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#### HE CAUGHT SENATOR PLATT. A Reminiscense of the 1996 Campaign

That is interesting. If Senator Thomas C. Platt has one pecultarity more pronounced than another it is his discretion. While no political leader in New York is more affable to reporters than Mr. Platt, none gives out is a information that he has not carefully prepared. In the campaign of 1895 Mr. Platt was a cenexampling of 1886 Mr. Platt was a cen-tral figure. Anything from him was worth space. It was before the SL Louis convention, and he was sup-pased to carry in his pocket the 73 votes of the Empire State. It was about this time that a very young newspaper reporter scated himself among the veteran political reporters in the amen corner of the Fifth Ave-mue Holel, where Mr. Platt makes his city home. ity home Every one was expecting an import-

ant declaration, but none came. Mr. Platt appeared, as was his custom. He amited in his usual confidential and amilied in his usual confidential and comewhat mynterious way and said there was nothing to give out. There was no going behind these returns, apparently, but this young reporter had wisdom beyond his yours. Prob-ably that is the reason that he is one of the most successful editors in the country to day. He followed Mr. Platt out to the street. As they mingled with the evening throng he linked his arm in his.

with the evening throng he linked his arm in bis. "Mr. Platt," said he, "you're the biggest politician in New York and I'm the youngest reporter. I've got to get a story from you or loae my job. Now, I don't care a cent what you talk about, but as a friend I would advise you to talh politics." Mr. Platt, who is tall, slender and may-bearded, with a style of humor that can only be characterised as grim, disengaged his arm from that of his young friend and looked at him. He was astoniahed for the first time in years.

Well, I haven't got anything to say," he replied, "but if you are so dead set on a political story Fill talk to you. I suppose it doesn't make any difference whether I discuss national or local politics. You seem to insist mon politics." And he did discuss politics to the extent of a column and a haif.—Fhil. Saturday Post.

ENCIRCLED BY A "LIVE" WIRE.

Cleverness With Which the Victim

Walked Out of the Loop. "I witnessed a really astonishing exhibition of coolness and presence of mind this afternoon," said a New Or-leans insurance man a few days ago. "Some workmen were removing an overhead wire on upper Prytanian street, when one end of it broke loose and dropped down to the pavement. It doubled into a sort of loop as it fell, and, by a singular chance it com-pletely encircled a young man who

was passing, without, however, touch-ing him anywhere. Some people were standing in a nearby doorway, and immediately yelled "Live wire!" Nine men out of ten would have lost their heads com-pletely under such circumstances, but this young man was as calm as a sum-mer's morning. The wire was wrig-gling all around him like an immense anake, and threatened every moment to strike him on the legs, but he made no effort to jump. On the contrary, he stood perfectly still, puffing away at a cigar be had been smoking as he came along. Presently, when he saw an opportunity, he sauntered quietly out of the open end of the loop, as un-concerned, to all appearances, as a man walking out of a drawing room. "I was on the opposite side of the street at the time the thing occurred, and I must confess it made my hair bristle on my head. I ran across and could not help remarking to the young man that I admired his pluck. He haughed. 'Oh, that's all on the sur-face.' he said. 'I'm dripping with sweat and am really scared half to death.' I would like to round off this story by saying that the wire was cirrying enough carrent to kill an ele-phant, but the truth is that it was not connected at the time and was as harmless as a plece of clothes line.

#### BORN IN HIM. NEW DISCOVERY.

Clarical Thrift Illustrated in a Clargy. It Annihilates Distance in Wireless Teleg aphy. man's Copy.

Habits of thrift are senerally com-Bold researches by Prof. Reginald mendable, but aometimes they give A. Feasenden and als assistant, Prof. Sause for amusement without the per-sou practising them being aware of it. of the Western University of Penn-

too evident that he paid no attention to whether or not the letters were of perional character. The letters fur-nikaed a rather curious commentary on the sort of letters a metropolitan clergyman receives. Among them messages can be soil by our method very much further, though just what the limit is I would not like to say. It it least should be possible to send messages across the Atlantic with poles less than two hundred feet high. Thenlimate distance must be checked by actual experiment before it be-comes a scientific fact in the strictest terms.

A notice from an insurance com-pany that his policy had lapsed ow-ing to the non-payment of \$156 pre-

mium. A note from the general passenger agent of a railway refusing his re-quest that a pass from New York to Chicago be given to a poor brother in the ministry. An appeal from a poor widow for money to pay her rent and keep her from being disponsensed. Energetle work will be comm on long distances as soon as we have

money to pay her rent and keep her from being disponsessed. A letter from a broker, who was one of his congregation, advising him to invest in a certain stock, as it was certain to be "a good thing." A criticiam of one of his sermons from one of the pillars of the churc. A receipt showing that he had paid for the license of his dog.

THIS SETTLES IT.

#### The Question as To the New Century's Beginning.

The Sun has received so many evidences of confused minds regarding the beginning of the twentieth cent-ury that it will present a proof that a wentish century begins after the year 1900 is ended. In the shape of a little conversation: Question-What is a year? Answer-Three hundred and sixty-fore due

five days. What is a century?

What is a century? One hundred years. When did the year No. 1 end? December 31 of the year 1. When did the year No. 2 begin? January 1, of the year 2. When did the year 99 end? December 31, A. D. 99. Did that complete a century? No.

When was the century completed? At the close of the year following 9: or at the close of the year 100. When did the second century begin January 1 of the year 1 of the econd century; that is, January I, A.

