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And if I laugh at any mortal thing, 'Tie that I may not weep.- Byron. Whatever the hues of Hughes, not

one of them is yellow. It may cost more to live in America, but one lives so much longer.

Machines cast the votes; why no machines to count them?

If noise could make a President, Mr. Roosevelt would have been re-elected

If the St. Louis convention does not forget his name it may renominate the Vice President.

Germany's dilemma seems to be that she cannot win the war anywhere except on the western front, and that she cannot win it there.

While the other nations fight for s fow inches of ground, Russia calmly overruns more and more territory, and she'll keep it, too, after the war is over.

It wouldn't be quite Philadelphia if taxpayer's suit weren't begun against the workings of the port development, included in the recent loan bills. We recall vividly the success of the Dallam suit. Senator Tillman is of the opinion

that a few good battleships are far more needed than money for fake river and harbor improvements. The first thing he knows they'll be reading him out of the Mr. Connelly and Mr. Ryan are in

serious disagreement as to the amount of money the city could have got back the graft-grabbers, wherefore a great many people are lamenting the fact that Mr. Ryan was not elected to succeed

I never discuss what General Funston asks. I only discuss what I give him, -Secretary of War Baker. The idea of a Secretary of War seing influenced by a mere general is too

absurd. As well expect the Secretary of the Navy to be taking advice from admirals.

The taxpayer's suit directed against the Mayor to prevent violations of the civil service law emphasizes the ease with which it is possible to nullify a good statute if the men in charge of its enforcement are opposed to it in spirit. The civil service has become more or less a farce, according to popular belief, since Mayor Smith came into power.

Who is responsible for the fantastic and misleading cartoon which has for many weeks adorned the L stations? It is called "A Dangerous Pet," and represents "Preparedness," a whelp, in the hands of a frail woman, labeled "Peace." This is an insert of the main picture, which shows the whelp grown into a ferocious animal, "Militarism," at the throat of the prostrate woman. The false logic of the willingness to give men of education picture is not half so offensive as the misrepresentation of Peace as a defenseless weakling. Peace is not negative, not weak, and stands with a sword in her

Queer was the turn of events which ought the Entente Allies to the point of attacking in order to help Italy. When the Verdun drive began Italy was still able to attack, so that no Austrian troops could be transferred to the Meuse. Now, only three months later, she finds her soil invaded and precious positions taken from her. Obviously, the purpose of the Austrian offensive is to forestall a more danerous Italian advance-precisely the trategy of the attack on Verdun. In the after the method justified itself, for with June in sight no sign of a "spring" drive visible, unless, indeed, the Ailies be sreed into it now to clinch their argumont for peace.

A more efficient system of school nistration is urged for Philadelphia and, although the choice of the word "efency" is terrifying, the thought behind is serious and the criticism is valid. The mittee system of governing "public clicols is naturally faulty, because it results in dissipation of energy and dispersion of responsibility. Doctor Butler is quoted as calling it the worst of all posgible systems, despite the fact that for many years it did build up the American soots. The Public Education and Child abor Association of this city is respon his for the recent criticism, and also for the idea of withdrawing the right to alat members of the school board from Common Pleas Judges. The purpose is make the membership more responwe to public faeling, but the method is able. The connection of educawith the courts of justice was ted by a feeling that that connec-A bad to eliminate politica. Why or, who has a term not half so the Judges, should be more likely

to accomplish this end and why his appointees would be closer to public sentiment is not clear. The final suggestion that members of the school board be elected direct, needs promptly to be snubbed. Democracy must be watchful, but it cannot afford to imperil its basic institution, the free school, by the intrigues and the rivairies of factional

## DOOM OF THE DODO

The mere fact that Philadelphia The mere fact that Philadelphia criticises itself openly is proof that the old order is decemed. More pertinent are questions as to the strength of the creative purpose and the shaping of the continuous things.

WE do not attack fossils. We classify them.

