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The Dewey real estate deal; the Ruppert-Schley controversy and the Green Glade water agitation are liable for a time to be forgotten in the flurry over Brother Roberts.

A Pointer to Parents.

IT SEEMS to us that a word of pointed warning should be spoken to some of the parents in this town. We are having, amongst the young ones in the public schools, the usual and perhaps more than the usual average run of contagious diseases.

With Regard to England.

THE LONDON papers take especial notice of one sentence in the president's message, occurring in the paragraph referring to the South African war.

Mr. Roberts' Delusions.

IN A STATEMENT telegraphed from Washington to the Philadelphia Record Brigham H. Roberts, the representative-elect from Utah, says:

The action of the house in my case was not a surprise to me. The whole matter was evidently prejudged and the minds of members made up to follow the course that had been outlined.

The Congressional Library.

EVERY VISITOR to Washington who has inspected the beautiful building in which the congressional library is located or had opportunity to study the merits of this superb institution will, we are sure, be interested in some facts concerning the library extracted from Librarian Putnam's first annual report.

beyond abridgement; but over all this freedom is the one qualifying clause: The man possessing this freedom must respect the rights of his fellow-man and render to the laws that are enacted by the majority honest obedience while he elects to live under them.

The Need for Cash.

When the operations of trade are in their usual and regular groove, bank credits, with the accessories of checks and drafts, furnish all the mechanism of exchange that is needed.

President and the Philippines

From His Recent Message. The future government of the Philippines rests with the congress of the United States.

Gold Democrats expect to support Bryan so long as there is no danger that success will crown his efforts.

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(Concluded from Page 1.) In one-half of one month the whole deposit fund would be exhausted; and so it would, were it not that the recipients of these checks themselves prefer a credit upon their bankers' books.

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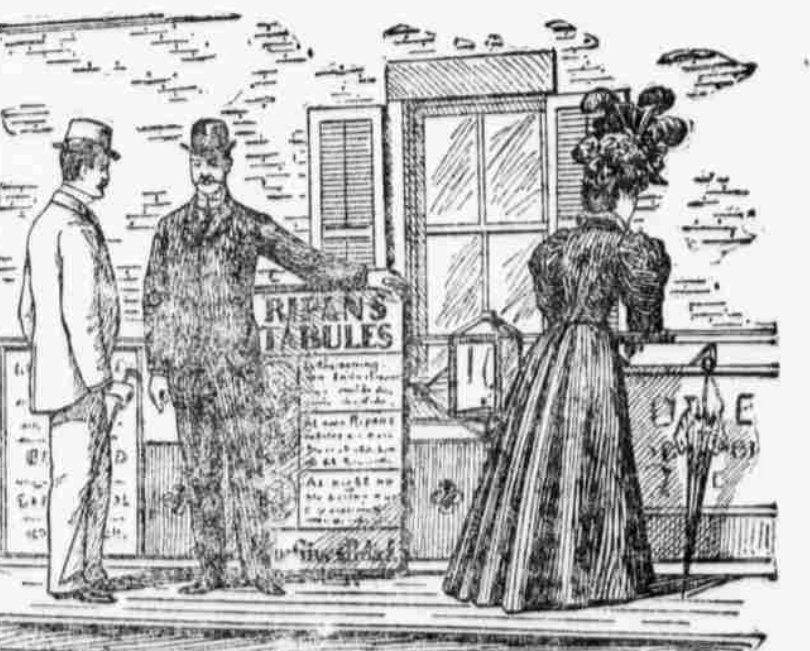
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GRACE. I think there must be something in those Ripan's Tablets we see advertised so much. They must be good for something. MARY. What makes you think so? GRACE. You know they have a black, yellow and red poster on all the stations of the Brooklyn Elevated R. R. representing a white-haired old gentleman who in the first place is tying on a red necktie—that represents morning; in the next place he is eating a piece of mince pie at a lunch counter—that's noon; and, finally, he appears with a night-cap on—evidently bed-time. It is the most conspicuous poster on the stations, and last night two well-dressed gentlemen stood looking at one of them and I overheard what they said.

MARY. At what station was this? GRACE. At Lexington and Sumner Avenues. One of them said that poster makes me laugh! The other one said why? Then the first one said the absurdity of a medicine making an old man such as that poster depicts look so happy at all times of the day and night. Then the other man, tapping him on the shoulder, said, why, bless your heart, I have taken Ripan's Tablets for two years and I can verify the old man's silent testimony. Then he took a little vial out of his pocket and said to the other man, if you will use these according to directions, you will be more smiling than this old man when you come to his age.