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Few Cossack Merchants. The Cossacks are almost never merchants, although they alone maintain nearly 60,000 fighting men and can muster 128,000 in an emergency, there are but 440 of their own people engaged in business.

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Two Sides of This Question. Since the United States has cast grave doubts on the safety of German toys, etc., says the Indianapolis News, Germany has discovered that tariff discrimination is no child's play.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Troubles of Jamaica. Jamaica is in a perilous condition. The finances are in an even greater tangle than usual. Trade is depressed, and the people are in a miserable condition of poverty. Successive officials, each more dishonest and corrupt than his predecessor, have sown the wind, and now the nation is reaping the whirlwind.

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Smoking by Boys. The Japanese house of representatives has passed a proposal to prohibit boys below the age of 20 from smoking.

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BIG CASH FACTORIES.

NEW LAW HAS SET MINTS WORKING OVERTIME.

Uncle Sam Making Twenty Millions' Worth of Small Coin—To Increase Circulation—How the Metal Is Transformed Into Bright Pieces of Money.

The new gold standard law set Uncle Sam's mints working overtime on silver. About 1,333,333 pounds of the white metal will be coined as rapidly as possible, and what makes the task all the more colossal is the fact that these 600 tons of silver must be converted into subsidiary or small coins.

The new law orders the Secretary of the Treasury to bring the supply of subsidiary coins in circulation up to \$100,000,000. At present \$50,000,000 is the mark, making it necessary to coin \$20,000,000 worth of halves, quarters and dimes.

Mr. George E. Roberts, the director of the mint, is probably the best equipped man in the country for the purpose. He has three big money manufacturing plants already in operation—at Philadelphia, at San Francisco, and at New Orleans. The Philadelphia and San Francisco mints will be able to attend to the matter without the assistance of New Orleans. The South-



MILLING THE COIN.

ern mint is working at its full capacity now on silver dollars alone.

From the ingot to the coin is a rapid journey at one of the mints. It begins in the "weighing room," where stands the pair of balances that receives all the metal brought in. The scales in the Philadelphia mint are said to be the largest and finest in the world. They have a capacity of 685 pounds, but exhibit instantly the variation of one-hundredth of an ounce. The system of weighing and recording begun here is carried out with every transfer of the metal until it is delivered as coin to the cashier.

After leaving the weighing-room the silver or gold, as the case may be, is sent to the melting room, where it is dumped into the huge plumbago crucibles. After melting, the coin material is cast into bars, and when cold a fragment is cut from each, which is sent to the assay office. The assayer ascertains the proportion of pure metal in the bar and amount of alloy needed to bring it to the required standard. The bars are again melted, the alloy added in, and the metal then cooled in bars about a foot in length, half an inch in thickness and regulated in width according to the size of the coin to be manufactured.

In the melting room for gold and in many other departments of the mints the floors are overlaid with hexagonal latticed iron plates, through which fall the small particles of gold that adhere to the shoes of the operators. The sweepings of the floors are even saved



CUTTING OUT THE COINS.

and treated for the gold and silver dust. Director Roberts is authority for the statement that more than \$20,000 is thus saved annually.

The rolling room next receives the metal, which is passed between powerful circular crushers at the rate of 200 bars an hour. The bars come out as ribbons the proper thickness for strips from which to cut the "planchets." These last named are coins in the plain before they receive the stamp or are milled. Before the planchets are cut, however, the ribbons pass through several presses to bring them to the proper hardness and to cause them to pass muster in the way of width and thickness to the breadth of a hair.

After the planchets are cut the metal begins to look like coin. The round pieces drop from this marvelous machine, though when pressed a speed of 280 can be attained. The perforated strips go back to the crucible, while the planchets go to the coining-room. Here they are carefully sorted by girls who are wonderfully expert in detecting those that are under or over-weight. The perfect planchets then go to the adjusting-room, where they are further scrutinized. Then they visit the milling machine. The planchet leaves this operation with its edges turned up to protect the device which is stamped on later. Many persons call the fluting or "reefing" on the coins the "milled edge." This is an error. Before the final stroke is given the

coin that will make it an obligation of the United States Government it goes to the coining-room, for, after it has passed through so many processes it is black, greasy and anything but silver or golden. They are heated to a dull red and dipped into boiling acid, which very quickly removes every trace of grime or grease. The planchets are dried after their acid bath in revolving cylinders filled with sawdust. They come out bright and shining and are finally hustled into the coining-room, whence they become full-fledged pieces of money.

WHY MOUTHS ARE DEFORMED.

