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It is a maxim with me that no man was written out of reputation but by him-

They're off once more: us five, them four.

oolf .- Richard Bentley.

Why doesn't the President hold T. R. to ore strict accountability?

It is the desire for academic freedom in a new form that is creating ructions at Bryn Mawry

One thing Atlantic City should abolish to make itself an even greater place to make holiday in than it is now-politics!

Delaware would have been ungrateful if. after all that General du Pont has done for the State, it had declined to name him as its favorite son.

More curious things are being done in the name of harmony in Pennsylvania this year than the French woman said were done in the name of liberty.

More men will envy the President his season pass to the Washington games of the Amerian League than envy him any other perquisite of his great office.

Carranza, if it is true that he "has his capital on a special train," is a great deal better off than three European monarchs, who can't get a sight of their old capitals even by the \$1 excursion route.

bridge, instead of a tunnel, is urged as connecting link between Camden and Phillphia. Perhaps the Camdenites, like the itons who protested against a tunnel under Channel, do not like the idea of Philaiphians popping suddenly into their quiet

The men who are doing their country's work in Mexico haven't much of the glamour war about them. They are in an uncomfortable and not too well disposed land, they are subject to disease and to accident and to stray bullets from "friendly" hands. These things are all in the day's work. But that these same men should be bereft of the consolutions of tobacco is an unnecessary misfortune. Whatever one thinks of tobacco in the home, whatever reservations one may make about the habit of smoking cigarettes, e must feel that the soldiers engaged on unleasant business are entitled to this indulcity. Mesopotamia has been a sore trial to England since the first dash toward Bagdad, but the siege at Kut is part of a program which she very well understands,

BACKGROUNDS OF PROGRESS

The separation of the general loan from the transit and port loan, professedly "to save the latter from the wreck," has also the effect of throwing great and needed civic improvements into the eachilt of fac-tional strife. The petilness of the skirmleh-ing over minor features of the \$47,000,000 loan is a signal to efficient to warn them of possible juggling and jockeying with the larger details of the eity's plan for perma-nent improvements. nent Improvements.

THE final passage of the city loan bills in Councils clears the way for a closer examination of the implications contained in Mr. Trainer's graphic language describing the reasons for making the \$67,000,000 transit and port loan and the \$47,000,000 general loan separate issues before the voters. There was a somewhat piratical flavor about his phrase, "If the bill comes to smash, we should try to save something from the wreck."

In other words, if the lockeying and juggling between the warring political factions should come to a "showdown" at the polls on May 16. there could be a truce as far as the transit loan was concerned-both factions could support it. But that truce will leave them the more free for skirmishing over whatever features of the grab-bag order the general loan may involve. It is surmised that the Penrose-McNichol faction, represented by Mr. Seger and Mr. Trainer in Councils, has threatened to work for the defeat of this loan if the Smith-Vare faction, nominally in control of both the Administration and Councils, does not make concessions. This faction has succeeded to a certain extent already-perhaps within hailing distance of "peace"-notably in the eliminating of the \$210,000 Vare claim for boulevard work and of the provision for 500 extra policemen.

These would have been "Vare policemen." The citizens of outlying wards, where burglaries have been too frequent because of insufficient policing, have never said they would prefer "McNichol policemen." What they have wanted is men in blue coats who would give a reasonable amount of protection to endangered residences while doing their more important political work. But this is only one example of the spirit in which both factions have taken up the greatest constructive work in the city's history. Is it any wonder that they are to be feared "even when they offer gifts"? For there is still the dark scheming over contract awards to threaten the best interests of the city.

This is the sordid "ackground for what on paper-and it has been too long merely on paper-is the city's long evolving plan for great civic improvements. There is the Free Library provided for, the Art Museum, the Convention Hall, advances along the path of modern enlightenment which the importance of this city not only deserves but demands, which it has striven toward in the dark. though blinded by the tricks and shackled by the indifference of self-centred politicians.

More needed than even such improvements are the items for sewage disposal and the installation of the sewerage system. Health and safety depend upon such works and upon the recreation centres. The appropriation for Blockley is a long-delayed act of justice that the city could no longer defer.

Tom Daly's Column

BALLADE OF A KNOT-HOLE The box-seal, in the stand, my dollar buys Commands a wide and unobstructed view.

I watch the struggling teams with languid eyes; For me the "thrills" are far between and

for. Betimes, like clouds that sail the summer

blue. My thoughts drift back to battles long forgot. Of strange the place that Fancy leads me to-The knot-hole in a tence that now is not!

