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Look Out For Red Herring
TAXPAYERS are determined to have rapid transit. They will not be cheated out of it.

Safety First for Penroseism
THE Old Guard is out for holes, or anything at all that looks well and costs nothing.

Mexico Labors in Transition
WHETHER or not Huerta and his government would have brought order out of chaos in Mexico if the ex-dictator had received the aid and recognition of the United States is no longer a question in the minds of serious students of Mexican history and affairs.

Music Teachers Come to Their Own
THE laying of the cornerstone of a home for retired music teachers in Germantown is only another sign that the American pedagogues of music is at last coming into its own.

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to be characteristic of American men. It is largely through this natural disposition of the public that the political boss has climbed into power and, in many cases, remained there.

But even in a "good fellow" the spirit of rebellion is not dead. There may come to him a recognition of the fact that he has been imposed upon, that the other "good fellow" has gone too far. It is humiliating, maddening, to be made a means to an end.

Daylight Kills a Grab
ORDINARY citizens may be in doubt concerning the plans of the Organization "to make a killing" through the acquisition of land and palaces for the Municipal Court.

Shocks From Ice Cream Plunges
ICE CREAM has won official standing as a food. It used to be considered a sort of thermal debauch, you expended untold pounds of energy in melting it.

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PASSED BY THE CENSOR

THE HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD, better known as "Honey Fitz," the man who made Boston famous and placed the Sacred Codfish on the map, or vice versa, is a fighting Irishman, who does what is exactly opposite to accepted standards.

When plain folk such as you and I see the sun setting in the sky. We think it is the setting sun; But Mr. Gilbert Chesterton is not so easily misled.

EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH, whose troubles are as the sands of the sea, once had an experience which he recounted with zest for many years. He had been visiting the villa of a friend in the outskirts of Vienna, and had played cards until 2 in the morning.

IT HAPPENED long ago, so there can be no good reason why this story should not be told, although it concerns an esteemed contemporary. Its owner established an American daily in London and promptly engaged nine English journalists and one American reporter, named Haverley.

Now, Haverley knew as much of Hampstead Heath as an cat does of the calculus, but he was an American. So he hid himself to Hampstead Heath, where he found the Three Spaniards, an inn owned by the same family for 200 years.

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IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

house, one for the mother cat and the other for the kittens. The "Little Gentleman in Velvet," who appears occasionally in print, was a mole which raised a hill against which tumbled the horse which William III. of England, was riding, throwing the monarch over its head.

THE Hesitation
To tea or not to tea, that is the tango; To whether, it's better in the maxims to suffer The slings and whirlings of the Texas Tommy.

Extend the Possibilities
The "Buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement can be extended indefinitely. It is not merely the South that needs assistance. For example: Buy a freight box and help the railway equipment companies.

True Enough
There is quite a chance in the weather, It remains the optimistic individual, "There always is," added the Cheerful Pessimist.

The Secret Out
Fairmount (after a few puffs)—I thought you said these were choice cigars. Wassaickton—That's what I said—my wife's.

One Might
This may say for Mexico's One Time first chief whose way is sliding; Who now is weighted down with woes And with the end may be colliding.

A la Sherman
Night Watchman (in any European town)—Eight o'clock—and all's hell.—Life.

Terpsichore's Triumph
Isn't there a proverb about those who hesitate being lost? "Yes," replied the frivolous youth, "but I never hesitate. The evening is good enough for me."—Washington Star.

A Rodeau of Babies
As you must know, some men there be Who doubt the fact that they are free. From their vagrant halcyons, oft they cry "All babies look alike to me!"

Correctly Misunderstood
Examiner—Now, speak up, boy. Do you know what nasal organ means? Boy—No, sir. Examiner—Correct!—London Opinion.

The Mysterious Keats
The little agricultural village had been billed with "Lecture on Keats" for over a fortnight. The evening arrived at length, and the lecturer ready to discourse on the poet.

He Knew the Car
You are charged with giving assistance to the enemy? "How so?" "How so?" "How so?" "How so?"

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

FOR the last five years there has been an agitation for the restoration of the carrying trade of Philadelphia, and already the movement is displaying signs of bearing fruit.

OUR recent agitation was anticipated as far back as the middle of the last century. Great expectations from the completion of the Pennsylvania Railroad were common.

