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## WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.)  
Dr. P. M. Rixey continues to visit the  
White House daily, as he used to do  
during the administration of President  
McKinley. President and Mrs. Roose-  
velt have made no selection of a family  
physician, and Dr. Rixey occupies that  
position. Whether he will remain in  
that capacity when he becomes sur-  
geon general of the navy is not known.  
The late Dr. Bates, surgeon general of  
the army, was the first physician to  
President and Mrs. McKinley. When  
he died, Dr. Leonard Wood, now Gen-  
eral Wood, was designated to the pos-  
ition. He remained until the breaking  
out of the war with Spain, when he  
went to the front as colonel of the  
rough riders. Dr. Sternberg, surgeon  
general of the army, was next looking  
after the health of President and Mrs.  
McKinley, but only for a short time,  
when he was succeeded by Dr. Rixey.  
The latter called at the White House  
daily for three years.

**Currency to Send Through Mails.**  
The recent robbery of the Chicago  
postoffice and the possibility that the  
robbers will dispose of \$74,000 worth of  
stolen stamps has called attention  
afresh to the need of some kind of sub-  
sidiary currency which can be sent  
through the mails. It was never in-  
tended that stamps be used as money,  
yet the enormous growth of the mail  
order business has really brought that  
result about. The mail order concern  
accumulate large quantities of stamps,  
and to convert them into money  
often have to sell at a discount. Thus  
a "stamp trade" has sprung up  
which enables burglars to dispose of  
stolen stamps with little danger of de-  
tection. The next congress will doubt-  
less be called upon to consider plans  
for relieving this situation.

**Miss Roosevelt's Chums.**  
Miss Harriet Wadsworth of New  
York, daughter of Representative  
Wadsworth, will be a close contem-  
porary of Miss Roosevelt, as will be also  
Miss Helen Mackay-Smith and Miss  
Mathilde Townsend.  
Miss Mackay-Smith is the eldest  
daughter of Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith,  
who is in charge of the quaint colonial  
church at Washington, St. John's,  
which has been the scene of so many  
historic ceremonies and is one of the  
principal places of interest to all sight-  
seers in Washington.

Miss Townsend will make her debut  
in December, and has just returned  
from Europe, where, with her mother,  
she has spent the past six months,  
having been much admired in Paris  
and at the German baths.

**The District Budget.**  
The District commissioners have  
transmitted to the secretary of the  
treasury their estimates of the appro-  
priations that will be needed for the  
support of the government of the Dis-  
trict for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
1905. The sum asked is \$10,439,551.67.  
The sum asked for the preceding year  
was \$9,080,703.94, and the sum ap-  
propriated was \$7,532,519.31. The sec-  
retary of the treasury will forward the  
estimates to congress.

In making public the estimates Com-  
missioner Macfarland stated that the  
commissioners had followed this year,  
as last, the policy of asking for what is  
really necessary, regardless of the pos-  
sible deficit due to the diversion of Dis-  
trict funds by congress to street exten-  
sion purposes.

**He Got in the Way.**  
Jimson—You say your wife threw the  
poker at a stray dog and bit you in-  
stead.

Jester—Yes, but it was my fault. I  
had no business standing behind her  
when she threw a Ohio State Journal.

**Women as Well as Men  
Are Made Miserable by  
Kidney Trouble.**

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, dis-  
courage and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor  
and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kid-  
neys are out of order  
or diseased.  
Kidney trouble has  
become so prevalent  
that it is not uncommon  
for a child to be born  
afflicted with weak kid-  
neys. If the child urines  
too often, if the urine  
scalds the flesh or if, when the child  
reaches an age when it should be able to  
control the passage, it is yet afflicted with  
bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of  
the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first  
step should be towards the treatment of  
these important organs. This unpleasant  
trouble is due to a diseased condition of the  
kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as  
most people suppose.

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erable with kidney and bladder trouble,  
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cent and one dollar  
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## THE ICONOCLAST

By Barry Pain.

"He just talks—stands and talks as  
if he couldn't stop," said the small boy,  
when the Rev. James Dilwater had  
left. "And it's always the same kind  
of thing—a long story to show what a  
little boy can do. And he doesn't know  
the difference between a boy and a ba-  
by. He doesn't know the difference be-  
tween Soccer and Rugger. He doesn't  
know a single blessed thing, except  
Greek and rot of that kind. He said  
it was a fine thing to have a good  
game in the open air with a ball or a  
hoop or a skipping rope. Fact, he did.  
It won't do, you know. What's he take  
me for?"

"What else did he say?" inquired the  
interviewer.

"Oh, the log cabin to White House  
kind of thing. He's hot on heroes. If  
you ask me, I think heroes are a good  
deal too much cracked up. If I got the  
chance to be a hero tomorrow, I  
wouldn't. I know chaps that would-  
but not me."

"Why not?"  
"Well, take instances. Know any  
Roman history? No? Lucky beggar!  
Wish I didn't have to know any my-  
self. In Roman history there was a  
hero called Curtius—jumped down a  
hole and did for himself. There was  
another called Decius that went and  
got himself killed by the enemy. That  
would be all right if you could come to  
life again, but you can't. And when  
you're dead it doesn't seem to me to  
matter much whether people are cheer-  
ing you up or praising you and crack-  
ing you up or whether they're not.  
Besides, you can't go on with any-  
thing else. When you're dead, you  
stop so. When I do anything good,  
I want something good for it and no  
rotten heroism. And I believe every  
man of sense thinks the same. Some  
time ago I swallowed a threepenny bit  
because a boy said I daren't. You see,  
I was a good deal more of a kid than I  
am now. It was rather silly of me, and  
it was silly of the other boy, too, be-  
cause it was his threepence. And it  
wasn't properly his threepence, because  
it had been given him for the offertory.  
The offertory had to do without it.  
However, as I was saying, I swallowed  
it. That got me a bit looked up to by  
other chaps. If you aren't afraid of  
swallowing a threepenny bit, then fel-  
lows are careful how they get trying  
larks with you. One of the big chaps  
came up to me and asked if I did it,  
and when I said 'Yes' he said, 'Silly  
young devil!' He's spoken to me again  
since then, and he's a chap who prac-  
tically never speaks to kids."

