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Who gives himself with his alms feeds three-Himself, his hungering neighbor and Mr. -J. R. Lowell.

March comes in like a U-boat. Here's hoping it goes out like a disayowal.

West Philadelphia wants another high school, and it will probably get it.

Let us be thankful that La Provence was an auxiliary cruiser and not a passenger ship with Americans on board.

Napoleon's dictum that victory is with the

wide that has the heaviest guns seems likely to be established by the facts. Whether electric light costs too much or

not may be a debatable question, but every one knows that a 25 per cent, tax on gas is Mr. Felix Diaz seems to have about as much

confidence in the Administration's influence

in Mexico as the President's dearest enemies

want him to have. If incoming freight could be stored more cheaply in warehouses than in freight cars perhaps the consignees would release the cars more quickly and prevent the congestion of

the local freight yards.

The Russians will soon be repeating the remarks of Xenophon when he reached the sea at Trebizond, but it will be in a different language. The Turks are evacuating the city to get out of the way of the victorious troops

which took Erzerum. It seems to have escaped the attention of the British that the German U-boat campaign is directed against them, not against us. We say "It seems," But the British had ample time to prepare, and there is a chance that they took advantage of it.

Mr. Wilson the candidate is positively at a disadvantage, being the same corporeal person as Mr. Wilson the President. He can't go away to some distant and pleasant spot ad come back to a big meeting at Madison Square Garden six columns wide.

When Admiral Knight said that the United States was supporting more foreign policies irritating to other nations than any other country he forgot the irritation caused by the policies which Germany is trying to force down the throats of the allied nations and the Thitted States

Ten free Sunday concerts are good enough for a start; but they will be found insufficient if the crowds at this year's concerts are to be taken as a criterion. Still, if 40,000 persons hear those ten concerts, at the rate of 4000 different persons for each one, the city will score a positive advantage.

New York is "unquestionably" the centre of "the money power" after two years' operation of the Federal reserve law, according to Congressman Ragsdale, of South Carolina, who helped frame the law. Could the Democratic assault on the "money trust" have been nothing more than a mask behind which Wall street was hiding?

Congressman J. H. (Cyclone) Davis, of Texas, advocate of unpreparedness, objected to the consideration of a bill to incorporate the Boy Scouts of America because he personally had not had the time to study "the contingent results" of the bill, and because his oath as a Congressman would not permit him to let it pass without his careful perusal. A Texas conscience is a peculiar thing.

When Doctor Garber accused Professor fall bilin of being socialistic in regard to his mudde, of school management he did not say a terrifying nor such a mouth-filling "As tas our grandfathers did when they said they was the Interstate Commerce Commission and the socialistic. Doctor Garber disposed of lary interest Zueblin far more aptly when he inthe gibid the superiority of present methods thich i those proposed. If a good thing happens vere if socialistic, it is a good thing none the

Just as the series of frontal attacks on the whole French line were explained by the drive against Verdun, so that drive may be explained by the renewed attacks on the line. Germany's policy of doubly "foxing" her enemies seems to be coming out. By engaging forces chewhere she could make her thrust at Verdun vital. As soon as forces were transferred to the defense of the new object of attack, the lines in Champagne were broken for a consida ble gain. Aiready the German advances tol. I more than the Allied gains in September. only comment that seems necessary is that Germany has lost, according to Dutch reports, 160,000 men, killed, wounded and paken-prisoner.

Geographically a pacifist says something. The Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, the well-known Fordity and leapfrogger, mys: "We want an international police force to keep one country rom striking at the other." Right! That's not we want; but we know that we can't get to that if we do get it we will not be able to rely upon it; that then are only human; thus where there isn't adequate protection to better to sleep with a revolver handy, broughing is out of the hands of children and astricis, and that so far no man has been macked on a dark street simply because it in experience of governing.

was known that he was a dead shot and carried his irons handy. These things we know, and we will not be "leapfrogged" into forgetting them by blasts in the public prints nor by the assertions of returned pilgrims that we are crazy.

