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Independence of Janitors.

The young man in dinner jacket has forgotten his keys—left them in the pockets of his afternoon dress. He is pulling with all his might the bellknob in the midnight air, saturated by rain. In the basement drawing room the janitor is surrounded by blue spirals from his cigar, as blond as the hair of a fairy princess. The janitor's wife is reading The North American Review. Their daughter, Ada, whose neck is swanlike, is playing a "Reverie" by Chopin on the grand piano, painted in delicate representations of roses on a light green background.

In time the young man will break the bellrope.—Exchange.

The Lone Jurymen Not Unanimous.

In the trial of a case in Powell county not long ago the attorneys objected to all the jurors who had been summoned save one. As no others were at hand, it was agreed that the action should be tried by the one remaining jurymen. After the evidence was heard the judge told the lone juror to retire and make up a verdict. He retired, and, after staying out for over an hour, came back and reported solemnly that the jury had failed to agree upon a verdict.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The "Arabian Nights" Once More.

A large part of Cairo is very little spoiled. It is still, to a great degree, the city of the "Arabian Nights." The worst injury was done before England took the reins, for it was Ismail who recklessly ran streets through mosques and ancient palaces in order to make a straight drive to the citadel. In the Boulevard Mohammed Aly we certainly find the oddest jumble of east and west, old and new. For example, just opposite the stately mosque of Sultan Hasan, at the head of this unsightly street, you see a cabaret with the signboard, "Grog Shop For Army and Navy;" next door a Moslem school, as the inscription, "Medressah Mohammediyeh," shows.

Across the road stands the shapeless mass of the unfinished Rifa'iyeh mosque, erected at the cost of £350,000 by the mother of Ismail, and within those unroofed walls, surrounded by rotting scaffolding, lies the body of the princely borrower himself. Under the shadow of Sultan Hasan an Arab barber is cutting hair with a modern clipping machine. A gayly painted harim carriage stands in the road. On the panel is a sham coat of arms. Solemn sheikhs pass by without any sort of emotion at these queer sights. Overhead the citadel guns boom out a salute, for it is the great festival, the Id-el-Kebir.—Saturday Review.

The Tale Told of a Doctor.

Apocryphal of doctors' beards and microbes, a lady writes: "Several years ago I took the steam cars to and from school. For a week or more our family physician took the crowded noon train, always sitting very near me, and entering into conversation. On questioning his sister-in-law about his trips, she said: 'Oh, he has a smallpox patient at C, and is afraid to take his carriage for fear of communicating contagion. So he takes the train.' I always supposed his professional eye looked on me as a prospective smallpox patient."—Boston Transcript.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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SMASH THE COMBINE.

SHERMAN ACT OF 1890 REGARDED AS MOST EFFECTIVE.

Seizure of Property Would Bring Things to an Issue—Less Summary Measures Would Give the Monopoly the Delay It Wants—Speedy Test Needed.

The statement of United States District Attorney Wallace Macfarlane that if it is possible to reach the coal combine by federal statute it must be by the Sherman act of 1890 has called particular attention to section 6 of that law. The section provides that coal in transit from one state to another, owned in violation of the provisions of the act, may be seized and condemned by like proceedings as those provided for the seizure of property imported into the United States contrary to law.

It is argued by those familiar with the ways of combinations such as the coal monopoly that if the government intends to take steps against the deal the most effective way would be by seizing the coal in transit. It would bring the issue to the test quickly, whereas proceedings in court to prevent shipping would be tedious, and while pending the combine could go on victimizing the public.

The seizure of coal in transit would be a novel proceeding, of course, but it is the opinion of lawyers that if any part of the Sherman act is constitutional the section providing for seizure is also. The coal combine would probably fight the entire act on constitutional grounds if proceedings were begun, and they could thus delay matters. If coal were seized, the claim would be made, of course, that the railroads have nothing to do with the combine, but that the agreement was made by the producers. This would place the burden of proof on the government to show that the producers and coal companies are identical and that the Sales Agents' association, which regulates the output and prices, is a part of the big system.

Of the roads carrying coal to New York on which seizures might be made, the Reading does the largest business. It carried last year between 9,665,000 and 10,000,000 tons. Under the new agreement and the mandate of the coal sales agents the road will carry 625,000 tons during February. The tying up of a small portion of this by government seizure would naturally bring matters to a crisis, and a lively tussle in the courts would follow.

The Lehigh Valley comes next in importance as a coal carrying road. The percentage of the entire output allotted to it is 15.65, which is a decrease of over 16 under the ratio of 1895. Under the agreement it will therefore carry 391,250 tons during February.

It is probable that the new combine will be brought to the attention of the attorney general of New York, but no conclusion has been reached as to the statute under which it could be attacked. When the McLeod combination was formed, the legislature appointed an investigating committee, and sessions were held at the Murray Hill hotel, New York. Mr. McLeod appeared there several times to give testimony, but J. Pierpont Morgan got in ahead of the legislators in blocking McLeod's game. It is argued that there is just as good a field for the investigation of the present combine as there was of the one formed by Mr. McLeod.—New York Journal.

A Curious Photograph.

