

# PRESIDENT TAFT SUBMITS SECOND OF HIS MESSAGES

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Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress today received from President Taft the second of his messages to the short session. It deals with fiscal, military, insular and judicial affairs and in part is as follows:

The condition of the country with reference to business could hardly be better. While the four years of the administration now drawing to a close have not developed great speculative expansion or a wide field of new investment, the recovery and progress made from the depressing conditions following the panic of 1907 have been steady and the improvement has been clear and easily traced in the statistics. The business of the country is now on a solid basis. Credits are not unduly extended, and every phase of the situation seems in a state of preparedness for a period of unexampled prosperity. Manufacturing concerns are running at their full capacity and the demand for labor was never so constant and growing. The foreign trade of the country for this year will exceed \$4,000,000,000, while the balance in our favor—that of the excess of exports over imports—will exceed \$900,000,000. More than half our exports are manufactures or partly manufactured material, while our exports of farm products do not show the same increase of domestic consumption. It is a year of bumper crops, the total money value of farm products will exceed \$2,500,000,000. It is a year when the bushel or unit price of agricultural products has gradually fallen, and yet the total value of the entire crop is greater by over \$1,000,000,000 than we have known in our history.

Condition of the Treasury. The condition of the treasury is very satisfactory. The total interest-bearing debt is \$663,777,770, of which \$134,631,980 constitute the Panama canal loan. The non-interest-bearing debt is \$378,307,284.90, including \$246,671,016 of greenbacks. We have in the treasury \$150,000,000 in gold coin as a reserve against the outstanding greenbacks; and in addition we have a cash balance in the treasury as a general fund of \$167,153,478.99, or an increase of \$26,975,852 over the general fund last year.

Receipts and Expenditures. For three years the expenditures of the government have decreased under the influence of an effort to economize. This year presents an apparent exception. The estimate by the secretary of the treasury of the ordinary receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, for the year ending June 30, 1914, indicates that they will amount to \$1,900,000,000. The sum of the estimates of the expenditures for that same year, exclusive of Panama canal disbursements and postal disbursements payable from postal revenues, is \$732,000,000, indicating a deficit of \$22,000,000. For the year ending June 30, 1913, similarly estimated receipts were \$687,000,000, while the total corresponding estimate of expenditures for that year, submitted through the secretary of the treasury to congress, amounted to \$658,000,000. This shows an increase of \$76,000,000 in the estimates for 1914 over the total estimates of 1913. This is due to an increase of \$25,000,000 in the estimate for rivers and harbors for the next year on projects and surveys authorized by congress; to an increase under the new pension bill of \$32,500,000; and to an increase in the estimates for expenses of the navy department of \$24,000,000.

The estimate for the year 1913 included two battleships. Congress made provision for only one battleship, and therefore the navy department has deemed it necessary and proper to make an estimate which includes the first year's expenditure for three battleships in addition to the amount required for work on the uncompleted ships now under construction. In addition to the natural increase in the expenditures for the uncompleted ships, and the additional battleship estimated for, the other increases are due to the pay required for 4,000 or more additional enlisted men in the navy; and to this must be added the additional cost of construction imposed by the change in the eight-hour law which makes it applicable to ships built in private shipyards.

With the exceptions of these three items, the estimates show a reduction this year below the total estimates for 1913 of more than \$5,000,000.

Clogged Sewing Machine. When a sewing machine will not work, stand it near the fire so that the oil will melt, and then clean with pure kerosene, putting it into every oil hole. Work the machine well, and then wipe every part with a clean cloth. When perfectly clean, lubricate with machine oil.

A Splendid Concession. "How do you like the way the election resulted?" "First rate." "Did you win any bets?" "No, but a coal dealer promised to sell me five tons of coal at the market price if things turned out as they've done."

Overdoing It. Elberton L. Windrop, at the end of one of the meetings of the board of education in New York, said, apropos of severity in the schoolroom: "These overzealous teachers always remind me of an overzealous person. He, at a dinner party during Lent, said to one of the guests, a famous raconteur: 'My dear sir, as it is Lent—and a Friday to boot—would you mind if I asked you to confine your efforts exclusively to fish stories?'"

