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Penrose: Goliath of Rum and Ruin BEYOND inference, far beyond allegation, by the enthusiastic acclaim of the liquor dealers themselves, Penrope is the Black Prince, the undiscuised champion, of the saloon. In Atlantic City yesterday the New Jersey Liquor Dealers' League cheered his name to the echo every time it was mentioned.

Nell Bonner said truly, "We have good friends with us in high places. Our only hope, therefore, is to stand by the Republicans who have stood by us."

How long will the self-respecting, God-fearing Republicans of Pennsylvania stand for this disreputable alliance?

Never was there more brazen effrontery than for the man who throws his Senatorial toga over the saloon and prostitutes his high office by protecting all the infamous adjuncts of the groggery to ask for the vote of respectable citizens.

Playing With Fire

NEED for the inculcation of "safety first" principles in the minds of the young is nowhere more clearly exemplified than in a recent statement of underwriters showing that the fire losses in this country and Canada during the first nine months of the year reached the enormous total of \$176,706,750.

The Insurance Department of Pennsylvania, within the last two years, has investigated the causes of 16,000 fires and has found that 60 per cent, of them were caused by carelessness. If there was drilled into the minds of Americans the practical value of the adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" the chances are that this abnormal loss would be materially reduced. There would result saving of life and property and greater conservation of our financial resources through reductions in fire insurance premiums.

How Many Presidential Terms?

DERPETUAL recurrence of the one-term. two-term or three-term discussion is getting to be a hore. It ought not to rest with the candidate to delimit his own governing ambitions; it should not be within the power of a political party assembled in convention to pledge its candidate as to tenure of office; and, above all, it should not be left in the air to be used as a campaign weapon for or against any candidate.

There is only one sensible way of settling a constitutional amendment to the several States for decision. As the matter stands today, it seems as if President Wilson will be as much under suspicion if he seeks two terms as was Colonel Roosevelt when he sought three.

Antwerp and Strategy

UNLESS the German General Staff has a plan of campaign much more comprehensive and intricate than anything considered possible, the fall of Antwerp can be little more than an incident,

Those who see the Belgian port as a base for an attack upon Great Britain seem to have forgotten the unbroken strength of England's navy. Napoleon once lay at Boulogne with an army ready to cross the channel, but, intrepld as he was, the difficulties and risks were counted far too great to be undertaken.

The fall of Antwerp will doubtless act as a tonic to the German army and may lengthen the duration of the western phase of the war. Apart from its effect on the morale of the Teutons, a few experts think that the surrendered city can have slight strategic value.

If Merion. Why Not Philadelphia? MERION, through its Civic Association, has erected signposts—artistic, durable and legible. Merion is a suburb; Philadelphia is a metropolis; but the stranger within our gates or the resident in an unfamiliar district must make his way about the city almost unaided. Here and there at street intersections, high up on buildings and far beyond the range of sight of many people, there are dim, ancient and cryptic design nations, but they are almost as scarce and quite a hard to decipher as Egyptian hiero-

Economy That Begins at the Top

BEFORE reducing the salaries of other officers President Harrison, of the Southern Railway, out down his own salary 20 per cent. He believed it only fair that the officers of the company should share among themselves the sacrifice required by existing conditions. Just a few weeks ago another railroad president in the South telegraphed his wife to economize drastically on house hold expenses. The necessity for economy in these stressful times is no respecter of persons; and the two instances mentioned are laudable examples of retrenchment which begins at the top, with no attempt to escape the burden by passing it on

Stupid Respectability

THERE is no valid reason why respects. bility and stupidity should go hand in hand, but they always do under the skiiful

manipulation of political cupidity. Gang politicians know quite well that they would never have a day's tenure of power if they walked abroad in their own naked villainy. It is necessary that they shall be decently garbed, and to meet the requirements of enlightened society they cloak themselves in the irreproachable respectabillity of men who can be easily won by such administration," "protection of local indus-

Flattered by the attention given to their own vocabulary by the men who are in polities for tax-eating purposes, the dear detached-residence and suburban-villa citizens fall easy victims to the liar. They lend their names and give an apologetic but a very solid support to men they would regard as banditti or social lepers under any other circumstances.

