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One morning a little girl raised her hand excitedly and pointed to a boy who seldom had clean hands.

"Teacher," she said, "look quick! Jimmie's committin' suicide! He's suckin' his thumb."—Success Magazine.

Calling Her Down.
The little boy's mother had accidentally dropped a book on his head.

"Mamma," he said, after waiting a moment and hearing no apology, "you should say 'excuse you'!"



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Promissory Salaries

The suspicion that the incomes of stage performers are not always so large as they are publicly represented to be is given concrete form thus by a writer in the Washington Star:

"I understand that the manager is paying fabulous salaries to his leading singers," said the inquisitive reporter.

"Not fabulous," rejoined the cynical press agent—"fettitious."

Getting the Facts.
"How much money did the defaulter get away with?"
"All the funds we had on hand."
"How much did you have on hand, may I ask?"
"The precise amount he got away with."
"I mean, what was it in dollars and cents?"
"It was all in dollars and cents."—Chicago Tribune.

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His Discovery.
Tommy was studying one of the advertising signs in the car.

"Mamma," he said, "isn't Reason a funny name for a girl?"
"Hush, dear!"
"And her first name is Theresa. Look at it mamma. Theresa Reason. Gee! I'd change that name if it was mine!"—Chicago Tribune.

After Twenty Years.
Mr. Peck—This talking machine record is filled with a few remarks by Mrs. Peck.

Oldbatch—It's wonderful to think that you can hear the voice of one who is not present.

Mr. Peck—And more wonderful to think that I can stop it so easily.—Judge.

Battling the Action.
"When you talk about the ultimate consumer," said Uncle Jerry Peckles, filling his pipe with the remnants in his tobacco pouch and lighting it. "I'm him."

Declaration Amended.
Arabella—Lil is going to marry Dick, is she? Isn't that just too ridiculous to talk about?

Estelle—I should say not. It's too ridiculous to keep still about.

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Not a Boston Expression.

She—That's Mr. Osborn over there. He married a million.
He—You don't say. Well, that beats Solomon to a frazzle.—Boston Transcript.

TO GET FULL INQUIRY

Taft Grants Demand of Secretary for Investigation.

ACCUSED OFFICIAL'S ULTIMATUM

Joint Committee to Be Appointed Immediately After Holidays—Party Leaders Give Consent

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft today yielded to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger this afternoon served upon the president virtually an ultimatum to the effect that such an investigation was indeed the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear that he was no longer willing to sit silent and wait for the thing "to blow over."

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted the disappointment of his hope that the country at large would accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of charges brought against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, ex-special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides was inevitable.

Mr. Ballinger's attitude has supported the leading Republicans in congress—senators and representatives—who feel that, entirely apart from the merits of the controversy itself, a festering sore of this character must poison the whole system of the party in power, and that it is high time to resort to the lance.

These leaders, determined that a cleansing of this wound is necessary, have not hesitated to go to the White House and impress their views upon Mr. Taft. Conference of a confidential character, in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of congress and the president himself have participated, have been held in the last few days. They culminated today, when Mr. Ballinger, Attorney General Wickersham and Postmaster General Hitchcock met in Mr. Wickersham's office and proceeded thence to the White House, where the matter was laid before the president.

The president was given to understand that Mr. Ballinger's demand carried with it the indorsement of both Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Hitchcock. It is known tonight that he has the sympathy also of other members of the cabinet.

Mr. Ballinger told the president, it is said, that the situation had become intolerable to him, and that, though he constant charges against him had come from irresponsible persons, he would not lower it ungrudgingly, and, in justice to himself, he felt compelled to insist upon an investigation.

STATISTICS IN GRAIN YIELD.
Oregon, Washington and Idaho Have Wheat Crops of Enormous Size.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The department of agriculture today made public its statistics of the winter and spring wheat crop of various states for the past year. This report shows that 11,235,000 bushels of winter wheat were produced in Oregon, an average of 21 bushels to the acre. The total farm value of the crop of December 1 was \$19,449,000, or 93 cents per bushel. The spring wheat crop of Oregon is given at 5,142,000 bushels, or 18.7 bushels to the acre. Its value December 1 was \$4,782,000, or 93 cents per bushel.

The winter wheat crop of Washington was reported as 20,124,000 bushels, worth \$18,715,000. This is a production of 25.8 bushels per acre, valued at 93 cents per bushel. Washington's spring wheat crop is 15,856,000 bushels, valued at \$14,560,000, being 20.6 bushels per acre, and the same value as winter wheat.