The interviewer suggested that he-  
roes did not always die in the act.  
"No, I suppose they don't. I believe  
it would be better if they did. They  
can't keep it up to that level. They  
can't do the heroic every day. They've  
got to get into rows and go short of  
money, just like anybody else, then  
they're disappointed. You don't hear  
much about that in the books or from  
the Rev. James Dilwater, but you can  
see for yourself that's how it would be.  
Heroism's like a lot of other things. If  
you've not got it, you don't want it. If  
you've ever had it, you can't do without  
it. It's so with smoking. There was a  
time when I'd never tried it and didn't  
care to try it."

The interviewer felt it his duty to ex-  
press a pious hope that that time still  
existed.  
"Look here! I've had half an hour of  
Mr. Dilwater. Don't you begin too.  
It's just occasionally when I feel the  
need of it. I don't brag about it as  
some boys do, boys that have never  
smoked the whole of a cigarette all at  
one time. But we weren't talking about  
that."

"No, with regard to heroism."  
"Yes, there's another thing. If boys  
get to be awfully good at anything and  
are tremendously praised for it, they  
generally get so cocky there's no do-  
ing anything with them. It must be  
the same with heroes, though the books  
take jolly good care to keep that dark.  
Nice sort of man Horatius must have  
been after he'd kept the bridge in the  
brave days of old! Of course he put  
on some. He couldn't help it. Nobody  
could. If the truth were known, I be-  
lieve there's lots of people owe their  
ruin to an act of heroism. You'd never  
guess that from the way Mr. Dil-  
water talks, but I keep my eyes open  
and think out things for myself."

"Surely," said the interviewer, "this  
is principally hypothesis. As a matter  
of fact—"  
"What's hypothesis? And there's  
another thing. I shouldn't like my  
pure minded and noble example to be  
rammed down the throats of a lot of  
other boys that had never done any-  
thing to me. When a thing gets rub-  
bed into you too much, you hate it.  
That's how it is with me and heroism.  
What with the books my aunts give me  
on my birthday and at Christmas and  
what with Mr. Dilwater's interesting  
illustrations of what a little boy can  
do I've had too much heroism. You  
won't catch me standing on any burn-  
ing deck when all but me had fled.  
Don't expect it. I've got too much re-  
gard for other boys. They don't want  
to have me slung into poetry for them  
to be made to learn by heart. No fear!  
They don't want to have me preached  
at them either. Well, goodbye."—Black  
and White.

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A doctor has written to the London  
Times suggesting the running of motor  
cars at a speed fully up to the legal  
limit as a means of administering the  
open air treatment to consumptives.

All southern California cities look  
forward to be supplied with electric  
power from Kern river, where at first  
15,000 and later 45,000 horsepower will  
be obtained from an eight hundred foot  
fall.

A large number of cuttlefish have  
recently been caught off the north  
coast of Germany. As they have never  
before been met with in these waters,  
it is difficult to account for their pres-  
ence.

The number of male physicians in  
Russia is 14,784. That of female phy-  
sicians is 624, but it will soon be  
larger, as there were last year 800 fe-  
male students in the Medical Institute  
For Women.

Since Alaska became the property of  
the United States the value of the  
product of her fisheries has been over  
\$70,000,000, of her furs \$34,000,000  
and the yield of her gold mines ap-  
proximately \$40,000,000.

So little confidence is there in Turk-  
ish postoffice employees that when  
some time ago opportunity was given  
to send packages and registered let-  
ters only one of each was received at  
Stamboul in ten days.

So valuable is coal in the Ponchomp  
confields of France that it pays to  
mine coal at a depth of 3,313 feet. A  
steel cable weighing seven tons and  
nearly a mile long is used. The coal is  
brought up in tubs of six cars.

Ireland continues to far outdistance  
all other European countries in crime-  
lessness. Official statistics for the last  
year, just published, show a decrease  
of 10.2 per cent in minor offenses as  
compared with the preceding year.

Professor Gerhardt of Vienna direct-  
ed attention in a recent lecture to the  
fact that within the last twenty years  
mortality has decreased from thirty-  
two to twenty-nine a thousand in Aus-  
tria and from twenty-one to eighteen  
in England.

St. Frideswide's church, Poplar, has  
been enriched by an interesting gift  
which is probably unique in England.  
It is an altar cloth valued at more than  
\$10,000 which, like Penelope's web,  
has taken ten years to manufacture  
and is partly woven of human hair.

American manufacturers seeking  
new markets will not succeed, says a  
writer, unless they make their pack-  
ages small enough for carriage on a  
mule's back and wrap their wares in  
red paper instead of brown. The heat-  
then purchaser prefers red. It is luck-  
ier.

Robinson Crusoe's island, as Juan  
Fernandez is generally known to  
American and English readers because  
of the identification of Alexander Sel-  
kirk with the hero of De Foe's tale, is  
now almost as devoid of inhabitants as  
at the time when the famous mariner  
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