Woe Precaution. Shopper—I want to buy a necktie suitable for my husband. Salesman—Sorry, madam, but we are not permitted to sell neckties to women who are unaccompanied by men.—Puck.

He Knew. "What happens," shouted the candidate, "when you put the almighty dollar before the man?" "The man goes after it," answered the old farmer in the trot row.

Most Thoughtful Man. "He's the most thoughtful man I know." "So?" "Yes, though he doesn't smoke himself he always carries matches for the convenience of those who do."

Described. "Pa, what does it mean when you say that a man hasn't the courage of his convictions?" "That he has opinions, but isn't willing to bet money on them."—Detroit Free Press.

The estimates for Panama canal construction for 1914 are \$17,000,000 less than for 1913.

The president then explained at some length the national reserve association system recommended by the monetary commission and urged congress to examine the plan impartially from all standpoints and then to adopt some plan which will secure the benefits desired.

Concerning the tariff he had little to say in view of the fact that a new congress has been elected on a platform of tariff for revenue only.

Army Reorganization. Our small army now consists of 83,809 men, excluding the 5,000 Philippine scouts. Leaving out of consideration the coast artillery force, whose position is fixed in our various seacoast defenses, and the present garrisons of our various insular possessions, we have today within the continental United States a mobile army of only about 25,000 men. This little force must be still further drawn upon to supply the new garrisons for the great naval base which is being established at Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, and to protect the locks now rapidly approaching completion at Panama.

The forces remaining in the United States are now scattered in nearly fifty posts, situated for a variety of historical reasons in twenty-four states. These posts contain only fractions of regiments, averaging less than 700 men each. In time of peace it has been our historical policy to administer these units separately by a geographical organization. In other words, our army in time of peace has never been a united organization but merely scattered groups of companies, battalions and regiments, and the first task in time of war has been to create out of these scattered units an army fit for effective teamwork and co-operation.

To the task of meeting these patent defects, the war department has been addressing itself during the past year. A comprehensive plan of reorganization was prepared by the war college division of the general staff. This plan was thoroughly discussed last summer at a series of open conferences held by the secretary of war and attended by representatives from all branches of the army and from congress. In printed form it has been distributed to members of congress and throughout the army and the national guard, and widely through institutions of learning and elsewhere in the United States. In it, for the first time, we have a tentative chart for future progress.

Under the influence of this study definite and effective steps have been taken toward army reorganization so far as such reorganization lies within the executive power. Hitherto there has been no difference of policy in the treatment of the organization of our foreign garrisons from those of troops within the United States. The difference of situation should be prepared to defend itself at an instant's notice against a foe who may command the sea. Unlike the troops in the United States, it can not count upon reinforcements or recruitment. It is an outpost, upon which will fall the brunt of the first attack in case of war. The historical policy of the United States of carrying its regiments during time of peace at half strength has no application to our foreign garrisons. During the past year this defect has been remedied as to the Philippines garrison. The former garrison of 12 reduced regiments has been replaced by a garrison of six regiments at full strength, giving fully the same number of riflemen at an estimated economy in cost of maintenance of over \$1,000,000 per year. This garrison is to be permanent. Its regimental units, instead of being transferred periodically back and forth from the islands, will remain in the islands. The officers and men composing these units will, however, serve a regular tropical detail as usual, thus involving no greater hardship upon the personnel and greatly increasing the effectiveness of the garrison. A similar policy is proposed for the Hawaiian and Panama garrisons as fast as the barracks for them are completed. I strongly urge upon congress that the necessary appropriations for this purpose should be promptly made. It is, in my opinion, of first importance that these national outposts, upon which a successful home defense will, primarily depend, should be finished and placed in effective condition at the earliest possible day.

The Home Army. Simultaneously with the foregoing steps the war department has been proceeding with the reorganization of the army at home. The formerly disassociated units are being united into a tactical organization of three divisions, each consisting of two or three brigades of infantry and, so far as practicable, a proper proportion of divisional cavalry and artillery. Of course the extent to which this reform can be carried by the executive is practically limited to a paper organization. The scattered units can be brought under a proper organization, but they will remain physically scattered until congress supplies the necessary funds for grouping them in more concentrated posts. Until that is done the present difficulty of drilling our scattered groups together, and thus training them for the proper team play, can not be removed.