The fitness of the dodo ceased to be a problem the moment competitors estabished the fact that the bird could not fly and was only able to run very slowly, Thereafter its survival was dependent only on the degree of its indigestibility. By the same token, the moment it became a matter of loyal and responsible public discussion to question the old order of Philadelphia, Instantly the survival of the old order ceased to be a problem.

There is no more comfortable city in the world than this one. It is because of its many comforts and the comfortable spirit they have engendered that it is willing to put up with so many discomforts. So that even when the dodes were spotted, here, and their doom foretold the pursuit and extinction of them did not appeal particularly to the hunt-Did some one call for more city parks? Well, there was Fairmount Park, best in the world. Did some one want cleaner politics? Well, we were rich.

It is undoubtedly our rich Colonial heritage of dignity and proud self-sufficlency that produced this air of detachment. There were so many good things of past and present to treasure that it became a matter of inconsequence to define present evils and future dangers. A century ago the city was run by its aristocracy. It still kowtows to its aristocracy, but that aristocracy has abandoned the business of government to a class of men eager to do dirty work. So long as the club windows are comfertable lounging places, so long as the barber chairs are comfortable, why worry, why even know about unpleasant things? The story is told of a Philadelphia dame of the old school, who, when taken for a drive to League Island, waved her hand airily at the wide South Philadelphia meadows. "So these are the vares," she said. "How interesting! Like the steppes of Russia. What do they grow on the vares?"

It is unpalatable, but it is true, that this note of indifference struck by the leisure class is echoed in the attitude of other classes. There is an astounding number of men who work in "welldressed" vocations, and who, therefore, try to ape the rich. They, too, see the club window as an ideal of gentlemanly aloofness from the political mass. They are content to see things "go on." It is rather a joke to them that "the gang won again," and the primary voting booth knows them not. One concrete example of their civic sloth is sufficient. In no other city is this type of well-educated young man so little represented in the rank and file of the active and powerful ward and sectional political clubs. Those clubs are organized and filled with fellowers of ward heelers. They are too intensely partisan in the bad sense of that word to provide useful centres for the disinterested to visit for information about candidates, registration, and the host of details that keep interest in city movements alive in the individual.

That there is a big change taking place in spite of this spirit is shown by the success with which these unorganized young men have been drawn to the polls by such onely and devoted leaders as Taylor, whose loan campaign gave the dodo a frightful black eye and chewed off one of his impotent wings. But there are future similar victories to be won, and their realization must not be left to the haphagard of eleventh-hour heroism. What if the next successful leader is as energetic as Taylor and yet at the same time unscrupulous? The future must be shaped as well as dreamed of. There must be tracks for the locomotive as well as steam to run it. There may be no more Taylors for a generation or two if youyou-do not fit yourself for possible leadership now.

It is not that anything really good of the Old Philadelphia and its old order must be sacrificed. The quiet streets of homes, the sense of traditional dignity, and inherited culture a hearing, the wealth-all these are to be kept. But it is true, as Mr. Wilson never tires of reiterating, that to keep a white post white you can't leave it alone-you've got to keep painting it.

And to swallow the dodo you have to keep after him with strong and aggressive jaws and an eye alert.

## STRANGE DOINGS

WHAT on earth is happening in Mex-ico? News continues to come from the border, conflicting, vague, unsatisfac tory. The result of all the conferences has not been published, and no one is in a position to say that there has been a result.

Yesterday reported half of Colonel Sib ley's forces turning back to meet an attack of Yaquis on Major Langhorne's rear guard, so it seems that all of Sib ley's man were to have been withdrawn. General Pershing's force has fallen back fifteen miles. In Mexico City they are protesting against "intervention." It is clear that the Administration does not want the idea of intervention to persist, but is bound to carry its "punitive expedition" to the appearance of a successful end. If it had to deal with Obregon alone that might still be possible, but Carranza is as incapable of accepting a fact as the Administration is unwilling to enforce its threat. The deadlock

made by both sides. The Americans in Mexico are not likely to sympathize with the natives, but the Administration must preserve the rights of the former and can do so without abridging the privileges of the others, Thousands of Mexicans, and virtually all Americane in Mexico, are praying for real intervention. The mere threat of it might he enough to persuade Carranas. But the abourd search for Villa and the sudden quisting of all activities look painfully ting a political move to hugh up

Tom Daly's Column



CLEANUP WEEK. Whenever I am playing house With any other child My mather always says to me In accents mecking mild-"Remember always what I say There's time for work and time for

Though this is play for you You must not think of that alone But when the time for play has

Clean up when you are through."