#### TRANSIT AND THE LOAN

Of the city's borrowing capacity, \$59,006,000, under the Constitution, is available for frankit and port development only. Fifty millions are required to complete the entire Taylor plan. The money should be preceded against any scheme to make it available for other purposes later, and the complete transit program should promptly be ratified.

THE Mayor and his advisers are consider-I ing the items to be incorporated in the May loan. They have already succeeded in arriving at a definite conclusion as to the borrowing capacity of the city. By far the greater part of that capacity, 69 millions out of 85 millions, is available only for transit and port improvement, under the Constitu-

Improvements already authorized, but for which no loans have been provided, amount to 30 millions, which is not included in the borrowing capacity of 85 millions, for the reason that, under a recent decision of the courts, the said 30 millions must be considered as outstanding obligations. Since these 35 millions are already charged against the city, it is obvious that it will be wise to provice the actual funds as rapidly as money can economically be used on the projects. Any other course would be a mere waste of time.

These projects to which the city is already dedicated include the Parkway, the Free Library, removal of grade crossings, sewage disposal, park extension, street openings and condemnation of land for squares and playgrounds and the construction of the city's helt line along the two rivers to meet the demands of commerce in the development of the port. Every one of them is urgent and should be pressed to completion at the earliest possible moment.

There remains the borrowing capacity of 69 millions for transit and port improvement. With this capacity the city was endowed at the election in November, by vote of the people of the whole State, at the request of Philadelphia. Is the grant of power to be used or not?

The sum of 50 millions additional is required to put the entire Taylor program into effect. To provide the money for that very purpose was the chief object of the constitutional amendment. Yet a year ago there was a movement on foot to amend the amendment, making the money borrowed available for any purpose, thus depriving the transit program of the strategic advantage which it holds and removing the preferential in its favor. There is no reason to suppose that the opponents of transit have ever abandoned their scheme. There are whisperings of a plan whereby the 69 millions will be opened for general use.

The work under City Hall has been temporarily abandoned. Director Twining reports that some structural changes are necessary. That is quite likely. Mr. Taylor anticipated such a contingency and would doubtless have been guided by the actual experience in construction. But there are also rumors to the effect that some change of route is contemplated that will enable the city to make a far more advantageous contract with the P. R. T. than the tentative agreement entered into between Mr. Taylor, representing the city, and the company.

We have no disposition to be querulous. If a contract more favorable to the city can be got, this newspaper will support it loyally and energetically. But any proposal to vacate the understanding already arrived at would naturally be viewed with suspicion, and the burden of proof as to its excellence would rest on the proposers.

It is imperative that the city dedicate itself to the whole rapid transit scheme, and tie to it the funds already within reach for this specific purpose. Otherwise there is the constant danger of some changes in the situation which would expose this sacred treasury to other uses and postpone to the distant future the relief which Philadelphians have fought for and to which they are entitled.

It is proper to point out to the Mayor that there is no subject in which the masses are more vitally interested than transit, and no project on which they have so earnestly rested their hopes. The opportunity for service to Philadelphia in providing the public with a comprehensive and thoroughly adequate system of transit is a great one. To push the undertaking to a successful conclusion will redound more to the honor and lasting praise of the Administration than any other single thing it could do. We believe that the Mayor realizes this.

There has been a great deal of talk about co-operation in the upbuilding of Philadelphia. There is a real get-together spirit in the air. Captious criticism has been conspicuously absent in the last few months. There has been little questioning of motives. The press and private citizens have been prone to pull together instead of to pull down. We are exceedingly hopeful, in view of these conditions, that the Mayor will take a stand on transit which will win the cordial support of all worth-while elements. But it is just as well to recognize that the city has suffered so much from infamous franchises for the use of its streets that people are wary of any new leases. They want to be shown and they must be shown. They are satisfied with the kind of transit Mr. Taylor proposed to give them and any substitute would have to stand the acid test.

