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The Stadium: Philadelphia Must Have It

FOR a maximum of \$400,000 there can be built in Philadelphia a great modern botalbun and the G stadium. Mexico (Such a stadium would assure the Army with neve

and Navy game as a permanent institution for Philadelphia. It would render almost certain the holding of the Olympic games here whenever it is America's turn for them. It would make this city the logical selection for the great intercollegiate track meets. It would provide the only suitable place in the United States for great milltary and other pageants. It would enable Philadelphia to celebrate in a becoming that if so way the National Fourth of July which it is for "ho is proposed hereafter to have. It would be the Adra magnet to attract to this city the major fighting at national and international athletic events next fof all kinds. Here would championships of It is necessivery description be decided, and no event show who is which the entire nation was particularly devote all of which the entire nation was particularly foreign inter-terested could properly be held anywhere Mexicans "out in the one stadium offering a seating apacity commensurate with the demand.

TELLS E Already by force of location and other intural advantages Philadelphia is the ath-STetic capital of the nation, but it is being ard pressed to maintain its supremacy. A Magistrate tadium would fix its status absolutely.

PrisFor the Army and Navy game alone at The story cast 20,000 additional scats at \$3 each could onfessed to ave been sold. One-third of the seats at old Albert Kranklin Field go to the University. The on avenue, emy and Navy would gladly, we surmise, station, when we a percentage of the receipts, for a limhearing, in id time, if a stadium were available. The ttorney, Edwin tional receipts from the one game alone A feature of the be sufficient to pay for the stadium counsel would le years. The project is so good that Abbott and there should be no difficulty whatever in had been refinancing it. That is what the business orin this city ganizations of the city can profitably undering they wetake to do, if the city itself is not wise Eahleman's enough to make the investment.

The Boy Makes the Man

of the Cor BOYS are the real problems. When they seath of the are tainted with physical or moral dis-Wednesday, case we cannot shoot them as diseased cat-Throughortle. They are bundles of possibilities beyond hunched to any money value. There is no telling what Magistrate's boy may become. This is the glory of The expressiAmerica. All about us are examples of the and Mrzesources and priceless values of boyhood. "Barefoot boy with cheek of tan,

Blessings on thee, little man." Detective 1 There may be exceptions, but the rule is He othat the boy makes the man. The years body by a between 12 and 16 are the most important was brought in the mighty span of life. Then character clared that the in the making. The unmaking of charhe was about as easy as the twisting into I do not a better shape of a full-grown tree. A boy Rahleman as is a fascinating contradiction. You can dition of the never tell what the twenties will pull over me his canitfrom the teens.

of One thing is certain in a land such as ours. direhere are too many boys who are passing were produced er the way immortalized by Oliver Twist, showing avid Copperfield and Nicholas Nickleby.

Dig the Jersey Ship Canal hearing room IT IS high time for the advocates of the I ship canal across New Jersey from Bor-GUTIERREZITOWN to Raritan Bay to bestir them-

INTO Miring the coming session of Congress.

The benefit of such a waterway to the Villa to Takelipping of Philadelphia and New York has rangeon thoroughly discussed. The Legislature EL PASO, of New Jersey has offered to purchase the sentatives of ands necessary for the project, providing said Congress appropriates sufficient cash to do enthe digging. The course has been surveyed eral Villa wothe dissing. The course has oven surveyed forces of Geby the engineers of the War Department.

Gonzal The war in Europe only accentuates the presidential value strategically of such a waterway. ional dist linking as it would the League Island and New York Navy Yards. But if anything is to be actually accomplished, considering the ot sive attitude of the present Administration, work and hard work is neces-

There should be no let-up in the agitation for such an obviously beneficial and constructive program.

The Brute: What Of It?

THEY are saying that this war is going A to brutalize the world. Some say the will co-operate rutalizing will be permanent. The veneer civilization was so thin that it cracked STOLEN part and fell off at the first touch of war.

Youths Accus, with the cracks all neatly and invisi-Henderson's This is awful-except that it isn't true.

Two youths allem you, as suddenly as we threw away automobile telvilination and picked up a gun, we'll as Hunderson, of suddenly pick up civilization again, prethey had take cisely where we laid it down. Let them say nursey, were the brute is still within us. It is. So is court by Mas civilization still within us. We can't lose They are hi it as easily as all that.

street, and h Judge Burke, State of Washington, has and Haverfor said the wisest thing of all about this war. loyed at the frays her "Nature is a hard bargainer, She od depands pay in advance. This war is sections more and nothing less than payment in advance for a long, unbroken the stretch of peace and progress."

