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Some (not all) of the people who complain about the proper bringing up of children, and who talk the most about home training, are those who have no children, and it is evidently a good thing that they haven't for a home without patience and charity, is a better place for a cat, a canary or even a parrot than for a child with red blood.

There are a great many people surprised at the silence of the intensified Independent and goody-goody Democratic newspapers of this State regarding the \$32,000 bid (called election expenses) that Mr. Munson made for a seat on the Supreme Court bench. If that gentleman had been a Republican, big head lines with plenty of black ink would have been in evidence, to show up the audacity, rascality, venality, of an attempt by the gang to control the highest court of the state and overthrow justice, but as the \$32,000 bidder belonged to their gang—mum is the word.

Pensions for Everybody.
 Washington, Dec. 15.—"An old age home guard bill" was introduced in the house by Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania. It provides that all persons over 65 years of age who have resided in the United States for twenty-five years and have been citizens for fifteen years not possessing property exceeding \$1,500 in value or with an income in excess of \$240 a year may be enrolled to receive a pension of \$120 a year, to be paid quarterly. Mr. Wilson is a representative of organized labor.

Hobson Argues for Big Navy.
 Washington, Dec. 15.—"War is inevitable," declared Congressman Richmond P. Hobson (Dem., Ala.), the hero of Santiago, in a speech on the "Philosophy of Naval Policy for the United States," delivered in the House to-day.

"As things are going the United States will probably be in for defeat in the first stages of the conflict," he said. "Then it will have to prolong the war for years, at fearful cost of lives and treasure to achieve victory."

Hobson's plan to avert this calamity is to build six battleships a year. He says that that will make war less likely and if it does come it will insure speedy victory for Uncle Sam.

"Congress should authorize not less than four first class battleships," Hobson said. "England is building 248,000 tons of warship displacement, Germany 211,000 tons, France 164,000 tons, Russia 153,000 and the United States only 103,000 tons, with Japan close behind with 93,000 tons. When these ships are completed the United States will yield second place among the naval powers to Germany and be within the tonnage of one ship ahead of France. Four battleships this year is the minimum that will retain the United States in second place.

"The standing armies and first reserves of the world ready for instant war service number over 32,000,000. They are just over the oceans from American shores and these oceans are no longer a barrier, but a means of transportation. If America desires to continue to live unharmed she must control the water between our shores and those armies." He said the possession of valuable territory is the first great cause of war and the United States should prepare to hold the Panama zone and its helpless possessions in the Pacific. He spoke especially of Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, calling it "the pivot of the world, the most vital spot in the history of the world." Control of that harbor meant control of the Pacific, he said.

The navy should be strong enough to win, he declared, because "if a war ended in defeat our people would never be satisfied and we would enter upon a period of gigantic preparations to fight the war over again at some future day."

All modern wars, he asserted, had been won by the nations with superior preparations for the contests and the United States should place itself in readiness by adding to the navy six dreadnaughts a year.

Unbroken Chain of Misfortune.

The beginning was September 8, 1907, automobile caught fire while on road; considerable damage; recovered insurance which covered part of loss. 1908 lost two cows, one worth \$28 swallowed in some way, a darned needle, which penetrated the heart; needle was extracted by owner; it was embedded about 1 1/2 inch in heart. Second cow worth \$45 died with blood poisoning; lost 800 small chickens ranging from one week to seven weeks old; put average price low as 15 cents each—\$90.

On Sept. 24th of same year had destroyed by fire one automobile worth \$7,500; garage in which same

was stored also destroyed, valued at over \$300.

1909 lost about 1000 small chicks ranging in age and price as the 1908 lot, 1909 value \$150.

On Dec. 11th lost one fine, large bay colt coming four years in spring, value \$175; disease, pneumonia.

The statements above are true facts to the best of my judgment. Several other minor losses not mentioned would crowd well on the upper end of one hundred dollars.

I would like to ask if this is not nearly a record for the length of time for a farmer. Beach Lake,

HARRISBURG LETTER.