When you possess a house yourself And are a lady grown

to doubt you will remember then Your mother's gentle tone-"Remember always what I say There's time for work and time for play

Though this is play for you You must not think of play alone But when the time for play has Clean up when you are through."

So now the City where you dwell Which is a Mother too

And has a right to scold her folks It tells us what to do-"Remember always what I say, There's time for work and time for

play But now the truth I speak You must not think of play alone And now the time for play has flown,

For this is Cleanup Week."

Important Announcement N DECORATION DAY this column will be open only to verse and comment appropriate to the occasion. To the author of the best bit in it a bunch of American Beauty roses will be sent. The decision will be made on Monday night; no contribution received after noon on

Monday will be considered.

Bean Boundaries XIII JAMES P. McNICHOL

Ho! fellow-citizens, give ear!
And likewise, look! Before you, here,
A paradox is acting:
This bean grown blue. his bean grows bigger every year. . . Through constantly Contracting. . .

465,000,000 Strokes for Barber Born IVERY so often it comes home to us E that our colyum makes no appeal to those who like statistics. We are unable to concoct those things ourself, so it starts us fairly slobbering with joy to find ready-made such a gem as this from the Stroudsburg (Pa.) Times:

Frederick W. Born. Stroudsburg's oldest tonsorial artist, has rounded out a full 50 years of service in the rather prosaic pastime of shaving stiff, stubby beards and defeating Nature's tendency to grow hair on men's heads of the length and fullness of medieval days. Listen! In his half century of wielding razor and shears Fred Born has made movements of his right arm common to his trade aggregating over a half billion.

The average barber shaves 50 men daily. And it is generally estimated that fully 500 strokes of the razor are required to give each person a correct shave. With this as a basis for calculation, Mr. Born has given a cutting force to over 375,000,000 strokes. In the other department of the business— hair cutting—the average per day of any barber is from seven to ten. Mak-ing eight the average and 75° finger movements as the number necessary to cut each head of hair, he has to his credit in his caracter. credit in his capacity as a hair-cutter 90,000,000 distinct movements. This makes a total for the two departments, shaving and hair-cutting, of 465,000,000 But this takes into consideration only the estimated number of bends and twists given the implements themselves. It does not include the rubbing of wirey beards prior to shaving, nor does it em-brace the number of hand actions used in massages after shaving. brace the number of hand actions used in massages after shaving. Nor the tonic rubs given to the possessors of hoary heads inclined to baldness. The total as estimated above is a half billion and more. Just how much more even Mr. Born does not conjure over. "It makes me dizzy to think of it." he will tell you when the astrontices. will tell you when the astounding totals are placed before him.

Thumb Prints

Signatures of famous people with thumb prints ide by them. Size 15me. Funen Bytva. Queen of Rumania. Lately dead. Auto. qualation signed S with humb print. Edwari de Reske, opera Mrs. Tom Thumb Frank Damrosch Count Frimo Magri, dwarf Jean de Reske, opera singer

Lives of great men all remind us We may not escape detection, But, departing, leave behind us Thumb-prints in some great collection

THE editor of "The Collector," by the I way, seems to have accumulated more than one man's share of antipathy for Mr. Brander Matthews. Says he:

Mr. Brander Matthews. Says he:

The National Society of Arts and Latters has been established by Congress. Here is a list of the "Immortals." It is, of outures, a correct one, as they made it themselves—probably with the aid and consent of Mr. Brander Matthews. It introduces to my notice several names of which I have no previous recollection—which shows how deckent I am in some respects. As for some of the other sentiamen, this publicity may serve to raise them out of the Zaoent class. Itali to these high-brown new crowned with importal bars! Long may thus continue to prove a first the continue of the control of t