The Idaho winter wheat crop was 9,135,000 bushels, valued at \$7,947,000. The yield was 29 bushels per acre, and the value as below that of other states, being only 85 cents per bushel. Spring wheat in Idaho was reported at 5,530,000 bushels, which, at 87 cents per bushel, represents a farm value of \$4,807,000. The yield per acre is 26 bushels.

Food Supply Destroyed.
Downville, Cal., Dec. 21.—The greater part of the old mining town of Port Wine, in the northern part of Sierra county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The fire started in a saloon, and as there is no water system in the town and a stiff north wind was blowing, the whole western and southern part of the town was quickly in flames. The amount of loss has been estimated at \$30,000, and there was no insurance on any of the property or the winter food supply that was lost.

One Miner Is Found Alive.
Marquette, Mich., Dec. 21.—Two of the first men who were entombed in the Negaunee mine a week ago today were reached tonight. Frank Conello was found alive, and Peter Mundi dead. Conello had been entombed 600 feet beneath the surface since a week ago today, along with three other men. The other men have not yet been reached. Conello was buried in a space only a few feet square, and was without food. He had plenty of water, however, and when taken out he was able to walk with one man supporting him.

Wire Used to Bring Aid.
Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 20.—Bound and gagged last night by two robbers, who fled after obtaining a small sum of money, Boyd Coates, agent of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad at Hunterton, near here, managed to crawl to a telegraph key and ask the dispatcher at Fort Wayne to send aid. While the robbers were breaking in the door, Coates threw the railroad's cash and his watch into the waste basket, and this property was saved. The robbers rifled his pockets and then tied him up.

Road Boosts Dry Farms.
Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 20.—It is announced today by the immigration department of the Santa Fe railroad that \$25,000 or more will be spent by the railroad to demonstrate the final practicability of dry farming in the wastes of New Mexico. Hard-working homesteaders in all parts of the territory will be supplied with the necessary funds and implements. Professor J. D. Tinsley, of the New Mexico agricultural college, has resigned in order to take charge of the work.

Flax Reaches Record Price.
Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Flax went to \$2 a bushel on the grain market here today, a record price. According to the government's estimate, Minnesota and the Dakotas raised 25,000,000 bushels of this grain this year.

ROADS RESET BY TROUBLE.

Worst Winter in Years Causes Many Wrecks and Delays.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Railroads in the West, northwest, and in the central states are experiencing the greatest difficulty of years in operating their trains. Conditions which exist now have not been equalled during any winter for the past decade.

The troubles of the operating men seem prevalent everywhere. In Chicago passenger trains from all directions arrive from five hours to one-half day late, and in a few instances trains became so late they were abandoned before reaching the terminal.

To make matters worse, the difficult operating conditions which have arisen have been accompanied by a long series of wrecks on the various railroads. In Chicago the wrecking of a passenger train on the western side of the city is being held responsible by the railroad men, as the marked drop in temperature causes the rails to become brittle.

Within the territory limits of Chicago the operation of trains is made exceedingly difficult by reason of the cold and the snow. Early in the morning suburban trains are compelled to crawl into the stations, the engine crews unable to see the signals at times on account of the ice hanging smoke.

Throughout the west freight traffic is more or less paralyzed. In an effort to get passenger trains over the road the operating men have been compelled to sidetrack freight everywhere for a long period. The result is that all the sidings are full of delayed freight and the terminal yards are congested to an equal degree.

In many sections the sudden extreme cold has been followed by a heavy fall of snow, which has drifted and thus blocked traffic in many places. The operating men on the various roads have been working day and night in the hope of clearing up the lines and getting traffic moving normally.

Passenger trains cannot get out of Chicago on time, because of the non-arrival of Pullman equipment, which is in use on delayed trains.

Railroad men say one of the greatest causes of delay is the difficulty of steaming engines during severe cold. Another cause is the difficulty of operating coal chutes, trains often being delayed 20 minutes to one-half hour in securing coal or water.

BIG WEDDING CAKE FOR KING.

Monarch of Tonga, in New Zealand. Orders 500-Pounder.

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—By command of King George of Tonga, a baker of Auckland, New Zealand, has designed and built a cake for the coming nuptials of that potentate. In its splendor and imposing proportions the cake, to quote the local press, "has never had an equal in the annals of Australasian confectionery."

