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#### New York's Temperature.

The records for New York are fair ly complete since 1822, and they show, prior to the advent of the local bureau that our coldest year was in 1837, with an average temperature of 47.6 de grees, and the warmest in 1865, averaging 55.5. This would make a difference of about 14 weeks in the pe riod of vegetation in the extreme years.-N. Y. Times.

#### Dreaming.

I care not how worldly you may be; there are times when all distinctions seem like dust; and when at the graves of the great, you dream of a coming country where your proudest hopes shall be dimmed forever. Married or unmarried, young or old, poet or worker, you are still a dreamer, and will one time feel and know that your life is but a dream .- Ike Marvel.

#### Fads in Diet.

So many dietetic schemes have been urged on what have been claimed to be scientific reasons, and have proved themselves in practice to be unsatis factory, that not a few practitioners refuse to listen to any discussion on the specific values of foodstuffs outside the teachings of practical experience.-London Hospital.

#### Considerate.

"Brethren," said Rev. Mr. Good-man, bringing his sermon to a close when scarcely half way through it, "it too hot this morning for me to preach and for you to listen. We will sing 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains,' omitting all but the first stanza and be dismissed."

Tommy Atkins (to colonel, who has brought him to see a memorial brass in the church to those of their regiment who fell in a late war)-Well. sir, if I'd a-known your name weren't a-going to be amongst 'em, blest if I'd have subscribed a penny to the thing! -Punch.

## The First Trousers.

Pockets were one of the great sar-torial objections urged against trousers, and an English writer on male fashions 80 years ago declared: "No pockets can be tolerated on any acwhatever; they make a man look like a Yankee."

## English Modesty.

It is not the habit of the average English gentleman to brag of his benefactions, of anything attempted or done, and, as a rule, he is a most disconcerted person when his left hand discovereth what his right hand doeth .- Motor World.

## Sayings of Childhood.

A little girl of three years was given bag of peanuts by her father. She helped herself to one and being unable to break the shell, she said: "Papa, will you please unbutton this peanut for me?"—Chicago Tribune.

Plain Language from H. James. It is observable, I think, the world over, writes Henry James in Harp-er's Bazar, that the poor are kinder to the poor, in proportion, than the rich themselves are, or even than the rich are to the rich.

### Will Never Dress Like Men. "Will women ever dress like men?" asks a New York reformer. No. Even

if they wore trousers they would want to put them on by poking their heads up through from under.-Chicago Rec ord-Herald.

Keep Out Dust.
Tack a piece of cheesecloth over the screen in your pantry window and see how much dust you can keep out; wash the cloth when needed.

## Large Crop from Acre.

An acre of rich land in the parts of Central America suitable for raising that fruit will yield about 26,000

Few Insane Indians.
The proportion of insanity among the North American Indians is the smallest among the world's races—25 per 100,000.

## The Real Test.

It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested,-Lowell.

## S NOT FAIR PLAY

NEW TARIFF DEAL WITH GER MANY SHARPLY CRITICIZED.

It Not Only Permits the Cheating of the Revenues by Undervaluation but Also Enables Foreigners to Undermine American Producers in the American Market.

It is gratifying to find so influential newspaper as the Chicago Tribune arrayed on the side of fair play and square play in connection with the new German agreement. Additionally gratifying it is to have the view of the American Economist regarding the mischief and the folly of that agreement so thoroughly agreed with by the Tribune. Again it is gratify ing that the Cedar Rapids Republican has arrived at the truth through the Tribune, after having hesitated to accept identically the same truth as promulgated through the Economist several weeks in advance of the Tribune. We are delighted to find that the truth, through whatsoever channel, has at last penetrated Cedar Rapids. The main thing is that the truth has got there. The over zeal which insists upon a prompt procla-mation of the truth is surely no less pardonable than the under zeal which hesitates in accepting a truth when it is as plain as the nose on a man's

The Chicago Tribune, albeit no fer vent friend of protectionism, and far from partial to the so-called "standpatters," shows a clear comprehen-sion of what is the true substance of our new dicker with Germany. The Tribune is not fooled by the peanut concessions authorized in section 3. It knows better than to suppose that this paltry consideration is all that Germany obtains in return for generous condescension in marking to normal rates a tariff schedule previously marked up for that very purpose. It knows what Germany was after, and what Germany gets under the agreement, was such a nullification of our cus toms laws and methods of adminis tration as would permit the wholesale undervaluation of German exports consigned to German agents in the United States. Fully aware is the Tribune that there is no virtue in the clause requiring that the goods shall be for export only and not such as are sold in the home country except in limited quantities only. In order to defeat this restriction, says the Tribune:

'All the German manufacturer has to do is to put up a staple article in an unusual form and refrain from selling it in that shape in the domes tic market. It immediately becomes an article for export only, and the manufacturer fixes his own price, which under the convention cannot be attacked either by our consuls or by customs appraisers at the port of arrival, no matter what may be its ac tual value."