In connection with the statements about the Roentgen discovery may be mentioned an instance that came to our notice on Tuesday last. Commissioner Dowling of the labor bureau has recently been investigating certain tenements and alleged sweatshops in New York and had photographs taken of some of the places he visited. The photographs were taken by flashlight by Alman of Fifth avenue. One of the pictures is of the interior of a cigarmaker's working and living room. Mr. Wood of the Cigar Makers' union is sitting on a chair in front of one of the windows of the room, and outside of the window is a fire escape with its customary railing. The railing, the window sash, the back and the seat of the chair on which Mr. Wood sits can be seen through his body as plainly as if he had not been present. It is a curious picture and will have a place in the commissioner's forthcoming report.—Kinderhook Rough Notes.

For the National Republican Convention. It has been finally decided to hold the Republican national convention in the exposition building. The northern part of the building will be remodeled at an expense of about \$30,000 and will insure a satisfactory hall for convention purposes. The hall will be bounded on three sides by St. Charles, Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, thus securing proper light and ventilation. Some of the local committees were in favor of erecting a wigwam, but at a meeting of the Business Men's league last night this was decided impracticable, as the time is too short in which to build.

The Champion Midget.

The boy baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Maeloy of Neilson street, New Brunswick, N. J., is thought to be the smallest youngster in the United States. Although 7 months old, the child weighs only three pounds, but is healthy and has a good appetite.

When born, baby was but a tiny midget, and for six weeks he did not grow an ounce. He was wrapped warmly, bathed in cod liver oil and slept nearly all the time. After that time he began to grow a little. He is dressed in doll's clothes.

To Keep Cigarettes Out of Iowa. By a vote of 81 to 11 the Iowa senate has passed a bill making it a crime to manufacture or keep for sale cigarettes in the state of Iowa. It is known as the Phelps bill, and it will pass the house by a big majority. It makes it unlawful to handle cigarettes in any manner. They cannot be given away. The penalty is a fine or imprisonment or both.

STORY ABOUT LINCOLN.

Senator John M. Palmer Tells of Their First and Last Meetings.

"The first time I met Mr. Lincoln," said Senator Palmer of Illinois, "was in 1839, when I went to Springfield to be admitted to the bar. He was already recognized as a Whig leader. He wore, I remember, a suit of linsey woolsey that could not have been worth more than \$8, even in those days. The last time I saw him was in February of 1865. I had come to Washington, at the request of the governor, to complain that Illinois had been credited with 13,000 too few troops. I saw Mr. Lincoln one afternoon, and he asked me to come again in the morning. The next morning I sat in the anteroom while several officers were received. At length I was told to enter the president's room. Mr. Lincoln was in the hands of the barber. 'Come in, Palmer,' he called out, 'come in. You're home folks. I can shave before you. I couldn't before those others, and I have to do some time.' 'We chatted about various matters, and at length I said, 'Well, Mr. Lincoln, if anybody had told me that in a great crisis like this the people were going out to a little one horse town and pick out a one horse lawyer for president, I wouldn't have believed it.' 'Mr. Lincoln whirled about in his chair, his face white with lather and a towel under his chin. At first I thought he was angry. Sweeping the barber away, he leaned forward, and placing one hand on my knee, said: 'Neither would I, but it was a time when a man with a policy would have been fatal to the country. I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day as each day came.'—New York Sun.

It is the old lesson—a worthy purpose, patient energy for its accomplishment, a resoluteness undaunted by difficulties, and then success.—W. H. Pumphrey.

POT BOILING.

From the running of the maple trough in the Spring to the boiling of the apple butter pot in the fall, and all the household boiling between times, there are a thousand chances of very severe scalds and burns. In all household work, winter and summer, in great factories and in nurseries, where children play with matches, there is need of something to be always on hand in such emergencies, and the St. Jacobs Oil fills that want to the letter. With careful attention to directions for use, there is nothing more soothing, healing and curative than this great remedy for pain. It cures promptly, and making a new surface, leaves no scars. The pain of scalds or burns is acute and torturing, and the relief by the use of the Oil is immediate and sure.

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As the West is, it is often malarious. But it is pleasant to know that a competent safeguard in the shape of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters exists, which absolutely nullifies the poison of malaria and other malarial germs, and bears this in mind. Nor should it be forgotten, the Bitters is a sterling remedy for dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, kidney and nervous complaints and rheumatism.

An event: She—You should have been an interesting sermon. He—Indeed? She—Yes you know it was his debut as a heretic.—Puck

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The work and the responsibility incumbent upon the president of so important a banking institution as the Union national would endanger the sturdiest health. Gen. Beals' clear-headedness and good sense were as manifest in the choice of a remedy as in his business enterprises. He strengthened his tired nervous system by the use of Paine's celery compound. Its invigorating, health-giving effects justified his expectations, and showed in his own case the remarkable power of this much-discussed remedy for thoroughly restoring and strengthening the "run-down" system.

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These are the concise words of commendation characteristic of the conservative business man and the influential banker, who has learned to weigh well his words.

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It is a fact well commented upon that men and women of national reputation and prominence, like Gen. Beals, State Treas. private secretary, Mr. Carlisle's civil secretary, Mayor McShane of Montreal, Rev. Fr. Ouellet, Com. Howell, ex-Minister to Austria John M. Francis, and a host of others who are careful what they employ when sick, and have the amplest opportunities for finding out what is best, have of their own accord sent letters describing fully their permanent recovery from rheumatism, heart weakness, sleeplessness, debility, kidney trouble, and diseases of the stomach and liver. In all these cases Paine's celery compound was the remedy that was able to completely and permanently bring back health, make poor blood again rich and pure, and regulate and build up the nervous system when weakened and deranged.

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