#### HAITI GOES UNDER

THE "Black Republic." Halti, island of L'Ouverture, is now under the protection of the United States. Since the marines landed by Admiral Caperton last year put down the rebellion which overthrew President Guillaume the United States has been in actual charge. Yesterday Congress ratified the convention previously accepted by the Haitian Congress.

It is now 112 years since Haiti has had "self-government." The word is a gross exaggeration, for in all that time government has been known more in the breach than the observance. Presidents have followed emperors and been succeeded by kings, and murder has been over all of them. With resources of hemp, tobacco and coffee the Republic has not prospered. There has been little intelligence in economic or social development. Now the attempt has been surrendered. It is up to the

United States. The responsibilities of overlordship on this continent could not be more opportunely displayed. The lesson of Haiti is a cruel one, but one which Cuba has learned and Mexico will have to learn. Nor will the Senate, which agreed to conduct the affairs of a nation after more than a century of experiment, think lightly of giving independence to the Philippines, the citizens of which are not necessarily superior to those of Haiti in superal ability or

# Tom Daly's Column

To March-at the Door You do appear to be a lamb. But you may be a lion. I see your nose around the jamb; You do appear to be a lamb; No surer, though, of that I am Than once I was of Bryan. You do appear to be a lamb, But you may be a lyin',

TOUIS UNTERMEYER has broken loom with a new book. It's called "---- and Other Poets" and it's being introduced to society by Henry Holt & Co. of New York. The book, like all Gaul (or spell it with a double L If you wish) is divided in partes tres and the greatest third is in the thirty parodies comprising "The Banquet of the Bards," parodies upon "almost all the contemporary poetic figures of distinction." Good thing he put in that word "almost," or we wouldn't notice the silly old book at all. We're not naming any names, but lots of the thirty are not nearly the c. p. f. of d. that we think we are. Oh, well, we don't like to see Louis doing that sort of thing, anyway. It's clever, but he's too big for that kind of play. The second section is a new idea in light verse. "Attempted Affinities." he calls it, and he shows, for instance, what would result if Horace and Herrick were to collaborate; or

"THE KISS IN THE CUP" Ben Jonson and Harry B. Smith Concoct the Annual Drinking Song for the Annual Casino 'Comic'—Opera.

Oh some may quaff their tankards and laugh
With many a flowery toast.
They will sing of pale or nut-brown ale
Or the draught they love the most.
But I despise such mirth, for I prize
A sweeter and headler wine—
So drink to me only with thine cyes,
And I will pledge with mine.

# REFRAIN When you drink (Clink-clink) Then I think (Clink-clink) That I might of Jove's nectur sup;

Don't deny (Hi/hi)
When I sigh (Fill hight)
Won't you leave—just a kiss—in the cup! Neighborly Amenities

"That's an auction plane your daughter's got, isn't it?" asked the sarcastic woman next door. "No, indeed," replied the proud mother, indignantly. "What made you think that?"

"Oh, probably because it's 'going, going, going' all the time." THE GREAT MYSTERY The while for Henry James we mourn, We are impelled to note That things, to him, in that far bourn

Are clearer than he wrote.

ONE morning a colored woman, carrying a package wrapped in newspaper, entered the office of a trust company not far from the city's centre. She approached the desk of one of the clerks and asked: "Is dis de trus' department?"

"Yes, madam." "Well, I'se got a truss hyar whut's got to be repathed." .

#### George Washington

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BEING NOT ONLY A RHYMED STORY OF HIS
LIFE, BUT ALSO ALMOST A COMPLETE
HISTORY OF THERE U. S.
By GEORGE MORRIS.

(Synopsis of previous chapter; George had just finished doing what he had done and Pa had patted his head for not telling a lie.)