Here in the stand the ready dime supplies My every need, for here the moticy orcw

Of venders threads the crowd, with rancous cries

Of sundry "cats" and "drinks" and "gum to chew,"

While victory the striving teams pursue. Yet, oft, athirst and hungry, 'twas my lot-Thrice happy lot1-to watch great heroes,

through The knot-hole in a fence that now is not?

And here where fair and wide the prospect Ben.

Where one may follow everything they do-The strikes, the fouls, the bunts, the highest flies-

How odd that eyes should sometimes laok askew

And miss a point! Ah! that was never true! Of one young eye, forever on the spot; One watchful optic fitting tight as glue The knot-hole in a fence that now is not.

ENVOY.

Of Yellow Pine; My bald spot's bared to youl Fond memory will never let you rot! saw the beat of life when first I knew The knot-hole in a fence that now is not!

THAT "Battling Birdseed" person we mentioned some time ago probably is not guilty in this case, but we imagine that only a person as tiny as he could be so cowardly as to write this:

I AM SECRETLY AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

On Saturday eve last did I perforce enter the sacred precincts of our woman's college and there behold even with mine own eyes divers and several of the fair maids to pre-sent the "Mikado"—an opera of merit. And there, surrounded by beauty, silks, satins, bright eyes, kimonos, red cheeks and lovely came to me the great truth: even that woman maketh sweet maids, divine ovely Yum Yums, beloved and respected matrons and rapturous Pittl Sings, but maketh punk Lord High Executioners, rotten Chancellors of the Exchequer, absurd Presidents of the -er-well-Board of Aldermen; and, in fact, you can't make a sow's ear out of a silk

Therefore I say unto you "Knowest thou the feminine of Scott Nearing?"

The Reckless Guy

Play ball! Both leagues begin the game! Hey! want to bet with me? I say the pennant-winner's name

Contains an "o" or "e."

-Sez He, an' the Fight Begun! BARNEY SHAW'S real Irish," says Shon Rea. "George Bernard Shaw has no use for the 'long-dead-past Irishman.' Has any

one? "A live Irishman proving to all the world that he makes the best American isn't going about collecting subscriptions for the rehabilitation of thatched cottages and the clatter of handlooms. He's building a mansion out York road for his family, and if any kernes show around he'll put the bloody conatabulary on them.

"G. B. S. himself is running the Great War. from the inside, by George! Isn't the Kalser himself aching to have the Irish with him? Do you know, that name 'Mackensen' is suspicious! 'But, oh!' says he, 'if I could only. back him with a few O'Flynns!"



SHAKESPEARE DEAD? DID HE EVER LIVE?

The Shade of Delia Bacon Wants to Know-Mark Twain Has a Word to Say-The Great Puzzlegram

ONE of the oldest jokes in the world deals with the interesting fact that Caesar is dead. This is the way of it:

Locust: Did you know that Caesar is dead. pruce: I didn't even know he was sick It's familiar, but try it on Shakespeare and you get the reverse English. Just at present "they" are celebrating the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. And a great number of people not only didn't know he was sick, but are strongly inclined to believe that he never lived.

of all time, the man about whom Swinburne wrote, "It is not only the crowning glory of England, it is the crowning glory of mankind that such a man should ever have been born as William Shakespeare." And in sober, se rious earnestness a great number of perfectly intelligent people insist that William Shake speare, the author of the plays, simply did not exist. There was a play-actor named Shake-speare, or Shixpur, or something of that sort, they admit, who played the Ghost in "Hamlet." But that play was written by an entirely different person, who used the name Shakespeare as a psuedonym.

Delia Bacon Started It

It started with an American woman, Della Bacon. In 1857 she published a book, and what put it into her head, except possibly her last name, no man can say. She expounded the philosophy of the Shakespeare plays to prove that Francis Bacon wrote them. Thirty years later Ignatius Donnelly, a Philadelphian who went West and believed that Atlantis actually existed and was nominated for Vice President with Peter Cooper on the People's ticket, published "The Great Cryptogram." With a miraculous system of figures, such as taking the first letter and dividing by six, multiplying the number of the last word but sixteen on the 240th page of the First Folio, he arrived at the same conclusion-that Bacon wrote all the plays. It is said that by employing the same cipher some one else worked

Any number of other works, not ascribed now to Shakespeare, were printed over that name. There isn't on the face of it anything to disprove the possibility that Bacon did write the

plays. Nor is there anything to prove it.