It weighs 500 pounds and stands eight feet high. Decorating various panels are the Tongan coat of arms, the Tongan royal crown and the initials of the king and his bride.

Curiously enough, the lady's initials are concealed from the gaze of the crowd who admire the cake in the baker's shop window. The identity of the future queen is in fact a mystery, and one of the conditions imposed on the baker was to complete the secrecy regarding her initials. It is understood that there has been some competition among the ladies of the Tongan court for the king's bridegroom, and that in order to defer the disappointment of the unsuccessful ones till the last possible moment his majesty will not reveal the name of the bride until the day of the ceremony.

CANNOT SHUT OUT THE STORK.

Chicago Landlords Lose Test Case in Court.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Hard-hearted Illinois landlords and flat agents must not shut the stork away from their premises. The law had its first test today, and was upheld. This holds ill for landlords who refuse apartments to parents, actual or prospective.

Rolla R. Longenecker, father of a boy of 5 and a girl of 3, brought suit against W. L. Boylston, an owner, and Robert F. Schenck, as agent, for refusing to renew his lease. They made it clear that the reason was that he had children. Longenecker, who is a lawyer and son of the famous lawyer and judge, immediately began a test of the law passed last winter covering such cases, and Municipal Judge Himes decided that children and their parents, under the constitution, are entitled to life and reasonable liberty.

Bank Guaranty Attacked.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20.—Restraining orders against State Bank Commissioner Young were asked in a suit argued in the district court today. The United States Fidelity & Guaranty company and the Southern Surety company, sureties for the state school land commission in the protection of funds deposited with the Columbia Bank & Trust company, asked the court to prevent the bank commissioner from making the state guaranty fund and state banks preferred creditors in closing up the bank's affairs. Judge Clark reserved decision.

Too Much to Lose.

Manager of Touring Company—Here, buck up, Miss De Vere; else we shall lose the train.

Leading Lady—But I've lost my reticule and my jewel case with my diamonds in it.

Manager—O, let 'em go. We must catch this train.

Leading Lady—But my reticule had 50 shillings in it.—The Sketch.

What Inspired Him.
"The melancholy days have come"—No song the weary bard; He'd just been raking autumn leaves Again from his back yard.—Chicago Tribune.

For Old People.
After reaching the age of forty the human system gradually declines. The accumulated poisons in the blood cause rheumatic pains in the joints, muscles and back. These warnings should be promptly relieved and serious illness avoided by using the following prescription which shows wonderful results even after the first few doses and it will eventually restore physical vigor!

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Effect of Envy.
If envy, like anger, did not burn itself in its own fire, and consume and destroy those persons it possesses before it destroys those it wishes worst to see, it would set the whole world on fire, and leave the most excellent persons the most miserable.—Lord Clarendon.

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Full many a man of purest ray serene The dark, unshorned pantry closets heat;

Full many a chef is born to cook unseen And waste his wheat cakes on the desert air.

Conspicuous.
Young Husband—Darling, you are worth your weight in gold.

Young Wife—Gold, George? Young Husband—Well, let it go at that. In the wild enthusiasm of the moment, though, I was going to say porterhouse steak.

Not Properly Coached.
Mr. Tucker (having served the others)—Well, Tommy, what part of the chicken will you have?

Tommy—Why, paw, you know I always take the back when there's company.

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Dangerous Risk.

"Look out, Hil," shouted the farmer's wife as the big balloon soared over the farm with a trailing anchor. "Them that aryanights will hook you up like a fish if you don't watch out."

"Gosh, Mandy!" gasped the old farmer as he dropped his rake. "You don't think they'll try to do such a thing purposely, do you?"

"Wouldn't trust them, Hil. That tall chap looking down here with the eyeglasses is one of them that Indiana writer folks and he's working on a book called 'The Uplifting of the Farmer.' Reckon you better keep your eye on that anchor."

Some people would drown with a life preserver at hand. They are the kind that suffer from Rheumatism and Neuralgia when they can get Hamlin's Wizard Oil, the best of all pain remedies.

Helping Him Out.

Stagestruck Young Man—I suppose the first thing for me to do will be to adopt a stage name. Have you a good one to suggest?

Theatrical Manager (who has seen him act)—Yes; I think Dennis would be a good name for you.

The Professor Explains.
"Why is it," inquired the doctor, "that astronomers, whose work must be peculiarly trying on their powers of vision, almost uniformly have strong eyes?"

"My friend," answered the professor, "it is because they have strong eyes that they are astronomers."

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