It Surprised Her.

"When my husband was in Spain last year," said Mrs. Swellman, "he succeeded in buying in quite a lot of the king's wines."

"Well, well," exclaimed Mrs. Nutritch, "the idee o' buyin' second-hand wines!"—Philadelphia Press.

Uncle Allen.

"Not mentioning any names," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "I've noticed that the only effect an exalted position seems to have on some men is to make them light headed. They can't stand the rarefied atmosphere."

Proofroom Horror.

"Well, what do you want?" the proofreader asked,
As he eyed the intruder with doubt.
"I'm just a loafin'," answered the hyphen,
And the proofreader hustled him out.
—Chicago Tribune.

Couldn't Blame 'Em.

Said She—You men seem to be fond of hugging delusions.

Said He—Well, we are not to blame. You women are such delusive creatures.

Stung!

A tired feeling once
Came over the busy bee.
'Twas when a budding poet
Rhymed it with vis-a-vis.

Good Judges

Americans as judges are keenly discriminating. They measure everything by the success it attains, which method, considered in the light of the common experience of mankind, is certainly not a bad one. The high standard of intelligence and discernment in this country, where education is the rule and not the exception, renders it difficult and surprising to find a general national success not based on actual worth. Hence it was that with the presentation of St. Jacobs Oil they correctly judged it at once, and decided that rare intrinsic worth only could be the source of its success. The decision with them was equivalent to an adoption; and it is a rare thing to find a family without St. Jacobs Oil in the house.

Success.

"Yes, sir, this town is booming," said the prominent citizen, proudly. "Only last week the new railroad was finished and started running trains."

"And is it successful?"

"You bet it is. Just ask that man over there?"

"Who's he?"

"The receiver."—Cleveland Leader.

ROADS LOSE APPEAL

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds Elkins Law.

DECIDES GREAT NORTHERN CASE

Attempt to Play Off One Law Against Another and Escape Penalties Completely Foiled.

Washington, Feb. 25.—One of the main contentions by which the railroads which gave and the corporations which received rebates hoped to escape punishment was swept away today by a decision of the United States supreme court. This decision vitally affects the case under which the Standard Oil Co. was fined $29,240,000 for the same point was raised.

The case upon which the decision was rendered was instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, which court fined the Great Northern railroad $1,000 each for 15 violations of the first section of the Elkins law.

The alleged offenses against the law were committed during the summer of 1905, and consisted in granting concessions to the W. P. Deveaux Company on its shipments of oats and corn from Minnesota to points in Washington. The company admitted the concessions and fought the prosecution on the ground that by amending the Elkins act so as to provide for punishment by imprisonment rather than by fines the Hepburn law had so modified the original law as to accomplish its repeal and render punishment under it impracticable. Today's decision was announced by Justice White and affirmed the finding of the District Court and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

HEROISM ON MARYLAND.

Explosion Averted by Instant Obedience to Hurried Signal.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—An act of heroism performed by three bluejackets on the United States cruiser Maryland during the recent target practice held at Magdalena Bay, was all that prevented a repetition of the Georgia disaster off the Massachusetts coast last year, when Lieutenant Goodrich, the son of Admiral Goodrich, and 13 of his shipmates, met death in the explosion of one of the big guns.

It happened while the Maryland was having her try at the navy record. After the second or third shot from No. 4, one of the Maryland's eight-inch guns, J. J. Donnelly, a seaman, acting as first loader, discovered that two balls of fire were spinning around within the screw-box. This fire should have gone out of the muzzle of the gun but it had failed to do so.

Without the loss of a moment, Donnelly hastily signalled J. C. King, the hoisting man, to lower the ammunition car into the handling-room, and King, with the assistance of J. Green, the rammer man, compiled with the former's request upon the instant. Twenty-five seconds elapsed before the fire in the screw-box was put out, but in that brief time a great disaster was averted

TRYING TO GET ENOUGH MEN

Railroads Have Ten Days Before New Law Takes Effect.

