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C. M. Schwab is going to Europe to learn shipbuilding. In view of the mess he made of the shipbuilding trust he needs the schooling. Perhaps he'll begin by "Schwab-bing" down the decks.

The report that the Hon. Hinky Dink, touring Europe as the fit type and representative of the Chicago council, has disguised himself is denounced as a base canard. He only took off his horse blanket weskit because of the heat.

Now another sensational autoist is laid up for repairs. The speed bacillus seems to have emulated the historic worm and to have turned. When these experts cannot run machines safely what can be expected of mere amateurs?

The head of the greatest life insurance company in England—one against which no word of scandal has ever been breathed—is paid only \$25,000 a year salary. Comment? What's the use.

In the good old days of the Buckeye Serenaders and the Christy Minstrels, audiences always laughed when the pompous interlocutor asked: "Now, Br'r Bones, can you tell me what river runs froo Philadelphia?" and when Bones replied: "You're mistaken, sah! Nuffin runs froo Philadelphia." The minstrel stage has undergone a great change since then. The interlocutor, "bones," the impossible plantation negro and the singer of sentimental slavery day songs have made room for a new class of comedians, but the Philadelphia joke is still doing service. Its day has come, however, if the reports from that city may be relied upon. A patrol wagon, so the story goes, was recently called to take a man who had dislocated his shoulder to the hospital. The horses were driven so quickly and the injured man was bumped and shaken to such an extent that the dislocated bones were brought into their normal positions and the man arrived at the hospital considerably ruffled up but requiring no surgical aid. The unusual treatment will hardly become popular and will not take the place of methods now in vogue, even in Philadelphia, where the remarkable cure was effected, but it knocks the props from under a shopworn joke which for years has had no foot to stand upon. Something does run in Philadelphia.

Governor Chamberlain in an address before the Trans-Mississippi congress at Portland Wednesday declared himself as bitterly opposed to the modification of the Chinese exclusion laws saying that the "influx of a horde of Chinese coolies into the Pacific coast was too high a price to pay for the trade some of our Pacific coast merchants are at present enjoying with the Asiatic country." Together with the tenor of the dispatches reporting the meeting which speak of Governor Pardee as referring "laconically" to the question of exclusion it is apparent that the states of the Pacific Northwest are allied against their neighbor on the south, California. Why, such an attitude is assumed we are at loss to understand unless the executives of Washington and Oregon are prejudiced because their commonwealths do not enjoy more than a small share of the Asiatic trade. The coolies have no place in the present discussion of Chinese immigration. Of all the states in the American Union, there is none so bitterly opposed to the introduction of Chinese coolie labor as California. The Geary exclusion act was conceived in California and it was largely due to Californians that the enforcement of the exclusion laws was so rigid. California has had more than its share of Chinese labor and invariably has taken the initiative in efforts to push the

Geary law to its utmost. It may, of course, seem a little unjust that the Chinese trade goes to California rather than to Oregon and Washington, or that it is not more equally divided between the three commonwealths. However, the bulk of the trade goes to California and so far as we can see it will continue to go to the Golden state. The annual trade with China aggregates approximately \$100,000,000. We greatly deplore that Oregon does not share this trade with California. Yet we realize that our glorious state is not so fortunate, and do not countenance an advocacy which can only result in jeopardizing the interests of our very good neighbor on the south. While California merchants have convened and recommended that congress make some modifications in the exclusion laws to permit bonafide merchants and students entering this country with the assurance that they will be free from molestation, Californians have never at any time suggested that the coolies be permitted to come here. To enforce the exclusion laws without some change means that the boycott will thrive, that hundreds of agencies, representing the fabulous investments of Californians in China will have to suspend operations and that the nation will retrograde commercially to the extent of \$100,000,000 a year. Let Governor Chamberlain and, in fact the people of Oregon bear in mind that when the Lewis and Clark exposition was nothing more than a large sized country fair and promised to be an utter failure, California was the first state to come to Oregon's aid and appropriated \$90,000 for participation in the Centennial; that the California promotion committee sent several hundred of California's representative merchants to the fair as a further manifestation of good will and that Oregonians on the rostrum in Festival hall, at the exposition, in the presence of the members of the promotion committee, spoke enthusiastically over the closer relationship of not only California and Oregon, but of California and the whole of the Pacific Northwest and cherished a desire for mutual effort that would result in a greater Pacific coast. There is only one decent thing to do—assist California to the best of our ability in preserving this trade with China.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HIS SENSITIVE POINT.

Leader of School of Little Fishes—Come on, fellers, let's go and jolly the old octopus. New Little Fish—That'll be fun. How do you do it? Leader of School of Little Fishes—Oh, we all get around him and point our fins at him, and yell "Trust!" It makes him crazy.—Smart Set.

EXPLOSIVE JOKE.

They were drilling at the safe. Said the first cracksman to his pal: "Wot's de difference, Bill, between us an' de hayseed farmer?" "Dunno," replied his partner. "W'y, he tills de land an' we land de till." At this point the safe blew up.—Judge.

CREEPING BRANCHES.

"Wonderful foliage down here," said the man as he looked off across the barren Arizona desert. I could see nothing in sight but sand and eight little pikaninnies crawling in it at play. I asked him what he meant. "I was referring," he replied as he pointed to the pikaninnies, "to those Virginia creepers."—Judge.

TO A CHUNK OF ICE.

Sparkle, sparkle, little chunk, In the summer shine— What a thrill of joy you bring To this heart of mine! Who would think, oh, little chunk, Melting on the mat, It was cold enough to freeze You as hard as that! —Detroit Tribune

LOOKIN' FER A BUNDLE!

Have a care, good Mr. Wittie, as at mouth you sojourn— Dar's a dahk man lokin' fer a bundle! And for that package heavy, why, his fingers fairly yearn— He's a dahk man lokin' fer a bundle! For long he's fought a goodly fight, and kept you on the run; It hasn't been a sinecure; it wasn't any fun; Yet all the while the little man has stayed behind the gun— Now, de dahk man's lokin' fer a bundle! A bluff will hold 'em for a while, and sometimes carry weight,

When a dahk man's lokin' fer a bundle; But comes a time of settlement—you're nigh unto that date, Fer de dahk man's lokin' fer a bundle; Of course to pony up to him will not be very nice, But better make your mind up ere he asks you more than twice, For every time he queries, he just adds unto de price! Pay de dahk man lokin' fer a bundle! —W. H. C.

A LATER DESDOMONA.

I scaped the springe of Rosamond; Somehow contrived to miss The lure of Nell, and nimbly shunned The net of Coralys;

From Mabel I made shift to fly, Averting utter rout; And timeously did fortify, When Philippa came out.

Use breeds a habit, says the bard— Against the charms of Bess, I've steeled a heart, already hard, With flattering success;

And yet, the less I yield, the more Her smiles are on me cast; I think that she must love me for The dangers I have passed. —Puck.

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