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## HARRISBURG LETTER

**Harris Libel Suit—A Damning Record Against Corrupt Politicians.**

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—Nothing has occurred since the adjournment of the last corrupt legislature to inspire so genuine and general a feeling of disgust for machine politics as the recent suit of Harris vs. Meek, on the charge of libel. The case should be reversed, for it was Harris who was in reality on trial and proved guilty substantially.

That rake offs and bribes in various forms were demanded for getting appropriations for charitable institutions was known to a few on the inside, and suspected by many, but it was like a peal of thunder from a clear sky to have placed in evidence in open court a letter from the state treasurer-elect that he demanded \$100 for helping to get an appropriation for a hospital, of which four-fifths of the patients are from Harris' own county. It was his sworn duty as a member of the house to aid in getting the appropriation, and he violated that oath if he took anything beyond his salary for his efforts.

He claimed on the stand that he spent four or five days hard work on the floor of the house for the bill. Even if he did it was a part of the duty for which he swore to take nothing but his salary. But the truth is he didn't spend four days, nor four hours, work for the bill as can be proved. He said further that he went to Harrisburg especially to see the governor to induce him to sign the bill. The fact is he was on his way to Philadelphia, traveling on a pass and stopped off at Harrisburg as he would perhaps have done if there had been no Phillipsburg hospital in existence.

Politicians of the machine stripe are cursing Harris soundly for his stupidity in bringing a suit which has done so much to confirm what the people already believed—that the last legislature was as corrupt as Judas, and that Harris was selected as the candidate for state treasurer because he had been a most subservient tool for the machine. Harris evidently depended on the favor of the court to win his case. Any man with a particle of discretion in his make-up would not have rushed into a trial in which evidence of his own wrong doing would likely be brought to light. He perhaps thought the court would rule, like the speaker of the last house, and shut off everything that would in any way hurt his own case. He little dreamed that damning evidence, not from the lips of a political opponent, but deliberately penned by his own hand, would confront him, as Banquo's ghost appeared before Macbeth.

Busch's testimony on the stand, in which he declared that he falsified the records of the house under penalty of losing his position, is but more evidence of the damnable proceedings of the last house. Neither Clerk Garvin, nor Speaker Marshall, nor anybody else, has come forward to say that Busch testified to what was not true. He but stated what is already known, that bill after bill was passed last winter at Harrisburg by falsifying the record.

Harris was nominated by a convention which unanimously instructed him to vote for Col. Irvin for United States senator. The delegates to the convention were themselves unanimously instructed to require this pledge of their candidates for the assembly. Harris, true to his record, says that he was released from this pledge by Col. Irvin; but the truth is he was not so released, and evidence can be adduced in support of the fact as clear as the evidence that Harris demanded money from the trustees of the Phillipsburg hospital for aid in getting their appropriation.

Harris is neither better nor worse than he was at the time of the election, but people know him better. The fact that he ran away behind in his own county last fall shows that he runs best where least known. Truly, the people of Pennsylvania ought to repent in sack-cloth and ashes for their consummate folly in electing such a man to take charge of the money of the state. NORMAN.

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## BY THE LITTLE TOTS.

**A Bunch of Clever Remarks From the Mouths of Youngsters.**

"What is the feminine of tailor?" asked the teacher of the juvenile grammar class.  
"Dressmaker," promptly answered the class in chorus.

Small Mable was dining with her mother at a neighbor's one day, and, not being accustomed to silver knives and forks, she queried, "Mamma, why don't we have tin knives?"

Little four-year-old Annie had been to church, and upon returning home her aunt asked what the minister had said.

"He didn't say anything for people who stay at home," was the pert reply.

One evening little Clara, having repeated her regular prayer, surprised her mother by adding, "I'm ever so much obliged to you, Lord, for all you have done for me, and I'll do as much for you some time."

"Now, Julia," said the teacher to a small kindergarten pupil, "suppose I divide this apple into four equal parts. What would one of the parts be called?"

"A piece of apple," was the prompt reply.

Margie (aged four)—Mamma, what made our washerwoman black?

Mamma—She was born so, Margie. The Lord made her black.

Margie—Well, I'm awful glad the Lord wasn't around when I got born.

