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THE SILVER BILL PASSED.

"Well," said the man with the battered derby to the man who sat next to him in a west ayenue car last night, "I see that the silver bill has passed."
"Up or down?" inquired the man who sat next to him.
"Up or down? Why, neither; just passed, you know. Passed the Senate."
"Made the Senate take his dust, hey?"
"Made the Senate take whose dust?"
"Why, Silver Bill's."
"No, no; this wasn't no trottin' race. The Silver bill passed the Senate, you know."
"Anybody hurt?"
By this time the man with the battered derby didn't know what to say. He stared at the man who sat next to him in amazement. Then he straightened up and tried it again: "Of course nobody was hurt. How could they be?"
"Wasn't running on the same track, hay?"
"On the same track? Do you think this was a bloomin' cattle train goin' by a fast mail, or somethin'?" The Silver bill—that bill about repealin' the purchase clause in the Sherman law—passed the Senate of the United States. Now do you understand?"
"Didn't the Senate want it to get past?"
"Why, certainly, most of it did, or it wouldn't have passed, would it?"
"I dunno. They might have built a fence across the walk or locked the door, or somethin'." The man with the battered derby

clasped and unclasped his hands nervously and hitched away from the man who sat next to him. "Say," he said finally, "didn't you ever hear of the Senate of the United States? You must have a kind of an idea that it's a horse-car line or a plank road or a cement sidewalk. You make me tired!"
"I suppose I do," said the other man, "but did you ever stop to think that bray of yours might make people who want to think a bit weary also?"

The man with the battered derby caught the connection, and was so effectually silenced that he made signs to the conductor when he wanted to get off.—Buffalo Express.

THE HUMAN HEART.

The human heart is a hollow muscle of a conical form placed between the two lungs and inclosed in the pericardium, or heart sac. The ordinary size of the heart in the adult is about 5 inches in length, 3 1/2 inches in breadth at the broadest part, and 2 1/4 inches in thickness. Its weight is from 10 to 12 ounces in men, and from 8 to 10 in women.

Dr. Beneke, of Marburg, has made known his observations of the growth of the human heart; the fact appears most rapid during the first and second years of life, its bulk at the end of the second years of life, its bulk at the end of the second year being exactly double what it originally was. Between the second and seventh years it is again doubled in size. A slower rate of growth then sets in, and continues during the period of maturity of other portions of the body. After the fifteenth year up to the fiftieth the annual growth of the heart is about .061 of a cubic inch, the increase ceasing about the fiftieth year.

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As to Prendergast's Sanity.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Lawyer A. S. Trude is preparing an article for a magazine, presenting a theory as to Prendergast's responsibility for his action when he assassinated Carter Harrison. Mr. Trude's theory is that Prendergast was sane when he committed the deed. He cites the fact that the man was animated by a sense of fear in fleeing from the servant at the home of Mayor Harrison. He cites cases where men who had committed crimes

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which insane appeared to have no sense of fear, and would even rush into danger. The cleverness with which Prendergast sought to insure his own safety is cited as proof of his sanity.

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