It's a stiff price, but the commodity will set cut to worth it. What happens when a man been his temper, flies off the handle? He stone where proof that "the brute is strong within Of course it to But what happens the treful gentleman cools off? He's sahamed of himself. Usually he's sweeter then he over was before-for a long time. and he all the ementer after it. Piffy years 13,000,000 feet of lumber in Oregon.

ago we had a little war of our own. Nothing has ever matched it for bitterness. And we haven't been exactly a nation of howlfellows in Europe will cool down again in m little while.

Councils is For Health or Against It THERE is not a student of social welfare In the city of Philadelphia who does not indorse the new housing law. There is not an expert in sanitation who does not know that it is absolutely requisite for the protection of tenants. There is no man or woman who is giving of his or her time and efforts to the alleviation of conditions in the less prosperous sections of the town who is not convinced that the fallure to put this new law into operation is exacting daily a great

toll in death and human suffering,

It is ridiculous for Councilmen to Issue pronunciamentos relative to the constitutionality or inherent merits of the measure. That is none of their business. The law was enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. It is on the statute books. Logally as well as morally Councils is bound to vitalize it by an appropriation. Its neglect to do so is an evasion of duty, if it is not deliberate nullification. Councils could with as much reason refuse to provide funds for a police force, on the theory that in Councils' opinion certain gentlemen In town would be more prosperous without police than they are with police.

Political organizations, however, do not gain their strength by flouting the interests of the great masses of the people. Their chief asset is a sort of benevolent charity which, though often Hegal, is invariably effective. It is not probable, therefore, that the Organization will deny to tenants much longer the protection of the new housing law. To do so would be to invite reprisals next November and to fan the coals of revolt. A man who has to put up with a leaking roof is not likely to vote for the person responsible for the leaks. The tenant who has seen his child carried from insanitary surroundings into the cold oblivion of a cemetery will not be an enthusiastic advocate of a Councilman who voted against doing away with those insanitary surroundings. No, political sagacity, if ordinary humanitarianism and fairness have no appeal, should guide Councilmen along the right

The Finance Committee, of which Mr. John P. Connelly is chairman, in considering the budget, has before it the request of Director Harte for funds sufficient to put the new housing law into effect. The request should be approved emphatically by the committee, no matter what selfish interests have marshaled themselves in opposition.

Good Roads and No Obstructions

WITH a 2000-mile road, free from high grades and following the straight line of meridian from Winnipeg, Canada, to Galveston, Texas, almost completed, and the magnificent Lincoln Highway across the continent well started, the motorist's millennium seems well within reach. But these great roads will hardly benefit the many auto owners who must gratify their tastes nearer

True, we have good roads around Philadelphia, but they are infested by the irritating tollgate. When the car must be stopped frequently for tolls and when the seat of custom is irrationally set upon the slope of a ing is taken away. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ought to acquire the privately built roads and do away with the last vestige of private ownership of absolute public necessities. There seem to be no obstacles now to State acquisition except formal authorization to the Highway Department to

Carnival of Good Music

MUSIC in this city is, as the baseball experts are prone to say, "approaching midseason form." This week the musical situation is rich with choice. In the short space between Monday and Thursday there will be six offerings, each of the highest quality. Two visiting organizations, the Boston Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera Company, pay their respect to the critical taste and appreciation of Philadelphians, by including this city in their limited

Many times in the past operatic stars have thanked Philadelphia for the cheerful cordiality of its reception to them. Now, when music in Europe is choked by the brutal hand. of war, and opera outside of New York has been abandoned, it is Philadelphia's turn to give thanks. It has an orchestra of its own in which it can take pride without a trace of provincialism. The orchestra this very week is spreading Philadelphia's reputation through the West. The city has amateurs of remarkable talent, and, apparently, endless desire to work. And best of all, as the crowds that "rush" the Academy seats indicate, it has a music-loving citizenry which is worthy of all its blessings,

Fresh Air and Bright Sunshine BOUT one thing there can be no doubt-Athe Creator made enough fresh air and bright sunshine for every man, woman and

child born into the world. Fresh air and bright sunshine are absolutely essential to health and happiness. Even a weed needs them, or it withers. Human lives that are deprived of them fade and perish-physically, mentally and morally.

