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In Monday's Tribune appeared an article entitled "A Stringent Food Law,' charging that certain brands of baking powder, among them the Grand Union and the Atlantic and Pacific, contain alum. This article was an advertisement and should have been marked as such. We wish to disclaim any intent to reflect upon the quality of the products mentioned in that advertisement, for, so far as we know, they are as wholesome as any baking powders in the market.

The Battle Against Disease.

A HE DETERMINATION of the board of health and the school authorities to unite In a campaign for the bet-

ter protection of school children from infectious diseases is gratifying; and the measures contemplated by them are sound so far as they go. Perhaps they go as far in connection with the schools as is possible under existing conditions.

But with respect to the general sanitary regulation of the city it is, we find, a prevalent opinion that much more ought to be done than is being done. In the first place, the board of health ought immediately to receive authority from councils to employ, during the existing emergency, a health officer for every section of the city. each of these to be paid well enough so that he can give his entire time to investigating dangers to the public health. This has been asked for by the board and it is a reasonable request. It is grotesque to imagine that one sanitary policeman can attend to twenty square miles of thickly populated territory during the prevalence of two such epidemics as those now sweeping over Scranton.

prospective. The general police force should be more effectively utilized as allies of the health board, particularly in the He office, and especially in the revenue collection and distribution of informaservice, was absolutely unknown durtion relating to the progress of dising Spain's control of Cuba, and neithcase. They patrol the city regularly er Spaniards .nor Cubans were ever and can, with little extra effort, keep taught to appreciate it. Cubans of tabs that would materially expedite and simplify the sanitary policeman's the highest standing socially, have alwork. They could be pardoned for doing a good deal of his work themselves. An appeal to the physicians and to citizens generally to volunteer information in any way bearing on the city's health should be Issued conspicuously. The distribution to every inhabitant of printed directions concerning the hygiene of scarlet fever and diphtheria, with helpful suggestions for parents, seems advisable, It would not interfere with but would aid the physicians in their regular practice. No doubt there are other steps which can be suggested by our readers and we invite them to make use of our columns for this purpose. While it is useless to generate a scare we think it a duty to emphasize that the situation is a serious one, which requires more than ordinary treatment. No time should be lost in putting the necessary forces into operation.

to arouse public sentiment to the need of stopping this great flow of lawlessness at its fountain sources; pulpit, press and public spirited men generally stand ready to do what lies within their power to bring about a better condition of things, yet year after year the old story repeats itself and incidentally the tax rate keeps step. Are there any suggestions?

The curious report to the effect that Aguinaido has arrived in the City of Mexico indicates that a Mexican cable despatch and Yooui Indian story must have got mixed.

Surgical Heroism.

CRISIS has been reached in the performance of American duty in Cuba and it is very fortunate that the

the head of affairs there it man at such a clean-cut man as Leonard Wood. We trust our readers will pardon us for dwelling so much upon this subject, but it seems essential that the significance of what is transpiring in Cuba just now should be generally understood.

ooking club fad. A dispatch from Havana printed in yesterday's Philadelphia Press contained this information: "Eight more arrests were made in the custom hou e posed Christmas dinner to be enjoyed frauds today and warrants are out for at Pretoria. Now that the funny writthe re-arrest of three of the appraisers ers have all had their joke on the recently released. Deeper Investigation shows a gigantle conspiracy to the general has said or may say. defraud. Governor Wood has announced his intention of supporting Collector Bilas and will compet the

strong in these people, asserted itself

tion. The end of the investigation is

upon the scene with the information courts to deeble impartially and acthat the stars and signs are against cording to the evidence. The entire the Dritish. Like the average seers, judicial system has been discovered to the Hindu prophets have neglected to be in sympathy with the accused men. ome to the front until it is too late The government intends, if possible, to profit by their predictions. to make an example of those against

Next to having been cured by some whom there is absolute proof, and will current remedy, temporary candidacy endeavor to strike terror to the others." Supplementary to the foregoing, for the office of vice president at this time effers the most inexpensive opwe next quote from the Havana correspondence of the Sun: "The sympathy portunity for prominence. of the community is all with the pris-

The American troops in the Philiponers and against Colonel Bliss, alpines appear to remember Lawton. though prior to the arrests gossip freely accused some of the men now awalt-

ing trial. As soon as the authorities HUMAN NATURE STUDIES. moved, however, the tendency to resist the governing powers, which is so

ests may make of it in time to come.

low others to do the shooting.

r disavowal.

