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Facts and Figures.
For seventy-seven years the pay of a Congressman of the United States was \$6 a day while in attendance upon a session and \$6 for each twenty miles in going and coming. Double pay was granted to the Speaker of the House. The President's salary until 1873 was \$25,000, when it was increased (for Grant's second term), to \$50,000. The Vice President received \$5,000, the chief justice \$4,000, and department heads less. In 1866 the pay of Senators and Representatives was raised to \$5,000 a year, with mileage at 20 cents a mile going and coming. The salaries of the Speaker and Vice President were raised to \$8,000. Delegate Jonah K. Kalanianoʻle, of Hawaii, has to travel nearly 10,900 miles to get to Washington and back, and his mileage is \$2,180.

Small Coins Newer and Brighter.
 "Have you noticed the improved
 quality of the new coins in circulation?"

"It's due to an effort on the part of the government to put better money into circulation by recalling the worn and shiny pieces from which the impression of the die has become effaced. I've noticed for the past two years a steady improvement in this respect. All the banking institutions now throw aside the coins that how decided traces of wear, and the treasury department redeems these with new ones. In England a soiled bank note is unknown. The paper money is always new and crisp, being recalled before it becomes worn. It's getting to be that way in this country with our small coin."—Philadelphia Record.

Short—Ah, yes, I noticed she began doing it when she came to me; but she's given it up now. Mrs. Long—I'm glad to hear it. I expect she said she was making herself ridiculous. Punch.

Bound to Please.
Young Lady—I have prevailed on my father to allow you to paint my portrait; but he doesn't like your work.
D'Auber—Why not?
 "He says it lacks repose."
 "Huh! He does, eh? Well, I'll paint you as 'The Sleeping Beauty,' and then see."

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