Every competing country will claim and sooner or later be granted similar license to send to the United States special brands of goods manufactured "for export only." In every compet ing country manufacturers will, as the Tribune says, fix their own export prices on everything they export to the United States. Well may the Cedar Rapids Republican exclaim:

"It is almost past comprehension how such a blunder could have occurred. If what the Tribune has set forth be true, the United States has virtually said to Europe: Here is our tariff law; make your own reductions. In other words, fix the schedules to suit yourselves."

Yes; this is precisely what our gifted state department, backed up by our acquiescent treasury department has said to the manufacturers of Europe. They have said more than that orse than that. They have said to the governments of the world: "First mark up your tariffs on American exports, and we will then mark down our own tariff as an inducement for you to put your tariffs back where they were before you marked them up on us." Evidently the era of Amerion us." Evidently the era of American tariff making for Americans is past. Hereafter foreigners are to determine what our tariff shall be. The results, as affecting American 'abor and industry, of the universal undervaluation of goods for export to the United States need not be speculated upon. Industrial disaster will go hand in hand with national humiliation.—American Economist.

## Has Learned Nothing.

Cleveland thinks the tariff should be the great issue for the Democrats to bring to the front next year. The ex-president is 70 years old. He lives in the past and has learned nothing since he left the White House. He imagines that the issues that interested him then are issues that interested him then are still alive and that people are thinking now pretty much as they thought then. That was long ago. A great deal has happened since, but Mr. Cleveland has had no hand in it and thinks the country should get back and take up the work where he left it. Both Bryan and Hearst have come to the front since Mr. Cleveland's time, but he scarcely recognizes them, though they represent ten Democrats where he represents one. Grover is an excellent fisherman on a pond, where he can get a good on a pond, where he can get a good seat, but not much in quick water, where he has to wade.-Northampton (Mass.) Gazette.

### STAB AT PROTECTIVE SYSTEM.

What Recent Agreement with Ger many Amounts to.

In declaring that "the arrangement with Germany is a violation of the principles of the protective tariff systhe Washington Post states fact of importance. It is true, as the Post avers, that the foundation stone of protectionism is that the United States shall treat all countries alike, and that "the agreement just made is not justified if the protective system is to be continued.'

The agreement with Germany contemplates larger opportunities for the admission of competitive products in the United States. Either it means that, or it means nothing. We do not suppose that the shrewd diplomats of Germany have been putting in their time reaching an agreement which means to German producers no more than the petty an inconsequential con-cession relating to argols, vermouth, sparkling wines, statuary, etc. Paltry dickers like this do not take so much time. It was the privilege of under-valuing their exports that the Germans wanted and got.

Just now our gifted state department and our acquiescent treasury department are busily engaged in trying to show that the permission to fix their own values is not going to do the Germans any good or American industry and labor any harm. Then why was the permission granted? Was a law of congress distorted out of shape and nullified to no purpose? It is silly to suppose it. The Post is The German agreement is an right. underhanded stab at the protective tariff system. This agreement must of necessity be extended to all competing nations—all except Great Britain, the nation that deserves most at our hands. So, if the agreement stands protection must fall. Nothing is plainer than that

#### STILL NEED OF PROTECTION.

Outory of Chicago Journal Is Unsupported by the Facts.

"The Dingley tariff has been in effect for ten years. In that time our 'infant' industries have had all the protection they need, in many cases oo much protection for the good of the people."-Chicago Journal.