The weakness of virtue is responsible for the strength of vice.

A Voice for Honesty

TO THE Republicans of this State the A Republican party of this country is looking for its vindication. Says the New York

The Republicans of Pennsylvania have an opportunity this year to do a great service to the Republican party of the nation. They can help to restore the confidence of the Republicans of other States in the vitality and usefulness of the national organization and its capacity to rid itself of the corruptdebasing elements which have

Tastened upon it.

When such elements get control of the party machinery and use it to dishonor Republican traditions it is no time to how down blindly to the convention of party regularity. The loyalty of good Republicans is shamefully abused by self-seeking bosses tike Boles Penrone, who try to bind good men to work for evil and clean men to work for corruption. There should be no question of technical party regularity when the ideals of Republicanism are being profaned and its good name is being stolen by men who use their Republicanism only as a cloak to cover their own schemes of spoliation.

What is done to Penroseism on November 3 will be done not only for the Republican party, but for civic honor; not only for Pennsylvania, but for the whole nation. For the Republicans of Pennsylvania to kneel to the shibboleth of party regularity in a crisis so great would be to disappoint the hope and faith of Republicans all over the country; it would be to raise doubts of their sincerity in professing to glory in the past history and splendid future of their party. Penroseism is known for what it is everywhere in the United States; it has been too long associated with the name "Republicanism" and the name "Pennsylvania" to leave any question of the action which the shame of it demands.

None But the Braves

LOUR straight, and the world's series is over. The Braves have won a clear, clean championship on their merits.

Of course it can never be settled which was the better team in the strictly scientific spirit of "inside baseball." But which had the "punch" has been amply demonstrated. And in this spectacular finish to the dullest season in years it was "punch" that seemed to count most. The future of the Braves will he interesting to watch.

Meanwhile, there are acknowledgments to be made. From tail-enders to world's champions in three months-it was a terrific climb. All America takes off its hat to the team that made it.

Kansas Puts Its Best Foot Forward

FITHE pure shoe law of Kansas has been Lupheld by the courts, and hereafter the last shall be first. No more will paper and fibre board line the soles of the sturdy farmer as margarine and benzoate of soda once fined his interior. He may now be pure within and without or know the reason why

> With Pure Food on his lips And Pure Shoes on his toes, He will be happy wherever he goes

But will he? Not if, as the shoeman argued, paper is just as good anyway. For now no Kansan will be strong-minded enough to risk the acid test of social standing-the inspection of a "paper-lined" label on his sole leather. Kansas may show its est of the States in shoemaking legislation, but its only satisfaction will be

St. Patrick's Cathedral Outrage

WHATEVER the motive and whoever the perpetrator, there can be nothing but indignation and horror felt by all sane people over the dynamite outrage in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. To say that it was the deed of a madman is only an evasion. Such insanity as resorts to bombs has always been traced to propaganda of a nibilistic nature, in which the rights of life and property are disregarded. There is nothing impulsive about such a crime; it is deliberate and the inevitable application of doctrines that are anti-humanistic,

A Valiant Soldier of Words

DUDYARD KIPLING'S refusal to appear N for one evening in New York for \$3000 as a public reader is characteristic of British patriotism. He declined on the ground that he was needed in Louvain. Incidentally, it may be suggested, the norms he was asked to read belonged to another political era. This is not the time for British poets to appear in public. They are otherwise engaged. The world expects much from Kipling, who has never coased to be the mouthpiece of the Empire. In 1898 "The Truce of the Bear" was written-"the bear that walks like a man." The world has moved on since then. Little wonder he declined to read this characteriza-

Today the rifle fires of Russia and England mingle in the blaze of battle. The Bear and the Lion are one. When the war is over this valiant soldier of words will utter another message, which the world will doubtless receive as an interpretation of new Eu-

Heap blz Braves!