Regular Army Reserve. One of the most important reforms accomplished during the past year has been the legislation enacted in the army appropriation bill of last summer, providing for a regular army reserve. Hitherto our national policy

has assumed that, at the outbreak of war our regiments would be immediately raised to full strength. But our laws have provided no means by which this could be accomplished, or by which the losses of the regiments when once sent to the front could be repaired. In this respect we have neglected the lessons learned by other nations. The new law provides that the soldier, after serving four years with colors, shall pass into a reserve for three years. At his option he may go into the reserve at the end of three years, remaining there for four years. While in the reserve he can be called to active duty only in case of war or other national emergency, and when so called and only in such case will receive a stated amount of pay for all of the period in which he has been a member of the reserve. The legislation is imperfect, in my opinion, in certain particulars, but it is a most important step in the right direction, and I earnestly hope that it will be carefully studied and perfected by congress.

The National Guard. Under existing law the national guard constitutes, after the regular army, the first line of national defense. Its organization, discipline, training, and equipment, under recent legislation, have been assimilated, as far as possible, to those of the regular army, and its practical efficiency, under the effect of this training, has very greatly increased. Our citizen soldiers under present conditions have reached a stage of development beyond which they cannot reasonably be asked to go without further direct assistance in the form of pay from the federal government. On the other hand, such pay from the national treasury would not be justified unless it produced a proper equivalent in additional efficiency on the part of the national guard. The organized militia today cannot be ordered outside the limits of the United States, and thus cannot lawfully be used for general military purposes. The officers and men are ambitious and eager to make themselves thus available and to become an efficient national reserve of citizen soldiery. They are the only force of trained men, other than the regular army, upon which we can rely. The so-called militia pay bill, in the form agreed on between the authorities of the war department and the representatives of the national guard, in my opinion adequately meets these conditions and offers a proper return for the pay which it is proposed to give to the national guard. I believe that its enactment into law would be a very long step toward providing this nation with a first line of citizen soldiery, upon which its main reliance must depend in case of any national emergency. Plans for the organization of the national guard into tactical divisions, on the same lines as those adopted for the regular army, are being formulated by the war college division of the general staff.

National Volunteers. The national guard consists of only about 110,000 men. In any serious war in the past it has always been necessary, and in such a war in the future it doubtless will be necessary, for the nation to depend, in addition to the regular army and the national guard, upon a large force of volunteers. There is at present no adequate provision of law for the raising of such a force. There is now pending in congress, however, a bill which makes such provision, and which I believe is admirably adapted to meet the exigencies which would be presented in case of war. The passage of the bill would not entail a dollar's expense upon the government at this time or in the future until war comes. But if war comes the methods therein directed are in accordance with the best military judgment as to what they ought to be, and the act would prevent the necessity for a discussion of any legislation and the delays incident to its consideration and adoption. I earnestly urge its passage.

Porto Rico, Mr. Taft says, continues to show notable progress and he urges the senate to pass the bill granting the Porto Ricans American citizenship.

Philippines. A bill is pending in congress, continues the message, which revolutionizes the carefully worked out scheme of government under which the Philippine Islands are now governed and which proposes to render them virtually autonomous at once and absolutely independent in eight years. Such a proposal can only be founded on the assumption that we have now discharged our trusteeship to the Filipino people and our responsibility for them to the world, and that they are now prepared for self-government as well as national sovereignty. A thorough and unbiased knowledge of the facts clearly shows that these assumptions are absolutely without justification. As to this, I believe that there is no substantial difference of opinion among any of those who have had the responsibility of facing Philippine problems in the administration of the islands, and I believe that no one to whom the future of this people is a responsible concern can countenance a policy fraught with the direct consequences to those on whose behalf it is ostensibly urged.