December 13, 1909.

It is likely that the next Legislature will be asked to amend the law as it applies to the filing of expense accounts by political parties and candidates. Some Democratic papers have directed attention to the amount expended by the Republican State Committee, something less than seventy thousand dollars, which is not an unusual sum, as state expenses go. The purpose in thus commenting in a public way on this matter was undoubtedly to draw attention from the fact that the statement of expenses filed by the Democratic State Committee was not a compliance with the requirements of the act,—not by a long way. Their statement is evasive and only partly true. They did not comply with the law, either in spirit or in the letter. The only reason the papers were filed by the official in charge was because the law does not provide a remedy or clothe the official with discretionary powers.

Compared with the amount disbursed by the Republican State Committee, the sum paid out by Mr. Munson, the Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court, seems extraordinary large. Mr. Munson spent upward of \$32,000 while making his campaign. This unusual expense moved some of the real independent papers to remark that Mr. Munson was a good thing that Mr. Munson was defeated, hinting that he had not risen to a proper conception of the dignity of the office for which he was a candidate. His opponent, Judge Von Moschzisker, spent less than one-tenth of this amount, and was elected. Defeat, in this case, came high. And yet our Democratic friends seem to have overlooked this millionaire's contribution, while pointing to what the opposite party paid out.

Governor Stuart has given no indication of his purpose in naming a successor to Judge Von Moschzisker, who will leave the Philadelphia bench in January to take his place among the Justices of the Supreme Court. The name of Attorney General M. Hampton Todd had been mentioned for the place, but Mr. Todd declined to permit his name to be used. If there is one thing more than another concerning which the Governor exercises great care, it is in the appointment of judges to fill vacancies. He cannot be criticised for this. The bench ought always to be above adverse criticism.

The Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission is looking around for a good man to serve as Secretary to that body, in place of Harry S. Calvert, who resigned to serve as receiver of the Mercantile Trust Company of Pittsburgh. The place pays \$4,000 a year. That salary ought to attract some poor fellow to go after the job.

State Treasurer Sheatz announced last Saturday that he would draw on the banks having state money on deposit, for one million dollars, in order to have sufficient available funds to meet the current expenses of the state government. The fund is carried in more institutions than ever before, and this has reduced the amount usually carried in the active depositories, so that he cannot secure enough by drawing on them. The amount in the general fund will drop to less than \$5,000,000, which is the lowest it has been for several years. At one time during the administration of Auditor General Hardenbergh it came within a few dollars of reaching \$14,000,000, which was probably high water mark.

Hundreds of people, from all parts of the United States, as well as from abroad, visit the beautiful Capitol every week. The Abbey pictures come in for a large share of the admiration, though the Senate and House chambers, the Supreme Court room, the reception rooms of the Governor and of the Lieutenant Governor, are sources of surprise and delight. The Barnard statuary groups are expected to arrive in the spring, and these will add much to the beauty and attractiveness of the building.

N. E. HAUSE.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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THREE NATIONS INTERESTED.

Monster Airship to Solve Pacific Coast Problem of Protection.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—While the Pacific slope and Washington, D. C., and Hawaii, and Alaska, and various other spots where Uncle Sam's folks dwell are fretting because the Pacific fleet is not being increased fast enough to protect the Western coast of the United States, and while reports and rumors of mysterious aerial battle fleets hovering over Tokyo are disturbing the sleep of the heads of the leading powers, two young Portland inventors are quietly completing a monster aerial battleship which they believe will solve temporarily at least the Pacific Coast problem of protection.

Whether they are right or not, will be demonstrated within a very few weeks. Representatives of at least two nations have become tremendously interested in the coming demonstration.

One of these nations is the United States, another is Russia, Japan is the other. The United States Government has already sent an officer to inspect the ship and drawings, and data of the craft are now in the hands of the War Department. Russia has notified the builders that there is a \$3,000,000 prize for any aerial craft that can carry a fighting crew and a battery of two lyddite or other long range explosive guns.