Carranza threatens to attack Very Cruz within 24 hours. Naughty, naughty!

"Senate makes slow progress on war tax

Przemysł may be relieved, but what about the reading public, who must now expect another stege of spelling Jokes?

Nell Bonner speaks the truth. Senator Penrose will have the loyal support of every liquor dealer in Pennsylvania.

Quite in contrast to the liquor dealers' ratificution meeting yesterday comes the annonncoment that 3000 alumni of the University of Pennsylvania will support Doctor

Amato, the operatic Tommy Tucker, seems o have sung for something far more valuable than his suppor, when he proved to Austrian spy-bunters, by means of his voice, that he confined his martial impulses to opera.

As soon as the news, "Braves make it four straight," reached the Weather Man, he heaved a sigh, realizing the strain was over, and pulled open the "Unsettled, with showslogans as "economy," "efficiency," "business | ers" clutch. Full speed ahead for winter:

THE HANDS OF ESAU

Philadelphia Politically a Miniature France. How Effective Organized Opposition is Blotted Out by Taking Care of Minority Leaders. "Democratic" Real Estate Assessors Typical Examples of Bipartisan Methods.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

FOREWORD

"Prudence consists in knowing how to distinguish degrees of disadvantage, and in accepting a less suil as good. Captains of mounted mercenaries are either able men or they are not. If they are, you cannot trust them, since they will always seek their own aggrandizement. If they are not, the chances are you will be ruined. Their first object in either event is to bring foot soldiers into disrepute.-Machiavelli.

Better government in Philadelphia is being slowly strangled. The Blankenburg adminstration of a few city offices expresses better government just as completely as an anti-Tammany administration does in New York. The cold fingers of "the Organization," Philadelphia's Fammany, trelating dexterously through a pliable majority in Councils and officials under ontrol, are pressing hard on its windpipe. Unless pried off by the people themselves, strangulation of better government must ensue.

In the modest palaces behind the myriad two-story red brick fronts of working Philadel-phia dwell the real beneficiaries of better government. They pay the taxes. It is for them to say have the public funds shall be expended. Their support alone means better government. The worst that can be said of people who toil is that they are sometimes too tired to study a public subject—SOMETIMES, NOT ALWAYS.

NO. V-THE ALLIES

THE disadvantages of closing all the , here or there from the ex-Democratic ma-A crevices of a room against the entrance of air include the certain suffocation of every living thing within. Ventilation cannot be obtained by merely disturbing the thick, contaminated atmosphere, but a new supply of air must come in from the outside. The Mayor's office is a single room in the house of government. In a figurative sense, there are rooms in the local structure which have not been aired in the public weal since

A vigorous opposition to those in office is the oxygen of better government. It vitalizes. Government with no well organized "outs' is like a pond, the waters of which become dirtier every time they are stirred up. The absence of an opposition produces degeneration, for those held continually in power come to represent interests instead of prin-

France is a lurid example of a whole country devitalized because of the absence of a strong opposition party to the one constituting the government in perpetuity. Cabinet positions in this so-called republic across the ocean are hawked around like bribes among the leaders of the small factions before these factions have attained the size of a threatening opposition. Instead of the healthy play of two strong parties of relative strength, one against the other, as in American national affairs, there is a disgusting play of intrigue; government grow ing steadily worse instead of better.

If ambitious to occupy a pocket in the coat of bureaucracy, a Frenchman first sets up a frightful howl. Rather than join an existing party, he forms a new party. He is the party. Let his roar be loud enough, the 'ins' send for him, and he gets something. In finance we call this practice blackmail: in the business of government unfortunately it frequently passes for reform. A true reformer will not compromise with a public

Philadelphia, politically, is a miniature France. There is but one party, and that party has become a business. Government is expressed by "The Organization," and is operated, as we all know, from an inner ring. Jim McNichol and the Vares comprise this hub from which orders run like cart-wheel spokes. They did not create this centre of centres. It was there, and they achieved it.

