#### Mis Friends Want Him to Be Speaker Reed's Successor.

The Interesting Life History of an Illinois Congression Who Has Scores of Friends Among His Congressional Colleagues.

Albert J. Hopkins was born on a farm nor far from Cortland in De Kalb county, Ill. His father, Cyrus B. Hopkins, was one of the pioneers of the county. The future congressman did chores around the farm just the same as any other farmer's boy. He grew to be tall and angular and redheaded and to have a constantly present desire to be a lawyer. When he was 17 years old he was cent to Sycamore to prepare for college. The next year he was admitted to college at Hillsdale, Mich., where later he graduated.

As he was leaving college he found himself at a parting of the ways. His ambition to be a lawyer had been nurtured all the years, but on his graduation he was offered the principalship of an academy in Maine. The offer opened the door to immediate honor and success, but his heart was true to his first love. A few weeks later he was sitting in the musty atmosphere of the law office of C. J. Metzler, in Aurora, with a volume of Blackstone equally musty before him. He had devoted some time to the study of law before, and after a little more than a year he was admitted to the bar.

Some quality in him recommended him to Judge Parks at the opening of the Greeley campaign. Parks was out to fight Greeley and he needed help. He enlisted young Hopkins as his lieutenant. He had heard Hopkins in a trial before a justice of the peace and liked his style of talking.

"I want you to make a speech, good strong speech," said Parks. He did. He made a speech so vigorons, so strong and so logical that it made him a candidate for state's attorney, and that fall he was elected to that

John C. Sherwin was elected congressman for the Aurora district in 1884.



ALBERT J. HOPKINS. sentative in Congress from the Aurora District.

In 1886 Hopkins was put forward to defeat him. He accomplished this, but the nomination went to Reuben Ellwood, of De Kalb. Hopkins, however, had made the fight, and had made it so well that when Ellwood died before the and of his term Hopkins was elected to all the vacancy. He has been reelected six times.

On the floor in debate Congressman Hopkins is regarded as strong, alert, quiek, clear, logical and convincing. He has a fine presence. The lanky, redheaded young lawyer from Aurora has become one of the most polished and attractive figures in the house. He always commands attention when he speaks, and when he is speaking he holds it. More than once he has demonstrated the power that is in his speech. When Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee died the Illinois delegation presented the name of Congressman Hopkins for the place, but by right of seniority it went to Payne, of New York.

If Mr. Hopkins should become speaker of the house his succession to the place would be hailed with delight by the social side of Washington. Mrs. Hopkins, who was Miss Emma Stolp, of Aurora, is endowed with the charm of manner and the happy disposition to become a leader of society, and such she would be in the capital as the wife of the speaker. Her daughter Fannie made her debut in Washington last season. The Hopkins family live in the Willard in Washington.

Rending a Thousand Miles.

"You read a thousand miles," is the calculation of a clever individual fond of details. The eyes of the average busy man, in reading alone, travels 1,000 miles, which is equivalent to an "ocuiar trip," a third of the distance across our continent. Even the busiest man probably travels with his eyes 19 miles of type yearly, and there are doubtless nany readers who travel six times the listance. If you read a yellow-backed novel your eyes have traversed from a nile to a mile and a half of type. The usiest pen cannot keep up with this nce. With ordinary use, your pen has ot traveled over two miles during an verage lifetime. Perhaps a Kipling or Zola, if he live to be 60 or thereabouts, as journeyed 120 miles with his pen; hat is, he has not traveled as far as rom New York to Albany.

# Royalty on the Scales.

The queen of Italy, says a gossip, veighs 176 pounds; Queen Victoria, 171 ounds; the queen of Spain, 147 ounds; the queen of Belgium, 143 ounds; the German empress, 136 ounds; the queen of Portugal, 132 sounds, and the czarina, 120 pounds.

Shopping as a Profession. Shopping has become a profession in merica. Women live on the percentge allowed them by the big shops in which they spend the money of ladies who employ them.

#### ACTING COMMANDER.

Capt. Johnson, of Cincinnati, Will Be the Hend of the Grand Army Until September.

The executive committee of the national council of administration of the Grand Army of the Republic has failed to elect a successor to the late James A. Sexton, commander-in-chief of the grand army. There was a deadlock on the names of Col. W. C. Johnson, of Cincinnati, and Gen. John C. Black, of Illinois. Col. Johnson will continue to net as acting commander-in-chief until the encampment in September, when a commander will be chosen.