REMEMBER reading the very pointed reasons for this diversion of our trade written by Richard Rush, who had been our Minister to London and to Paris and was a patriotic and loyal Philadelphian. However, he did not spare his compatriots in his explanation of our loss of trade.

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HE DECLARED that a too cautious Legislature had prevented banking capital from being more than one-fourth what it was in New York, and that although the Bank of the United States was located in Philadelphia it "did not render such accommodations to the business community here as were favorable to the growth of the foreign and the enlargement of the coasting trade."

HOWEVER, even in those days this city was the chief manufacturing city in the country, and it was believed that when the Pennsylvania Railroad was completed and the primitive inclined planes and canals were replaced by a continuous roadbed, commerce would return to this city.

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VIEWS OF READERS

temperament was of the worrying type, and, of course, this heightened her pain. The old family physician noted this. As he left her room on one day he had a look at her and casually offered the information that "this afternoon I have to amputate a boy's leg."

CONTRIBUTIONS That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The splendid work of the Evening Ledger in calling attention to the child labor evil at this time should result in great good for the working boys and girls of Philadelphia. This is a most opportune time and I feel keenly the necessity for every voter ascertaining exactly how the candidates for the State Senate and House of Representatives in that State in which he lives stand upon the question of an eight-hour day and the abolition of night work for children under 16.

IT is a favorite contention of the manufacturers and other employers of children that they cannot work their shoulder-towers more than eight hours a day and their children under 16 only eight hours. This is not true. If any manufacturer will only show a willingness to arrange a fair schedule to keep his children busy eight hours and the machines and other employes a longer time, he will find that it is a comparatively simple matter. This was very clearly shown in the case of the State of Massachusetts where they passed a child labor law which went into effect last September, containing much the same provisions as I have outlined for the proposed legislation in Pennsylvania. At once there was a great outcry from the manufacturers that they would have to discharge all children under 16. The law went into effect on the first of last September, and on that date there were no children under 16 in the industries of Massachusetts and New Jersey.

CHILD labor is at once the cheapest and dearest form of labor. Manufacturers and other employ children because they can get them at a small price. But when one considers their wastefulness and inattention, there is a considerable financial offset, and by sapping the strength of the young manhood and young womanhood of the State, through working the children long hours, a price is paid in the deteriorating standard of humanity which makes it well worth the very dearest form of labor that any one can employ.

MEXICAN VIEWS—VERSE
Better let the soldiers stay Down in Mexico, while they cannot see the prospect there. Over those who rule the State: A queer bunch; most any day They may break out in a fray. Some old Chapeau in the ring There is a common link. Fact is they don't want war cease; No place for a dove of peace —Anywhere in Mexico: It would be unwise, Woodrow. To call them the soldiers now, At the outbreak of a row. 'Twixt Carranza and his mate Villa, "bout ruling the State. If it need be let them stay 'Till the hour of judgment day. Or maybe we'll have to take For the common people's sake Like we did the Isles from Spain, And not give them back again, The old land and our own rights. Shows them how to live right. D. H. KENNEY, Philadelphia, September 25, 1914.

SPARE PRISONERS HUMILIATION
TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—From a window of a New York train a few days ago I saw a dozen or more men in striped uniforms working in the fields which bordered on the railroad tracks. They were plowing and doing the late harvesting. They were the only prisoners I saw in the country.

THE HEEDLESS SHOPPER
TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I was very glad to see the letter of "A Dilemma" in the "Society" in the Evening Ledger Saturday. It hit at a big evil, bigger than it seems. I know, because I have caught thoughtlessly, inconsiderately, I have caught myself treating shopgirls with just the incivility that she complains of.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW
It is an excellent thing to find bankers in all parts of the country explaining, excusing and defending their position. They never were under any such compulsion before.—New York World.

THE AGONY COLUMN
TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I was much interested to read in Saturday Evening Ledger of the present state of the "personal" or "agony" columns of the London papers. Has any reader, I wonder, any experience of such a curious institution in our own States? Here is a specimen of one of Conan Doyle's stories as a medium of communication between criminals. Perhaps that is why our papers have not cultivated it.

REVIVING PERSONAL COMBAT
From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Even near to a personal encounter a day or two ago. They had words and rushed at each other and were "with difficulty restrained."