Advised Not to Read It. John Luther Long, the well known au-

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The Hindu astrologers now stalk

resulting in abuse of Colonel Bliss and thor of several successful books and the those assisting him in the prosecueller of many charming stories, spent the bast summer at a quiet resort along the not reached. The whole mercantile New Jorsey coast, relates the Saturday Evening Post. On his way to his home and political community is still exercised over the revelations, past and there he was obliged to stop over one night at Seabright, and this story is told t his little visit. He was recognized by To understand what this means it is eral people, and when he entered the necessary to know that honesty in pubining room one of them came forward ad asked him to occupy a seat at his ble. He was quietly introduced as Mr. ampr. and his literary reputation did not enter at all into the presentations. He was placed beside a very beautiful and charming youg lady, and after a while the conversation developed somewhat is follows: "Mr. Long, your name is quite excellent habits in private life and of miliar. I have run across it somewhere ways regarded corruption in the handcery recently.

ling of the public funds as something "There are a great many Longs," he to be expected and as not especially "No, but I mean that I have read somewrong. George Kennan, who, as view hing somewhere. Oh, yes, I remember; t was a story called "The Fox Woman,"

A Tiny Patriot.

Ahead of Bryan.

president of the Red Cross society and o you know who wrote it?" Mr. Long was blissfully ignorant. "Yes, special commissioner for the Outlook, has spent a great deal of time in close

am sure that was it," she said, "It may be by a relative. What did ou think of it?" study of the Cuban character, asserts that the two greatest defects in that

set him down as a "shrewd and able man of affairs." It is unnecessary to point out specific instances. Indianaposume that for such losses as our exporters may have sustained in conse quence of these reported seizures Englls and every other city has them in plenty, from the man that buys a few land will promptly offer adequate votes on election day to the big capitalist that hires lobbylists to control city counreparation. The incident of itself is by no means important. Its importils and legislatures. ance lies in the use which other na-

tions unfriendly to Anglo-Saxon inter-We may have, for the seller an added indignation, begotten of trust betrayed, but this does not properly account for the For this reason, we expect from the contempt we bestow upon him, and the admiration we shower upon the buyer. Much of the vast difference must be due English authorities at London a prop-

to the fact that the buyer is wealthy and the seller is impecunious. Much as we An exchange expresses surprise that try to be Christians, we cannot help a little contempt for Lazarus and a little Rudyard Kipling's fondness for war poetry should not have induced him bending of the knee to Dives. It is not alone through written law and its enere this to join the troops in South Africa. Kipling's course, however, is forcement that we can attain to more of honesty in public affairs. Social and commercial influences are often much verified by history. The men who make the war speeches and write the stronger than political forces. State legislatures and city councils ordinarily war poetry are usually content to aldo their work honestly enough, until a question arises affecting the interests of

some corporation. Then the corruption begins, and it makes little difference Professor Metchnikoff, of the Pasteur institute, is at present sacrificing nuwhether the member seeks the oppor tunity to sell his vote, or the capitalist seeks the opportunity to buy it, the renerous guinea pigs and rabbits in search of an elixir that will prolong suit is the same. Of the two the pur-chaser takes the smaller risk, for he can life indefinitely. The professor evidentiy believes that something must be ose nothing but moncy, while the seller may lose all that is worth living for. done soon to offset the results of the the risk of social and commercial estra-cism were made as heavy for the man that buys as it is for the man that sells,

General Buller denles that he ever the capitalists would think a long time ande an assertion regarding the probefore he ventured upon a course that might make him a social outcast and a ommercial pariah.