When did the nineteenth century

end At the close of the nineteenth hun-dreth year, or at the close of 1900. Q. When does the twentieth cen-

When does the twentieth century begin?
 A. It begins on day No. 1 of the year No. 1 of the twentieth hundred years-that is, on January 1, A. D. 1991.-N. Y. Sun.

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waves are not Heriz waves traveling hrough space, but that they are sim-lar to those which travel over the sur-lace of conductors, and which were trat investigated by Lodge. We have also discovered that the waves in-rease regularly in height as they orogress outward. "Work is being pushed, and as soon is possible we shall begin on long dis-mances. Our present course will en-tible us to go on with little loss of time. While the present investiga-ions are slow, they are proparing the way for rapid and more certain tests wer large areas later."-Pittsburg "ost.

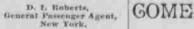
New York Hospitality.

Do not delay but avoid the rus New York Hospitality. The hospitality of smaller places is are if not unknown in New York. Hospitality there is different, and ends to be swamped by numbers, and rven chilled into an apparent indiffer-ince that is really compelled by eir-umstances. Often it makes a brave ight and never wholly gives up, but t is a struggle egainst great odds. Not ieldom it happens that the enormous uggravation of social and intellectual upportunities that confront country isople who come to live in New York to discourage them that they end in f the last days. When in Port e, vis walk in and look around "THE - YAZOO," '04 Pike Street, Port Jervis "Formerly Wells' Bazaar." seople who come to live in New York to discourage them that they end in lying narrower lives in the great city and seeing fewer people than in the maller town from which they came. And if it does not discourage them it as apt to drive them too hard. A New Yorker who always had a house in SIF YOU WANT TOUS Yorker who always had a house in town and another in the country near-by, excused himself for building a third in New Hampshireby saying, "In KENTUCKY WHISKY OPDER IT FROM KENTUCKY town or near town I never get away from engagements. I want a place where I can have some leisure—and leisure to a New Yorker means of course, a chance to do some work."— SEND US \$300 AND WE WILL SHIP YOU & FULL QUARTS OF THE CELEBRATED OLD



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harmless as a piece of clothes line. Still, that was something nobody knew for half an hour, and I insist that it has no bearing on the real merits of the case."-N. O. Timesmerits of Democrat. Stage Heroes Are Scarce.

"The making of actresses is easier than the making of actors," writes Franklin Fyles of "The Theatre and its People" in the December Ladies' Home Journal. "The young women are by nature more apt and pliable. Their faces are most mobile, their manners more graceful, their habits of speech and bearing more variable. When the round-up of talent comes and the the graduates are turned out for the professional scrvice there are half a dozen prohilent actresses to every actor of eauta ability. This is

half a dozen proficient actresses to every actor of equal ability. This is shown at the matines trial perform-ances, in which the female roles are generally well played, while the male ones are not. If promising actresses are more numerous, six to one, than actors, the same ratio operates in favor of young men in getting work. A good-looking fellow finds himself in no such glutted market as discour-ages his sister aspirant. If he is clev-er he will readily get an opening even

ages his sister apprant. If he is clev-er he will readily get an opening, even though he is ugly. The masculhas roles in plays predominate largely. Of comely intelligent and tolerable facile actresses the supply is far in excess of the demand. Heroes are scarce, Heroines are plenty." The Spider's Appetite.

Commenting on the amount which a spider actually consumed during 24 hours Sir J. Lubbock says: At a simlar rate of consumption a man weigh-ling 160 pounds will require a whole fat doer for breakfast, a steer and five sheep for dinner, and for supper two bullocks, eight sheep and four hogs, and just before rotiring nearly four barrels of fresh fish"

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ishable foods. of course, the anticipated famine did not materialize, and Mr. Willough-by was left with his stores on his hands. He might have disposed of them, but that would have meant addid not materialise, and Mr. Willough by was left with his stores on his hands. He might have disposed of them, but that would have meant ad-mitting his mistake, and so he kept them. For twenty-three years, ac-cording to well authenticated reports, he has fed his family and his guests tock, and when company came there was great rejoicing in the family, for then the stuff wont faster. At the time of the old gentleman's death there was still a portion of it left.— Phil. Resord.

such an important part in the present campaign, usually consist of a power-ful engine, three iron tracks, a water Phil. Record.

#### A Disappointment.

"I came mighty near tryn' to enlist in de Transvaal army," said Mean-

"You might dave ter work," said Ploading Pete. "Fur a minute I was willin' ter take

Thousands of persons in Germany live literally "on straw" making it up into blankets, panilers, boxes, knick-knacks, bats, bonnets, &c. Profession-al schools have even been founded where the trade in taught in all its variettes. The total force sent out to South Africa is the largest number of British Affines is the sargest number of Britsh troops ever put into the field at one time. At Waterloo Wellington whis in command af 67,000 soldiers, while in the Crimean war only 20,000 were en-gaged in any single battle. variation.

#### Seemingly Incredible.

"What! A man with a nose the color of yours expects me to believe that he has lived on water for three months?" said the lady at the door. "Yes'm," said the tramp; "you see I'm a mallor just ashore."-Yonker: Stateman. The English Army is now atronger in point of numbers than it has been at any time in the last 20 years, for it comprises some 250,000 men. Stateman.

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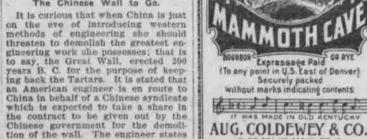
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