Smokers Are Not Careful Enough in the Selection of Their Pipes. Physicians heretofore and throughout the country generally have been called upon recently to treat a large number of cases of epithelioma of the lips. This disagreeable complaint is charged almost entirely to the pipe-smoking habit. Some surgeons are of the opinion that the irritation of smoke used in the manufacture of mouthpieces for cheap pipes has much to do with the alarming increase in the disease, while all of them agree that the majority of the cases are directly traceable to the short clay pipes smoked by thousands of laborers.

The hospital records show that over 50 per cent. of all the cases treated were laboring men over 40 years of age. The heat brought close to the lips by the short-stemmed clay pipes causes a small blister to form, and the smoke promptly picks it and keeps on smoking. Thus a hard, knotty wart forms where the blister first appeared, and soon the whole mouth is involved and sometimes the tongue swells to enormous size. The warty growths multiply until the chin is entirely covered and the mouth protrudes far beyond the nose. The surgeons cut away the entire growth and fashion an entirely new mouth out of flaps drawn from the cheeks and so much of the chin as may remain unaffected. The operation is one of extreme delicacy, and when poorly executed the patient is inflicted with a "fish mouth," that gives a very funny expression to the face.

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STOP THE TRAINS FOR GAME.

Minnesota Conductor Who Has a Drop of Sporting Blood. Every man who sees in Minnesota in game season carries a gun, or keeps one handy. The Minnesota man who tells this story says he heard that country preachers usually go prepared.

"When game does flash upon you in Minnesota," he said, "it is worth shooting at. No matter where a man may be in that State, or what he may be doing, he will be excused if he is seen to pick up a gun and make a break. The natives understand it."

"The last time I was out there I was sitting in the baggage car of a train talking to the conductor, whom I knew very well. He asked me when I went through the States, and I had to apologize for not having it. I forgot to say any appreciation about train robbers. Just then he jumped from a trunk, grabbed the bell-cord until I thought he must have jerked the locomotive from the track. The train came to a stand as quickly as was possible, and the conductor, seizing a shotgun from a rack jumped from the door of the car and told me to follow. As I did so I saw several brakemen, the baggage man and every one of them had a shot-gun. The conductor was in the lead. Suddenly there was a noise. A flock of prairie chickens—there must have been a hundred—rose in the air. At the same instant the air was blue with smoke and scented with powder. Eighty dead prairie chickens were found, but the conductor assured me that the whole flock had been killed, and that some had probably dropped in the brush."

"The hunt from the time the bell-cord was pulled for the stop until the train was again under headway lasted less than forty minutes. I noticed that the train dispatcher got his share of the chickens. Of course, this was a mixed train, but the conductor told me it would have made no difference if it had been the limited. He allowed no game to get out of his reach."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Again the Buzz Saw. A Buzz Saw once buzzed merrily in a sawmill. His motto was "Hands Off," but he generally contented himself with a Finger or Two. He had once halved a Young Bride's Biscuit, and was therefore amply justified in considering himself invincible.

One day there invaded the Premises a Philadelphia Book Agent with the "Life of Admiral Dewey" in Four Volumes. "Ah, ha!" quoth the unsophisticated Buzz Saw to himself, "we shall see what we shall see." A smile stole over his steely face and he set his teeth malevolently.

It so chanced that while Urging the Merits of his Books upon the Mill Owner the Agent inadvertently brought his Cheek in contact with the rapidly revolving disc. The Buzz Saw thought he saw the Agent's Finish, but it is violating no grammatical rule to say that he has never saw anything since.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Not Shady. Among the true and graceful sayings credited to the late Bishop Brooks, is one which is especially well worth remembering.

A friend was speaking to the bishop of a clergyman whose congregation had begun to feel that it would be advisable for them to have a younger man in the pulpit.

"Oh, well, it's the way of the world!" said this person, in reply to an indignant remonstrance on the part of the bishop. "You see, he's on the shady side of sixty-five."

"The shady side!" echoed the bishop, quickly. "You mean the sunny side? It's the side nearest glory!"



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How He Was Insulted. "He insulted me," said the legislator. "Indeed?" returned the plain citizen. "Offered you money, I suppose?" "Oh, it wasn't that," replied the legislator, "but he underestimated my price."—Chicago Post.

ANOTHER FAST TRAIN. The Rio Grande Western Railway's "The Great Salt Lake Route," has resumed its fast train service to the East, making the run from Portland to Chicago in three days and a half. No layover is necessary, and only one change of cars is made. Those who desire it have the privilege, however, of a day-light stopover either at Salt Lake City or Denver. Three daily express trains are run, leaving Ogden, Utah, at 7:15 a. m., and 1:15 and 7 p. m. The morning train carries a through standard sleeper to Chicago, via the Burlington Route, and the night train one via the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway. The tourist sleepers and chair cars run daily as formerly through Portland to Denver. Twice a week tourist excursion cars are run through from Portland to Boston. All trains carry dining cars, making the trip across the continent, via "The Great Salt Lake Route," most desirable. The Rio Grande Western Railway is the only road running through Salt Lake City, and with its connections—the Denver & Rio Grande and the Colorado Midland—takes the passenger through the famous Rocky mountain scenery of Colorado.

