

# Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

**The Excitement in France.**  
To understand the extreme excitement which the Panama inquiry produces in France we must recollect that it involves the whole question of the fitness of the sovereign power to exercise its functions. The dispute among Frenchmen—the radical dispute which underlies all others—is whether universal suffrage, uncontrolled and unguided either by a monarch, a Caesar or a class, is competent to create for itself a sovereign power. That it has created one in the assembly is not questioned. That body can, in practice, dismiss the president—did do it in M. Grevy's case; can compel any minister or cabinet to resign; can nominate their successors and can pass any law whatever that it thinks is desirable for France. Its action is not arrested by any veto, and it is not liable to penal dissolution without the consent of that half of itself which is called the senate, a consent which it might be very difficult to extort. Indeed, the chamber itself must often be consulted, for it must pass the budget before a dissolution can be safe, and the budget is often delayed to the very expiration of the legal term.

**Interesting Missouri Suits.**  
Kansas city men who did not vote in 1890 and the late election are to be sued by the city to test a peculiar law. The charter provides that voters who do not vote at the general city election every two years shall be charged with a poll tax of \$250 each. The registration books of the city show that there were several thousand voters who did not exercise their right of franchise last spring. At \$250 each these men owe the city a large amount, and as that sum or any part of it would come very handy just now the city council has taken the first step toward collecting it. The money so collected goes into the sanitary fund, but it benefits the city departments, as money that would otherwise be taken from the revenue fund for other purposes is appropriated for sanitary purposes.

**Half of the best known business men and capitalists, those who have large property interests, will find their names on the list of delinquents. The men who are mostly directly interested in a financial way in the government of the city are the men who seem to take no part in politics and neglect to vote.**—Cor. Chicago News-Record.

**Labouchere's Share in a Journal.**  
Since there is no longer any concealment necessary with regard to the severance of Mr. Labouchere's connection with The Daily News I may mention that the price paid for his share in the newspaper was £90,000. When he first became connected with the proprietorship of the paper, more than five and twenty years ago, he paid the representatives of the outgoing or deceased shareholder £11,000 for the holding of which he has now received a sum more than sufficient to start a morning newspaper of his own.

**Nothing is yet known as to his intentions, but it is regarded as by no means impossible that, in conjunction with Sir Charles Dilke, who has long wished to own or have an interest in a daily paper, some plan may be adopted by which the advanced or disaffected radicals, as distinguished from the ministerialists, will have an organ of their own.**—Leeds Mercury.

**After a seven years' courtship** George Bailey, a well to do farmer, and Esther Bailey, his cousin, have made two attempts to get married in Norwich, Pa., within two weeks, and the wedding is off. The ceremony was to have been performed Wednesday of last week, and a large number of guests were present. Suddenly the prospective bride disappeared and was found locked in her room. To her parents' appeals to come out she only replied, "I'm too nervous! I'm too nervous! It'll have to be put off!"

**Nothing would do but a postponement to Monday.** Monday came and the bride was over her nervousness and ready with the guests. But now the bridegroom did not come. Instead he sent this message: "I'm not nervous. On the contrary, I've got nerve enough to postpone this wedding indefinitely." And it was postponed.—Philadelphia Record.

**Unwritten Laws of Society.**  
There are four principles of life, which consist of good manners, politeness, courtesy, good breeding and savoir faire, and happy is the man or woman who knows so well these laws of good society that they are a charm, a happiness and a boon to all those who fall beneath the spell of these admirable qualities, for the perfect manner is the best letter of introduction. It is the courtesy we extend toward each other. It is the passport of good breeding and the savoir faire that enables us to know what to say and what to leave unsaid. It is the foundation of the respect we have for our neighbors, our friends and ourselves.—Good Housekeeping.

**Sore Eyes from Too Much Soap.**  
A physician writes: "I think it cruel to allow the face and eyes to be washed over with soap in the coarse and rough way in which I have often seen it done. Some nurses seem to take a sort of morbid delight in its employment in this way. Even to an adult, soap in the eyes is a very painful ordeal to go through; in the end it invariably produces chronic, sometimes acute ophthalmia. In washing children's faces with soap use fine flannel, a sponge or the corner of a towel."

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**A Discharged Engineer's Suit.**  
One of the strangest actions ever brought in the Lawrence county courts has just been commenced by W. P. Nye against the Pittsburg company, which has been improving the new town of Ellwood. Mr. Nye states that he is a locomotive engineer. Sept. 23, 1890, he was induced by the Pittsburg company to accept a position as engineer on the Beaver Valley railroad at \$80 a month, which was increased by working over time to \$100.  
On the representations of the company that he would have a permanent position he bought a house and lot from the Pittsburg company for \$1,750, agreeing to pay \$120 every three months until the whole amount was paid. July 31, 1892, he was discharged, as he says, without cause. He ceased to pay for his house, and now he asks \$2,000 from the company for breach of contract.—Meadville (Pa.) Gazette.