Just to what extent the Japanese government has interested itself is not definitely known.

But within the last few weeks three Japanese have been ejected from the big building where the ship is being built and the American Tool Works where the propellers and helicopters and engines are under way. One of the Japanese had drawings of the new propeller, another had data regarding the construction of the patent engines and another was "just snooping around."

E. P. Prebble and J. R. Kejar are the two men who have for months been working in secret to build an aerial battleship that can sail for days without alighting, without needing to take on more fuel, without coming in range of earth guns and that can travel at a rate of speed that will make headway against any wind. Only when the Japanese spies became active did even Portland people realize what was being done in the big agricultural building out at the fair grounds.

The Prebble-Kejar ship now nearing completion is 204 feet long and 35 feet wide amidship—the biggest craft, outside the Zeppelin yet built type now under construction in the and the only one of the Zeppelin United States. It is driven and pulled by a double set of propellers, two in the rear and two forward. It has gliders, on the aeroplane principle, on each side, designed to allow the ship to soar for miles without the use of its engines. Vertically through its center are set three helicopters working on the principle of the old water screw of Archimedes, which serve to raise to its buoyancy and dirigibility without the necessity of momentum imparted by the driving screws.

Without its machinery, the big craft is just a balloon, of 11 compartments, kept in the wind by its rudder, capable of soaring and gliding by the manipulation of its helicopters and big planes.

The frame is built of spruce and is much lighter than any yet constructed. The engines are of a secret composition nearly as light as aluminum and as tough as the hardest nickel steel. They are driven not by gasoline, but by a chemical gas which is also used to inflate the balloon in midair if necessary. The propellers are of a new type that experts assert allow no escape of air.

Two German experts visiting the coast recently spent a day in inspection of the ship and when they were through said that so far as theory went the ship was ahead of the best that Zeppelin had produced.

"Fly? Of course it will fly?" says Prebble.

"I am not an airship man. I am a backer of long chances and never lost one yet. The ship is lighter than air, it has to go up. The engines certainly will turn the propellers, so it has to go ahead. If we went to come down probably we won't have much trouble. That has never been a serious problem, though picking the soft spots has sometimes bothered some men birds. Anyway I will put \$60,000 in this ship. My diamonds and my home and everything else I can raise money on are going into cloth and metal and wire, and I am as sure that we are going to make the best flight yet made in this country as I am, that I will be the worst busted airship crank in the world if we don't fly."

The first trial flight will probably be made within six weeks. It is proposed to make a flight under war conditions above the area of ground batteries, and to drop winged bombs in the heart of Portland and of the State capital, Salem, 50 miles distant, to show just how much value present fortifications would be to the coast if an aerial fleet came this way.

Elevating Influence of Base Ball.

Baseball, the most popular of American games, was recently introduced in Cuba. At Havana, where the first game was played, twenty thousand people watched the sport and enjoyed it. This large number seems all the more remarkable because a bullfight had been advertised to take place simultaneously with the ball game but had to be abandoned for lack of patronage.

Let us hope that the disreputable and degrading bullfight may find its permanent successor in American baseball.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE DON'TS; THEY MAY HELP YOU

DON'T think that you are too poor to keep Christmas. You can't be so poor as all that.

Don't spend so much on Christmas that you can't get even with the butcher and grocer until March.

Don't give presents that are a pleasure for ten minutes and a burden and a worry for ten years.

Don't, young women, buy neckties for your men folks; don't encourage them in being bigger guys than necessary.

Don't give a drum to the children of your enemy who works nights. A watchman's rattle is just as good, and it is cheaper.

Don't give your wife something she doesn't care for just because you want it yourself. This "don'ts" works the other way just as well.

Don't forget that a basket of fruit or a box of flowers is just as nice a present in many cases as something that will just last a good deal longer.

Don't try to find the price marks on the gifts you receive. If the gifts are worth having they mean something above dollars and cents.

Don't forget the Bob Cratchits and the Tiny Tims—that is, unless you are unregenerate Old Scrooge, in which case forgetfulness can be explained.

