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Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian author, loves to keep his hair in disorder. This is said to be his one vanity.

There has recently died in Canada, in abject poverty, Samuel Napier, the man who discovered the largest nugget of gold the world has ever seen.

The United States department of agriculture is at present investigating the curious behavior of certain plants growing on the western prairies, which are known as locoweeds.

The census shows over 5,000,000 of women engaged in gainful occupations in this country. There are over 1,600,000 engaged in agricultural pursuits.

One of the curious trades of New York is that of the smelling expert, a man who earns his living literally by following his nose.

A dredger, claimed to be in some respects the largest ever constructed, has just been completed by the Golden Gate and Miner works, of San Francisco.

Following the lead of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, ultra-fashionable New York women are taking to sitting in theater boxes with their backs to the stage.

Members of a Canadian woman's club, organized for literary and sociological study, with a college woman as president, are said to have become so interested in the servant problem that they have resolved to raise the standard of domestic service by going out to serve themselves.

Native Japanese engineers and managers have developed to a tremendous extent the copper mines of Ashio, says Japan and America. There are 10,000 persons employed in the mines and at the furnaces, who, with their families, make up a city of 17,000.

ONLY A MARE'S-NEST.

Tariff Reform Organ Makes a Discovery That Is Strange and Truly Startling.

Not long since the treasury department, in the case of certain imports of steel, ruled that duty must be paid upon them not at the price at which they were invoiced, but at that charged to domestic consumers in the country from which they were shipped.

But now comes the Boston Herald with a charge that the ruling demonstrates that the American protective tariff is in effect an export bounty system.

If the question is carefully considered, certain facts will be ascertained, the Herald seems to have completely overlooked in its anxiety to make a point against American manufacturers.

If it is right and expedient for a merchant who sells muslin at ten cents a yard on Saturday to one set of customers, to turn around and sell muslin of the same quality for seven cents a yard on Monday, then it is not immortal or improper for manufacturers to resort to the same course.

The economic strabismus of the Herald prevents its seeing that one of the reasons why the American consumer is able to pay so much more for goods than most foreigners is because the manufacturers of the United States are not subjected to repressive measures.

The only persons who have anything to complain of are the foreigners who are the victims of the dumping process, and they will be fully justified in taking any steps which may put an end to the practice.

The next democratic candidate for president must come from a republican state, unless he hails from Nevada, Rhode Island, Missouri or the south.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

LIVING NOW COSTS LESS.

Prosperity and Plenty Is Robbing the Democrats of Their Party War Cry.

Much has been said recently of the high cost of living, and it is true that as far as prices for the necessary commodities are concerned 1902 has been a record-breaking year.

Last year's short corn crop was one of the principal causes producing the advance in the prices of commodities. This advance was felt not only in cereals, but also in the prices of cattle and meats.

With the large corn crop and the reduction in the price of meats, which has already been announced from Kansas City, and with the better supply of coal which may reasonably be expected, now that mining is resumed in full, there is reason to believe that the cost of living will steadily decline.

This result may rob the democratic party of a war cry, but it will be pleasing to purchasers of commodities, and will help to prove that the reasons assigned by those who, from political or other motives, attack the present conditions in this country have been, voluntarily or ignorantly, deceptive.

THE "ANTI" SUPERFLUOUS.

Timely and Wise Warning That Should Be Borne in Mind by Legislators.

No bill that can be properly described as "anti-trust" deserves the consideration of the congress. "Anti" in this connection has the meaning of "hostile to," and there is no reason nor even excuse for the enactment of legislation hostile to all industrial combinations that are loosely classed under the heading "trusts."

This warning should be borne in mind, for it is timely and wise. It should be heeded as well in the giving of a name to legislation as in the framing of a proposed law.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

The Monroe doctrine and "manifest destiny" seem to fit into and complement each other, all in the interest of American expansion and in disregard of the anti-imperialists.—Troy Times.