In the Philippine Islands we have embarked upon an experiment unprecedented in dealing with dependent peoples. We are developing their conditions exclusively for their own welfare. We found an archipelago containing 24 tribes and races, speaking a great variety of languages, and with a population over 80 per cent. of which could neither read nor write. Through the unifying forces of a common education, of commercial and economic development, and of gradual participation in local self-government we are endeavoring to

evolve a homogeneous people fit to determine, when the time arrives, their own destiny. We are seeking to arouse a national spirit and act, as under the older colonial theory, to suppress such a spirit. The character of the work we have been doing is keenly recognized in the Orient, and our success thus far followed with not a little envy by those who, initiating the same policy, find themselves hampered by conditions grown up in earlier days and under different theories of administration. But our work is far from done. Our duty to the Philippines is far from discharged. Over half a million Filipino students are now in the Philippine schools helping to mold the men of the future into a homogeneous people, but there still remain more than a million Filipino children of school age yet to be reached. Freed from American control the integrating forces of a common education and a common language will cease and the educational system now well started will slip back into inefficiency and disorder.

An enormous increase in the commercial development of the islands has been made since they were virtually granted full access to our markets three years ago, with every prospect of increasing development and diversified industries. Freed from American control such development is bound to decline. Every observer speaks of the great progress in public works for the benefit of the Filipinos, of harbor improvements, of road and railways, of irrigation and artesian wells, public buildings, and better means of communication. But large parts of the islands are still unexplored, still even unexplored, roads and railways are needed in many parts, irrigation systems are still to be installed and wells to be driven. Whole villages and towns are still without means of communication other than the primitive roads and trails. Even the great progress in sanitation, which has successfully suppressed smallpox, the bubonic plague, and Asiatic cholera, has found the cause of and a cure for beriberi, has segregated the lepers, has helped to make Manila the most healthful city in the Orient, and to free life throughout the whole archipelago from its former dread diseases, is nevertheless incomplete in sanitary policy. Even more remains to be accomplished. If freed from American control sanitary progress is bound to be arrested and all that has been achieved likely to be lost.

If the task we have undertaken is higher than that assumed by other nations, its accomplishment must demand even more patience. We must not forget that we found the Filipinos wholly untrained in government. Up to our advent all other experience sought to repress rather than encourage political power. It takes long time and much experience to ingrain political habits of steadiness and efficiency. Popular self-government ultimately must rest upon common habits of thought and upon a reasonably developed public opinion. No such foundations for self-government, let alone independence, are now present in the Philippine Islands. Disregarding even their racial heterogeneity and the lack of ability to think as a nation, it is sufficient to point out that under liberal franchise privileges only about 3 per cent. of the Filipino vote and only 5 per cent. of the people are said to read the public press. To confer independence upon the Filipinos now is, therefore, to subject the great mass of their people to the dominance of an oligarchical and, probably, exploiting minority. Such a course will be as cruel to those people as it would be shameful to us.

Our true course is to pursue steadily and courageously the path we have thus far followed; to guide the Filipinos into self-sustaining pursuits; to continue the cultivation of sound political habits through education and political practice; to encourage the diversification of industries; and to realize the advantages of their industrial education by conservatively approved co-operative methods, at once checking the dangers of concentrated wealth and building up a sturdy, independent citizenship.

Regulation of Water Power. There are pending before congress a large number of bills proposing to grant privileges of erecting dams for the purpose of creating water power in our navigable rivers. The pendency of these bills has brought out an important defect in the existing general dam act. That act does not, in my opinion, grant sufficient power to the federal government in dealing with the construction of such dams to exact protective conditions in the interest of navigation. It does not permit of its permit, to require that a part of the value thus created shall be applied to the further general improvement and protection of the stream. I believe it to be one of the most important matters of internal improvement now confronting the government. Most of the navigable rivers of this country are comparatively long and shallow. In order that they may be made fully usable for navigation there has come into vogue a method of improvement known as canalization, or the slack-water method, which consists in building a series of dams and locks, each of which will create a long pool of deep navigable water. At each of these dams there is usually created a long pool of deep navigable water. At each of these dams there is usually created also water power of commercial value. If the water power thus created can be made available for the further improvement of navigation in the stream, it is manifest that the improvement will be much more