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Wherever fresh air and bright sunshine are denied, it is because of human ignorance, selfishness, cupidity. Dark and noisome tenements are signs that the civic conscience is decadent. A community that sets wealth above health is inviting the most certain of all disasters—the Nemesis of Outraged Nature.

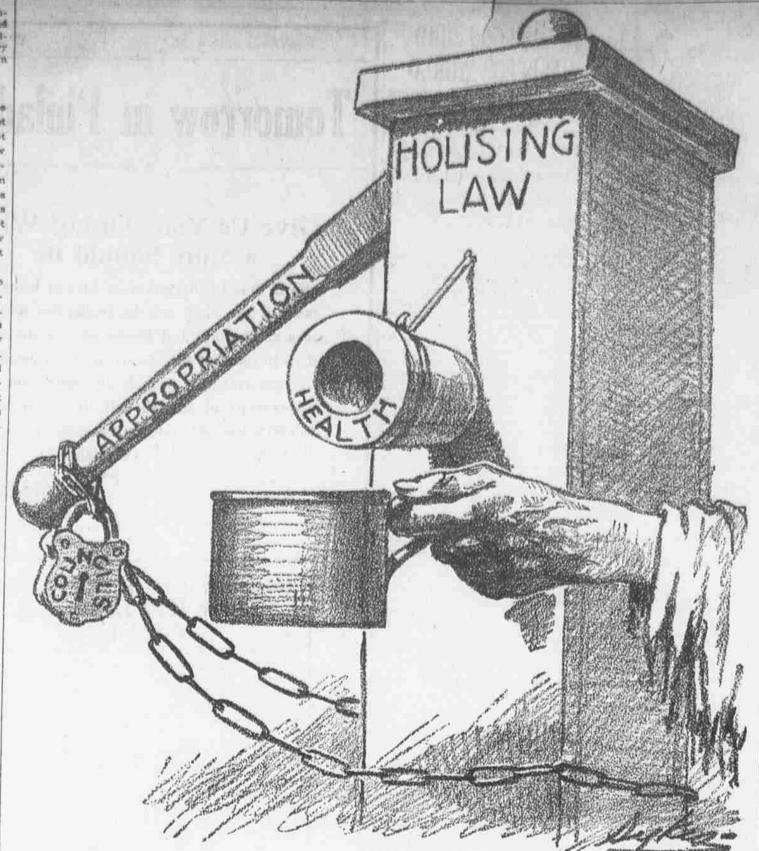
Any old stocks to sell?

South America to Europe: "You can't play in our yard."

Don't forget to pay your war tax today. Fifty per cent. extra tomorrow.

War tax for the building and loan associations; exemption for Chautauquas! That's easy. Professor Bryan already has three houses.

While economy is the watchword in Washwell expert million men on the other side | ington, it is, of course, the best time in the have but their tempers. They it set over it. world for the Government to give away.



SOME INTIMATE VIEWS OF CONGRESSMEN DOING CHORES

Stranded Americans in Europe Taxed Resources of Members—Uncle Sam a Slow Paymaster—Real Estate Lobby Active in Washington.

By E. W. TOWNSEND

iness with the executive departments," new members call it, more accurately, perhaps, but more pompously. To many members it is their cially to those who enjoy making acquaintance with the wonderfully varied activities of government in its relations with the individual citizens.

Most of the chores fall to the lot of members from large cities, more especially to those from seaports, because from them arise questions relating to the tariff, immigration, naturalization, passports, Government supply and contract work, with which inland members are not so much concerned. But the latter, naturally, are called upon to do chores relating to the work of the Bureaus of Soils, of Animal Industry, Forest Service, Public Lands and Rural Free Deliveries. None escapes; to some it is a prodigious bore, to others a welcome insight into the unsuspected functions of government.