There is meat in that last sentence Why snort at Brander and his pompous playmates? They add to the galety of nations. WE HAVE always felt that if we had more money than we needed we'd

run a newspaper that was absolutely denuded of medical ads., but we just can't resist printing this one. The card reads:

Pealst printing this one. The card reads:

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Since mothers cannot bear trained chil-dren, nor yet bring them to mature discre-tion and foresight in four or five years. I believe we should help, guide and protect them in avery reasonable way, and arrest adult law breakers—reckless, incapable me-torists and truck drivers—every time they break the law, and on the third offense, per-break the law, and on the third offense, per-manently revoke their licenses, as I believe in done is parts of Europe with excellent Mrs. C. H. H. sends us a book of chances on a pony, harness and cart (for the building fund of the Mater Minericordiae Mnapital and sens us if we can tell har how to "make pony rhyme with manny." We could it the first two cyliables of affactorriae didn't describe us a commutally. Still, here if a worth of adverticing.

Demand From a Father Whose Boy Was Killed That Reckless Automobile Drivers Be Punished-A Lukewarm Hughes Man Now Enthusiastic-Coffee Versus Tea and Toast overy applicant for a license should pass a rigid examination to prove his ability to handle a machine safely before it is granted. This would either eliminate a lot of cheap labor now entrusted with high speed, death-dealing machines in crowded streets or teach it a few essentials of hu-manity. This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for

OUR CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

the views of its correspondents.

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

EVENING LEDGER of the 15th inst.

A FATHER'S POINT OF VIEW

Sir-I read Mrs. Pinkerton's letter in the

ever, is Mrs. Pinkerton's question: "Now will you tell me what kind of a mother they had to allow such children to play in

the street?" I hardly think the mother re

ferred to was a rare exception. Most chil-

Last winter I was told on the telephone

hat one of my boys had just been killed

After our accident I learned that many f our neighbors seriously considered pro-

hibiting their children playing in the streets, but after such deliberations, all of them. I

hink, I know of no exceptions, decided that

carefully; the kind who protest because

its formation and together, with other members, would report one-tenth of the fla-grant violations she witnesses, her action

would save more lives than any other one thing she is likely to do.

ably take a different view.

this question.

must they have had?

manity.

I believe if one wants to help, he should help the children and old people and law-abiding motorists; the law-breaking motor-ists seem well able to take care of them-

STILL GROPING

EVENING LEDGER of the 15th inst. on the question of motor accidents, entitled "A Mother's Point of View." From her second drivers. The rights of humanity in general and children especially appeal to them. I hope and rather believe Mrs. Pinkerton is a credit to her sex in this respect. R. W. WETHERFLL. Philadelphia, May 21.

PREFERS HUGHES TO T. R.

To the Editor of Public Ledger: dren play in the street at one time or an-other. I think if Mrs. Pinkerton had four boys instead of two girls she might prob-Sir—In re your timely article "Where Justice Hughes Stands." I wish to state that the same has made of me a Hughes en I would like to state a few facts which may show why I am especially interested thusiast, whereas before I was warm, mainly on the principle of "anybody but T. R.," if it was necessary to combine the delegates for Hughes for that purpose. Of the "favorite sons," I would be mostly pleased to see Weeks, Burton, Sherman, Crane, McCall, Lodge or Root nominated. that one of my boys had just been killed under the wheels of a motor truck, while sledding. To get home as quickly as possible I engaged a taxicab for part of the trip, and during that ride of about three miles through an outlying section of the city we passed. I believe, not less than a thousand children of all ages that were big

my choice in the order given.

