

A Boston schoolboy was tall,  
weak and sickly.

His arms were soft and flabby.  
He didn't have a strong muscle in his  
entire body.

The physician who had attended  
the family for thirty years prescribed  
*Scott's Emulsion*.

NOW:

To feel that boy's arm you  
would think he was apprenticed to a  
blacksmith.

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## TROUBLE FOR FREAK SPELLING

### Uncle Sam Takes a Leaf From the Book of Experience

Washington, Dec. 14.—It's hard sledding these days for the simple brand of spelling. The reform has met with a serious, if not fatal, setback at the hands of congress. With almost complete unanimity the important house committee on appropriations inserted in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill, which has just been reported, a clause providing that "hereafter in printing documents authorized by law, or ordered by congress, or either branch thereof, the government printing office shall follow the rules of orthography established by Webster's, and other generally accepted dictionaries of the 'English language.'" Thus in one vigorous sweep congress has undone orthographical reform and repudiated the President's much-criticized order of two months ago. As an example of revolt against executive will, congress has paled into insignificance the mutinous disregard for the Presidential ruling shown by the supreme court and the navy department. Even the President of the United States is not powerful enough to tackle some subjects successfully. The "nu spelling" had seems to be one of these.

Uncle Sam is taking a leaf from the book of experience of commerce. He is entering on a regular popularizing campaign on behalf of the navy, and in carrying out the idea, a traveling recruiting ship is to be sent up and down the Atlantic coast to popularize the service with eligible young men. The converted yacht Wasp is to be used for the purpose, desirable young men are to be given actual proof of the desirability of the service, and the little vessel will endeavor to disprove the popular belief that life at sea is a hard fate. The Wasp will take the place of the regular recruiting parties sent out by the government.

Probably no convention ever held in Washington left such a deep impression on congress and the President as the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which has just ended a two days' session. Its purposes in seeking an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 a year was applauded by Speaker Cannon, Chairman Burton, of the house committee on rivers and harbors, Senator Berry, Congressman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriation, Congressman John Sharp Williams, leader of the minority, governors of states, men of affairs and prominent citizens from all over the country who spoke at the convention. President Roosevelt, when waited on at the White House by the 1,200 delegates, voiced emphatically his indorsement of the congress, and promised his aid in accomplishing the objects of the organization. He said: "I have had it brought strikingly to my attention but recently how much we suffer at present because of the inadequate transportation facilities of the railroads for moving the great grain crops and cattle crop of this country. We need, and must have, further facilities for transportation, and, as has been well pointed out, one of the effective methods of affecting railway rates is to provide for a proper system of water transportation."

The great project in which the middle west is vitally interested, the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway, was kept prominently before the conven-

tion. At the reception at the White House, the officers of the ship canal association presented President Roosevelt with a silver medal and sang the following song to the air of "Shouting the Battle Cry of Freedom:"

"We represent the people who want the waterway—

Fourteen feet through the valley.

We represent the shippers who have the biggest say—

Fourteen feet through the valley.

We want the ships a-running and lowering the rate—

Fourteen feet through the valley.

And if we get the water we'll guarantee the freight—

Fourteen feet through the valley.

Chorus—

We're going to have the water

We're going to have the way;

We've got the tonnage waiting

To make the vessels pay;

And we'll get the fifty millions

With Uncle Sam's O. K.—

Fourteen feet through the valley."

The President laughed when the song was concluded, and remarked that he wished the Panama had a poet laureate. He was assured that the official poet of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway association would draft out a verse to immortalize the big undertaking on the isthmus. This association, however, worked entirely in harmony with the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which recognized no individual or particular scheme of waterway improvement, but which aims to compel the development by the government of all navigable rivers and harbors.

Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, this week asked permission in the senate to have printed as a senate document a "History of the Congressional Cemetery." Immediately to his right were seated Senator Morgan, of Alabama, aged 82, and his colleague, Senator Pettus, aged 85. On a sofa in the rear of the chamber reclined Representative Bankhead, who recently was selected by Alabama as an alternate senator to hold himself in readiness to step into the shoes of either of the state's senators who may die. Senator Morgan looked over at Bankhead, and then turning to Senator Pettus, said: "Pretty live subject, this congressional graveyard, eh, Pettus?" Both the aged senators laughed, while Mr. Bankhead looked uncomfortable.

Secretary Metcalf, in his annual report just published, has put forward a plan for the control of big commercial organizations, by compelling them to take out federal licenses. The plan is considered a good one, giving the federal government absolute control over every corporation doing an interstate business. It also probably will serve to check the great amount of drastic and unthinking legislation being adopted by the different states, and which is certain to cripple the business of the country if persisted in. President Roosevelt sees plainly the drift toward commercial unrest through this cause, and he devotes a considerable part of his message in warning the American people against hysterical attacks on all forms of corporate wealth. He also cautions the public against the demagogues who seek to better their own political fortunes by inflaming the public mind. Under Secretary Metcalf's licensing scheme the corporations would be subjected to the widest publicity, and violation of the laws would give the government immediate right to revoke the license permitting them to do business.

Clad in a cream-colored suit of light flannel, with a flaming red tie, Mark Twain burst on the house press gallery this week. The famous humorist smiled blandly on the correspondents. "This isn't a suit," he said. "This is a uniform. It's the uniform of the American Association of Purity and Perfection, of which I am president, secretary and treasurer,

and only man in the United States eligible to membership." The humorist went on to explain that he had reached the age when he believed he could dress as he pleased. He is in Washington attending the hearing of the copyright law, which authors are seeking to have amended.

