

DEAD.

Ah God! how strange the rattling in the street
Comes to me where I lie and the hours pass.

And by such things alone I measure out
The slow drip of the minutes from Time's eaves.

Life! It was life to look upon her face.
And it was life to rage when she was gone;

For here I lie and neither move nor feel.
And watch that Other pacing up and down

I see him take his coat down from the peg
And put it on, and open the white door.

And men are praising him for subtle skill:
And women love him—God alone knows why!

Ah, if she came and bent above me here,
Who lie with straight bands bound about my chin!

Or should I lie with sinews fixed and shrick
As dead men shriek and make no sound?

—Richard Hovey.

were wiped away, and as I looked at
the calm, resolute face, I discovered

"Well, then," said I, "why not try
to get the children into some home of

"Ah, yes, sir!" replied she eagerly,
"that's what I would like; but then

"Yes, indeed, God has His own in
every nook of the great city! Poor

"Look here, sir," continued the
woman. She put her hand under the

"I thought for a few moments before
I answered. At length I said slowly:

The poor woman looked up with
something like alarm written on her

And really that is why I asked your
little lad to bring me here to-day.

It is impossible to describe the
emotions of wonder and amazement

"Billy," she called, and the boy
ran quickly to his mother's side.

As for me, I felt at once humbled,
encouraged and thankful; humbled

There and then I entered fully into
the mother's story, and made notes

"Now, Billy, what shall I do to be
like the nice gentleman? Shall I

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A Word From Josh Wise.
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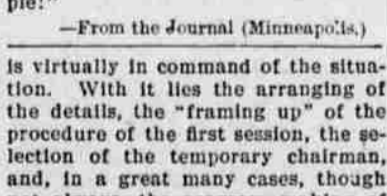
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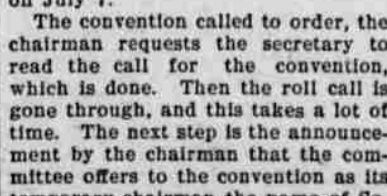
IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PANTRY. The Favorite Sons (in chorus)—"Somebody's taken a bite out of my pie!"

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A Leap Year Dilemma. —From the Washington Star.

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MINISTERING UNTO HIM.

By the Late Dr. T. J. Barnado.

It was a murky evening at the
close of September, and the outlook

I had been attending the board
meeting of a society in which I was

comment at length checked my
progress. My thoughts were effectually

"Sold much to-day?" I inquired.
He shook his head.

"Where is she?"
"Home."

"How old is she?"
"Oh, she don't count! She's littler

"Why don't you go home with your
three ha'pence?" I continued.

"Tain't no use," said the boy.
"Tain't no use going home with

"Must you always have a tanner?"
The little head was nodded quickly

"Well, now," I said "tell me where
your mother lives."

"Thirteen Plough Court, Banner
street, St. Luke's," was the prompt

I knew Banner street well; the
place was not more than ten minutes'

Without more ado the little chap
gave himself up to the new idea, and

We soon reached Banner street. A
few minutes then brought us to the

The room was literally devoid of
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Brief News Notes About the Conventions.

The Roosevelt third-term bug which
attacked Washington as well as other

Governor Albert E. Mead, of the
State of Washington, stated his belief

The threat of capital to go into
politics and make its influence felt,

The Rhode Island delegation is un-
instructed, and will be subservient to

Even yet the vision of a Roosevelt
stampede is disturbing the rest of the

It is altogether likely that as a
result of the convention of the National