**Don't Judge by Appearances.**  
A one legged street beggar who, rain or shine, sits every day with outstretched hand on the steps of a warehouse in a down town cross street is quite a philosopher in his way. He says that, so far as his experience goes, little can be judged regarding the benevolence of men or women by their appearance. Sometimes, he says, he will see a man approaching who seems to be the personification of charity allied with opulence. The beggar stretches forth his hand with confidence, but withdraws it with disappointment. Then there hurries by a Mephistophelian looking creature, seedy perhaps, with a cynical smile on his face, who drops a quarter into the beseeching palm. Among women, the beggar asserts, the best dressed are seldom the most charitable. There are exceptions to the rule, of course, but the prevalent theory that a street beggar can "size up" a pedestrian by his appearance is erroneous.—New York World.

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Little Annie was a very good mother to all her dolls, but not one of them did she think as much of as poor, unfortunate Martha, who had passed through many trials and was sorely afflicted. She once had beautiful black eyes and long, golden curls, and could cry, and because she was so pretty Annie delighted to take care of her. She had a companion doll, but Annie was a little tired of her, and when either doll had been naughty the old doll was sure to get whipped more than she deserved.

One day Martha fell and broke a large piece out of her chin, and Annie's sorrow was great. The tears ran down her cheeks, and taking up dolly she tried to comfort her. "Come to your mother," she said, "and I will rock you to sleep, and when you wake up I will mend your chin and make you comfortable." So she rocked Martha in a tiny cradle and tucked the sheet over her face to hide the hole in her chin and put her in the closet till afternoon.

Then when Annie's father came home she was brought out and the dreadful wound shown to him, and he was asked to mend it. So he took some wax and heated it, and put it carefully over the chin and soon made her look as good as new. Annie jumped up and down with delight and took dolly in her arms and told her not to mind it, as she could not get cold through that hole in her chin any longer.

One day Annie had a tea party for her dolls. She had a table, with pretty toy cups and saucers, a tablecloth, napkin rings at each plate, and chairs for the guests. And who do you think the guests were?

On one side of the little table was a grown up chair, on which were standing in a row a wooden goat, two cats, a monkey and an old woman doll. On the next side was the "darling love of a doll" (as Annie called her), with the mended chin. On the third side was the unhappy doll who got all the whippings, and on the fourth side was Mother Annie, wishing the hole in the favorite's chin was not stopped up, for it would have been a beautiful place to poke in bread and cake. It would seem so much like eating. Annie did all the eating also, and just as she was finishing the last morsel of cake Martha happened to tumble off the chair. This new accident made her head very weak, and it would keep turning round and round, so that sometimes her eyes were toward her back and she would look very funny.

**A Little Girl Among Flowers.**  
The queen of Holland on her husband's last birthday presented him with an enormous bouquet of flowers, of the kind used on benefit nights at the opera in Italy, so heavy that it required several serving men to carry it. As it was brought close to the throne the king stooped forward to examine it, when amid the flowers the head of his little daughter popped out, to the surprise and amusement of the monarch and the whole court.—London Tit-Bits.

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## THE MORAL IN DOUBT.

Rather an odd accident happened to a young woman on Park row on Friday. She was handsomely dressed, wearing for a wrap one of the new double decked, balloon rigged capes of velvet, trimmed with fur and lined with colored silk. She was about crossing the street when two men seized her and began pulling and patting the precious cape with their hands.

The woman was badly scared, turned as white as a sheet, and simply stood helpless, gazing at the antics of the men who were dancing about her, and who she thought were highwaymen trying to make off with her new winter wrap. Presently the men tipped their hats and explained that the garment they had been treating seemingly so roughly had been ablaze. Sure enough, there was a big ugly, black hole eaten out of the velvet of one of the front folds. Probably the wearer in passing some smoker had caught a spark from a cigar or pipe. She thanked the gallants who had come to her rescue and then went on her way, hiding as best she could the damaged part of the garment. It is a question whether the moral of this story is that men should not smoke in the street or women should not wear the new fangled cape.—New York Times.

**Negroes in Washington.**  
There are 2,304 negroes employed in Washington by the government, and they draw from the treasury in salaries about \$2,000,000 a year. Naturally the defeat of the Republican party was a severe blow to them, for being Republicans themselves, they expect to be removed by the Cleveland administration in so far as they are not protected by the civil service rules. A large number of them, however, may be happily disappointed, although men like ex-Senator Bruce, who receives \$18,000 a year as recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, are very likely to be accelerated into private life.

In all there are between 75,000 and 80,000 negroes who live at the national capital, and their accumulation of wealth is now very large. Among them, too, are many of the best educated young men of the race, who ought to be scattered among their people in the south helping to elevate the general condition of the negroes.—Springfield Republican.

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