William Christie Johnson entered the army at the age of 19 by enlisting as a



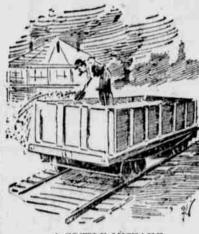
(Acting Commander in Chief of the Grand

private in the Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, the regiment in which Senator J. B. Foraker served. Mr. Johnson was born in Clermont county, O., March 19, 1843. He served as a private with his regiment in Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee, and in 1864 took part with it in the march from Atlanta to the sea and from Savannah back toward Washington as far as Goldsboro, N. C., where in March, 1865, he was ordered to report to Lieut. Col. People Who Wanted to Cure Putnam, commanding the Forty-sec-ond regiment, United States colored troops, for assignment as second lieutenant. His commission as such was dated May 10, 1865, and he served in that capacity until he was mustered out, January 31, 1866. Mr. Johnson has long been identified with G. A. R. work and has been commander of his post, besides holding staff positions in the state department. During the national encampment held in Cincinnati last year Capt. Johnson, as he is generally styled, earned the thanks of thousands of comrades by his intelligent thoughtfulness in providing for the comfort of visitors. He served as chairman of the committee on public comforts. At that encampment he was unanimousely elected vice commander in chief. In business he is a hardware merchant. He holds a membership in the commandery of the state of Ohio military order of the Loyal League of the United

# AN EXPENSIVE BLUNDER.

Kansas City Railroad Man Threw Awny a Car Lond of "Sand" Full of Gold Ore.

Several months ago a Kansas City (Mo.) company bought a car load of crushed ore in Mexico. Advices were duly received that the ore had been shipped-20 tons of it. The smelting company politely asked the local agent of the railroad company when the ore would arrive. The local agent said he had never heard of it. The smelting company then appealed to the general agent of the road. The general agent gave it up. Along the line the question was passed until it reached an official



A COSTLY MISTAKE. (Gold Ore Dumped to Fill Up a Railroad Right of Way.)

who started out a tracer for the car load of ore. A tracer is a document on which every agent, train conductor and every other person who has had any thing to do with the shipment must say whence he took it and where he laid it down. From the mine in Mexico the car of ore was traced from junction point to junction point until it was well within the railroad company's local yards at Kansas City, and thence to a side track by the roundhouse and into possession of the master me-

A car load of crushed gold ore looks like a lot of course yellow sand, and this particular car load has been knocked about and disrespected as a car of common sand should be. When the officials were notified that the tracer had chased the car into the master mechanic's track they sent him a note asking him about the disposition of the car, giving its number. The master mechanic turned the note over and indorsed it on the back: "The car contained a bad quality of sand. Some of it I used in the sand boxes of the engines, but it was not serviceable, so I had it scattered along the right of way." The railroad com pany paid the smelting company \$180 ton for the "bad sand."

#### TOO SPANISH FOR HER.

The Tribulations of an Army Nurse Who Didn't Understand the Language in Cuba.

An army nurse but lately returned from Cuba to Washington declares that never again will she go to a country whose language she cannot understand, reports the Washington Post. It was before hostilities had come to a definite end that she was startled one day by the unexpected visit of her Cuban laundress. The woman was intensely excited. Anxiety sat on her brow and sorrow dwelt in her eyes. She gesticulated and she talked. The nurse knew not a word of what she said, but the pantomime filled her with terror. The Cuban's hands seemed to speak of an attack on the hospital-of wounded men butchered and nurses cut to ribbons. The nurse was frantic. She must know the worst. In the hospital was an officer very ill with typhoid fever. She knew he understood Spanish. Only in a matter of life and death would she disturb him, but this was obviously a matter of life or death. She led the Cuban woman to the bedside and there the story was repeated. The officer listened intently. The nurse held her breath. The Cupan ceased. The sick man turned his head on the pillows. "She says," he whispered feebly, "she

says the stripes in your pink shirt waist have run, and she doesn't know what to do with it." That same nurse confesses to having

been desperately homesick down in

Cuba. "It gave me the blues," she said, "not to be able to make even the children understand me, and one day, one indigo day, a great big sleek cat walked into my room. I was so glad to find something that could understand me.

"'Kitty, kitty, kitty!' I said. The cat didn't turn its head. "'Pussy' pussy!' I said. The cat took

no notice. The cat-the very cat spoke Spanish. It was more than I could bear. I couldn't even call a cat."

#### OFFERS TO A QUEEN.

Pray for Her Majesty of Belgium.

The queen of Belgium did not lack sympathy in her recent illness, for, in addition to the most patriotic expressions from her subjects, telegrams and letters came piling into the Belgian court from all quarters, says the Boston Transcript. Perhaps the most original communications were from

An Englishman addressed a letter to Princess Clementine offering to forward some remarkable device which had cured him of broncho-pneumonia, inclosing a photograph which showed into what a healthy specimen of humanity he had since developed. Another, believing her majesty's illness due to cancer, sent a triple-weight letter describing several cures for this discase. A third said his valise was packed and he was only waiting a telegraphic call, when he would go at his own expense, and guaranteed a cure within 24

There were also several letters from saved the prince of Wales' life by intermediation.

# INHERITED HEALTH.

There Are Men Who Are Self-Made Physically as Well as Financially.

There is, it is true, as great an inequality in the inheritance of health as in the heirship of wealth or brains, says the North American Review. Some are born with a fortune of vigor and soundness so large that not a lifetime of eager squandering will leave them poor and others enter the world paupers of need so dire that no charity from medicine can ever raise them to comfort; but most of us have just that mediocre legacy of vitality which renders us undistinguishable units in the mass.