quickly effected on the one hand, and, on the other, that the burden on the general taxpayers of the country will be very much reduced. Private interests seeking permits to build water-power dams in navigable streams usually urge that they thus improve navigation, and that if they do not impair navigation they should be allowed to take for themselves the entire profits of the water-power development. Whatever they may do by way of relieving the government of the expense of improving navigation should be given due consideration, but it must be apparent that there may be a profit beyond a reasonably liberal return upon the private investment which is a potential asset of the government in carrying out a comprehensive policy of waterway development. It is no objection to the retention and use of such an asset by the government that a comprehensive waterway policy will include the protection and development of the other public uses of water, which cannot and should not be ignored in making and executing plans for the protection and development of navigation. It is also equally clear that inasmuch as the water power thus created is or may be an incident of a general scheme of waterway improvement within the constitutional jurisdiction of the federal government, the regulation of such water power lies also within that jurisdiction. In my opinion constructive statesmanship requires that legislation should be enacted which will permit the development of navigation in these great rivers to go hand in hand with the utilization of this by-product of water power, created in the course of the same improvement, and that the general dam act should be so amended as to make this possible. I should deem it highly important that the nation should adopt a consistent and harmonious treatment of these water-power projects, which will preserve for this purpose their value to the government, whose right it is to grant the permit. Any other policy is equivalent to throwing away a most valuable national asset.

The Panama Canal. During the past year the work of construction upon the canal has progressed most satisfactorily. About 87 per cent of the excavation work has been completed, and more than 93 per cent of the concrete for all the locks is in place. In view of the great interest which has been manifested as to some slides in the Culebra Cut, I am glad to say that the report of Col. Goethals should allay any apprehension on this point. It is gratifying to note that none of the slides which occurred during this year would have interfered with the passage of the ships had the canal, in fact, been in operation, and when the slope pressures will have been finally adjusted and the growth of vegetation will minimize erosion in the banks of the cut, the slide problem will be practically solved and an ample stability assured for the Culebra Cut.

Although the official date of the opening has been set for January 1, 1915, the canal will, in fact, from present indications, be opened for shipping during the latter half of 1913. No fixed date can as yet be set, but shipping interests will be advised as soon as assurances can be given that vessels can pass through without unnecessary delay.

Recognizing the administrative problem in the management of the canal, congress in the act of August 24, 1912, has made the admirable provision for an executive responsibility in the control of the canal and the government of the Canal Zone. The problem of most efficient organization is receiving careful consideration, so that a scheme of organization and control best adapted to the conditions of the canal may be formulated and put in operation as expeditiously as possible. Acting under the authority conferred on me by congress, I have, by executive proclamation, promulgated the following schedule of tolls for ships passing through the canal, based upon the thorough report of Emory R. Johnson, special commissioner on traffic and tolls:

1. On merchant vessels carrying passengers or cargo, \$1.20 per net vessel ton—each 100 cubic feet of actual capacity.
2. On vessels in ballast without passengers or cargo, 40 per cent less than the rate of tolls for vessels with passengers or cargo.
3. Upon naval vessels, other than transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, 50 cents per displacement ton.
4. Upon army and navy transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, \$1.20 per net ton, the vessels to be measured by the same rules as are employed in determining the net tonnage of merchant vessels.

Rules for the determination of the tonnage upon which toll charges are based are now in course of preparation and will be promulgated in due season.

Panama Canal Treaty. The proclamation which I have issued in respect to the Panama Canal tolls is in accord with the Panama Canal act passed by this congress August 24, 1912. We have been advised that the British government has prepared a protest against the act and its enforcement in so far as it relates from the payment of tolls American ships engaged in the American coastwise trade on the ground that it violates British rights under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty concerning the Panama Canal. When the protest is presented, it will be promptly considered and an effort made to reach a satisfactory adjustment of any differences there may be between the two governments.