Why the Problem Is Interesting Is it all much ado about very little? Does it matter?" Not to the gallery god and not to the worshiper of poetry. But the question is interesting enough to the student of human nature. We know a vast amount about Francis Bacon-his wonderful mind, his legal abilities, his political adventures, his trenchant style in the essays, the revolution in thought he brought about by his Novum Organum. We know that Francis Bacon is mentioned with Aristotle and Goethe as one of the very few who in their time knew all there was to be known. So wouldn't it be a wonderful thing for humanity if the same man who knew everything actually guessed the rest? He domnated the outside world. It would be nice to feel that he extended his realm to the inner world, knew the human heart and all its secrets and could display all the passions of all mankind in terms of the highest beauty in imperishable poetry.

If it wasn't Bacon, if it wasn't Shakespeare (that is the Stratford player about whom we know nothing) we really are at sea. There wasn't any one at the time who could have done it. Not that the anti-Stratfordians admit this. Some of the wildest have picked out Sir Walter Raleigh; some have gone farther and fared worse. No extravagance has been too mad, and there have been diverting stories about the filial relation of Bacon to Queen Elizabeth and such scandals. You can prove nearly everything by ciphers, and the Baconians took their cue from Francis himself, for he was interested in cryptograms and wrote about them.

Mark Twain was an out-and-outer for Bacon, although he wouldn't confess it, and he hated the Shakespeare cult well enough to write

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.

QUIZ

Who is Karl Liebknecht?

- What is a prune? Who wrote "The Vicar of Wakefield"? 4. What city is at this time the capital of
- Belgium? 5. Which is the greater distance, a mile or kilometer?
- What is the yearly pay of seamen in the United States Navy?
 What is meant by "nailing one's colors to
- the mast"? 8, About when was Mohammed born and when
- did he die? 9. What is the area of Philadelphia in square miles? 10. How does New York city usually "go," Be-

publican or Democratic

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz "dark horse" is an expression describing a candidate for political office brought forward at the last moment.
- inthrax is an infectious disease affecting herbivorous animals, such as horses and

cattle. It is also communicable to man. The Dutch first saluted the American flag in 1776.
 Peonage is a form of contract labor which

- results in what amounts to slavery.
 - The Archduke was assassinated on June 28, 1914, a month before the outbreak of hostilities
- 6. The Italians were victorious, annexing Trip-
- 7. In Europe and America in the last 100 years the average length of life has increased from about 30 to 40 years. "split infinitive" is one in which the ad-
- verb is placed between the "to" and the

verb. For example, "to firmly insist." fter the Battle of Marathon, between Greeks and Persians, 490 B. C., a runner 9. After carried the news of the Greek victory to Athens. The distance between the two places sets the course for the modern

10. Corfu is an Island 60 miles east of the "heel" of Italy.

Funny, isn't it? Here is the greatest genlus

It may become possible, after many attempts, to get up a good self-respecting friendship for Carranza. He has at last yielded the Mexican Central Railway to United States troops for transport of supplies, and General Funston, for reasons of his own, has expressed more confidence in the co-operation of Carranza than heretofore. On the whole there is nothing to be gained, even politically, by a long stay in Mexico. Certainly anything approaching an occupation of even a State of Mexico would do this country incalculable harm. A successful venture and quick return will re-establish the sincerity and honesty of our motives.

Wars will not be the same for a great many people, now that Richard Harding Davis is no more. He had the faculty of interpreting battles and maneuvers in a strangely picturesque way, and before the days when he segan to write more about himself than about his subject his work was exceedingly convincing. He was never indifferent to fact in his stories of New York society, nor ever contemptuous of fiction in his work as a war correspondent. He was no De Blowitz, to be but the conditions under which he worked demanded no other capacities than those he possessed-a certain grace, a quicking eye, a taste for romance and sound on sense.

Something in the story of Ralph Albert Blakelock ought to give the average American dness man pause. A few days ago Blakelick went back to New York from an asylum for the insane to look at pictures he had painted and sold more than sixteen years ago. He painted many, and their total value now is over half a million dollars. He sold them for few hundred and used that money to pay rent overdue. At last his mind gave way under the double strain of having his art unscinted and his life hampered by poverty.

is a pitcous story, but there is something in the end. But where there is one slock, there are thousands who are worying themselves to the outer gutes of asya only to amass money, driven by an ininct no lass powerful but certainly less noble the artistic impulse.

