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## "Jest Do Your Best

 The sing are bad when folks conA finding fault with Providence A finding fault with Providence,
And balkin' cause the earth don And balkin' eause the earth don't.
At every pranoing step they take. At every prancing step they take.
No man is kreat till he can see No man is rreat t till be can see $^{\text {How less than little he would be }}$ How less than little he would be
Ef stripped to self, and stark and bit He bung his sigu out anywhere. My doetrine is to lay aside Cobtentions and be satisfied : Jest do yer best, nnd praise er blame That follere that counts jest the same. 1've allus noticed great snccess It mixes with troubles, more er less, And it's the man who does the best
That gete more kicks than-all the -James Whitoomb Riley.

## Tariff and Trusts.

The platiorm of the Iowa Demoerats repeats the eharge that a protective
policy is the parent of trusts. This statement was especislly blatant when the coal stithe of 1002 throatoved to
bring apon the country a dreadful fue bring upon the country a dreadful fuen
famine. Congress removed the duty on coat and the article could then come in free from all parts of the world. Boston is near the Cansdian mines, and should have been benefited by free coal, If the elaims made for it were true. Senator Lodge has pointed out in a
speech that the price of coal remained the same. Consumers in Boston were not helped to the extent of a penny by the remeval of the duty nor was any advantage noticed in other cities, When the duty was taken off on this
side of the ocean, the price of coal for ship of the ocean, the price of coal for
shipment was correspondingly marked up on the other side. American consumers made nothing by the change. At tbe end of the year prescribed the daty again became operative, and without increasing the cost of coal in this If the d
If the daty on coal had not been re-
moved when a conl famine was impendting there would have been a tremendous hue and cry about a "robber tariff" and its parentage of the coal trust. Statiatics would have been showered upon the people assuming to show that
the daty on coal wonld be a sure cure for all the evils of the situation. Iowa Democrats have plunged anew into talk of that sort, piling up the agony about a tarift system ereating and fostering
the trusts. No donbt that gammon will be pleniful among Democratic speakors this year. Intelligent persons will
let it pass for the empty rant that it isf Not one known fact warrants the sharge.-Cripple Creek Star.

## One on Her.

For years thare had been a feeling of fhet that they were distautly related lid him to consider himself privileged where she was concerned. Still, on openiug his box on Christmas morning she was somewhat surprised to see two
shining silver backles smiling There was no mistakiug what manner of gift it was, for the buckles were interiaced with handsome black satin ribbon, and the pair lay side by side. That was not the sort of gift she liked
from a man, and, besides, she did not From a man, and, besides, she did not
wear that kind, so she laid the aside wear that kind, so she laid the aside,
thinking. "Ill give them to someone else sometime," and she wrote her note of thanks, saying that modesty pre vented her from calling them by their proper name, but they were very handturn mail brougbt this brief note rem
him:
'Your modesty was quite unneces sarv. Had you taken they trouble to ake my gift from the box you would pincott's.
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The editor of a M Missouri paper think the time will come when bed-bugs will
be substituted for risins, He will re ceive the heartfelt. thanks of an army of travelers and. others if he will find bed-bugs. cd-bugs.

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