
* THE SIX-YEAR TERM *

In a pending bill, Senator Works proposes a six-year term for president and provides that he shall be ineligible to re-election.

It is said the measure is regarded with considerable favor in congress; such a law would have saved President Taft the humiliation of getting out and fighting for his life and then losing it.

It would have saved the country the humiliation of witnessing Teddy's frantic struggle for a third and various other terms.

But would it benefit the country? Do the people really want to put the supreme executive power out of their hands for a longer period than four years?

If we are to have a longer presidential term, hadn't we better take the precaution to reserve the power of recall?

France has a long presidential term, but her president is only a figure-head. The real power rests with the ministry, and the ministry packs its baggage and moves out as often as it fails to command public confidence. Even if that happens to be every three months.

The English government is also responsive to popular sentiment in the same way. The moment it tries to lead where the people don't want to go it is compelled to submit itself to popular referendum, when it is voted in or out of office.

With such enormous power as the president of the United States possesses, a six-year term without provision for recall is practically a limited monarchy.

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Turning the Tables.

Little Eva May was only a baby girl, but she jibbed when bedtime came round, as children will.

Finally, father offered to lie on the bed till she fell asleep, and carried her off, greatly to mother's delight.

The minutes passed—ten, fifteen, twenty—and at the end of half an hour mother began to wonder what had happened to father. She continued with her sewing, but in a few moments the silence was broken by the pit-a-pat of naked feet.

Nearer came the steps, and an instant later Eva May stood in the doorway, finger raised for silence.

"Hush, hush, mummy!" she said. "I've got daddy off to sleep at last!"

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The Duluth woman who fainted when she found a mouse in her bonnet had a rat there all the time.

* Indigestion has reformed *
* more cannibals than religion. *