But now that I know Hughes' policies if those you gave are still his, and the sentiment that seems to be springing up for him, nothing would please me better than to see him nominated. My sympathical have always been with all the standpatters thousand children of all ages that were big enough to sled, on the streets, having the time of their lives. What kind of mothers must they have head? on the map as our real constructive states men. If Hughes would only come out with men. If Hughes would only come out with a platform like this speech of 1998 that would be all that would be necessary. Nothing could stop it then. There is truth in the argument that the neople do not know where he stands, as that speech is too far back to be remembered by but few, and that argument is the one remaining

the children should continue as before in this regard, though there was talk of inand that argument is the one remaining thing that as yet stands in his way. sisting on better protection for them. What kind of mothers did they have? They had and have good, child-loving, energetic, out-door American mothers; the kind of mothers who raised a cry of protection. thing that as yet stands in his way.

I say I would be pleased to see him nominated, for I now understand that he is against government ownership; that he recognises that eur Government is based upon the principles of individualism and not upon those of socialism; that we shall not seek to multiply the activities of government so as to bring about interference with liberty or to restrict legitimate enterprise; that this is a representative government and not a pure ers who raised a cry of protest when a child was killed on a prominent corner, unprotected by an officer and occupied by a school, at 1 o'clock on a school day, with no danger signs to warn motorists to drive school had room for the first five grades for only half time, the fourth grade of which included our boy in its membership; the kind that protest when a motorist runs over a child and then explains that he a representative government and not a pure democracy, which would be unworkable in a country of such magnitude; that except with regard to fundamental questions on matters comparatively simple it is impracticable for the electorate to express its views directly; that in this country progress cannot be made save in harmony with our didn't see a man 50 or 100 feet ahead wav-ing and calling to him to look out, but says he slowed up at the next corner because views directly; that in this country progress cannot be made save in harmony with our constitutional system; that the Constitution in its entirety must be preserved; and that he is not in favor of punishment upon corporations, in the shape of fines, for violation of the anti-trust laws because he recognizes the burden is only transferred to the public or borne by the stockholders, the innocent as well as the guilty; that he believes in a protective tariff, adequate dethat was a busy atreet much used by autos.

It has been suggested that a vigilance league be formed for mutual protection, its members to report flagrant violations of the law on the part of careless motor drivers, and each case, if investigation warrants it, to be prosecuted and not be let off by some leves in a protective tariff, adequate de-

to be prosecuted and not be let off by some friendly magistrate, who may or may not ask the lawless one to send in \$3,50. Such an organization should interest motorists who do abids by the law as a protection against the recklessness of those who do not, and if Mrs. Pinkerton would assist in fense, etc.

He is in favor of one more thing, a tariff commission. This is the only thing of all the above with which I do not enthusiastically agree. Concluding, I would say that I could be tempted to believe that the writer of your article may have made a "slight" mistake and got hold of a speech of the Hon. William Howard Taft's, for did you ever see "two peas in a pod" and more alike than those principles of Hughes' are to Taft's?

H. M. B. Philadelphia, May 20,

NOT A THIRD CUP OF COFFEE NOT A Tribes and Fairbanks November and Fairbanks November 1

thing she is likely to do.

Playgrounds? Yes, and more playgrounds.

Player been told that in some parts of the city sections of the main streets are roped off for children's coasting. I wish the hill just around the corner from our house had been roped off. However, it is not too late for others; let us hope that some day recognised improvements will be afficiently applied wherever need arises.

Mrs. Pinkerton says nothing about appressing reckless drivers, but she does say resting reckless drivers, but she does say "children, capecially, should be made to understand that the sirest is for vehicles, and every shild caught stealing rides should be arrested."

Since mothers cannot bear trained shill-To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir—Hughas and Fairbanks—November.

1916. Kindly give me a cold potato and an onion. No, I am not hungry, just an ice and a little cold weak tea. Yes. a very dry place of toast. Thank you. My. what a cold, dreary day. There isn't anybody out. Yes. this is election day. Harrid weather! No. I won't go to hear the returns. Democrats, Wilson, no doubt. Good night.

ROBERT B. NIKON, JR.

Philadelphia. May 21. Philadelphia, May 21.