Years ago "The Organization" took away from the people the choice of parties. When any opposition develops, sops are distributed among the noise-makers. Look over the Manual of Councils," the little yellow book of government, and you will be aghast at the number of yesterday's wave-makers in the sea of public opinion today nicely tucked away in soft berths. Not a splash do we hear from these expert swimmers, and some

"Yes, but there are the Democrats," says the guileless young citizen. To him we grayhaired men of experience reply: "Then you did not know the cat got the canary?" It happened so long ago it would be strange if the knowledge were common property with the present generation.

Democracy as a local organization died in Philadelphia with Lewis C. Cassidy, Samuel J. Randall, Robert E. Pattison and William F. Harrity. Republicanism as a local organization was killed about the same time. The parties of Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln have nothing in common with this "thing" in stolen livery named "The Organization." Tammany calls itself Democratic "The Organization" says it is Republican.

We know they are neither. In New York, however, there were enough upright Republicans sufficiently hardy to beat off the attempt of Tammany to capture their party machinery. Here in the one American city where the old-fashioned Sabbath is rigidly preserved. "The Organization" stole the entire machinery of the minority party. 'horse, foot and dragoons." without a whimper going up from any Democrats but a few, including Postmaster John A. Thornton. Why did the Democrats let them do it? Because most of their local leaders were bribed with jobs, and the rank and file, seeing the rank and file of the majority party in the same control, said, "Oh, well! We are no worse off than they."

Ward leaders of the minority party are well cared for. "The Organization" looks out for them. There was a time when these allies were dealt with secretly, through the famous firm of Donnelly & Ryan, political contracts and agents. But ex-City Commissioner Thomas J. Ryan is dead, and ex-Magistrate Charles P. Donnelly, who also became city commissioner, says he has retired from busi-

When everybody knew that effective or ganized opposition to "The Organization" was blotted out, there was no longer need to hide the truth. Occasionally some new party might come along and capture a stray ward

Wicklow, Ireland, in olden times.

in 1539, which relates:

the legend, commanded all the angels

God was angry at this reply and turned the

disobedient angel into a devil, who became

Shoemaking was formerly known as the gentle craft." The description is supposed

to have originated with King Edward IV, as

related in a play. "George-a-Greene," written

Marry, because you have drunk with a

And the king has so graciously pledged you,

And you shall no more be called shoemakers,

But you and yours, to the world's end,

transitory. So argued Jim McNichol and the Vares. Afterwards the services of the ward leaders of the minority party were paid for openly. Here are a few of the allies who

the Board of Revision of Taxes:

Name. Salary 6...... Thomas J. McGinnis...... 2000 21..... Edward Fitzgerald...... 3000 22..... E. P. Bennis..... 3000 22...... Patrick J. Howard...... 3000 26..... Mortimer F. Carroll..... 3000 32...... John Boyle..... 3000 38...... Thomas J. Cavaghan 3900

chinery, but such successes would be only

have been appointed real estate assessors by

41...... 3000 Other "Democrats" found in the clover of assessorship are John W. Boileau, Jr.; Louis Alexander, John J. Curley, Richard Shevlin and A. A. Dunton. John O'Donnell, minority party leader of the 36th Ward, was a real estate assessor until Governor Tener recently made him Registration Commissioner, at the same salary, but with the added power of a voice in naming the four registrars for each of the 1234 election districts of the city. Including O'Donnell, there was \$51,000 cut up annually among "Democrats" in the appoint-

ments of the Board of Revision of Taxes. Who are the members of the Board of Revision of Taxes? Very well-known gentlemen! One is Simon Gratz, brother-in-law of the late Alexander K. McClure. Mr. Gratz also has his finger in the Board of Education. Another member is J. Wesley Durham, brother of the late Israel W. Durham. The third and last member is David N. Fell, Jr., son of Chief Justice D. Newlin Fell, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. All were appointed by the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, Mr. Fell's selection being accredited to United States Senator Boles Penrose. All are "Republicans."