Is that so? And how about the Journal's subscription and advertising patronage? Both have been the beneficiaries of the era of prosperity that exists in this country on account of the Dingley tariff. Does the Journal think it has got to a point where it can get along without prosperity? Has it a notion that American industries can go on paying the highest vages ever known and employing full quotas of workmen in competition with the cheap labor of Europe? dces, it is laboring under a delusion. The removal of the protective principles of the tariff would instantly expose the industries of this country to the inroads of foreign goods made at starvation wages, and no matter how strong and prosperous an institution is, it cannot long withstand such a corroding influence on its business Wages would have to be lowered, quality of articles cheapened and money withdrawn from investment in unprofitable concerns. Anyone with common sense can figure out the ulti mate result of such a condition. With all due respect to the Journal for a most excellent but misguided newspaper, the intelligent people of country do not propose to do away with the protective tariff and let down the bars to panic and business stagnation.-Burlington Hawkeye

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PERSONAE NON GRATAE PRINCIPLE.



"It is hereby understood," says the German agreement, "that the general principle as to personae gratae shall apply to special agents, confidential agents and others sent by the treasury department to investigate questions bearing upon customs administration." What will happen should these officials become pers non gratae because of overzeal in the matter of ascertaining true values of German exports is graphically sug gested in the above illustration.

Seeing a Light. In a letter to the Philadelphia Record, Mr. A. B. Farquhar, an uncom promising free trader, bears testi-mony to the sincerity of the demand of the manufacturers for tariff reduc tion at the earliest possible moment and also for a general system of rec iprocity in competing products. "Our manufacturers have begun to see light," says Mr. Farquhar. Perhaps they have. But they will see more light when tariff ripping and all-round competition under so-called reciproc ity shall have been established. In that light they will readily recognize themselves as having foolishly dug away the ground from under their own feet and landed in a hole.

## LIKE A CARD HOUSE.

A NEW BUILDING AT PHILADEL PHIA COLLAPSED, KILLING THREE MEN.

Nineteen Workmen Were Injured One Fatally-Others Are Believed to be in the Ruins.

Philadelphia, Pa.-Three men are known to have been killed, one fatally hurt and 18 others were injur ed in the collapse of a new concrete building Wednesday at the plant of the Bridgman Brothers Co., manufacturers of steamfitters' supplies, at Fif-

teenth street and Washington avenue.
The building was just being put under roof when a section about 30 feet in width and extending the entire depth of the structure collapsed. About 30 men were at work on the side which gave way, and they were carried down in the debris. The body of Marshall Hopkins, aged 45 years, and the bodies of two unidentified colored men have been taken from the ruins. It is believed there are others buried under the heavy mass of concrete, as the police and contractors have not been able to locate two Italians and three colored laborers were on the building when the acci-

dent occurred.

The building, which was being erected as an annex to the Bridgman plant, collapsed according to the admissions of C. B. Miller, the boss carpenter, because the shorings were taken away from the concrete before had properly set. A. S. Reavis, trading as the Sheet Metal and Cornice Co., of Washington, D. C., was the contractor for the building.

#### TOBACCO TRUST IS ATTACKED.

The Government Brings Suit to Dissolve the Big Combine.

New York. — The government on Wednesday filed in the United States circuit court in this city a petition against the American Tobacco Co., the Imperial Tobacco Co., the British-American Tobacco Co., the American Snuff Co., the American Cigar Co., the United Cigar Stores Co., the American Stogie Co., the McAndrews & Forbes Co., the Conley Foil Co. and 56 other corporations and 29 individuals connected with the named companies.

These corporations and individuals constitute what is generally known as the "Tobacco Trust" and the petition directed against them sets forth the purpose of the government to dissolve this trust by breaking up the agree-ments under which the consolidated concerns are working. In showing the growth of the "trust" since its organization in 1890 the conclusion is reach ed that at an early day, unless pre-vented, it would monopolize the en-

tire tobacco industry.

James C. McReynolds, the special assistant attorney general appointed to prosecute the tobacco trust, declar ed Wednesday after filing the com-plaint in the case that the question whether he would urge the court to appoint a receiver for the various companies would depend entirely upon the evidence secured. He said that criminal prosecution of some of the defendants he named in the complaint is probable.

## YAMAMOTO COMES TO GOTHAM.

Japanese Admiral Visits New York, Calls on Admiral Evans and Deprecates Talk of War.

