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How sweet and gracious even in common speech.

Is that fine sense which men call courtesy?

It transmutes aliens into trusting friends.

And gives its owner passport 'round the world. —JAMES T. FIELDS.

CAMP CURTIN CHURCH

ALL Harrisburg and many old soldiers over the State will join in congratulating the congregation of the handsome new structure which is to be at once its place of worship and a permanent marker for one of the most famous of Civil War camps.

Camp Curtin Memorial Church, has had a career not marked all the way by flowers and good cheer. Erected when the Tenth ward had scarce a half hundred houses, as an off-shoot of Grace Methodist Church, by David Catterl, the well-known businessman; William S. Walter, now of Chicago, and others of that congregation, the little church grew with the population uptown and was rebuilt to twice its original size. Scarcely had the improvements been made before the building was destroyed by fire, and the dauntless membership had to begin all over again.

It was a happy thought to have named the church for the old camp site. It would be altogether proper for the State, as has been suggested, to purchase the small plot adjoining on which to erect a memorial to Governor Curtin, the great war Governor, whose name was given to the camp when it was called into being following the outbreak of the rebellion.

RELIEF BADLY NEEDED
THE overcrowded condition of Harrisburg Hospital for the insane has reached a condition where it is almost a scandal. This is no reflection on the management, which has done wonders under conditions that might discourage even the most resourceful and enterprising.

THE better labor conditions are in Germany—and Europe as a whole—the better labor conditions in the United States will be, and the less our business people would have to fear from foreign competition. Cheap labor abroad has made necessary to American prosperity in normal times a tariff wall to balance the difference of wages here and elsewhere.

THE "press agent" game is being overworked by Europe. All the warring nations are playing it for the benefit of your Uncle Samuel. The American public has not been slow to see the drift and as a consequence has come to doubt the sincerity of all concerned and to read between the lines of every cablegram from the "joker" that is hidden away in so many innocent-looking war dispatches.

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You remember your own part in it as a boy. You always won when Mother reached that part of her holiday preparations by the fact that she got down the large mixing bowl—not the second largest one, but the very big, yellow one with stripes about it. You knew what was going to happen next, and by way of preparation you went for a hammer while Mother got down the old smoothing iron and produced a basket of walnuts and shellbarks.

Here we have the allies tarred with the same stick with which they have been besmearing Germany. Neither side is sincere. Both have been ruthless and barbarous and both are trying to make virtues of their sins for the sake of public opinion in the United States—and both are overdoing it.

We imagine King George will be hard to convince that a more vigorous war policy is necessary. Altoona's town poet has been killed by an automobile. Magazine poets, please take notice.

According to Dr. Dixon, chances of long life are slim for the fat men.

California voted for "He kept us out of war," although it is the most likely State of all to get him into war.

Thirteen electoral votes in a doubtful State are luckier than ballot No. 13 in a voting-booth.

The Colonel intimates that he will now retire to private life; but he has a few more occasions on which he will appear.

After all, Shadow Lawn found its place in the sun.

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Germany would have preferred, and the expense of their maintenance has fallen upon the German Government. Russia, while indicating that these forced exiles may be returned to Germany, has not given any assurance as to the time, and it is understood that many of them have died from want and exposure.

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Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

Supporters of Representative Richard A. Baldwin, of Delaware, for the Republican caucus nomination for Speaker of the next legislature today scouted talk of compromise and declared that there was no more chance of a "dark horse" winning than there was of Representative R. Cox being selected at the caucus.

The Brumbaugh people planned on Saturday to follow up the declaration of the Washington party state committee for Cox with an endorsement of the South Philadelphia by up-State legislators, but they did not arrive and Detrich's declaration was somewhat disheartening to the party.

Paul N. Furman has taken active charge of the campaign for Cox at the State Capitol and it is understood that a good many men connected with the State government will become active in the campaign for Cox.

Representative "Joe" Phillips, of Clearfield county, came out with a suggestion that a neutral should be agreed upon for Speaker. Phillips did not say that he favored himself.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

THE GANG GETS THE YOUNG HUSBAND ON THE PHONE



N. B.—Webster, the cartoonist, is a very recent bridegroom.

BUENOS AIRES QUEER CITY

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2.—Take a walk in the streets of Buenos Aires more easily resemble the Chicago type than any other.

Of course, this resemblance is considerably qualified. For one thing, "A-B" is predominantly a Latin city. It is maybe 30 per cent Spanish, 20 per cent Italian and 50 per cent very mixed, but with a good deal of Latin blood even in the mixture.

Native English a Queer Type
To an Anglo-Saxon eye the English Argentines are about the queerest people, to be Argentines, that there are in Buenos Aires.

The Philadelphia Record calls attention to the fact that Mayor Smith, of Chicago, is likely to have a rough time of it. The North American says that while the mayor is in Philadelphia, he may not come out in the open because the Penrose people may put through some of the new charter legislation which would deprive the city of some of its revenue.

Concerning a Short Session
The Harrisburg Telegraph has pronounced strongly and decisively in favor of the shortest possible legislative session of this week.

The Convict's Dream
I'm fishing through the bars. They're made of steel. It's fun to throw the line out far, to feel the fish a-biting like they used to.

"PRESS AGENT" UNCLE SAM
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Ebening Chat

As has been pointed out in the Telegraph the dedication this week of the new edifice of the Camp Curtin Methodist congregation at Sixth and Wharton streets is an event of more than local significance.

On the subject of markers there has been considerably written in this column the last three or four years and Philadelphia's landmarks in the form of historical sites and buildings have been pointed out for some years to come as an effort to give adequate memorial to the site now being rapidly covered with houses, but the State has waited for the county and so on.

In two years Harrisburg was an object lesson for the purpose of cutting the country in two. The British had its mind to march up the Susquehanna in 1814 and what the Confederates planned is shown by the real high water mark of the rebellion at Camp Hill, which is not marked, either, except by a cannon ball embedded in a house.

It may be of interest to recount here a few of the events of Pennsylvania and national history in which this place has had a part. It was the first place fortified on the Susquehanna, if John Harris' stockade can be so considered. It was the place where the councils were held to keep neighboring Indians quiet in the French and Indian war and it was the place where the British were quartered during the American Revolution.

So much for the events in struggles for preservation in which this city has taken a part. There are many other incidents connected with the history of Harrisburg which are of more than purely local interest.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
—Roland S. Morris, the former Democratic State Chairman, speaking at Philadelphia said that he would like to see the State still cling to many old village ideas.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
John Harris faced keen rivalry when he proposed to make Harrisburg the seat of a new county. Both Lancaster and Lebanon objected.

Prices Hit Honesty
We claim to be just as honest as any body, but right at this time, if a neighbor has proposed to make Harrisburg the seat of a new county, both Lancaster and Lebanon objected.

DO YOU KNOW
That Harrisburg has some of the biggest car rental plants on the Pennsylvania system?

CIRCULE STANCES ALTHEA
We find conditions leading in speeding until I got a car.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
A FORECAST
Do you think we're going to have a white Christmas?

THEY DO
Father—Fine feathers don't make fine birds. Daughter—But they can make a girl feel like a chicken.

Through Japanese Eyes
The Japanese do not want war. They would avoid it if possible. But they are very proud, and the war party is ambitious.

To a Sparrow
O feathered little bird of somber gray, Your flut'ring heart need feel no pang of fear.

The Exception
All things come to those who wait, except, possibly, the things they have been waiting for.—Philadelphia Record.

Bits of the Out of Doors "Suskie"
She wants to, and because she regards herself as a sovereign nation, able to interpret her own law and able to enforce her will on weaker nations.

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