The relief of General Townshend's forces, now in the fifth month of siege at Kut-El-Amara, suffered a severe blow when Generat Ayimar's troops were thrown back by the furice, with reported losses of 3000 men. arnings of Townshand's desperate straits have been frequent lately, and no British, no ian activity econs able to withdraw Turrey from her obstinate slege. Yet British new have a tradition to uphold, both within the walls and in the relieving force. In 1867, ing the Indian mutiny, Lucknow held out the 1700 men against 10,000 for twelve weeks eved then by troops under Havelock and rana the garrison held for toyo further he and it was only when the famous the Linksow, " under Collin Campbell, an that the traces were able to leave the

South Philadelphia is the recipient of the lion's share, but the needs in that section loom larger than the question of the Vares and their fortunes to those who see that the development of that section has been delayed by the railroad grade crossings that have held up building operations. And the installation of crosstown sewers will make habitable a district too long surrendered to the mosquitoes. On the face of it the need of the desolate southern half of this section is greater than West Philadelphia's, but this did not warrant the meagreness of the allowance for the section across the Schuylkill.

No matter what their underlying motives may be thought to be, the tendency shown by the 22 West Philadelphia Councilmen to be moderate in their sectional demands should receive full face value praise for an attempt to think for the benefit of the city as a whole. But the curse upon the financing of city projects is not sectionalism, as a matter of fact; sectionalism is the tool of contractors, and through sectional needs contractors misrepresent the people-make them seem provincially in behalf of "our street."

No one ever suspected South Philadelphia of greed; or North Philadelphia; or West Philadelphia. But contractors, who "work for" their sections-they have been and are suspected.

THE ASQUITH PROGRAM

THE relation of wish to thought, a relation L of close and adoring parenthood, could not he extended further than it is now in Germany. To find a hint of peace in Asquith's reply to Bethmann-Hollweg is simply to indulge in auto-intoxication. What was significant in Asquith's words was the new definition of "crushing German militarism." The Premier felt the necessity of explaining with all precision what the Allies held as their goal in the war, and he acquitted himself well:

The Allies have intended as a result of The Almes have intended as a result of the war to establish the principle that in-ternational problems shall be handled by free negotiations on equal terms between free peoples, unhampered or swayed by the overmastering dictation of sovernment con-trolled by military casts. That is what I mean by the destruction of the military domination of Prussia-nothing more, but nothing less. othing less.

Lacking the loud noises of defiant phrase ology, this statement may make little impres ston. It is not a feeler for peace. It is the program of England's Holy War, if it is not in fact the reason for her fighting at all. The German reply is easy to formulate, but, unfortunately, it is not entirely credible. We do not know whether Sir Edward Grey meant this when he went into the war; we do not know whother England and France and Russia mean it now. For the good of humanity it is to be hoped that in spite of monarche and diplomate this result will obtain when the

"Wise kin o' the O'Flynns-there's more money in trench digging under City Halls than in all Flanders! They have both sense and the dollars "

NOT FOR KEEPS We're told these Days of Fast are meant For us to keep religiously But how can that be the intent? If we're to keep them, why should we Be told that they are merely Lent?

DIFHTHERIAL, NOT TO SAY LARYNGITAL. MILDNESS

My Dear Columniator-In looking over the Atlantic Monthly Almanac last night to learn what sort of weather we are to have this month I found set down over against Aptil 18-19 these o'ertrue lines:

Come, gentle spring! Diphtherial mildness! when We shed our winter underclothes And put them on again.

I pass them on in the hope that they may stir others as they stirred me. JOHN LUM.

Domestic Distichs

The season of the shad approaches, Why does it also bring cock-roaches? H. PECK.

General Shore is with General Lake in Mesopotamia. -News Note.

NOT wishing to take the joy out of any-body's day, it is nevertheless difficult for us to refrain from remarking that the name of that combination is sometimes Mud.

The apex of unnecessary information may be this upon a sign over a nickel-in-the-slot machine in the washroom of the West Philadelphia station (P. R. R.): CONTENTS OF PACKAGE IS PROPERTY

OF FURCHASER.

The Anagram Contest

 $G^{\rm OING}$ to seed? Only a few more days left. Do your anagramming early. The hat blows on to somebody's head on April 20. DARE TO GIVE A DEVIL ALL. 0. D. P.

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William Howard Taft. "Tom, my hat, please?"