And George grew up to be a man
He put away his hatchet grand
He took a gun to a soldler's make
To fight right hard for his country's sake
The army learned him many things
He worked so hard the yot command
And there he stood a soldler grand.

Now George got in to lots of fights He did not stop to look at sights His soldiers knew that he was right They fought with might and mane They fought so hard they spilt their blood That out the victory came.

The Red Coats they were rushing him They tried to capture all of them But George did not get in their trap He was not takins a quiet nap. He moved his army around so well He made the Red Coats houl and yell.

Now at the Battle at Hunker Hill He saved Old Boston with his will His soldlers they fell thick and fast They would not lef the Red Coats past A monument there is standing atill To remember the fight at Bunker Hill. (To be Continued.) Not Hard to Locate

# "Don't you go to bed yet. We'll have some

lunch first. I brought home a tidbit today and left it in the back kitchen," he said. "It's dark out there," began friend wife, 'You'll find a candle---" "Oh, I can find it in the dark. It's limburger

#### Wilson's Troubles

Now the flayers will have their flare; Wilson's troubles lie before him. Campaign's on and everywhere Countless scores begin to score him. -T. D., in Evening Ledger, Truly Wilson's lot is hard:

People sniff, he falls to thrill 'em In every bar you hear him barred, In every grill you hear them grill 'im.

—B. L. T., in Chicago Tribune, And here are further facts, milord,

That in my first I should have stated: He is by many a Board abhorred, By many a bum abominated.

FEW members of the Poor Richard Club see T. P.'s Weekly, so we copy this for

The advertising folk gave a banquet on Wednesday to Sir Hedley Le Bas for his work in raising their profession to Governwork in raising their procession to Govern-ment work. But ad-writing had already been one king's profession, for in the Mercurius Politicus of June 28th, 1669. Charles II had written and inserted this: "A smooth black dog, less than a greyhound, with white under his breast, belonging to the King's Majesty, was taken from Whitehall, the eighteenth of this besting June, or the realests. If any this instant June, or thereabouts. If anyone can give notice to John Elles, one of his Majesty's servants, or to his Majesty's Back Stairs, shall be well rewarded for their labour." When this had not the desired effect his Majesty tried again, and with practice reached nearer to perfection. The appeal was more intimate and personal. It ran: "We must call upon you again for a black dog between a greyhound and a spaniel, no white about him, only a streak on his breast, and tail a little hebbed. It is his Majesty's and this a little scotted. It is his Majesty's own dog, and doubtless was stolen, for the dog was not born nor bred in England, and would never forsake his master. Whoever finds him may acquaint any at Whitchail, for the dog was better known at Court than those who stole him. Will they never leave robbing his Majesty? Must he not keep dog? This dog's place (though before them a dog? This dog's place (though better than some imagine) is the only place which no-body offers to beg."

A careful statistician went through last year's rds to find the kind as plicking that Hennie kit. The table is interesting, in that it shows camle copped must of his alts off the weaker flin the circuit.—Local Contemporary. Wadyer mean interesting? Wadyer expect? How interesting would it be to discover that the outfielder who caught the most files had the greatest number of putouts? H. H. H.

# For girls who know their feet are small

We do not care a fig: They're lil-proportioned, after all-It makes their heads too big:



### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MONTH OF MARS

It Isn't the War God's Month at All. It's the Month of Eats Supernal. Sugar Time in the Days of Real Sport

SPEAKING of eats. There's the beverage, for instance—for on the authority of Dumas beverages come into the category of eats-there's the beverage, as we started to say, that gave Alice such a curious feeling. Very nice it was, with a sort of mixed flavor, we are told, of cherry tart, custard, pineapple, roast turkey, toffee and hot buttered toast. Very nice, indeed.