In three wards out of 48 there are magistrates who as ward leaders for the minority party decline to act as decoys-William H. Belcher, John J. Grelis and Joseph S. Boyle, A decoy is a lure, a net to snare the unwary. Magistrate Boyle, who is a follower of Postmaster Thornton, was always independent of "The Organization," but the two others are recruits. As for the minority party in the remaining 45 wards, it is an annex to the majority party. Jim McNichol and the Vares let Charles P. Donnelly run six of the wards and the rest they control direct through patronage to the decoy city committeemen. Saloonkeepers and small fry usually are the sort of men sent in to take the short end.

Before the registration of voters was reof the merged majority and minority parties used to vote the entire assessors' list. Assessing voters was measured by the requirements of a candidate. Only provide each "tin soldier" with a list of names, and a list of polling places, also 50cent poll tax receipts to match, and he worked religiously, north and south from Market street, sun up until the gas lamps began to twinkle. They called it "getting out the vote," and they got you out for the 'party' with or without your consent. Busy ousiness men and tired working men were relieved from all personal attention to the making of government. But the contractor overlords never colonized. Horrors! No! It was so unnecessary in those days.

Then came registration, and the pressing needs for more scientific methods. Double duty was required of the "poor tin soldier." He must register as well as vote. In Philadelphia, the city of great distances, this is not so difficult. An old residenter in Chestnur Hill is a total stranger at League Island. Who would recognize a permanent guest of an unimportant street in behind Logan Square as the September-made citizen of Manayunk, Frankford and West Philadelphia? Think this over!

Better government asks for an honest count of the ballots. Each election division has a judge and two inspectors. The judge and one inspector is the majority representation, and the other inspector is the minority party man. Before these election division instruments are voted for they must be O. K.'d by the ward leader of "The Organization." Jim McNichol and the Vares never worry over an election. Why should they when the odd man in the polling place is their secret ally?

The allies are going to give Mr. Penrose 39,000 "Democratic" votes in Philadelphia this fall. This is the pledge of the captains of the mounted mercenaries. Looks like an easy task unless the foot soldiers-but what is expected of foot soldiers anyway in these piping times of war? To be crumpled and crushed by shrapnel from masked artillery. for the foot soldiers of peace are only our honest, trusting, patient taxpayers.

CURIOSITY SHOP HUM OF HUMAN CITIES

Babes in the Woods were not innocent No municipal activity is fraught with so many problems as finance. It is also the most comprehensive. It involves taxation with all the methods, good and bad, now in darlings, as might be supposed, but bands of outlaws who infested the hills of County force and with a large field very fruitful in theory. It includes, further, the question of Eblis was the ruler of the fallen angels. expenditure. Besides the individual problems of wise or foolish spending in each field of When Adam was created, God, according to municipal work, there are the most questions worship the first man, but Eblis replied: of where expenditures may most wisely go. The reports of city expenditures in the cur-"Me thou hast created of smokeless fire; and shall I reverence a creature made of dust?" rent Annalist bring up some interesting

The Annalist contains a statistical picture The annuals contains a statistical picture, showing that among nine leading cities six spend habitually more than their income. New York is the shocking example of profligacy. Boston is the shining example of thrift. But there are other reasons than good finance for Boston's creditable showing, at least in part, and New York's showing is not so bad as it seems, although too bad to