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No Use for Thrones. Napoleon Bonaparte is quoted as saying to Dr. O'Meara at St. Helena: "If I was in England now, and the French nation was to offer me the throne again, I would not accept it, because if I was to do so I would be obliged to turn bourgeois (executioner). I would be obliged to cut off the heads of thousands to keep myself upon it, which would not be pleasant to me. Oceans of blood must be shed to keep me there. No, no; I have made enough of noise already in the world; perhaps more than any other man will make; perhaps too much. I am getting old, and only want retirement. What could I do in France? Alone, to set myself against all the powers of Europe. Madness!"—Century.

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Andrew Carnegie on Trusts. A director of the Standard Oil Company has recently published in the Independent an article declaring trusts to be good for the workingman. To the May Century, Andrew Carnegie of the Carnegie Company, which rivals the Standard Oil for first place among the world's great corporations, will contribute an essay taking the same ground. In this article, which bears the title "Popular Illusions About Trusts," the great steel manufacturer argues that the evils of trusts are generally self-corrective; that no trust can live long unless it secures a virtual monopoly of the commodity it deals in; and that "the only people who have reason to fear trusts are those who trust them." In the same magazine "The Real Danger of Trusts"—their menace to the independence of the individual and the state—will be pointed out in a vigorous editorial.

An Inappropriate Gift. She—I've bought a Noah's ark as a birthday gift for the Jones little boy. He—Good gracious! Don't you know the Joneses are vegetarians? "Well, what of that?" "Why, the Jones baby will be sure to put the animals in his mouth, and probably swallow them."—Philadelphia Press.

Proposed Alliance With England. If the United States and England should form an alliance, the combined strength would be so great that there would be little chance for enemies to overcome us. In a like manner, when men and women keep up their strength with the latter's Stomach Bitters, there is little chance of attacks from disease. The old time remedy enriches the blood, builds up the muscles, steadies the nerves and increases the appetite. Try it.

Compliment With a Sting. Talk about delightfully put compliments. I heard a girl at a supper deliver herself of a perfect jewel the other night. She leaned across the table—the table next to me—to say it, and she meant well. "Oh, Miss Dumdam," she said, cordially, "I've got a trade-last for you." "A swap?" asked Miss Dumdam, beaming with anticipatory delight. "Uhhuh," answered the other. "Lient. Bulbul said it."

"Oh, do tell it!" pleaded Miss Dumdam, eagerly. "It was an awfully nice one," said the first girl, "and Lient. Bulbul meant it too. He said you waltzed divinely. He said he was awfully surprised, too, to find it out, so I know he meant it. He said he wouldn't have thought from seeing you walk that you could dance at all."—Washington Post.

Suppressed Emotion. Sniff—Skopely's wife is the bravest and coolest person I ever saw. Shawe—Ah! She looks like a very ordinary woman. Sniff—I know it; but I visited there while her baby was cutting his first tooth. You may not believe it, but at the time nothing in that woman's conduct would lead anyone to suspect that anything unusual was going on!—Puck.

The Small-Minded Man. "Well," said the small minded man, "I have found out another woman's age." "How did you do it?" asked the listener. "Why, I asked her suddenly how many years it was since 1873." "But how did you find out her age?" "She figured it up by subtracting five from 32 before she thought."—Indianapolis Press.

It's about as hard for some men to collect their senses as it is to collect a bill of them.—Chicago Daily News.

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Decorations to Be Restored. The old question of restoring the traceries to the windows in the palace of the dogs at Venice is again agitating artistic Italy. The exterior of the palace as it stands today was begun in the early part of the 13th century, and required 100 years for its completion. In 1577 fire destroyed all but the walls. Up to that time the windows were enriched with beautiful tracery.—N. Y. World.

How Polly Knew. A "bello-de-war" matron was teaching one of the little darlings on her plantation how to spell. The primer she used was a pictorial one, and over each word was its accompanying picture, and Polly glibly spelled "o-x, ox," and "b-o-x, box," etc. But the teacher thought she was making too rapid progress, so she put her hand over the picture and said, "Polly, what does o-x spell?" "Ox," answered Polly, nimbly. "How do you know that it spells ox, Polly?" "Seed his tail," replied the apt Polly.—Argonaut.

Fancy and Fact. Jane—When I was a girl I used to want to run away from home and be a stern and haughty governess to a lot of wild children who had a handsome brother.

Maths—Is that so? "Yes; and now I can't even make my two-year-old infant mind a word I say."—Indianapolis Journal.

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