Of course, Mr. Bryan has the right to enjoy prosperity honestly won, and nobody objects to his possession of a private fortune. But it does seem a little out of order for a man so situated to go up and down the earth bewailing as calamitous a condition of things under which he thrives so well.—Troy Times.

The action of the house in appropriating \$500,000 to be used in the prosecution of trusts under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law settles the question as to what position the republican party will take on the trust question in 1904.

FIGHTING AGAIN.

Venezuelan Rebels Attack President Castro's Troops.

President Castro's Reply to the Powers Contains a New Proposal that Is Not Likely to Be Accepted.—Blockade Will Probably Be Continued.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 29.—Gen. Vidal and five other leading supporters of Gen. Matos who had sought refuge here left the island of Curacao Saturday morning in a sail boat, which took them in the direction of Cumarebo, near Coro, on the Venezuelan coast.

The Venezuelan revolutionists have assumed active hostilities against President Castro. There occurred on Saturday a lively engagement between 1,200 revolutionists under Gen. Riera and government forces at Cauyarao, in the vicinity of Coro.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Rome says it has been semi-officially announced that under special agreements the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the allies will continue during the arbitration of the issues.

Caracas, Dec. 31.—The state of Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, which for some time past has been in possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists, has been recaptured by government forces.

Caracas, Jan. 2.—President Castro's reply to the powers, through Minister Bowen, is substantially an unqualified acceptance of the proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions.

Brussels, Jan. 2.—It is said here that an arrangement has been concluded with Great Britain and Germany to submit the Belgian and Dutch claims against Venezuela to the international peace court at The Hague.

Caracas, Jan. 2.—President Castro said to a correspondent yesterday: "If a settlement is not reached it will be because a settlement forms no part of the plan of the allies; in this case the prolongation of the present situation would be disastrous for all concerned."

A Chapter of Japanese Horrors. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—Correspondence received from Yokohama by the steamer Tartar includes details of a horrible baby farming conspiracy in Osaka.

Montgomery Plays Favorites. Caracas, Dec. 31.—United States Minister Bowen has received information that the Dutch steamer Prinz Maurits has entered certain Venezuelan ports blockaded by the British fleet.

A FINE COUNTRY.

Resident of Ohio Says Western Canada Is an Ideal Land for Farmers and Ranchers.

A delegate from Ohio to Western Canada says: "The whole of Western Canada seemed to me to be a very fine country, but I spent most of my time about thirty miles east of Lacombe, in Alberta, near what is popularly known as the coal banks on the Red Deer River, and I am very pleased to report that the country appears to be everything that the Agents of the Canadian Government have claimed for it."

Hugh Spender, of the Westminster Gazette, one of the British Journalists who visited Canada this summer (1902), says: "We fell in with a young farmer from Somersetshire, England, driving a binder round a hundred acre field of wheat in Western Canada."

"I know a man who commenced in Assiniboia, 15 years ago, with no means; no capital. To-day this man owns 7,000 acres of land, some 30 horses, 30 or 40 bullocks, cows, etc. He has built a good stone house with his own hands, and has now married and is doing well, with every prospect of increasing his means in the future."

Wherein He Was Different. McJigger—Oh, he's a regular hog. He wants the best of everything for himself.

A Suspect. She—You didn't stay long in London. He—No, I couldn't stand it. Over there everybody knew me for an American right away.

Stops the Cough. and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25 cents.

It is a good thing that talk is cheap. It is desirable that the necessities of life should always be within easy reach of the masses.—Puck.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "takes a heap 'o' credit for being patient, when dey's only jes' dilatory."—Washington Star.

If you are coughing, take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea.

Every man reveals himself when he describes another.—Ram's Horn.

RECORD OF THE PAST.

The best guarantee of the future is the record of the past, and over fifty thousand people have publicly testified that Doan's Kidney Pills have cured them of numerous kidney ills, from common backache to dangerous diabetes, and all the attendant annoyances and sufferings from urinary disorders.

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