It lies in the hands of each to improve or waste that property as he chooses for there are selfmade men physically as well as financially; those who, because of ancestral wastefulness, have only a sixpence of health and turn it into a fortune; and there are spendthrifts of health who come to as sorrowful case as spendthrifts of gold. The body is a realm where a wise and frugal ruler brings happiness as surely as a foolish one insures distress, and wisdom here, as elsewhere, lies in learning and obeying natural laws.

# FREAK CLUBS.

Red-Hended Men and Dyspeptics in New York City Each Have an Organization.

New York has a new feature in clubs. It is the "Dyspeptic club," and the test of eligibility for membership is a doctor's certificate that the applicant is suffering from a weak stomach.

The object of the club is to promote "cheerfulness" among dyspeptics-a much-needed quality-and, further, to furnish to the members the latest results of science in treating indigestion.

In Vienna there is a "Red-Haired club," and to prevent fraudulent admissions every candidate is obliged to souse his head thoroughly in hot water and soda before the committee. In the same city there is a "Lazy club," no member of which does anything for a

The Parisian head cooks of eminence in their profession have formed an association known as the "Culinary academy." The members of this institution number 30, and meet once a month, when they discuss at length various matters concerning their art, compare notes, invent new dishes and touch up

#### DAVID B. HENDERSON.

lows Congressman Who Would Not Object to Being Speaker of the House of Representatives.

David Bremner Henderson was born at Old Deer, Scotland, March 14, 1840. His parents brought him to America and to the state of Illinois in 1846. Three years later, in 1849, they moved to Iowa and settled on a farm not far from Dubuque. Young Henderson attended the common school of his town and the Upper Iowa university at Fayette. Thereafter he studied law in the office of Bissel & Shiras, at Dubuque, and was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1865.

He remained at work on the farm,



DAVID B. HENDERSON. (Representative in Congress from the Third Iowa District.)

September, 1861, enlisted in the union army as a private in company C, Twelfth regiment, Iowa volunteer infantry. He was soon elected and commissioned first lieutenant of that company, and served with it until discharged from the service, owing to a wound in the leg, February 16, 1863. In May, 1863, Mr. Henderson was appointed commissioner of the board of enrollment for the Third congressional district of Iowa, and served as such until June, 1864, when he reentered the army as colonel of the Forty-sixth Iowa infantry. He then remained in the field until the close of the war. Upon his return home in November, 1865, Col. Henderson was appointed internal revenue collector for the Third, or Dubuque district, of Iowa, which position he held until June, 1869, when he resigned to enter upon the practice of law, and almost immediately was appointed United States district attorney for the northern division of the Iowa district, serving two years, then resigning. Afterwards the law firm of Henderson, Hurd, Daniels & Kiesel was formed, and soon became known, largely through the ability of its senior member, as one of the strongest legal combinations in the state.

Mr. Henderson was first elected to congress in 1883 from the Third district, and has served in the house ever

Mr. Henderson is a republican leader of influence, whose advice is frequently acted upon in the councils of his party. For years Col. Henderson has been

on the committee on rules, which has considered every question brought before the house, from a public building clergymen offering to go to Lacken to to the declaration of war. This has pray for the queen's recovery, averring resulted in taking him off the floor most that on a similar occasion they had of the time, but it has also given him a close acquaintance with general legislation of all kinds, and, coupled with his position as chairman of the judiciary committee, has made him an au thority on parliamentary law.

# LAWRENCE TOWNSEND.

Our New Minister to Belgium Is a Diplomat of Experience and a Model Gentleman.

Lawrence Townsend, who has been transferred from the American mission at Lisbon to that at Brussels, is the youngest son of Henry C. Townsend. lawyer of Philadelphia. He was born in Philadelphia August 13, 1860, and in 1877 entered the University of Penn-



LAWRENCE TOWNSEND (New United States Minister to Brussels

sylvania, but left college at the close

of his junor year on account of failing health resulting from an accident. For this reason also he traveled extensively abroad, and afterward purchased and managed for some time a large ranch in Mesa county, Col. In 1893 President Cleveland appointed Mr. Townsend, although he and all his family are republicans, secretary of the United States legation at Vienna, where he served under Minister Bartlett Tripp, just appointed the American member of the Samoan joint commission. Mr. Townsend for several months acted as charge d'affaires. In June, 1897, President McKinley appointed Mr. Townsend, who was still on duty at Vienna, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Portugal, from which place he is now transferred to a similar position at Brusseis, with an increase in his salary of from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Mr. Townsend married Miss Hanna, whom he met at Nice, in southern France, while sojourning there soon after leaving college.

# The Girl of To-day

will be the woman of to-morrow. She does not know it, perhaps her mother does not fully understand it, but between the "to-day" when she is a girl and the "to-morrow" when she will be a woman, her life's happiness and health are in the balance. If she is to be a full-breasted, strong, healthy woman she must develop rightly now. She is at a crisis. She needs more strength, more blood to tide it over. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the one medicine that will give her the strength and make the new blood.

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# Against Dock-Tailed Horses-

English horsemen have taken a stand against dock-tailed horses. At some of the races during the coming season the entrances must be longtailed, and the rule will be enforced in the future. The Prince of Wales is said to be at the head of the movement, and will seal the doom of this most cruel and inhuman treatment of the nobiest of all brutes.

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