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Executive Noninterference.

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your persuasion. By the by, is that the reason you were so anxious to come here as United States Senator?

"It's nobody's business where the feet is going," says Secretary Taft. Certainly it isn't. Whose country is this, anyhow?

A 'Malefactor' Worth While.

In the person of Mr. Hugh T. Inman, Atlanta certainly has a "malefactor of great wealth" who is well worth while and a good thing to have about the community.

Atlanta appears to be in most urgent need of a pump—why or for what purpose this deponent sayeth not; may be because Atlanta is very "dry," may be something else.

At this point enter "Malefactor" Inman. "What's all this fuss about—a measly pump? I'll buy the thing; here's my check for how much is it—\$10,000."

He's a rather queer proposition, is Mr. Inman. A few years ago a man with a very unusual and distinct manner of Atlanta. The day after his election the pious ones of that city were very greatly shocked.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

SAME OLD GRIND. By night we snooze; By night we snooze; By night we snooze; By night we snooze.

Something Equally as Good. "The police department has asked for 100 additional policemen." "Going to get 'em?" "Guess not. Congress wants to give us 100 additional laws instead."

As to a Courtship. "He's telling everybody that she is his first love." "And she?" "She is confiding to a select few that he is her last chance."

City Scenery. "I like the Boston scenery, Where'er one looks, A shop for books, And here and there a beanyery."

Paradoxical. "Now, young ladies." "Yes'm?" "Try to cultivate a natural manner."

In Football Terms. "Did you get any of that bargain ribbon?" "Yes," answered the athletic girl proudly. "I bucked the line for seventeen yards."

Perpetual Spring Fever. "So they're out in California now?" "Yes, and they write that it's a great place. It's spring there all the year 'round."

Womanlike. Mrs. Wise—I think he's after a divorce. He has been giving his wife to understand recently that he's insanely jealous of her.

Described Him Better. Towns—Mr. Krotchet is still a bachelor, of course. He's passed that stage. Brown—Oh, no, he's passed that stage. Towns—Not married, surely. Brown—No, indeed, he's an "old maid man" now.

Unvarying. Ascum—How's that cheap watch of yours you were bragging about so much? Kidder—It's still the most reliable time-piece I ever carried; it's never fast or slow.

One of Those Questions. Gaddie—Hello, Peppy! What are you going to do with the camera? Peppy—Going to bore an artesian well in my sitting-room with it. Didn't suppose I was going to take any pictures, did you?

Poor Pop. Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, "At midnight stumbling o'er a toy; 'Gez whizz! I'll simply skin that boy!"

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, a native of Topeka, where he still resides, passed his forty-eighth birthday last month. It wasn't possible for him to take a university course.

Senator Curtis was elected to the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth Congresses from the Fourth Kansas district. In 1897 there was a rearrangement of the districts in the State, and Shawnee County was placed in the First district.

Senator Curtis is an industrious statesman; as chairman of the Indian Depredations Committee and member of Committees on Cuban Relations, Indian Affairs, Pensions, and others, he has ample opportunity to display his industry.

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AN INCONGRUOUS POLICY.

Contrast of Our Shipping and Tariff Legislation for Filipinos. From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Secretary Taft's earnest argument before the Senate Committee on the Philippines last week that the application of the coastwise shipping laws to the trade between the islands and the United States be abrogated calls attention to one of the glaring incongruities of our legislative attitude to the vassal islands.

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AT THE HOTELS.

"Indiana is for Fairbanks to the last ditch," said Prof. J. W. Atherton, of Indianapolis, at the Ebbitt, yesterday, "and the delegation will work for him until he is either nominated or there is absolutely no chance to win."

Mr. Atherton is attending the educational convention, and continued his observation by saying that if Roosevelt were in the race he would receive the support of not only his own party, but that a great portion of the Democratic vote would go to him.

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ROOSEVELT AND HARRIMAN.

Interesting Version of the Rupture Between Former Friends. From the New York Journal of Commerce.

A very interesting story is going the rounds in the financial district regarding the rupture between Edward H. Harriman and President Roosevelt. The two were not always sworn enemies.

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