War Brought Big Tasks

New phases of this work arise to surprise members, and of this class none created more confusion for a time than the abrupt demand, which started at the beginning of the European war, for the location of and aid for thousands of Americans stranded in the war zones. Every one read in July and August of million-

aires stranded because their unlimited letters of credit became worthless. The importance of the persons concerned gave great newspaper space to such stories, but little was printed about the thousands whose funds, letters of credit and home bank accounts were exhausted. They were the ones whose plight required the two appropriations amounting to \$2,250,000 by

What members of Congress and officials of the State Department discovered, to their dismay, was that thousands, literally dozens of thousands, of Americans make a tour abroad with precisely enough funds or credit, which, expended on a carefully prepared plan of daily disbursement, would leave them with street car fare and nothing more upon their return to America. A few days' interruption in this itinerary and-they were broke, pennilses! They had so much for each day, not margin for a

week's lay-off. Then it was that members of Congress began receiving letters calling upon them to do a new line of chores. "Get my father," or mother or sleter, brother, son, daughter, as the case might be, "back from Europe!" Some of these appeals were accompanied by checks or offers of checks to provide expenses, but many were not. One member received a letter in which the writer demanded aid from all the machinery of the Government to insure the speedy return of his parents, "and I'll share expenses with you." the writer liberally added.

His Answer Took Time

It took that member some time to compose a satisfactory letter, explaining the many demands on his salary which would deprive him of the pleasure of personally chipping in for paps and mamma's return passage money.

Another letter I saw read like this: "My slater-in-law and my wife's cousin and two children are in Europe. Please see they are brought back, because I see in the papers you have money for them."

The writer of that letter was tactfully requested to give the names of his relatives Marope" when last heard from, and acting upon of stone steps to reach the same floor. this information when it was finally received, i

Doing chores," is what experinced members of Congress call it; "transacting bus- | Sam's expense. Sam's expense.

WAITING

Under ordinary circumstances, Uncle Sam is a slow paymaster. Many stories are told on that subject, but in all the years I have been in most interesting work in Washington, espe- Washington as member, member's secretary and press correspondent I have known of but one instance in which delay to pay resulted from a clerical error in a department. A building contractor, accompanied by his lawyer, appeared in a member's office one day with a complaint that the final payment on one of two Federal buildings he was the contractor for had not been made. He could get no satisfaction out of his correspondence with the Treasury Department, and he wanted a personal interview for himself and his lawyer with the proper official.

> Such a Simple Solution The "proper official" was called upon and he said positively that a final statement required from the contractor had not been received. The contractor was positive he had sent it. The "jacket" containing the correspondence relating to the contract was produced. Letter not there. Lawyer cleared his throat, prepared to say something. Member mildly suggested that as the same man was contractor for two buildings the jacket holding correspondence for t'other building be peeked into, Done: missing statement found. Contractor got his pay next day. So did the lawyer.

The variety of chores a member is called upon to do is recalled to me by looking over certain files for one not very busy week, "Get some black bass from United States

Hatchery for pond at-." "See Bureau of Mines about analysis of coal submitted with navy bid by-... "See War Department about man detained at Ellis Island." "See War Department about getting discharge of under-age enlistment boy." "More letterboxes for-But I'll not run through the list; there is a

hint of what keeps a member out of mischief between breakfast and noon when the House meets. Of course, his daily correspondence and frequent committee meetings help occupy his

Some foot-weary pilgrim, early in its history, named Washington the "City of Magnificent Distances." The distances are here, to be sure, but as to their magnifience, one is entitled to his own opinion.

It is an interesting fact I've never seen men tioned in print that the reason of the absurd distances between the public buildings in Washington is that the District has always been more or less run by real estate interests, which also have pretty well dominated Congress in respect to its District legislation.

Picking the Treasure Site. President Jackson alone of all the Chief Executives successfully rebelled against this powerful influence. The Treasury building was authorized, and at once the real estate ring began to lobby to determine its location. The President himself was besieged. Jackson was eastly bored. The real estate gang bored him. One morning he walked out of the White House, crossed over to the low swampy lot just east, atuck his hickory cane firmly into the ground and growled: "There's where the Treasury building will be, d-a them!"

And that's where it is. You can easily observe how admirably suited the lot is to the building by noticing that you go down by stone stops into a sunken garden to reach the main floor from the Pennsylvania avenue end, and and some hint as to their whereabouts "in from the other end you climb up a long flight All of which assistably helano his he

glance at Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia. One must understand that that committee is the Common Council or Boa a of Aldermen for the District, the District-the place commonly called "Washington"-being neither a village, town, city, county, State or Territory. The property owners of the District being required to pay only one-half of the taxes needed for its administration, quite naturally are in a constant state of rebellion against paying any taxes at all.

Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, is the most graclous gentleman you may ever meet, if you do not have to meet him in relation to District affairs. He has taken the position, legislatively. that Washington is quite as much benefited by being the seat of the Federal Government as the Government is benefited by having its Capitol located in Washington. Therefore, he expects the District to pay some taxes.

This enrages Washingtonians-being much influenced now, as always, by the real estate interests-and the capital press finds sweet solace in baiting Johnson. If I were permitted to do so, I would say that they have got Johnson's goat.

Days pass; Johnson takes an intelligent member's part in debates, always with great courtesy A District bill is reached; the local papers bait Johnson, he loses his temper, rises to a question of personal privilege, flings courtesy to the winds, calls Washingtonians tax dodgers, whining mendicants, tells the local press editors they are no better than they should be. Everybody is very uncomfortable. The District bill is passed, Johnson takes a day off to recover and returns, smiling, happy, courteous.

Building Scattered Broadcloth If there had always been a man like Ben Johnson, chairman of the District Committee, or a man like Jackson in the White House. there would not be the absurd scattering of department and bureau buildings which now bedevils strangers and wears out the shoe leather of members of Congress. Throughout the years-a century!-real estate interests have determined the location of public buildings. Having benefited one section of the District thus, another is benefited by the next public building. The result is to blush. Without scheme, plan or reason buildings have been scattered without artistic effect or useful purpose. One sighs to think what might have been accomplished if a central group plan had been adopted a century ago and adhered to strictly!

We are going to do better in the future, however. We have an Art Commission at last; Congress has awakened to a realisation of its sins, and some time in the not distant future there will be begun a group of three buildings east of the Monument, which, with those to follow, will make Potomac Park the centre of an architectural group more beautiful than anything else of its kind in the world.

Then Congressmen can save their shoe leather for the tango!

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW The United States Government cannot afford sanction the repudiation those Americans who have suffered in persons and in their possessions from spoilation of warring parties and factions, whether of Huerta deposed, Carranza and Villa exiled or anyhody else remaining or departing. Be sure of that.—New York Press.

It is probable that the annual diplomatic din It is probable that the annual diplomatic din-ner given by the President to the diplomatic corps will be called off this year. Just now the representatives of Great Britain, France, Rus-sia and Japan are not speaking to the repre-sentatives of Germany. Austria-Hungary and Turkey, and it might not be entirely pleasant to have them all in to a dinner where they wouldn't feel like even bowing to each other. Safety nest is the best rule to follow under the streamstances, and it will no doubt be the one that will be adopted.—Utica Observer.

An American boy who is surving with the French foreign legion along the River Alone wrote home the other day: "None or the boys has heard as yet who won the world's champsomable. We only know that the Bostons and the Athletics fought it out." Evidently that how pined for the excitement of some real estagging—Richmond hows Leader.

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-Reading the flery defunciation of John Redmond by Jim Larkin in the siliest of silly proceedings, a tribute to "the Manchester Martyra" provokes me to an effort to expose the Inwardness of the whole secret society bustness of the professional patriot. Such poor en-thusiastic dupes as Allen, Larkin and O'Brien are compelled to do any dirty work cut out for them, whether they scrupe at it or not. It is easy to play on young enthusiasm by arousing their prejudices against long past injuries. I witnessed in Land League times the efforts made to draw away from it the young men of the movement to aid them in Lecaron du-plicity. Often have I pleaded with them that the Land League movement was the cause of Ireland for the time being and should not be in-

terfered with by any other movement. * *
Some of the most earnest men living are caught by such ranting as Larkin indulged in.
Relations have very much changed between England and Ireland since Michael Davitt saw the senselessness of an unarmed people threat-ening to fight a well-armed Government hacked by many times their numbers. Of course, they counted on the Irish element in England, Scot-land and Wales, many of whom would sympa-thize, but few could ald. England has realized that the light of David was a present true. that the light of Davitt was a pure and true guide, and has resolved to follow it even to giving useless preserves to the people to raise food on. And Ireland, pleased at its good work, is resolved to aid England in its effort to prevent the greater Roman Empire that would more greatly enslave the human family than did the old Roman Empire. All roads would then lead to Berlin instead of to Rome. An old enthusiastic Land Leaguer.

EDWARD MEAKIM. Philadelphia, November 28.