New York's expenditures are for produc tive purposes to an unusual extent, and may even become sources of revenue, if calcula-tions are verified. Thus New York spends more than any other city and almost twice as much in proportion as Boston for land be called the Trade of the Gentle

and other properties and public improve-ments in connection either with the city's sovernmental functions or for the comfort

ments in connection either with the comfort of its citizens. It is true that Boston spends more per capita than New York for interest on debt, but if the population figures were reversed so might be the comparison. In any case, these two cities stand in a class by themselves regarding per capita cost of debt. "Whatever be said in extenuation," says an editorial in the New York Times, "the fact remains that all cities spend too much, and that a steady excess of expenditures over income, or a steady addition to debt, is little different from steady progress toward embarrassment, since city bankruptcy is hardly possible. There are many signs that the approaching campaigns will turn in unthe approaching campaigns will turn in unusual degree upon questions of finance and taxation, and in the Annalist there are stores of ammunition for the thinkers and talkers."

VIEWS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

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

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Synecdoche, according to text books which have not surrendered to the more inclusive term, 'metonomy." Is a "figure of speech by which a part is put for a whole or a whole for a part." Glibert K. Chesterton, who has enlisted in the British literary brigade, is well known as a juggler of figures of speech. Some people read Chesterton for knowledge, some read him for entertainment. When he says that the Prusslans "are most probably Slavs," he employs syncdoche, putting a very small part of the Prussian population for the whole. It has been said by others that the conflict between Germany and Russia is a conflict between Teuton and Slav, and so, to fulfil the expectations of his readers, he gives them "a new and Ches-tertonian point of view." The paradoxical G. K. C. is engaged in a conflict between facts and L. H. HOWARD. Philadelphia, October 13.

WORKING FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Let me thank you deeply for the superbly fine editorial on woman suffrage in your issue of October 7. Surely your sight has penetrated

to the core.

I am chairman for vehicles and automobiles for the convention week of October 19 to 24. Can you give me a little boost to get all vehicles to decorate in yellow or purple and white that week? Do let's see if we can make old Phila-delphia outwardly and visibly gay. MARY HALLECK GREENEWALT.

A CHANCE FOR CHARITY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-If so many persons as our senior Senator says are unemployed, would it not be a good thing if the dual officeholders divested themselves of one office and gave the fellow with none a chance? Philadelphia, October 13.

REASON FOR THANKSGIVING

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-It is not a good year for champions. What luck that Sir Thomas Lipton decided not to take the America's Cup this year!
AMERICAN,

Camden, October 13.

Philadelphia, October 13.

PRAISES EVENING LEDGER EDITORIAL To the Editor of the Evening Ledger; Sir-Your excellent editorial on woman suf-

frage published October 7 was thoroughly com-mon sense and to the point. MARTHA DAVIS. Philadelphia, October 13.

Penrose Hampers Republicans

From the Burlington, Vt., Free Press (Rep.).
In response to wholesome and well defined and deliberate public opinion Congress has passed various measures to promote clean poli-tics and good government. Corrupt practices and wholesale expenditures for the securing of nominations and elections have been prohibited, but Penrose has gone on defying public sentiment, and he has succeeded in securing the Re-

ment, and he has succeeded in securing the Republican nomination in devious ways, thus bringing discredit to the Republican party.

A host of Republicans in Washington and elsewhere throughout the country are realizing as never before that the party cannot be rehabilitated so long as men of this character are permitted to dominate the organization and shape the party policies. No form of primary shape the party policies. No form of primary can prevent corrupt practices, and only a vigorous public sentiment rising above mere party, with right-minded men of all parties, can secure that enforcement of law which will mean the cleaning of the augean stables of corrupt politics combined with "crooked business." for which the rank and file of the Republican party never have stood and never will stand.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

President Elliott announces that a new financial plan for refunding the New Haven' cial plan for refunding the New Haven's float-ing debt will be matured and put into effect the coming year, if the necessary legislation can be obtained. Early results along that line, how-ever, cannot be anticipated. For the present, the public should be satisfied if the road helds its own. And that much it is doing.—Spring-field Republican. field Republican.