But now it's March. Lots of people think that March is merely a matter of weather. The old almanae has it. "About this time look out for rain," and the commentators add, "for robins." The middle-aged inhabitant recalls that on March 11, 1888, Philadelphia was in the grip of the worst storm in its history. The military expert remarks that the English won at Crecy because rain wetted the bowstrings of the Genoese archers, and that Russian snows made Napoleon's campaign awhat d've call it?-oh, yes, a debacle. Now is the time when quoters quote the line of Shakespeare about the daffodlis "that come before the swallow dares and take the winds of March with beauty," or something like that. And that quotation is its own excuse for being quoted. It's all right. But March isn't wholly a matter of weather and birds and flowers and battles.

#### Sweeter Than Roast Pig

It's eats we're thinking of. And, incidentally, of weather, because the eats we're thinking of aren't available without sugar weather. Maple sugar! Oh, merry, marvelous month of March!

Most maple sugar isn't maple sugar at all. That is, it's just like politicians who masquerade as Republicans or Democrats, as the case may be. Not the genuine article. Commercialized, so to speak.

"Tis true, 'tis pity, And pity 'tis, 'tis true.

The pity is that to many of my fellow men maple sugar must remain forever a sealed

Maple sugar, like poetry and painting, has suffered the tragic fate of commercialization. In these decadent times a baser stuff circulates both in city and country, and men call it maple sugar, but they know not whereof they speak. So glibly they pronounce the name, so dispassionately, though respectfully and volubly, that quite unwitting they display their ignorance and misfortune. No wonder the English language has fallen into disrepute, when tongues waggle foolishly over royal words.

Charles Dudley Warner, lamenting the vanishment of the true fireplace, was moved to say. "A cynic might suggest as the motto of modern life this simple legend-Just as good as the real." The essayist's sentiment appeals with the force and effect of comprehension to the man who remembers maple sugar, I have myself watched the windows of grocery stores at about this time of year for the annual display of sugar cakes, and against my better judgment have never failed to yield to temptation. I do not advise others to pass by: I am not so bigoted as that. Let who will purchase and partake, but let them not lay the flattering unction to their souls that they have learned thereby th' immortal taste of maple sugar. The grocer offered the cakes like veritable wares of trade, And thought, as usual, men would say

They were exceeding good.

Pure maple suger is undefiled by any taint of commercialism.

I'm not blaming the storekeepers. I'm only pitying the poor blokes who never tasted maple sugar in a sugar camp in a sugar orchard in a sugar country in the good old days of real sport. I am not contemptuous. I am merely a Martian. One cannot understand a Martian until one has been to Mars. Incidentally nobody ever heard of a Martian who wanted to come down to earth. Maple sugar, in short, does not mean in my language what it means in the ordinary jargon of the world. As an interpreter I can merely suggest that amontillado, Mrs. Thrale's tea. the honey of Hymettus, the ambrosia of the gods—these are as nothing, these are bitter and stale, compared with the incomparable nectar of the sugar maple. All that the poets and prosemen have sung and said in praise of the aforementioned delights of the pulate, if it were gathered together, heaped up, pressed down and running over, would be iamning with faint praise. Even Lamb's dissertation would be like sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Sweeter than roast pig. sweeter far than honey and the honeycomb is the fruit of the sugar maple. Indeed, here

can rightly be no disputing of tastes. There's beauty, too, in sugar weather, heavty in the sugar snow. Exactly what a sugar

is the one and only instance in which there

snow is I wouldn't try to tell, but there has to be one every few days-it is indispensable to a good run of sap. I know how it looks against the background of Austin's woods and how it feels on the face. There can be no appreciation of maple sugar without a personal acquaintance with a sugar snow.

#### Bringing in the Sap

Forth into the woods we went-I and Tommy Wells and Fred French, always some of us together. We watched the tapping of the trees. We watched the men boring holes through the bark, driving in the metal spouts. hanging up the tin buckets. Sometimes we essayed to help. When we helped we helped spasmodically. There were many things to do. The depth of the snow in the hollows had to be measured, which didn't help the gugar makers much. It was also necessary to go about from tree to tree, where the buckets had been hung, to taste the sap. Sometimes we drank from the bucket, sometimes from the spout, it didn't matter which. The red squirrels and the chickadees furnished intermittent diversion.