New York .- Admiral Baron Vama, moto, one of Japan's most dis-tinguished naval officers, is the guest of New York. The admiral and his suite arrived here Wednesday from England on the steamer Carmania and will remain here until July 15

The admiral's first day in New York was a busy one. He was interviewed by half a hundred reporters, had his photograph taken a score of times, re-ceived visits from Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Capt. J. D. Adams, acting commandant of the New York navy yard, and a number of other military and naval men, took a long automobile naval men, took a long automobile ride and dined with the members of his party.

his party.

In his interviews the admiral deprecated the war scare which has recently appeared in both Japan and America. He said that no small incident could break the friendship which has existed for many years between Japan and the United States. He thought the sensational press of the two countries largely to his on the two countries largely to blame for the war talk. As to the proposed transfer of the great Atlantic battleship squadron to the Pacific, that was a matter solely for the American government to decide.

## Mover Testifies.

Boise, Idaho.—President Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, went to the stand Wednesday as a witness for Secreary Haywood, charged with murdering Frank Steunenberg, and be-sides making positive denial of all the crimes attributed to him and the other federation leaders by Harry Or-chard, Moyer offered an explanation of the unsolicited appearance of the federation of miners as the defender of Harry Orchard immediately after Orchard's arrest at Caldwell for the murder of Steunenberg

Two-Cent Fare Law Inoperative. Richmond, Va.—Judge Pritchard, of the United States circuit court of appeals, on Wednesday continued the restraining order prevent-ing the uniform two-cent passenger rate as adopted by the state corporaion commission from going into ef-

Canada's Population Is 6,504,900. Ottawa, Ont.—The census de-partment has figured out Canada's population April 1 at 6,504,900, an in-crease of 1,133,586 in the last six

Straw Cuffs for Gardeners. Cuffs specially designed for the use of women gardeners have made their appearance. They are made of woven willow that is perfectly impervious to thorns and yet is light and not un comfortable to wear. Through the baskets, which fit from the wrists al most to the elbows and keep the blouse and arms from being soiled during the heavy work of gardening, the hands are easily slipped.

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#### Wholesale Lamplighting.

intro A new invention has been duced in Newcastle by which it is feared the lamplighters of the city will lose their vocation. A German inventor has placed a machine at the local gas works which will enable the gas company to light and extinguish all the street lamps simulta neously.-Newcastle (Eng.) Guardian.

#### India Rubber Tree.

The india rubber tree grows freel in gardens as an ornamental shrul in southern Italy, and steps are be ing taken to make an industrial busi ness of growing it. Prof. Bozzi of the Palermo Botanical Gardens, exhibited a specimen at Milan recently contain ing as much as 85 per cent. of rubber

#### The Actor's Hard Lot.

Canada has a theatrical company which is transported in automobiles from place to place. The game is getting harder every minute. Oldtime Canadian actor only had to be able to play ten characters a week wagon and double in brass Now he has also to be a chauffeur.

## Good Business Proposition

The proposition is being discussed to pull down the Bank of England building, which is one story in height and covers eight acres, house it in a seven-story building on a por-tion of the site and sell the remainder of the land, the value of which is estimated at \$32,500,000.

### Knew Where to Come

With reference to a fossil tooth of hippopotamus found in Iowa the London Evening Standard doubts whether that proves that the animal ever was an inhabitant of America. It thinks that the tooth belonged to a hippopotamus that visited America for dental purposes.

## Thirsty British Sailors.

More than 1,000 men from a tor pedo flotilla at Harwich, England, got shore leave one day recently, early in the afternoon there was not a drop of beer left in the saloons of the town. Thirsty customers had to be regretfully turned away.

### Bible Seventy Years in Court. After 70 years' continuous service

at Wisbach, England, a leather-covered Bible with brown and faded leaves, has been discarded, a lady having presented the police court with a celluloid-covered copy, which will be washad every day.

Beauty.
There are women's faces, some real, some ideal, which contain something in them that becomes a positive element in our creed, so direct and palpable a revelation is it of the infinite purity of love.-Holmes

## Interesting Indian Relic.

cently displayed in Strong, Me. It is a sapbucket formerly owned and used by Played and used An interesting Indian relic was reby Pierpole, the noted character of oneer days, and is made of heavy birch bark.

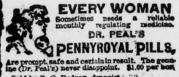
## Youthful Snake Charmer.

Evelyn Chandler of Norway, Me., eight years old, is said to have a peculiar power over reptiles. She is a natural snake charmer, and handles the most venomous serpents with impunity.

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