Seventy-eight million more bushels of corn is an addition of \$60,000,000 to the wealth of the United States. It is safe to say that former estimates of the money value of the harvests must now be supplemented by allowing about \$100,000,000 more than had been supposed, even with the optimistic forecasts which have been rife for many weeks. Who says this isn't a great country to live in!-Buffalo Times.

Savannah has but begun to tell of her attrac-tions. The little battlefields of Concord and Lexington Green and places made historic by Paul Revere, are used by Roston to attract visitors who leave money in Boston. And yet Savannah has historic spots scattered all about, where were fought battles that made the fights at those two little places resemble fist fights among schoolboys. -Savannah Naws,

As a breeder of litigation the Clayton bill is As a breeder of magazino the Clayton bill is unquestionably a masterpiece. It is clearly the most unnecessary and the least intelligent achievement of the present Congress. In plain words, it is a muddle and a sham.—New York

THE IDEALIST

For a strange reversal of reputation I commend you to the case of Christopher Columbus. For four centuries his name and character have been preached and praised. In 1898 an excited mob in Madrid destroyed his statue on the contention that if Co-lumbus had never discovered America, there would never have been a war between America and Spain.

Thus we are given an answer to the eternal, Milton called it "the last infirmity of the human mind."

I have an idea that many of us permit it to be one of our very first. Is it not within your experience when you believed the very finest thing in the world to be a real flesh finest thing in the world to be a real flesh and blood picture of yourself being cheered to the echo and borne on human shoulders amid the din of a victory which you had

caused?

Of all the ingredients in the make-up of a man this element of fame is the one he can

best afford to dispense with.

Can you conceive of Lincoln being any less big-hearted, broad of spirit and mind, any less lovable in a situation where he would be the idol of a small village instead of a great big country? Truly, the fame of such a man

is the least important thing about him.

Really big men don't worry about fame.

And somehow really big men attain their enormous fame after their day and generation. They do not work for it. So often have they heard the mob's cheers change overnight into jeers; they have read of the mob shouting "Hosannah!" one day, and "Crucify him!" the next.

Shakespeare did not care what the mob thought about him. In fact, its blades.

Shakespeare did not take was in his day, thought about him. In fact, in his day, writing plays was an occupation that utterly lacked respectability. Acting them was of a station far beneath that. With the tide against him he struck out for the ideal.
We don't begrudge the fame that this sort of effort yields,

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

Libeling the Bluecoat

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Several urchins were loitering at an intersection of streets when two policement dashed hurriedly around the corner and hastened on at full speed—due East. The leader of the gang shouted, "Sumpinsunfellers, fight," and started off in the direction whence the police had come.

A well-dressed youngster who looked like a new member of the gang grabbed the leader by the coat.

"You're goin' the wrong way," he shouted, "folly the cops."

"folly the cops." snorted the other. "Say, I wanna see de fight."

A Tip to Cubists The Cubist Artist neared the bitter end; In all the world he'd not a single friend.

His cash was spent, his heart was filled with

And hunger's touch was dangerously near, The flowing river drew him to its side; But just before the Cubist would have died

A politician chanced along the way And saw his work, and quickly bade him

The Cubist now is well to do, and Fame Has laid her laurels on his work and name. He won it all himself, and won it fair By painting politicians on the square.

Not Able to Work The vacation of the peacemakers has been indefinitely extended.

As William Jennings Bryan is too busy to as william Jennings Bryan is 100 busy to make the suggestion himself, we venture on his behalf to suggest that Congress, instead of presenting the A. B. C. mediators with a gold medal, donate 16 silver ones. Acknowledged at Last

His Favorite Ratio

We have sometimes suspected something of the sort, and now we find it in a credit re-port from one of the commercial agencies: "Later he had a barn and other buildings destroyed by fire insurance."

Real Neutrals

It looks as if it were only the unhyphenated Americans who are observing strictly President Wilson's neutrality warning.