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—With less than ten days until the new federal law limiting the hours of labor of certain railroad employes shall become effective, Los Angeles railway officials are preparing as best they can for the necessary changes which must be made. Approximately 140 new telegraph operators will be required in the territory governed by Los Angeles general offices. The Santa Fe will need the greater portion of these. If it keeps all its offices open it will require 81 men on its coast line in addition to its present force. There is a possibility that it will not be able to get that number at once. If so, it will be necessary to close a few offices all or a part of the time until the additional men can be found.

Money Panic in Japan.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The tightening of financial conditions in Japan is regarded by banks here as likely to result in the transfer from London to Tokio of a large portion of Japanese balances and somewhat to disturb European money markets. Japan's balances in London are estimated at between $60,000,000 and $75,000,000. At the Japanese Embassy the news of panicky conditions at Osaki, Kyoto and Kobe is discredited, but private advices to German firms trading in the Far East confirm the scarcity ofmoney.

Santa Fe's Cry of Misery

Topeka, Feb. 25.—On the Santa Fe railroad 486 new operators will be required, the Gulf lines excepted, to comply with the provisions of the federal nine-hour law, to go into effect March 4. About 60 are required on the eastern grand division. The officials do not know whether they will be able to get the requisite number of new men or not.

Notices were posted in the Santa Fe shops at Newton today that employes need not report for work till Monday, March 2. About 200 men are affected.

Black Hand Threats Terrorize

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25.—Black Hand Society notices, sent through the mails and posted on doors and fences, with the object of frightening Italians who have offended the society in the mining village of Black Diamond, 25 miles from Seattle, reached a climax last Friday night when J. Vitero was shot at three times while making his way home. One bullet passed through his left arm and another cut his coat.

Fabulous Strike is Made

Rawhide, Nev., Feb. 25.—What is said to be the most wonderful strike in the history of mining in Nevada was made today on the Happy Hooligan claim. Assays of the ore show values as high as $79,600 to the ton. The ground has been purchased by E. W. King, a banker of Bozeman, Mont.

"SPIRIT OF THE GOLDEN WEST"

All Oregon Represented by Floats Indicative of Its Resources.

Portland's great annual institution, the Rose Festival, which was inaugurated last June under such auspicious circumstraces, will, this coming June, be consummated on a scale so broad and grand that it will have a general appeal to the whole state of Orgeon, and an individual appeal to every community in the commonwealth. The grand jubilee, which will be one round of pleasure for the whole week beginning Monday, June 1, and ending in a blaze of glory the following Saturday night, is not for Portland or Portland people alone.

One of its most spectacular and brilliant features is to be the magnificent street pageant. This is a competitive event open to all cities and towns of Oregon outside of the Rose City. There will be grand prizes, the capital prize being a princely sum in cash with a number of costly souvenir cups and other trophies of great value and beauty.

Up to the present time about 20 cities and towns of Oregon have been heard from, each showing great interest in the special state parade, and several of these towns, through their business organizations and "boosting" clubs, have sent representatives to this city to confer with the Festival management with reference to character of the floats which will make the most effective showing for their communities.

The Festival association has secured the services of a master float builder from the East, who is now here with a corps of assistants ready to advise with all who desire to enter the lists.

The railroads of Oregon, and the whole West, in fact, are planning to give special reduced rates on all lines, good for the whole week of the Festival. Special low rates from Portland to all points in Oregon.

Every town in Oregon is invited to enter some characteristic float in the "All Oregon" parade, and the Festival association invites corespondence and personal conference with cities and towns, large and small, in this all important matter.

Publications for Farmers.

The following publications of interest to farmers and others have been issued by the Agricultural department of the Federal government and will be furnished free, so long as they are available, except where otherwise noted, upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.:

Bulletin No. 119.—Report of Irrigation Investigations for 1901, under direction of Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation investigations. Pp. 401, pls. 64, figs. 12. Price 50 cents. This is the third of the annual reports of the irrigation investigations of this office. It deals chiefly with the duty of water, but contains also reports from four stations in the humid states, where irrigation is not a necessity, but a means of increasing the returns from farm lands; a report on the underground water supply of the San Bernardino valley California, and the second progress report on silt measurements.