AMERICAN NATIONAL INDIVIDUALITIES To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir-We of the Western Hemisphere might
have been called Columbians; but it really
doesn't matter much so long as we can distinguish between the respective achievements of Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci. The confusion over the term "American," how-ever, must have been rather exasperating to the four newspaper men who found themselves in Louvain just as the Germans were marching in and who inquired of citizens if any "Americans" lived in the town. They were referred to a man who took charge of "American affairs." South American affairs, it turned out. Further thoustless were equally citizens out. South American affairs, it turned out. Further inquiries were equally futile, yet half a mile away was a college that flew the Stars and Stripes. As to the term "Latin-American," John Barrett thinks that it is too loosely employed by the people of the United States, who would do well by themselves if they recognized more fully the individuality of each of the countries included in that designation and spoke more frequently of "Brazilians," "Chilians," "Argentines," "Bolivians," et al.

ARTHUR WRIGHT.

Philadelphia, November 28.

SPECIAL ARTICLES BY EXPERTS

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To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir-It is a great pleasure to read the articles
which you are publishing each evening in the
centre columns of your paper, Particularly I
would commend you for these reasons:
First. The articles are simply written and
can be understood by all.
Second. They deal with a variety of topics—
moral, economic, literary and scientific—all interesting to the mind.
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ALFRED BROOKE.
Philadelphia, November 28.

"SIMPLE SAM"

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To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir-Heaven be praised, that while a dunce's cap may befit "Simple Sam's" mental capacity, he has a heart! Thank you for printing that cartoon. It is just the answer I wished for to a cultured friend's assumption that America's lack of appreciation of the genius of the German people is due to our inability to read Goethe in the original. Heaven help us.

JOHN H. EVANS,
Philadelphia, November 28.

THE COLLEGE ROOTER

Another football season has ended and the work of the college rooter has, as usual, at-tracted the admiring attention of all spe-cialists in high explosives and scientific dis-

While the rooter had previously been brought by slow degrees to a perfection which had struck the owners of foreign lungs and larynges with awe, marked improvements have been made once more ng the season which has just quieted down. new Harvard, Michigan and Minnesota types of pandemonium emitters are the most powerful ever turned loose upon an enemy and have created terrible havoc. The 1914 rooter has a chest calibre of 14 inches and a muzzle velocity of over 300 words a second, with a range, on favorable occasions, of almost five miles. He is automatic, loadng and firing himself with tremendous raidity, and cools easily by taking a drink

between quarters. These rooters are now installed on concrete bases in all the up-to-date college amphitheatres and when they have once gotten the range the effect of their remarks is terrible. These Head of their remarks is terrible. Three Harvard yells blasted the ball out of Michigan's possession twice last month, when said ball was within a lew yards of the goal, and during the Wisconsin-Chicago game no scores were made, because it was impossible for either team to hear the signals. The recoil is also terrific and very dangerous. Several rooters of large calibre have recoiled into the laps of noncombatants during the past season emitting a two-ton remark and have dam-aged said neutrals almost beyond repair.

Many new and unspeakably powerful forms of ammunition have been tried out during the past few months. The new contain words of as many as eight sylla and a single shrapnel yell, if exploded near a prayer meeting, would annihilate it with horror. There have been many charges to the effect that Harvard rooters fired blunt remarks at Vale surveyed. remarks at Yale supporters in their recent game, thus violating The Hague articles concerning dum-dum bulleters. However, it is charged by the Harvard men that the pointed remarks used by the Yale rooters were even more deadly owing to their su-perior penetration.

refor penetration.

The rooter is popular because of his exreme mobility. Seven rooters can be transported 200 miles a day in one automobile

control of the control of treme mobility. before a football game, though it is often difficult to haul one rooter more than 10 miles a night after a victory, using both taxicabs and patrol wagons.—George Fitch.

THE STEEL ROAD

easterly or westerly, it wanders where

There's a steel road, a real road, that runs among the trees, That dashes over cataracts and clambers over There's a white road, a bright road, that's swifter than the breeze-

And it's ho! then, it's go then, along the shining A speeder for your chariot upon a summer's day; It will lead you, will speed you, through green

The forest for your canopy upon your royal There is ne'er than a care then—the town is left.

You've free as any meadow-lark that circles in Like a swallow you follow the rails as they In all the world around you there is just the road and you!

And when play ends and day ends and ruddy la When hirds come singing from the fields an sallors from the foam, Then the steel road, the real road, the road th-

leads to rest Is the white road, the proof the proof. Douglas Fallech, in the American Lum