FED BY BIRDS OF THE AIR

## What Do You Know?

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

QUIZ I. What are the Italian names for "Rome"

and "Naples"?
2. Is there any connection between the word "presbyter" and the word "priest"? 3. What are "stormy petrels" and why are

they so called?
4. Where in Philadelphia was "Sherwood Forest"? When was the telegraph first used for reporting the proceedings of a polit-ical convention?

What is snuff made of?

9. What two practical developments of naval warfare did the Confederate

States introduce? ip. What are the Pillars of Hercules?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. There are 60 knots in a degree of lati-tude and 60 knots are the equivalent of 69 miles.

of 69 miles.

2. No man ever declined a presidential nomination after it was made.

3. Gas was first used to light streets in the United States in Baltimore in 1821. site of City Hall was at one tim

Centre Square. The original City Water Works once stood there. Tobacco was made a legal tender in Maryland in 1732, one pound repre-

senting one penny.
Mount Aconeagua, South America, more
than 23,000 feet, is the highest mounlain of the continent. 7. Charles Palmer is the candidate for Supreme Court Justice who may have defeated Justice Walling.

"white elephant" is a possessian that is a liability rather than an asset. 9. Gold was discovered in Alaska in 1837, after the United States acquired the Territory. 10. Cadets are commissioned second lieutenants in the army on graduation.

The Chicago Coliseum

Editor of "What Do Yeu Racus"—Can you tell me in what building the Republican National Convention in Chicago will be held and something of its capacity, size and history?

F. D. L.

The convention will be held in the Coliseum. Three Republican National Conventions have been held within its walls, and it was there also that the Progressive party in 1912 held its first national convention and nominated Roosevelt for President. The other conventions were in 1904, 1908 and 1912. The building was put up by Charles E. Gunther on the site of the old Libby Prison War Museum. It is 402 feet long, 170 feet wide and 110 feet high, and coat nearly \$1,000,000. For this year's convention two additional balconies with seats for nearly \$1,000,000. For this year's conven-tion two additional balconies with seats for 732 persons have been built between the main floor and the regular balcony. This gives a total seating capacity of 13,490, of which \$400 seats are on the main floor and 2000 in the balconies.

The Original "Trilby"

Editor of "What Do You Know"—A friend of mine argues that "Trilby" was a real, living woman. I contended that she was a creation of fiction. Which of us is CONSTANT READER. dant?

Du Maurier, in his student days in Paris, became acquainted with a young woman who, in nobility of character, closely resembled the "Trilby" of his novel. It is generally understood that the career of this girl was the basis for the plot of the nevel.

Commanders

Editor of "What Do You Enous"—Will you please tell me who has been appointed field marshal to succeed Von der Gelts among the Turkish allies of Germany?

Field Marchal von Mackensen has been transferred to Enstern Turkey to meet the Russians under Grand Duke Nichelas. Von der Golts commanded the Turkish troops which heat back the English, and since the main activity of the war in that theatre now concerns the Russians. Mackensen has been given command sgainst them. You will recall that these same generals met before, when Macketsen ind the German advance into Studie and the Grand Duka after retreating by the handless.

## OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US

Philadelphia Exclusiveness and Well-being, and Their Effects, "Food Always the Fashion." Insurance Company Dinners

From 'Who is a Philadelphians' by Samuel Rhodes, in June Harper's By special arrest ment with the publishers.

THE tradition of exclusiveness is one of the most striking features of the Phodelphian picture. And if this exclusi ness, which keeps the well-bern sale apart from the not well-bern, makes difficult for even a Philadelphian to know Philadelphia, how much more hearly is possible does it render such a task for the un-Philadelphian, who must depend upon occasional visits and casual gossip for his information. \* . . Long our second largest city, and me

now our third, Philadelphia is neverthless, in the strangest fashion, for meet Americans a terra incognita. It is con veniently situated, and yet, almost are bolically, the through trains run rouse it and not into it. It makes no effort in attract the stranger, It advertises as historic attractions, it sets no Broader ablaze, it beats no tomtoms. Of all ex American towns it is the most selftained. It has almost none of our trantional eagerness for and sensitiveness criticism. There is in it nothing of the hurrah-boys' braggadocio which so effer marks our American "civic spirit." Phiadelphia does not assert that it is in any way an admirable town; it merely feels that Philadelphia exists, always has aristed and always will exist, and that in a confused, tumultuous and vulgar ward this is one incontrovertible fact, the one solid rotk where there is a sure footbold.

