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This column is perhaps the most profitable source of revenue enjoyed by any newspaper in the United States.

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with almost unlimited powers a major general of the regular establishment without the suggestion of experience or fitness in civil administration, and without, so far as is known, the remotest comprehension of Cuban conditions, temperament or character.

The salaries of 180 employees in the bureau of engraving at Washington, are to be increased. This is a step which will meet with no objection aside from the chronic fault finders of the has-been party.

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An American fall unless he relinquishes the idea of recruiting an army of insurrection in Cuba. The developments of the last few months have not had the tendency to make government officials lenient with the modern George Washingtons of the Jimenez stripe.

The true value of torpedo boats in naval warfare it is believed has been demonstrated by England, and the torpedo boat will no longer be considered an element of great danger.

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The United States is about to be crushed by soldiers as easily frightened. Feels Slighted. From the Wilkes-Barre Record. Up to the present time ex-Senator Oney and his machine lieutenants have studied by ignored the candidacy of Hon. Henry W. Palmer for the Supreme court judgeship.

View of an "Auntie." From the Pittsburg Dispatch. While the press censorship at Manila has been unfortunate in many respects, it is not more so than that in which it offers the opportunity to unscrupulous persons to magnify the dangers of the situation.

Dangerous Beverage. From the Birmingham Herald. Your sudden death is reported from Elkhart. It is believed to have been caused by drinking wood alcohol.

Victim of the Kissing Bug. From the Tampa Journal. How ephemeral is fame of a certain variety is evidenced anew by the plunge into obscurity of Lieutenant Hobson.

LITERARY NOTES. The most striking feature of The Century for September, which will be a Salt-Water Home on the Coast.

Temperature Tamers. Plenty of things right here to make the hot weather not only endurable but enjoyable.

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Reflekhshun. 2 play cards iz humen; 2 win—just fine. Self-depressionhan iz the meecest kind of flattery.

Reflekhshun. A bird in the coop iz worth a hole litter in the garden.

Reflekhshun. If you don't want 2 fawl in 2 the Volkanov Sim, keep away from the Crater ov Tempstashun.

Reflekhshun. Big words iz a good thing in three places, & these place iz in Bostin & the ditchunery—not in ordinary konversationshun.

Reflekhshun. A Gambler that pays his honest dues doz less harm in this world than a dishonest Preacher.

Reflekhshun. If sum married wimmin was iz an expert at cooking as they are on gossip about these nabers then wood be fewer divorces.

Reflekhshun. Its a statistikal fact that the same man who swears hee die iz a woman, he iz a man who will refuse 2 care wood or start the fire 4 the same woman 1 yr. after their marriage. Strange but true.

Reflekhshun. Why iz it that a handsum yung preecher, with a poor delivery, will draw more wimmin 2 his church than the elovest old timer whose chief attraashun iz not his fashtul bewty?

Reflekhshun. Its a pekulier thing, yet a tref fact, that the same man who speaks so cheerfully 4 tip on a horse race, & loozes a lot more on the s.d. race, & will growl in a miller charges him ten 4 a tip on his wife's hat.

Reflekhshun. Eny fool kin hav munny left 2 them, but its a wise man that kin grow rich honestly. "Yet how munny wood liv 2 be fools?" I ask, & Ekko thunders down the arrikes ov Time "Multitudos!"

Reflekhshun. The rode 3 Halez iz paved with good intentions & the promisez ov politihshun. Keep out ov poltik!

Reflekhshun. Keeping newer strikes twice in the same place, but there aint much konsolashun in this facter. The 1st time doz the dammidge. Get a rut.

Reflekhshun. The peep who save there munny, with the scamming speetashun ov taking it with them when they die, wood be disappointed if they cood 4 there iz no redemption beawer when they go, & there iz no munny to take to the grave, or mollen metal, as soon as they arrive. This proves that when the late lamented V. Shakespear sez "Therouns hav no pock-ets," he knowd whereov he spoke.

Reflekhshun. "Even a worm will turn when stept on" (Shakespear). This is skwallly tref ov a barril whoop. (Kilder).

Reflekhshun. No man realizez his munny week points until he runs 4 osts.

Reflekhshun. When a man stops you on the street & ask about the health ov yure wife & owl the children & neerly shakes yure hand off, dont feel flattered. Its just possible that heel be a kandidate 4 osts in a short time.

Reflekhshun. If sum ov the poits who rite poems about the bewtful sniv liv on a corner lot & had 2 bowers 7 or ate fawer ov "the bewtful" every day 4 a few weeks they mite not wax kwite so darnd poetik.

Reflekhshun. Essay on the Owl. The owl, like the heechon Chinee, iz a pekulier bird in munny respects.

Reflekhshun. He iz the only bird on rekord that work on the title shift year in & year out & never gets tired.

Reflekhshun. She iz supozed 2 be ov Scotch straxshun & iz believed 2 be the originator ov the fraze "Hoot, mon!"

Reflekhshun. He iz covered with fethers from top 2 bottom & haz 1 wing on either side.

Reflekhshun. She roosts on her hind legs intree legs; I am not shure whether he haz fingeers or not, but even if she aint he iz as well off in that respect az eny other burd I no ov.

Reflekhshun. It iz sutch a well known fact that the Owl iz considerd the Cymbol ov Wisdom that it iz useless 4 me 2 give the reason.

Reflekhshun. It lvs on trees, mice, rats & other vedgetables.

Reflekhshun. He iz the only burd I no ov that can stay out nite after nite & not feel like the old Harry the next day.

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