometimes rolling down the hillside for five or ten feet only to arise again to their heads, striking and gnawing at each other with their forked tongues and their eyes glaring balls of fire."

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Those Who Come and Go.
Tales of Folk at the Hotel.
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Can You Answer These Questions?
1. Do rattlesnakes lay eggs?
2. What is the best food for gold finches?
3. Is the female flicker marked like the male?
Answers in tomorrow's nature notes.

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More Truth Than Poetry.
By James J. Montague.
"A NEW ONE.
"I could find no excuse for refusing it." A state senator's apology for taking a bribe.
"Motives are honest," the burglar answered, offered a dwelling by stealth.
"I can hardly express my consuming distress."
At last your visible wealth. I can well understand how you value the same.
And how you will suffer by losing it.
But it's perfectly clear that as long as you're here, you'll have it. I can find no excuse for refusing it."
"I don't want your money," the film-flammer said.
"As he jugged the galloping cubes. "I would like any animal at all. In fleeing these innocent Rubes. A singular trade is this calling of mine.
There are different methods of viewing it; it gives me thrills when I pry into their shells. Yet I find no excuse for not doing it."
"I would rather sell sheep," said the fat profiteer;
"I think with a sorrowful sigh. What people must enjoy when I force them to pay.
A price that is ten times too high. But, although the suckers complain and protest.
And you accuse me of jobbing them. In spite of the fact that my conscience is clear. I can find no excuse for not robbing them."
"Id' rather," remarked the political crook.
"Not take any species of bribes. It injures a man when he's put on the ban. By these fault-finding newspaper editors. Moreover, the voters are prone to get sore.
And why I am basely forsaking 'em. But when bribes are passed 'round. I could find no excuse for not taking 'em."
Insuring Prosperity.
Congress will better the business situation by passing a few business laws.
The Only Exception.
After all this is a country in which everybody gets fairly square deal—unless he happens to be a disabled war veteran.
A Total Stranger.
Evidently the Irish object to peace as an undesirable alien.
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Women.
By Grace E. Hall.
Live purely! the world is sick to death.
Of ill that you alone can ever cure.
There is a poison in the field breath of moral wantons. Woman must spread.
Until she lifts the standard of her life.
We see in time her own go forth.
What we are doing what those dear ones, too, shall find.
There is no justice in the wild acclaim.
That sin is rampant in the world today.
Because mankind has brought a bit-tempered shame.
On trusting ones who weakened to youth!
So heedless who are not old—in now!
Then let each human being bare the brow.
And let the light of unrelenting truth.
Man ever was and will be prone to err.
To test his strength against another's power.
But woman may be master, for to her.
He will bow down in her triumph.
There is a force that no man e'er withstood.
In women you alone purify's appeal.
Ah, women! you alone can make men good.
And wake respect for traits that you reveal.

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