A more equal distribution of the disgrace attaching to official corruption would serve to prevent a great deal of it. story, it does not matter much what

PAUL KRUGER.

His Personal Bravery. Paul Kruger, writes Allen Sangree in Ainslee's Magazine, appears just as every newspaper reader has often seen him de-

picted, whether in portrait or caricature. His skin is brownish-yellow and the countenance shows many a furrow. The teeth are strong, irregular and not white. His arms are rather long, the hands muscu-lar, and the fingers short. His left thumb s missing. He lost this when out hunting elephants one day. An old rifle exploded in his hand and his thumb was torn into shreds. His friends said, "Let us hurry to a surgeon and have it amputated." Kruger said. "Ikona! I will cut it off myself." With that he whipped cut a rusty hunting knlfe, and, slacing the thumb on the stock of a gun, amputated it. You know, therefore, that this man is brave. That he can cope with the most able statesmen of Europe, bowever, seems absurd. You feel that he has been

greatly overestimated. His First Nightshirt.

In the matter of dress Kruger evinces the same carelessness as the majority of Boers, and many stories are current in Johannesburg as to the president's ig-norance of the luxury of clothes. One I heard was to the effect that when in London attending the convention of 1881 Kruger first experienced the comfort of a nightshirt. He took very kindly to it and was glad to accept the offer of some half a dozen from a friend. On reaching Pretoria, however, he gave his good wite quite a fright by arraying himself in one the first night of his return and appearing suddenly in the doorway. "What in the world have you got there, Paul?" demanded Dame Kruger, in rightsous indignation.

His excellency looked rather sheepish and attempted to explain, but Mrs. Kruger did not believe any good could come out of England, and the nightshirts were laid away in a big chest, never again to grace the presidental form.

His Wife.

Mrs. Kruger is a woman of great worth nd character, and has had no little influ-



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Congressman Reberts will display decided incapacity to grasp the situation if he lingers about Washington much longer when so many opportunities are offered by the lecture platform.

Lackawanna's Exhibit of Crime. HE STATISTICAL table prepared by Clerk of the Courts Daniels for the state board

of charities and correction, showing one year's work of the criminal courts in Lackawanna county, ending with the last June sessions, is worthy of very careful study. As noted yesterday it showed:

No. of persons charged w	ith crime 2,195
Bills before grand jury	
True bills	
Ignored bills	
Persons tried	
Bills tried	
Acquittals	····· 440
Convictions	
Not proceed	111111111111111111111111111111111111111

Estimating the population of the county at 150.000, here is one person in every 70 charged with the commission of crime, and cager as the petty magistrates are to multiply fees by returning fimay cases to court, it by no means follows that every man of the 69 persons not formally a cosed was guiltless of violating the laws of the commonwealth. If to these 2,106 accused persons we were to add the number of persons concerned in the filicit sale of liquor but not reported, we could probably cut down the ratio of innocents to less than 34 for each faw-breaker! and we are not > cure that if the whole truth were known, Mr. Bryan's ratio of 16 to 1 wo i't not be nearer the truth.

Yet in this vast array of criminal activity, which kept our petty and quarter sessions court so busy during the year that frequently they had to work overtime and call in outside argistance, there were only about 1) per cent. of convictions, including the become engaged in war with any other minety and nine who walked up to the European power her main reliance for bar of justice and earned the everiasting gratitude of the taxpayers by importations from the United States It is therefore manifestly to England's pleading guilty. Two-thirds of the advantage not to lend encouragemen. cases sent before the grand jury were to such a view of international cusignored; and it is safe to estimate that in 90 per cent. of all the cases, whither of ignored bills, convictions or an war as would make difficult the send quittals, the costs finally fell upon the county, including the cost of feeding the inmates of Sheriff Pryor's hotel. - begislature after legislature considers bill after bill calculated to lightch this enormous burden; philanthropist after philanthropist does his best