Charles F. Murphy, biggest chief in the Tammany wigwam and tamer of the Tammany tiger, stopped a few hours in Washington on his way back to New York. Mr. Murphy has been resting at Hot Springs, Va., after the strenuous campaign in New York, but he insisted that he had been there only for a rest and not to lay further political plans. However, the New York Republicans here would like to know the true inwardness of the appearance at the Homestead hotel, the big hostelry at the resort, of W. J. Conners, of Buffalo, the Hearst lieutenant in the northern part of the Empire state, and the many long walks taken by the two political chiefs over the Virginia hills. Despite the statement by William R. Hearst that he never again will seek political office, there are those who doubt the sincerity of the announcement, and the burden of the conference of the two leaders at the Virginia watering place might be of interest.

As an indication of how near to total elimination is sectional feeling in the United States, an incident that took place this week is of interest. For several years Boston has prized highly a tattered and torn confederate battle flag captured in New Orleans by "Ben" Butler. Some few weeks ago it was decided to return the banner to New Orleans Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, accordingly brought the old flag to Washington this week, and when he met Mayor Behrman, of New Orleans, at the waterways convention, to which both were delegates, he announced his intention of surrendering it. Mayor Behrman promptly replied that New Orleans didn't want it. The war was over, the old differences had been forgotten and national patriotism was too firmly established to require outward evidences. The two mayors parted the best of friends, and Boston undoubtedly has more respect for New Orleans, as New Orleans must have for Boston.

The canning industry in the United States is growing rapidly. The census bureau has just issued a report showing the strides made. The largest item is canned vegetables, the value of which in 1904 reached \$45,262,148.

#### A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I have suffered with a terrible cough, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by J. C. Perry, druggist; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

#### Record Apple Crop in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—Mr. Joseph Stubbs, state statistician, in his report on the apple crop, states that it is more than double that of the previous year, the amount coming up to 4,780,000 bushels. The number of apple trees under cultivation last year was 4,222,078, but this year the number must have materially decreased.

#### Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

# Lard is no respecter of stomachs

No one on this green earth can eat lard-soaked food day after day and not feel its ill effects eventually. You may have one of those iron-clad stomachs which will prove unsusceptible for a time, but the hog-fat and its accompanying indigestibility will do its work sooner or later. It is an absolute fact that lard—simply hog-fat—is indigestible, and that it is not fit for the human stomach.

Cottolene, on the other hand, is made from pure, refined cotton seed oil—a product of nature which is thoroughly palatable, digestible and healthful. No other shortening contains the digestible,

nourishing and healthful qualities of Cottolene. Even pie, that nightmare dyspeptic, becomes easily digestible when made with Cottolene. How many people can eat lard-laden pie?

Ask your regular grocer for a pair of Cottolene and start tomorrow on the way to "lardless cookery." It will insure both for yourself and your family better food, better digestion and better health.

Cottolene shortens your food and lengthens your life.

Try it according to directions for a few weeks and you'll never go back to lard.

COTTOLENE was granted a GRAND PRIZE (highest possible award) over all other cooking fats at the recent Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and food cooked with COTTOLENE another GRAND PRIZE.

"Home Helps" a book of 300 choice recipes, edited by Mrs. Rorer, is yours for a 2 cent stamp, if you address The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago.

A NEW FEATURE—The patent air-tight top on this pail is for the purpose of keeping COTTOLENE clean, fresh and wholesome; it also prevents it from absorbing all disagreeable odors of the grocery, such as fish, oil, etc.



Nature's Gift from the Sunny South

## NATIONAL CHILD LABOR CONVENTION

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—The attendance of delegates, officially appointed by the governors of the states, at the second day's proceedings of the National Child Labor convention was even larger than on the opening day. Mr. John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers in America, delivered an important address on "Child Labor in the Mines," during the course of which he described the great injury to the health and morals of children by forcing them to work underground. "The Effect of Child Labor on the Standard of Living" was the subject spoken on by the Hon. Charles P. Nell, Ph. D., United States commissioner of labor, and on this subject

also President Charles W. Dabney, of the University of Cincinnati; President E. J. James, of the University of Illinois; Hon. Elmer J. Browne, United States commissioner of education, and Samuel McCune Lindsey, the secretary of the convention, spoke. The convention will hold its final sitting tomorrow, when resolutions will be adopted imperatively calling on congress to finally abolish child labor in the United States.

#### Onward March of Boll Weevil.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—The boll weevil is slowly but surely working its way from Mexico through Texas and Louisiana. This terribly destructive pest has advanced approximately forty-one and one-half miles each year since its advent into Texas in 1892. The present infested area includes altitudes from sea-level to about 1,800 feet. Arkansas has also become invaded, while the pest has extended more than half way across the state of Louisiana. Mr. W. D.

Hunter, in charge of the cotton weevil investigations of the United States department of agriculture at present in the south.

#### Long Tennessee Fight.

For 20 years W. L. Rawls of Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and sore inside my nose was fearful, till I got applying Bucklen's Arnica to the sore surface; this caused soreness and swelling to disappear never to return." Best salve in existence; 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

#### Pole Finders.

"Some explorers are in favor of hunting for the north pole in automobiles," remarked the man who writes the magazines. "Do you think plan would be successful?" "I wouldn't be surprised," replied the motorist who had just been wrecked. "Automobiles seem to be finding every pole from the north pole to a telegraph pole."—Chicago Daily News.

# Greatest Picture Sale of the Season

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