Bulletin No. 86.—The Use of Water in Irrigation. Report of investigations made in 1899, under the suverpision of Elwood Mead, expert in charge, and C. T. Johnston, assisatnt. Pp. 263, pls. 50, figs. 18. Price 30 cents. This bulletin explains the methods in use in the arid states in the distribution and use of water in irrigation. It gives a large number of measurements made to determine the duty of water and the losses by seepage and evaporation from canals, and discusses the methods by which the water supply may be more effectively and economically utilized in the production of crops.

Bulletin No. 104.—Report of Irrigation Investigations for 1900, under supervision of Elwood Mead, expert in charge of irrigation investigations. Pp. 334, pls. 25, figs. 29. Price 50 cents. This report covers the second year of investigations relating especially to the duty of water. The reports of the field agents contain also a large amount of information on laws and customs, agricultural methods, crop returns and other subjects related to irrigation. A progress report on the quantities of silt carried by a number of southern rivers is also contained in this volume.

Idaho Corn Show.

On the 2d, 3d and 4th of December, 1908, there will be held at Moscow a state corn show under the management of the Idaho Agronomy associaticn. Not only will there be a show, but also a rousing program, which in itself would pay the farmer to come to Moscow. The subject of corn will be taken up and discussed from a practical and scientific point of view; the soil will be considered in its different phases; irrigation and dry farming will be talked about and the various live stock, dairy and horticultural subjects will be considered.

There will be some good premiums offered to the winners of the show. Now is the time to begin preparing by planting some good corn and getting in line.

Tell your neighbors about it.

Do not forget the date. Mark those days on your calendar and plan to come.

For further information address, R. E. Hyslop, Superintendent Idaho Agronomy Association, Moscow, Idaho.

These may be made of biscuit dough the same as apple dumplings, or of puff paste rolled into rounds six inches across. Pinch up the edges to shape into cups. Arrange in a baking pan and put a peeled peach in the center of each. Sprinkle with sugar and dot with butter, then bake in a hot oven.

Hickory Nut Cookies.

Two cups of sugar, 2 eggs, half a cup of melted butter, 6 tablespoonfuls of milk, 1 teaspoonful of cream of tartar, half a teaspoonful of soda and 1 cupful of chopped kernels stirred into the dough.

Preserves.

Make a syrup of five pounds sugar and two cups water; boil until clear. Wash, stem and seed one gallon cherries, drop in the syrup and boil thirty minutes; skim well. Fill air-tight jars, seal and put in a cool place.

To Clean a Steel Knife.

Cut an Irish potato in half, dip one of the pieces in the brickdust which is generally used for cleaning knives. Rub the blade of the knife and the stain will immediately disappear.

The Niagara Limited.

"Where are all those honeymoon parties?" exclaimed the reporter as he hurried into the station. "Are they gone?"

"Yes," laughed the station master as he pointed to the turtle doves in the waiting room, "far gone."

His Interference.

Cittiman—Look here, sir, didn't you warrant the horse you sold me yesterday to be without fault?

David Harum—Yes. Ain't he?

Cittiman—No, sir, he is not. He interferes. David Harum—Waal, I don't see as you hev any reason fur complaining' about that. He don't interfere with anybody but himself, does he?—Lippincott's.

On the Installment Plan.

"Heredity," the boarder with the rubicund countenance was saying, "accounts for nearly everything. For instance, I inherited my eyes and the color of my hair from my mother's people, my chin and nose from my father's side of the house, and——"

"You didn't inherit that nose from anybody," interrupted the boarder with the sallow complexion. "You bought it at various places in this town and paid high prices for it."—Chicago Tribune.

Nothing Doubtful.

The detective was trying to find some clew to the whereabouts of the missing man.

"When your husband went out of the house that morning, slamming the door," he asked, "did he say anything that gave you an idea where he was going?"

"All he said was that he'd be darned if he wasn't going to hunt some place where he could read his morning paper in peace."

A Sheep's Legs.

A nobleman against whom insanity was imputed by his relatives was asked during the examination by Lord Loughborough, "How many legs has a sheep?"

"Does your lordship mean a live or a dead sheep?" asked the nobleman.

"Is it not the same thing?" said the chancellor.