The true Philadelphian neither admires nor dislikes New York. He simply doss not knew that New York exists. The great lady who managed with difficulty to remember the metropolis as "the place where one goes to take the steamer to Europe" was expressing with a conscious satirical exaggeration the actual Phile-delphian feeling.

The Southern Note. Though the social recognition thus

gracefully extended to London and Paris is denied to Boston and New York, It might possibly be granted to the angles aristocracy of the South. You feel instinctively that lovely, proud, faded Carelinian Charleston is perhaps the call American town with which Philadell would feel at case. . . Indeed the Southern note in Philadelphia is unmistakable. It is to be found in the spacieur look of the old houses and in a certal lavishness of architectural design in the public edifices of Colonial days, Independence Hall is sumptuous. You have only to compare it with Boston's old State House and its frugal, chastened beauty to realize that Philadelphia is by comparison a rich, care-free city upon a fat Southern soil. This softer note is to be found, too, in the gay chatter of the Philadelphian ladies, and in the pleasant presence of a well-mannered black per-ulation and a generous, fat cuising. Food is always the fashion in Philids

phia. The Philadelphian air is were where redolent of good living; even the stranger arriving at the railway station instinctively thinks of the nearest seed restaurant and the next meal. \* \* \* Today the proudest hostesses of America have their terrapin brought from Phila-7. Why is sait put an ice when freezing delphia. Even the metropolis, greed and ice cream?

8. Where does the Gulf Stream start and luxurious at table, speaks with bated reath of the feasts of Luculius spread sitting in the profusion of tribute which her great bay of Chesapeake pours apen her, alone to dispute culinary presminence. Tradesmen throughout the courtry recommend their establishments "Philadelphia Markets," while "Philadelphia Chickens" and "Philadelphia Iss Cream" are terms used as a guarantee of excellence and richness. Marketing is a serious affair where eating is serious, B is not so long ago that the most digni fied Philadelphian gentlemen, top-hatted heads of households, themselves accompanied the market basket on its morning round. . . .

> The traditions of the Philadelphia culsine are not only preserved around the sacred kitchen ranges of the best families, but are kept up by various public organizations ostensibly devoted to other purposes. There is something suggestive of the banquets of the London City Companies in the dinners, for example, of the Philadelphia insurance companies, And pleasant customs have grown up through the long Philadelphian years. The surance company which is popularly and prettily called "The Green Tree" was dining-and dining well-when the name came of the death of Washington, and to this day a toast to his memory is drunk each month by the assembled cens pany. \* \* \*

Geographical Restrictions.

A famous and agreeable example of Philadelphianism is the geographical restrictions as to the district where police life may be led. You may search the world without finding anything compare ble to the feeling in Philadelphia cerning the regions north of Marks street. To the dweller in the permitted quarter of "Chestnut, Walnut, Spreet and Pine" streets, the mere existence creatures in that outer darkness spens incredible with the one curious exception to be noted, that if you belong to certain old Quaker families you may lies in Arch street, just over the bor Otherwise the northern districts might is desert land, where a colony of rish lep have built their palatial marble buts

The only thing that can whelly so off of existence in Philadelphia is Phil phia itself-if one may venture on pardox. This, some pessimists say, is her pening in the tremendous exedus to comtry homes in the fat, well-grouned town try that lies correctly along the Main Line. The trolley care have made the narrow old streets of the town passing nium. But the meter arrived just in the nick of time to keep country life free being really country life. These min sountry people think nothing of toying twenty miles to town to dine and dine So, for the time being at least, it is as if Chestnut, Walnut, Sprace and Po streets had been extended into the let areen suburbs. There their mitt cla and their grave decorum still held Philadelphia is still Phile