"Mamma," said five-year-old Bessie, "I'm going to be a duchess when I grow up."

"How are you going to acquire the title, my dear?" asked her mother.

"Just like other ladies do," replied Bessie. "I'm going to marry a Dutchman."

Small Willie one day asked his mother who made the trees and was told that God made them. A few days later an old colored fellow came to trim the trees, and the little fellow, seeing him at work, ran to his mother and exclaimed, "Oh, mamma, God's out in the yard repairing his trees!"—Chicago News.

## Entertained.

"I see," said Mrs. Henpeck, "that a Philadelphia man caught the smallpox from handling money that was infected."

"Oh, well," her husband answered, crouching a little farther back into his corner, "that doesn't scare me. I never have a chance to hold our money long enough to catch anything from it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Her Little Hint.

She shortened the strap until she was able to fasten it to her arm.

"There!" she exclaimed. "If you're afraid I will get away, you can hang on to the handle of that. It will be much more convenient than gripping me by the arm and also much pleasanter for me."—Chicago Post.

## Necessity.

"Miss Footlight is working very hard to give an artistic interpretation of her new role," said one actress.

"Yes," answered the complacent lightweight star, "she must do something to advertise herself, and the poor thing hasn't any diamonds to lose."—Washington Star.

## Not an Enthusiast.

"Is he a golf enthusiast?"

"Oh, no. He pretends to be, but he isn't."

"How do you know?"

"Why, he gives up playing when the thermometer gets down to zero."—Chicago Post.

## Between Two Fires.

Tomdix—I wonder what could have induced Hardup to marry his landlady. Hojax—It was either that or raise money to pay what he owed for board. —New York World.

## Human Nature.

Smith—There goes a man who hasn't a friend in the world.

Jones—Poor fellow! How did he lose his money?—Chicago News.

## A Trial Trip.



"Well, youse will have ter pull a couple more miles 'fore I kin pass an expert opinion on yer new sled, Willie."

## Rapidity.

Now January passes;  
'Tis February next,  
And ere we scarce have time to think  
By March's winds we're vexed.

And then we whisk through April  
To greet the gentle May,  
And June is near with roses  
As we swiftly speed our way.

And we pause in breathless wonder  
To behold the seasons fly.  
If it weren't for the weather,  
We would think 'twas 'most July.  
—Washington Star.



# Well Babies Are Good Babies

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## THE FASHIONS.

A revival of red is predicted after the black and white craze.

Antique lace and embroidery form the trimmings of the up to date woman's costume.

For evening wear is a little lace bolero with elbow sleeves that can be worn over a net or silk slip.

It is the fad of the moment to have different silk founaces that can be buttoned on to the upper part of one silk skirt.

A three piece set for spring wear consists of a large white chiffon boa, muff and hat, each decorated with a touch of black velvet. On the boa there are black satin roses.

A simple yet popular adornment for the neck is a broad straight band of velvet. Sometimes a color to combine with the costume is worn, but usually the band is of white or black.

The latest novelty in skirt trimming is to border the edge with a band of fur, over which falls a slightly gathered finish of lace in cream or saffron color. A touch of this lace and fur is also used as the trimming of the bodice.

A queenly affair for a lounging robe of elderdown flannel is of a bright scarlet and is trimmed down the fronts and on the sleeves with scrolls of white cloth, stitched on, and over this applications of cretonne flowers. There is a high turnover collar, which fits neatly and closely around the throat.

## A Marriage in Persia.

Before dinner is served the bride goes to the bath accompanied by female relatives and friends. At night, as the procession of the bridegroom approaches, alms are distributed, and women and children look on from neighboring roofs. Loud cries from the women welcome the bridegroom on his arrival, while the bride, carefully veiled, mounts the horse awaiting her at the door. All the men who have been feasted and entertained join in the procession, in which lanterns are borne. The bride's departure is the signal for the discharge of fireworks and a great beating of the big drum. The final ceremony is similar to one observed by the Arabs and the Copts—namely, the sacrifice of sheep. These are killed as the bride steps over the threshold of her new home.