"No, my lord; there is much difference. A live sheep has four legs, a dead sheep but two. The others are shoulders."

A Way Out.

It was at a theater in Manchester. The king, aged and infirm, was blessed with two sons. He was pacing up and down the stage with a wearied, troubled look, exclaiming aloud:

"On which of these, my sons, shall I bestow my crown?"

Immediately came a voice from the gallery:

"Why not 'arf a crown apiece, guv'nor?"—London Mail

Pome.

Said a poetry teacher named Pell,
To his pupil who wrote a rondel,
"You would not know from Peter
A muse, should you meter!"
Thus gave he the young villanelle.
—Yale Record.

What is said to be the largest telegraph circuit in the world is that between London and Teheran, the capital of Persia. It is 4,000 miles long and is divided into twelve sections.

Chinese coffins are made of timber eight inches to ten inches thick. It is calculated, therefore, that over 8,000,000 feet of timber is utilized yearly for coffins in China.

Live and Let Live.

"Do you preach without notes," queried a member of the church committee that was seeking a pastor to fill a vacancy.

"Well," rejoined the good man with a merry twinkle in his eye, "I sometimes have occasion to use bank notes."

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Washington is bounded on the east by the Capitol and on the west by the White House. Between them flows a restless stream of sightseers. There may be other districts of the national capital worth seeing, but only a Washingtonian knows it. The tourist has time and strength only to hit the high places. In New York there are probably as many tourists as in Washington, but with this difference, the New Yorker does not mind mixing with the tourist class. In fact, if the tourist have money and a fondness for Broadway and contiguous resorts, the New Yorker is more than willing, so Mr. Tourist emerges his identity with the New York "push." Washingtonians never let you forget you are a tourist. Resident women slightly raise their skirts with an indescribable yet eloquent air when they happen to rub elbows with a mere tourist of the same sex in a hotel or department store elevator. A Washingtonian looks straight ahead at nothing; the tourist is known by the angle at which she crooks her neck.

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Congressman Hobson of Alabama, famous as the hero of Santiago and later of several kissing campaigns, is said to favor the establishment by the government of an official weekly newspaper for free distribution, for which he wishes Congress to appropriate $350,000. This periodical would contain a summary of the work of Congress and all departments of the government, so far as it might interest the public. He says the journal is intended to form a connecting link between the government and the people, and that the project grew out of his having ascertained that a vast amount of valuable material did not reach the people for whom it was intended. He thinks the publication of such a paper will remove distrust and suspicion and create a renewed interest and confidence among the masses in governmental affairs.

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Pennies left in the boxes by rural route patrons for the purchase of stamps from the carriers will be let alone if the recommendations of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw and Superintendent Spillman of the rural delivery service is adopted. In cold weather it has always been a painful duty of the carriers, this hunting around in the ice-cold bottom of a metal mail box with bare hands. It has been said that sometimes fingers of carriers get so cold and stiff that they are unable to write out money order receipts. The recommendation of the two officials is that patrons place a small wooden box in the mail box, and therein put all the pennies with which they wish to buy stamps or anything else. The carrier could then, without removing his gloves, empty the contents and go on his way rejoicing, foiling the attack of Jack Frost. If the pennies are not in the box the carrier will not be required to look for them.

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Cy. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, still retains his place as the biggest man in the House of Representatives, and so far no one has appeared that may claim honor to second place ahead of Ollie James, of Kentucky. Sulloway is something more than six and a half feet tall and weighs but a pound less than 350. His breadth is proportionate with his height, and he towers above his colleague, Frank D. Currier, as he does above most all the members of the House. He is one of the members who does not exercise his prerogative of taking his luncheon on that side of the House restaurant where the sign proclaims "for members only," but each day partakes of a sparing lunch on the public side of the room, where the motto is that anybody's money is good.

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The United States Mint at Philadelphia during the year 1907 turned out 183,598,943 coins, representing a value of $63,263,104.93, a considerable increase over the previous year's output. The total value of the gold pieces coined was over $54,000,000, and of the silver over $5,000,000, while pennies and nickels represented a value of over $3,000,000. In addition to the United States coins, considerable work was done for the Philippine and Panama governments.

