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while it had a monopoly of the trade. This represented a burden on the people while it lasted of a little over \$80,000,000 a year. With that fact before us the thread-bare claim that trusts do not enhance prices to the consumer is shown to be a shallow fraud.

As to the claim that there was "excessive competition" in sugar refining prior to the organization of the trust, two facts furnish a complete reply: first, there was not as much competition as there is since its operations have had their full result; second, the sugar industry prior to the trust was well known to be a solvent and prosperous interest.

PETROLEUM FOR NAVAL FUEL. The usefulness of petroleum for fuel for steamships, and especially for war vessels, is discussed in detail in an article elsewhere in this issue.

A SMALL GOLD PREMIUM. For some time the New York money market has made a distinction between loans payable in gold and those payable in any class of legal tender.

THE MISSISSIPPI PLAN. The experiment tried in the new Mississippi Constitution professedly for the purpose of restricting the ignorant and reckless suffrage is attracting attention.

THE PUNCTUAL HUSBAND GETS THE WARM MEAL. The punctual husband gets the warm meal. The press is a great moral engine, and it needs condensers, too.

FROM AFFLUENCE TO POVERTY. The correspondent not infrequently turns out to be the ob-respondent. There's reason in all things except a disappointed woman.

HOME COMFORTS ARE A NECESSITY IN WINTER TIME, ESPECIALLY IF THE GAS IS LEAK. The riding habit is not a bad habit, if it fits well. It does appear strange to read about so many divorces taking place at the Court House.

THE NUT-BROWN MAID IS A SUMMER CHEST-NUT. No doubt the sea still holds plenty of good fish, but all of us cannot afford to own the regulation tackle. If there was a woman in the moon instead of a man it would not get full so often.

A PHILADELPHIA EDITOR ASKS: WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE? SOME ARE AT THE SEASIDE AND SOME ARE IN JAIL. He met her in a shady nook. "See, my dear Miss," he said. "See I'm a diary maid."

THE SEASIDE SOUVENIR PUBLISHER WOULD EITHER BRING UP SWEET MEMORIES OR VISIONS OF BRANCH PINE. The elevation of the stage means the lowering of the ballet costumes. WATERMELONS generally go into cramped quarters.

PEOPLE who are content with their lot in the fashionable retail estate quarter. SILVER-TONGUED ORATORS will be quoted high in Ohio during the coming campaign. NOTWITHSTANDING the frequent demonstrations of its impossibility the effort to make two trains pass each other on the same track has been frequently attempted of late, with the usual disastrous results.

BROWN is elected Governor of Kentucky, and Brown is going to be the next Governor of Maryland. Also Bill Brown and Jones will be the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

THE GIRL who would sooner learn to ride a bicycle than cook a meal will some day make one man's lot miserable. The coal that builds up homes so grand, and gives their owners heat to boot, likewise besmears your collar and shows that we are not hard to suit.

THE WRITER is always ready to extend a helping hand. The Sound bores are probably considered safe by tourists who cannot rightly comprehend our peculiar language. How would Budd Doble do for chief of the weather bureau? He can handle the reins, you know.

THE OLD-timer who wrote about the everlasting hills never saw a steam shovel. WITH so many gentlemen's furnishing stores all over the land there should be no excuse for old maidhood. The Democratic cloud has a silver lining without the shadow of a doubt.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

The writer has sometimes in the write-ups in newspaper offices. The past is gone, of course, but the memory lingers. Perhaps, like some others, you prefer to leave it behind—a blank page in the book of life, a missing link in the chain of events.

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OUR MAIL POUCH.

It Brought Up Interesting Reminiscence. To the Editor of The Dispatch: I am indebted to a Pittsburgh lady for this DISPATCH of recent date. My attention was attracted by pencil marks on an interesting article from the pen of Mr. L. E. Stodol concerning the Brackenridge family, famous in the early history of the War of 1812.

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FATE IN A TEACUP.

Spooling Couples Should Learn All Their Lessons by Heart. Here are a few old superstitions regarding the ever-friendly cup that cheers: If while the tea is being made and the lid, which has been removed to pour in the water, is forgotten, it is a sure sign that some one will "drop in to see."

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

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