naracter are personal uncleantiness maged at him carnestly and replied and an almost total lack of a sense of "Don't read R." moral responsibility in positions where the handling of other people's money Mrs. Donald McLean, regent of the New

is involved. ork Chapter of the Daughters of the When Colonel Bliss took charge of American Revolution, was a wee bit of a girl during the civil war. Her grand-father, Colonel William P. Maulsby, the Havana custom house he found it literally honey-combed with rottenfought for the Union. After his return ness. All kinds of frauds had been from Gettysburg sne was permitted to sit up late one night, and, elasped in his arms, she looked up at the dark blue sky, practiced in the involcing of goods, and scarcely a man in the service failed to share in the ramified system thickly sown with stars, and, pointing to the vision new to her childish eyes, asked, of bribery in vogue. He began the 'Grandfather, what are those lights?' cleaning out as soon, and pushed it as "The stars, my baby, the stars," replied rapidly, as could be. He first cleaned or granifather. out the Spanish scoundrels, whereas The stars?" repeated the tiny patriot, "Then where are the stripes?"

the Cubans applauded vaciferously, Now that he is applying the same rule with Yankee impartiality to the scions of aristocratic Cuban families who had imagined that the turning out of the H. Glibert, the famous "old woman" of Spanish crooks was simply a transfer

e Lyceum theater, she was presented Miss Annie Russell with an engrossed to themselves of the coveled opporaddress and a handsome silver tea and coffee service from her admirers both in tunities for plunder, the shoe is on the other foot and the laugh turns into a and out of the company, writes a New York correspondent. Mrs. Gilbert was histy howl: but there is a man at the helm who will see the good work carevercome for the moment, and did not know just what to say, ried through to a finish, regardless of

Finally her native wit came to her res-cue, and she exclaimed: "Say, I'm ahead protests or opposition. They cannot bluff Leonard Wood. He is a surgeon of Dryan! This is more than sixteen to who knows that the cancer yields only to the knife, and he will cut eut this

Didn't Owe Him Anything

Mrs. Sallie Marshall Hardy, who is a descendant of Chief Justice Marshall, visited the Supreme court, chambers in Washington recently and was introduced Washington recently and was introduced three-fourths as many vessels were re-to Justice Harlan by a functionary of the three-fourths as many vessels were re-quired to carry it. After prolonged negotiations the French sequent generations bless his stout

guished incestor, and Justice Harlan whispered to Chief Justice Fuller: "That A Fenian expedition might be utilized to go up and seitle the Alaska the woman there under Marshall's bust boundary dispute. is his great-granddaughter." tooked toward the little woman and then said: "Tell her I am afraid the

A Dangerous Precedent.

can flour consigned to the Portuguese

false conception of public responsibil-

ity if it temporarily converts every

Cuban into an enemy. He knows that

time will vindicate his pollcy and sub-

back-bone.

bust may fall on her." "I'm not afraid." replied Mrs. Hardy: "nothing on earth Y NLESS THERE existed in could please me so much as to have my great-grandfather's head fall on my connection with the alleged seizure by British officials shoulders. of vessels laden with Ameri-

An Apt Retort.

port of Lorenzo Marquez in South Among the unordates related by Hon. John Eigelow in the October Century, in Africa circumstances clearly pointing to an intent on the part of the conseries of extracts from his conversa tons with Von Bunsen, is this about the amous banker Rothschild: During the signors to aid and abot the Boers or reasonably indicative of such intent. femous congress of Vienna each of the several monarchs present was the guest the seizure, as a matter of policy, was a mistake, entirely regardless of the some nobleman. On one festive ec-sion Baron Rothschild was invited par international law upon the subject, exception. He modestly went to take his place, not among the more exalted which seems to be somewhat nebulous. It was a mistake in the direction of tests. When they discovered Roths-ild, however, they all rose, one after

exasperating American public opinion at a time when the good will of our the other, and suluted him, except the King of Prussia, Some one asked the king why he did not salute the great Eupeople was very valuable to Great Britain; but, most of all, it established ropean banker. "Did I not?" he replied. "Well, I suppose it was because I was a precedent decidedly perilous to Engthe only one who did not owe him any-thing." lish prospects. It is a matter of common knowledge that should England

THE DOUBLE STANDARD.

foodstuffs would necessarily be upon From the Indianapolis Press.