One wonders what the idea is underlying the sacrifices. Are they intended as acts of propitiation inherited from an earlier age, when people thus endeavored "to appease the anger of the gods" or of the spirits of their ancestors? Or is it merely a way of sealing in blood an important act and covenant?—Woman's Home Companion.

## For Purposes of Information.

"Hello, central!"

"Hello!"

"How would you call, 'Main,' seven hundred and 'leven'?"

"What?"

"Four ones."

"What do you want?"

"Or would you say 'One, one, one, one'?"

"I don't quite catch you. Say it again."

"Or would it be one thousand one hundred and eleven?"

"Can't you speak plainer?"

"I'm asking you how to call Main e-leven hundred and e-leven. Get that?"

"Oh, you mean one, one, double one."

"Thanks."

"Here it is."

"Here what is?"

"Main, one, one, double one."

"Oh, I didn't want to talk to anybody! I only wanted to find out to settle a bet how you would call that particular number. I've lost. Goodby."—Chicago Tribune.

## Emmett's Presence of Mind.

A story is told of Robert Emmet which proves his secretive power and resolution. He was fond of studying chemistry, and one night late, after

the family had gone to bed, he swallowed a large quantity of corrosive sublimate in mistake for some acid cooling powder. He immediately discovered his mistake and knew that death must shortly ensue unless he instantly swallowed the only antidote, chalk.

Timid men would have torn at the bell, roused all the family and sent for a stomach pump. Emmet called no one, made no noise, but, stealing down stairs and unlocking the front door, went into the stable, scraped some chalk which he knew to be there and took sufficient doses of it to neutralize the poison.

## Her Lovely Lettuce Dish.

"I want," she said hesitatingly as she poised her basket in front of her pretty chin with a thoughtful air, "to get some lettuce."

"Yes'm," said the marketman.

"Here's some; very nice it is too."

"Is it all that color?"

"Why—er—yes'm. All lettuce is green, you know."

"Oh, of course! But it's too bad. I got a lovely blue dish to put lettuce in, but I'm sure green would look horrible in it. I never thought about there not being any shades, you know."

And as she turned away the marketman was almost sure he saw a tear of disappointment in her eye.

## Indestructibility of Cedar.

The resistance of cedar wood to decay has long been famous, and cedar fenceposts often last for generations. A remarkable instance of the indestructibility of cedar has been noted in the state of Washington, where a forest of hemlocks near Acme has grown up over an ancient buried forest of cedars. The trunks of cedar, although lying in a moist soil, have been almost perfectly preserved for at least 150 years, the length of time that the rings of growth show the hemlocks to have been growing above their fallen predecessors.

## Catarrh.

The word catarrh, as popularly used, means either nasal catarrh or bronchitis. Nasal catarrh is often helped by snuffing up, so as to carry it into the mouth, a weak solution of salt and water, repeating the operation several times a day. Where the disease is very persistent it is well, when possible, to try a change of climate. In bronchitis the case should be attended by a physician.

## The Drawback to Originality.

"Why do you keep repeating quotations?" asked the irritable man. "Why don't you say something original?"

"My dear sir, there's no use of that. Every time I think of anything good enough to be original I find that somebody said it years ago."—Washington Star.

## Questionable.

Willie Boerum—Pa.

Mr. Boerum—Well, what is it?

Willie Boerum (earnestly)—Does everybody in heaven have to have a harp? Can't little boys have tin horns?—Brooklyn Eagle.

Don't kick about the weather. When it rains, it settles the dust; when the sun shines, it dries the mud.—Chicago News.

Paris burns the wood of 1,000 acres of forest a week.

## Straight Furrows in Kansas.

"How can you plow straight furrows over such an enormous cornfield as this?" asked the Englishman who had never been in Kansas before.

"That's easy," said the native. "We follow the parallels of latitude and the meridians of longitude."—Chicago Tribune.

If you think others talk too much, you are putting yourself under the same head when you say so.—Acheson Globe.

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8 15 a m for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano and Pottsville.  
9 30 a m for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah and Mt. Carmel.  
11 42 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.  
11 51 a m for White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and the West.  
4 44 p m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York, Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Pottsville.  
6 35 p m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points West.  
7 29 p m for Hazleton.

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