In a few days the official gatherers were ready to sugar off. From that time on for several weeks there was just one sugaring off after another. Barton Landing was surrounded by sugar places, a happy island in a sea of delight; but, looking back, I think that Mr. Austin issued the most frequent invitations to the community at large. Not that we boys paid much attention to invitations. We made the rounds. Austin's sugarhouse was the favorite place of resort. Maybe we were more welcome there than elsewhere, but in those days nobody was stingy. Stinginess certainly wasn't in the metnal and moral constitution of a sugar maker,

Those sugar parties!-but it's quitting time now. I say but this: On the edge of Barton Landing, that wonderful old village of eternal youth, is Austin's woods, and I would rather be in Barton Landing in the sugar season-20 years ago-than in Normandy in apple blossom time (before the war). R. H.

## ODDS AND ENDS OF WEALTH

Every year we throw away a vast quantity of valuable waste, so to speak. Some of us do In the copper industry it has been pointed out

that the salvage upon the copper saved from ex-ploded shells and cartridges of the belligerents would greatly affect the market after the war. Perhaps it has never occurred to the layman hat it would mean to the rubber market, not after the war, but while the war lasts, and crude

rubber is limited as to supply, if all the waste rubbers throughout the United States were saved. What is known as "scrap rubber" is becoming more valuable every day as ports of supply for crude rubber are closed and the price

ber men from the shoe stores, and if the cus-tomer would take the pains to follow the course that the pair of rubbers he leaves in the store when he buys a new pair takes he would trace them first to some place of storage, where they would have the company of hundreds of other pairs until they accumulate to 180 or more pounds, when the shoe dealer would sell them for from \$9 to \$9.50. From this it will be seen that every year there

are hundreds of dollars worth of old rubbers wasted in the United States unless they are reclaimed from ash barrels and junk heaps

The Pennsylvania Railroad doesn't throw away anything that has any value to man or beast. It sells everything the company has no further use for if there is any market for it.

In 1914 the scrap material sold brought in to the company \$2,157,241.24, and this was \$1,000,-100 less than in 1913. Waste paper alone sold for \$19,211, oil barrels

for \$22,439 and old rubber for \$15,22 Locomotives and weeden passenger cars sold for \$114,326. Other odds and ends brought in \$121,997.

Old wheels, metals and wrought iron yielded more than \$780,000. NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

#### The argument for a State police force certainly is strong from both the viewpo

military preparedness and security for the rural population.—Buffalo Courier. Our Congressmen who are so afraid of mili-tarism never reflect that by the time 25 capital ships of modern type can be constructed we shall

have 25 old ships ready for the junk pile It would have been worth the price of admission to see the faces of the Senators and Congressmen when Mr. Wilson brought out the threat to abandon them to their fate and tried to frighten them with it.—Detroit Free Press.

The success of Pan-American parts upon the defensive strength of its integral parts. Since the Monroe Ductrine is to become a Pansuccess of Pan-Americanism American doctrine the responsibility of the United States is greatly increased—Des Molnes

If a man happens to think that it is quite in possible for the nation to put forts all along the count, where the peril and the clamor rage side by side, he is set down as a traitor and an ingrate by the pork-barrel crowd—Ohio State

Since the failure of the Ford peace ship the pacifists have been notably long on opposition and equally short on construction. They have told us precisely what they do not want, but they have been quiet about what they want.—Chicago Tribune.

England desires no German newspapers, and will receive none. Germany, on the other hand, makes no movement to exclude French and English periodicals. The people with the most patternal several settlement is given the greatest free-dom in this respect of the Policy.

## What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

#### OUIZ

 Who has had charge of Austrian interests in the United States since Ambassador Dumba returned to Vienna?