Wherein lies the moral difference between the man that sells his vote and the man that buys it? The world cer-tainly recognizes such a difference. Let t once be proven that a public official or a member of any legislative body has tom respecting articles contraband of sold out" and estracism follows swiftly society will have none of him, political ing of American supplies to England arties repudiate him, and the more re in the event of a blockade of English poctable avenues of business are prac-leally closed to him. But how about the ports. The amount of our flour trade surphaser? Society courts him and his amily as usual, if they have the qualities with the Portuguese colony in South Africa is not so large that an interrupthat make them socially agreeable; his tion of it would present serious diplotion of it would present serious diplo-matic difficulties. We may fairly as-diminished, and his business associates

ence upon her husband's career. Her Roll Top Desks, malden name was Du Plessis, a famous South African family of the same lineage

s Cardinal Richelieu. She is a nicce of Kruger's first wife, who was also a Du By Mr. Kruger's first marriage Plessis. he had one son, who died. By the second wife there were sixteen children. Of this number seven are living, all within the eighborhood of Pretoria. There is a very arge offspring of grandchildren, but none of the younger Krugers seem to be of the Oom Paul caliber.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

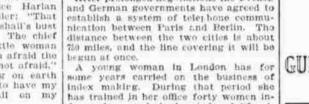
England contains 2,000,000 more women than men. In the twelfth century gloves with sep-

arate fingers were first seen. The imports of Africa amounted during the past year to \$400,000,000, of which \$15,-000,000 was furnished by the United States. At a celebration recently in New York The exports for the same time were \$350, the seventy-ninth birthday of Mrs. G. 000,000, of which the United States took \$1,000,000.

A favorite dish with the Eskimo is an ice cream made of real oil, into which snow is stirred until the desired consistency has been obtained; then frozen berries of different kinds are added, with a little of the fish-egg for flavoring. Pekin has a tower in which is hung a

arge bell cast in the fifteenth century and another tower containing a huge drum, which is intended to be beaten in case a great danger should threaten the city. No one is allowed to enter these

towers. A tremendous growth in the carrying service on the Great Lakes is noticed. Last year the tonnage arriving at Chi-cago was double what it was twenty



has trained in her office forty women in-dex makers, and she has indexed 45 volumes of history and numerous papers and periodicals.

THE DYING CENTURY.

Into the vold and vast. Into the shrouded past, Crowned with his years at last, Gazes the century. Le, how the shadows fall! Soon now the solemn call; Soon bier and hearse and pall-Hall and farewell to thee!

Last of the pilgrims gray, Holding their measured way Into the dim for-aye. Honored thy passing be, Age of earth-girdling power, Age of fair freedom's dower, Age of life's bloom and flower, Thou hast reigned graciously

434 Lackawanna Avenue

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18 YOUR HOUSE VACANT?

-James Buckham in Leslie's Weekly

Luther Keller CEMENT, LIME. SEWER PIPE, Etc.

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There is at present living in the northern part of the State of New Hampshire a well-preserved man who was a soldier of the War of the Rebellion. He is sixty-one years of age, and likes to take life life, and has found much relief from the use of Ripans Tabules. He was long troubled with frequent headaches; there was an enlargement and occasionally there was a rheumatic affection in his shoulder: another difficulty was a shortness of breath, or what seemed to be an inability to fill his lungs; this he attributed to a stomach trouble, although he was told it was dropsy of the heart. He found that Ripans Tabules, if taken at the time of the approach of any of these troubles, would always stave it off, and bring almost instant relief. He noticed also that they brought about a condition of things that, were he a married man, would be a source of infinite pleasure, but, being single, has at times made him, as he expresses it, "very uneasy."

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