ODORLESS MEN WANTED .- Classified Ad.

Overheard by S. B. in a street car:

"Say, Lens, y'know, I been going out with you for 18 months already? I'm gona ask your pop

if I can marry you." "Don't ask my father, ask me." Silence. And then: "Say, Lena, y'know. I don't believe in big en-

gagement parties." "And I, Jake, don't believe in long engage-

THE BREATHLESS SOLICITOR.

find it!" Cryptograms aside, there is something to he said for the absolute logic of the anti-Shakespeare argument. Mark Twain said a great deal in his delightful book, "Is Shakespeare Dead?" In the first place, while we know much about all of Shakespeare's contemporaries, we know virtually nothing about him-about the greatest genius of them all. What we know about the Shakespeare playactor is little enough, but it is about ten times as much as we know about the playwriter. His only creative work we are sure about is this, from his gravestone:

out the astonishing prophecy, "Donnelly will

Good friend for lesus sake forbeare To digg the dust encloased heare: Blessed be ye man yt spares thes stones And curst be he yt moves my bones.

Not a very poetic specimen, is it, for the man who wrote "Prospero's Invocation""

If Shakespeare Didn't, Who Did?

Everything we know about Shakespeare is "unquestionably" and "presumably" and "without-a-doubtedly." Nothing is certainly. The plays were written by a man who knew the law, who knew the stage, who knew some thing of Greek and Latin, who knew the customs of the nobility and the habits of the common people, who knew France and the realms of the imagination. The ardent Stratfordolaters, as Mark Twain calls them, say that without a doubt Shakespeare "hung around the law courts" and picked up the slang. They do not doubt that he studied when he wasn't hanging around. They explain everything by a beautiful process of conjecture which all sounds reasonable enough, but which proves nothing.

When it's all over they cry out, "Well, if Shakespeare didn't write them, who did?" "T wish I knew," says Twain.

Since the days of Delia Bacon and Ignatius Donnelly and Mrs. Gallup and a host of others the Baconians have backed considerably. They find it easier to question than to assert. They have stopped backing Bacon, but they are decidedly raising the odds against the man from Stratford. They say that there was only one man living at the end of the sixteenth century who had taken all knowledge to be his province, and who was a lawyer and a wit and philosopher, and who knew human nature and had been abroad and knew the classics and was, in general, the most versatile and most brilliant man of all time. That man was Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, Viscount St. Albans. They say it is a fair chance that this man wrote the plays, and, since play. writing and everything connected with the stage was distinctively below stairs at the time, published tham under another name.

I feel that our felish (the Stratford-Shakespeare idea) is safe for three centuries yet. The bust, too, there in the Stratford church. The precious bust, the priceless bust, the calm bust, the serene bust, the emotionless bust, with the dandy moustache and the putty face, unseamed of care-that face which has looked passionlessly down upon the awed pilgrim for 150 years and will still look down upon the awed pilgrim 300 more, with the deep, deep, deep, su subtle, subtle expression of a bladder. Three hundred years. Oh, well, he was not of an age, but for all time.

USE FOR A MILLION DOLLARS

In a social group, when some one propounded he question, "What would you do with a miltion dollars?" this answer, a subscriber reports, received general approval: "I would found mothers' institute in every city. Mothers and prospective mothers would obtain here, through ctures and individual talks by experts, the latest information as to 'twilight sleep prenatal nituences, physical care and moral training for pables, with demonstration work as to clothing. anitation, etc. Rich and noor alike should find help and knowledge here, and those most un-happy mothers, unmarried women and penniless widows, would be heartened and encouraged in these mothers' institutes."-Outlook

AN EASIER WAY

European belligerent nations that are urging conomy might practice a little themselves by employing New York gunmen to aid in the work of wiping each other off the face of the earth According to a confession by one of the New York thugs, murder prices have dropped to \$50. They used to be \$100. Statisticians have figured it out that it costs \$5000 to kill a man in war. We hope that there will be an immediate demand by Europe for all the gunmen in this country.— Hartford Post.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Impregnable forts seem to be a good deal like fireproof buildings—all hunkidori until the right sort of fire starts.—Columbus (O.) Citizen.

Although the Senate has held up the gasoline measure, the original owners of the stuff seem to have got there first .--- Washington Post,

Kansas will feel a little better now. Although the State's entire delegation in the House voted for a make-believe army. New York has a Connan who voted not to chase Villa .--- Kansas City Times.