How does a dreadnought today compare in size with a battleship of the period of the Spanish-American War? Verdun became famous about ten centuries ago on account of a famous event which took place

there. What was it? ame five Representatives in Congress from States west of the Mississippi.

5. Is Rhode Island on Island? 6. Is Admiral Dewey in active service?
7. Which is nearer the Equator, Havana or Buenes

Alres? 8. Which is longer, a metre or a yard?

Approximately how many members are there is the House of Representatives at Washington's
 Who is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of

#### Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. By tráin-ferry from Havana to Key West, theses by rall to Philadelphia.

2. Harriet Beecher Stowe. 3. Tutuila, Samoa.

5. Professionally and successfully by Jenner in 1796.

Grover Cleveland.

7. Russo-Japanese War. S. Yes. Erle.

Dignitary of the Catholic Church in Belgium. 10. Susquebanna.

Entente and Alliance

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you please print the names of the countries in the Triple Alliance and those in the Triple Entente? (By Telephone.)

The Triple Alliance was composed of Austria. Germany and Italy, and can hardly be said to exist now, as the first and last of these are at war. The Triple Entente consists of Russia, Since Italy entered their side there has been frequent reference to a Quadruple Entente, but it does not exist offi-

"United We Stand"

Editor of "What Do You Know"-"United we stand, divided we fall" was first said by George P. Morris in his poem, "The Flag of Our Na-tion." of which I inclose one verse: A song for our banner! The watchword recall Which gave the Republic her station. 'United we stand, divided we fall,'

It made and preserves us a nation MRS. W. F. HAINES.

Insurance Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can a man insure his life for a given period only, say five MARRIED. He can. This is called term insurance, and under certain conditions can be converted into regular life insurance.

Editor of "What Do You Know"-What is the origin of the term "dude," commonly used a few years ago to describe a fop or dandy? HABERDASHER. The word, which was first used in this way in

London in 1881 and then transferred to Americal a revival of the old word "duds," meaning Protection of Working Women

Editor of "What Do You Know"—To what public welfare board can I apply for relief for a large number of working women whose treatment is disgraceful and full of danger? V. R.

Probably the best way to improve the conditions of which you write is by consistent and persistent agitation in the town where they prevail. If the factory inspectors are not doing their duty a complaint lodged with the head of

the Department of Factory Inspection in Harrise

burg might spur them to action. "If I Should Die Tonight"

Editor of "What Do You Know"—I inclose the poem asked for by G. K. L. It is called "H I Should Die Tonight." MRS. J. F. M. A. E. S. has also been kind enough to send in the poem. Here it is:

If I should die tonight, My friends would look upon my quiet face Before they laid it in its resting place. And deem that death had left it almost fair: And laying snow-white flowers against my hair, Would smooth it down with tearful tenderness. And fold my hands with lingering caress.

Poor hands, so empty and so cold tonight! If I should die tonight My friends would call to mind with loving thought

Some kindly deeds the icy hands had wrought. Some gentle word the frozen lips had said. Errands on which the willing feet had sped.

The memory of my selfishness and pride, My hasty words, would all be put aside. And so I should be loved and mourned tonight

If I should die tonight E'en hearts estranged would turn once more to

me,
Recalling other days remorsefully.
The eyes that chill me with averted glance
Would look upon me as of yore, perchance,
And soften in the old familiar way,
For who could war with dumb, unconscious ele seious elay? So I might rest forgiven tonight.

Oh, friends, I may tenight, Keep not your klasses for my dead, cold brow. The way is lonely, let me feel them now. Think gently of me; I am travel-worn: My faltering fest are pierced with many a thorn Forgive, ah hearts estranged, forgive, I plead! When dreamless rest is mine I shall not need. The tenderness for which I long tonight.

This poem is variously ascribed to the Rev. A. J. Ryan, Alloe Cary and Ben King. Can any reader tell whether its authorable has been deb-nitely established?