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The application of George M. Austin of New York for a restraining order against Secretary Cortelyou, preventing him from allotting $21,500,000 of Panama Canal bonds to certain national banks, has been denied by Judge Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Austin charged that the secretary had violated the law in rejecting his bid for $3,000,000 of bonds and alloting the bonds to national banks and others at a lower figure.

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Postmaster General Meyer's order in regard to the disposition of souvenir postal cards which reach the dead letter office is a source of happiness to thousands of unfortunate children. The cards, instead of being destroyed, are now sent to the orphan asylums and children's homes and hospitals in Washington, where they give a delight which even the intended recipient might not have felt.

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Some of the government buildings erected within a quarter of a century were designed by men who had rich ideas in color, but who lacked in everything else. Consequently harmony and artistic effects were not drawn upon and these piles of the crazy-quilt order are out of place alongside the new ones which excel in artistic merit and which are worthy of the capital of a mighty nation.

Discouraging Prospects.

"This government is becoming more and more centralized every year," said the student of politics.

"Yes," answered Colonel Stillwell of Kentucky, "it's getting so that the States don't do much more than furnish titles for battle ships and popular songs."—Washington Star.

His Luck.

"Luckiest man I ever knew! Everything succeeded with him. He had only to say what he wanted, and he got it. Why, confound it, I was walking with him one day—the very last day of his life—and he said to me 'When I die, I want to die suddenly. Got run over that very night. Ever see such luck!"—London Mail.

Making It Worse.

Suitor (timidly)—I—I wish to—to marry your daughter, sir.

Pater (angrily)—What's that, sir. Where's my cane?

Suitor (hastily)—Oh, sir—I didn't mean that—I don't want to marry her—I——

Pater (furiously) — Don't, eh? Where's my gun?—Cleveland Leader.

Painless Cancer.

There is a prevailing opinion that cancer is always painful from the beginning, whereas it is really painless in the majority of cases. It is desirable to ascertain how far the public ought to be instructed in the early signs of cancer, with a view to the adoption of earlier diagnosis and consequently earlier operation.—London Hospital.

O, Professor!

The professor was complimenting the violin virtuoso on the excellence of his playing.

"By the way," he said, "do you play the 'Doctor of Divinity'?"

"That is a piece I have never heard of," answered the violinist.

"Never heard of it!" exclaimed the professor. "Fiddle D. D.!"—Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Allen's Gloomy Forecast.

"They say," reflected Uncle Allen Sparks, "that this new singer—what's her name—Tetlery something or other—Terrazzini, is it? Thank you—well, they all say she's a greater singer than Patti. That's going to make trouble. The first thing you know, Patti will come back to this country and give another farewell tour, just to show 'em it isn't so b'jucks!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Orphan.

"Please, sir, will you give a penny to a poor orphan?"

"Certainly, my boy! Has your father been dead long?"

"No, sir. He's the orphan. This money's for him."

Sometimes Happens That Way.

Throggins—Did you ever try making a comrade of your boy?

Phogy—Yes; but it didn't work. I found he was too old for me.—Chicago Tribune.

Sunday island, in the Pacific, is really the tallest mountain in the world. It rises 2,000 feet out of five miles of water, and is thus nearly 30,000 feet from base to summit.

Not the Same.

"I suppose you have been pinched by penury?"

"No, mum; the cop's name was O'Brien; he's Irish."

Caloric Hypnotism.

Inquisitive Passenger—How are these cars heated?

Shivering Passenger—By suggestion, I think.

Insulting.

"I'm not going to that female barber shop again. There's a rude girl there, don't you know."

"What did she say?"

"Why, she looked at my mustawsh and awsked me if I would have it sponged off or rubbed in."

Racing Dope.

"Charles, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "why do you call racing calculations 'dope?' I thought that was a slang name for a drug."

"You're quite right,' was the answer. "They call it that because all it generally gets you is a pleasant dream and a rude awakening."—Washington Star.

His System.

"How do you dispose of your garbage here?" asked the stranger, who was gathering data for purposes of publication.

"We always throw ours in the garbage can," said the man with the chin beard, "but I don't know, of course, about the neighbors."