If we put up with Germany's atrocious breach of international faith in violating her pledge, if we let the perjuries of her sea murderers over-rido the testimony of civil and military officers of our Government and continue our endeavors to hide with ink the stains made the blood of our citizens she has slain. made b; why should she put herself to further trouble about us? Do what she may, she will be quite cert that we shall do nothing-New York Times.

THE BOOK

The guns had ceased, the new sun blest the earth,

Into my heart there 'ole a sense of ease Soft as the summer wind through summer trees

trees That brings a thousand airy scents to birth. I Look my Book that tells of pure Love's worth. St. John. historian of mysteries. And read that tale illumined by degrees Written in tears of men for angels' mirth;

Of sisters twain who mourned a brother dead; Of Mariba grave, who went her Lord to meet, Of Him who wept, then raised His friend from

tomb; Of Him a guess at a while table spread, And Mary's tears prophetic at His feet, and of her incease filling all the room -Saturday Baylow

Who Knows "Kitty Murphy"?

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Kindly pro-cure the poem, "Kitty Murphy's Graduation Gown." INTERESTED. Perhaps some reader may be able to provide

the stanzas of this poem.

The Smithsonian's Founder

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you kindly tell me the origin of the word "Smith sonian," and how the institution came to be founded? G. H. D. to be

The Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, D. C., was established by statute in 1846, under the terms of the will of James Smithson, who bequeathed his fortune in 1826 to the United States "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." From the income of the fund a building, known as the Smithsonian Building, was erected on land given by the United States. It is named for Smithson

Principle of X Rays

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you please print in your valuable column the answers to the following questions: (1) How does the X ray work? Does it need an electric battery? (2) Can one buy one, and if so, where, and for how much? READER.

The rays are formed by the passage of an electric current through a vacuum tube, generally known as a Crookes tube. The apparatus for producing Roentgen rays consists of an li-regular globular tube, into each end of which a platinum wire is passed, to serve as a conductor, and from which the air has been exhausted as completely as possible. A concave disc of alumi-num is attached to the negative, or cathode, pole, and a flat disc of platinum to the positive, or unode, pole. The platinum disc is so placed as to form an angle of 45 degrees with the plane of the aluminum disc, and is located at such a distance that the rays reflected by the aluminum disc will fall upon it in a point. When a strong current of electricity is made to pass through the tube the cathode rays pass from the concave disc and strike upon the flat disc with such force as to raise the platinum to a red heat. It is upon this platinum disc that the Roentgen rays are produced, and they are reflected through the sides of the tube. The agency of electricity is required. (3) Details about the purchasing of X-ray apparatus can be had at the offices of establishments dealing in medical supplies.

Length of Soldiers' Strides

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you tell me what the British army regulations have to say about the Infantryman's pace in marching? I have heard it said that the Roman soldier covered a mile in 1000 paces. How was this possible? N. T. TENNANT.

According to army regulations, the British in-fantryman's pace is 30 inches in slow and quick time, 33 inches in stepping out and 40 inches in double time. In ordinary marching 2112 paces thus go to the mile. The Roman mile was alightly shorter than the English mile-5000 Roman feet which source 1518 English wards. was signify scorer than the Euglish mile-source Roman feet, which equal 1518 English yards. But even then it would need a veritable son of Anak to keep up a pace of five feet mile after mile. The explanation seems to be that the Romans did not measure their step, as we do, by the distance from heel to heel, but by the distance from the point the heel leaves to that to which it is set down. So that really a Roman in which it is set down. So that really a Roman pace consists of two paces and is slightly shorter than the English, being a little more than 18 Inches.

First Plano Made in America

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Bditor of "What Do You Kuow"-Can you to me if any plance were made in this country the 18th century, and in what city the fit American plane was made? R.F. HARPER -Can you tell The first plano made in this country was made to Fhiladelphia, in 1715,

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THE BREATHLESS SOLICITOR (Letter received by a local business house) Dear Siz-Having been associated with my father's business. — & _____ for many years, I sow, after the death of my father and the winding up of _____ _____ have gone into the same business and solici-your patronage, which will receive my personal after the generic start furnished you in the past by its old company. ______ dealers in mosale, this martels, strates, including the start by its information are personally furnished you in the past by its old company. ______ dealers in mosale, this martels, strates, including assirons, English back toastary an althing drephece screenes, burgening started of main most, almo unstructure of brans, burgening and or an information of sevening and the sevening and or an information of sevening of brans.