Don't put off everything to the last, because you had better for the joy of your friends give nothing than wear yourself out, and be as cross as two sticks when the blessed day comes.

Don't waste any of your pity on the long haired youths who lie at the bottom of the heap in football scrammages. You will need all your pity for yourself in the rush at the holiday counter.

Don't check off each gift you receive against each present that you gave and calculate whether you made or lost. Christmas is not the time to be any smaller or meaner than you can help.

Don't oppress children who are satiated to sadness with toys already by giving them more. There are other ways of making them happy, or if there are not it is because they are spoiled with many pleasures and are the most pitiful beings alive. In that case let them try doing something for poor children, who are blessed in powers of enjoyment, and see if the capacity won't prove catching.

Don't neglect, if you are a woman, to lay in a stock of some simple things like handkerchiefs and sachet bags for unexpected emergencies if you like to meet various people with a reasonable token.

Don't set your own happiness up as the chief thing to be looked out for at Christmas time. Try to make other people happy and forget yourself, then you will be surprised to see how really happy you are.

Don't give a book to a man with a big library or a picture to the man who makes a specialty of the fine arts unless you know pretty well what he wants. Ten to one he'd rather do the buying of such things for himself.

Don't write your name or anybody else's on cards if you send them. No one can keep a lot of such truck, and it is often highly convenient to send them on their travels to carry Christmas greeting to other people. And why not?—Buffalo Express.

Christmas Packages in the Mail.

The approaching holiday season brings to mind that if it is important to do Christmas shopping early it is equally important to see that gifts to be sent by mail are sent at such a time that they will not be delayed in the congestion of the numerous packages usually mailed two or three days prior to Christmas. While extra clerks are employed on the mail trains to handle the increased amount of mail yet this augmented force cannot promptly handle the immense accumulation when it is suddenly dumped in the postoffice. If you desire good service, see that your packages are securely wrapped and tied, and that the full postage is paid thereon, that the name and address of the party to whom it is sent is plainly written thereon in ink, and also your own name and address preceded by the word "from." If the package is mailed one week or ten days before the 25th, you can be sure that it will be handled promptly and reach its destination in good time.

Unexpected Assistance.

A woman physical scientist who, unfortunately, was rather stout, was one night lecturing on physical culture, and, in describing to her audience the beauty of a symmetrical figure, went on to say that the proper proportions of the body should be as follows:

"Twice round my finger, once round my wrist; twice round my wrist, once round my neck; twice round my neck, once round my waist."

Voice from the back—"Twice round your waist, mum, once round Hyde Park."—Belfast Northern Whig.

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Controlling One's Temper.

It is about time that people understood the difference between losing one's temper and controlling the passions that lead to an exhibition of undue excitement. Often and often has this sentence been uttered to children when they have become wrought up to the highest tension: "Don't lose your temper." It is not losing one's temper at all when he allows his anger or rage to get the better of him. On the contrary, he permits it to gain and keep the mastery when he manifests any quality that is not in keeping with his higher nature. The girl or boy who can keep calm and unruffled under trying circumstances is sure to come out the victor. Controlling the temper consists simply in guiding the thoughts into the right channel, not allowing them for one instant to get the better of one's judgment and reason, and it can be acquired by young and old without much difficulty.

May Hook Suckers Through the Ice.

A great deal of trouble was occasioned in this section last year owing to the fact that fishermen who had hooked suckers under the ice were liable to be haled before a justice and fined.

However, there is now a remedy made for this situation. Representative Eugene Kinney, had an amendment to the regular "fishing bill" adopted by the Legislature, so that it is now lawful to hook suckers from underneath the ice in any stream, including trout streams. The hooking may be done with a line containing not more than three hooks or a burr hook may be used. In explanation of the burr hook it may be said that this is an appliance on the end of a pole which contains three hooks. Each pole dare not contain any more than three hooks or the parties violating the law in this respect, will be amenable to it and subject to a fine.

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