For Fashion's Sake He sought the ladies' eye to catch, But he could find no spats Of lurid coloring to match His up-to-date cravats. He simply could not force himself

To wear the milder ties; Alas, he did not have the pelf For custom-made supplies. Of ankle wear, in vain he sought

To buy them colored cute, And then he had a brilliant thought And painted them to suit.

He Lost Count "Beware of that jay town ten miles out,"

"Beware of that jay town ten miles out," said the autoist.

"Why so?" inquired his friend. "There was no constable there the last time I passed.

"They don't need a constable. There's a thank-you-ma'am that throws your car into a ditch. Then the Justice of the Peace comes along and fines you \$10 for obstructing the highway and \$10 for the use of a team to pull you out. The harness is fixed to break and that costs \$5 more. By that time a man loses his temper. The Justice waits until he runs out of breath and then charges him \$2 a cuss word." "Holy smoke—so it cost you a total of \$27."
"A total of what? It cost me just \$105, and even at that I think he lost count."

Reporting Progress

it was 2 a. m.
"My first husband." she observed, "nevercame home in this condition, yet he drank
himself to death." "S'all ri', m' dear, zhust wanted you t'know I'm following hish zshample.

Extending, of Course "Why," demanded the indignant war cor-respondents, "have you killed our stories?"

"You mention a half dozen towns and ies," replied the censor, wearily, "and cities, assert our battle line is running through Conflicting Pests

The wintry wind will soon be here.
And we shall hear the rear Of those who know pneumonia's fear, Whose slogan's "Close the door,

Also the fiend we've known of old.

Who simply will not care, Who raves about the bracing cold And yammers, "Glmme air." "Mrs. Brown's heartbroken.

fine plan to get a new set of leather-covered

chairs,"
"What happened?" "Her husband sat on it."

A "P"-Cable Suggestion The inhabitants of Prussia Road, London, have stitioned Parliament that the name be changed.-

If patriots dislike the name Of Kaiser William's Prussia, Vhy not cut off the letter "P" And change the thing to Russia?

Silencing the Batteries

"Aren't you giving away too many seats for a jay town like this, and on a one-night stand?" inquired the press agent. "Never mind about that," said Jefferson De Hamm, "You be sure that each produce dealer in town gets a ticket. I want those shops closed."

A Flidt in the Wrong Direction A young baseball player named Schmidt Obtained a most beautiful hidt; Then he ran toward third base;

It was simply a case Of the poor fellow losing his widt.

THE BABBLING FOOL

My son, exercise caution in your friend-You will have seating capacity for a ships. For will have seating capacity for a few friends, while acquaintances may crowd in and sit on the windowsills of your soul. The trouble with friends is they don't weat. Rip Van Winkle's dog was as faithful as the clown that followed King Lear.

Dogs make better friends than people, Read "Timon of Athens." The curse he cut in his tomb along the seashore was his estimate of friends who disappointed him. The cynicism of Timon is shared, in a degree, by every man who has had his pocket picked by people who professed to love him. Selfishness is the microbe that poisons friendship. Neither lend nor borrow if you would be a friend to the other party in the transaction. The probability is that he will be disgusted with you.
Friends are like cats—they have claws
under the fur. When the right time comes you will be scratched

You will learn that a good deal of the friendship that you can pick up with a little cash and influence will not last as long as your fall hat.

Friendship is love under control. Love is friendship on fire. Love is insanity. It is at friendship on fire.

abnormal as appendicitis and quite as pain-

ful. Cut it out!

Dogs and children make the best friends. They are honest. No person is your real true friend from whom you are willing to withhold anything. Hamlet was not crazy-only disappointed in his friends.

Throw a stone in any street and you will hit a man or a woman—probably a woman—who has been untrue to some friend.

It is a good thing that nations do not violate treaties as often as individuals. My son, when you find somebody who will dis for you, come around and tell me.

And Baron Bean?

From the Boston Harald. King Corn and Bossar Cotton