Promotion for Col. Goethals. As the completion of the canal grows nearer, and as the wonderful

executive work of Col. Goethals becomes more conspicuous in the eyes of the country and of the world, it seems to me wise and proper to make provision by law for such reward to him as may be commensurate with the service that he has rendered to his country. I suggest that this reward take the form of an appointment of Col. Goethals as a major general in the army of the United States, and that the law authorizing such appointment be accompanied with a provision permitting his designation as chief of engineers upon the retirement of the present incumbent of that office.

Navy Department. The navy of the United States is in a greater state of efficiency and is more powerful than it has been before, but in the emulation which exists between different countries in respect to the increase of naval and military armaments this condition is not of a permanent one. In view of the many improvements and increases by foreign governments the slightest halt on our part in respect to new construction throws us back and reduces us from a naval power of the first rank and places us among the nations of the second rank.

A year ago congress refused to appropriate for more than one battleship. In this I think a great mistake of policy was made, and I urgently recommend that this congress make up for the mistake of the last session by appropriations authorizing the construction of three battleships, in addition to destroyers, fuel ships, and the other auxiliary vessels which show in the building program of the general board. We are confronted by a condition in respect to the navy of the world which requires us, if we would maintain our navy as an insurance of peace, to augment our naval force by at least two battleships a year and by battle cruisers, gunboats, torpedo destroyers, and submarine boats in a proper proportion. We have no desire for war. We go as far as any nation in the world to avoid war, but we are a world power. Our population, our wealth, our definite policies, our responsibilities in the Pacific and the Atlantic, our defense of the Panama canal, together with our enormous world trade and our missionary outposts on the frontiers of civilization, require us to recognize our position as one of the foremost in the family of nations, and to clothe ourselves with sufficient naval power to give force to our reasonable demands, and to give weight to our influence in those directions of progress that a powerful Christian nation should advocate.

Department of Justice. This department has been very active in the enforcement of the law. It has been better organized and with a larger force than ever before in the history of the government. The prosecutions which have been successfully concluded and which are now pending testify to the effectiveness of the department work.

The prosecution of trusts under the Sherman anti-trust law has gone on without restraint or diminution, and decrees similar to those entered in the Standard Oil and the Tobacco cases have been entered in other suits, like the suits against the powder trust and the bath tub trust. I am very strongly convinced that a steady, consistent course in his regard, with a continuing of Supreme court decisions upon new phases of the trust question not already finally decided, is going to offer a solution of this much-discussed and troublesome issue in a quiet, calm and judicial way, without any radical legislation changing the governmental policy in regard to combinations now denounced by the Sherman anti-trust law. I have already recommended as an aid in this matter legislation which would declare unlawful certain well-known phases of unfair competition in interstate trade, and I have also advocated voluntary national incorporation for the larger industrial enterprises, with provision for a closer supervision by the bureau of corporations, or a board appointed for the purpose, and to make certain compliance with the anti-trust law on the one hand and to give greater security to the stockholders against possible prosecutions on the other. I believe, however, that the orderly course of litigation in the courts and the regular prosecution of trusts charged with the violation of the anti-trust law is producing among business men a clearer and clearer perception of the line of distinction between business that is to be encouraged and business that is to be condemned, and that in this quiet way the question of trusts can be settled and competition retained as an economic force to secure reasonableness in prices and freedom and independence in trade.

Workman's Compensation Act. The workman's compensation act reported by the special commission appointed by congress and the executive, which passed the senate and is now pending in the house, the passage of which I have in previous messages urged upon congress, I venture again to call to its attention. The opposition to it which developed in the senate, but which was overcome by a majority in that body, seemed to me to grow out rather of a misapprehension of its effect than of opposition to its principle. I say again that I think no act can have a better effect directly upon the relations between the employer and employe than this act applying to railroads and common carriers and an interstate character, and I am sure that the passage of the act would greatly relieve the courts of the heaviest burden of litigation that they have, and would enable them to dispatch other business with a speed never before attained in courts of justice in this country.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.  
The White House, December 5, 1912.

Hubby Got It.   
Wifey—I want to get a big effect with my new spring gown, dear. Hubby—Don't worry, darling; you'll get it all right in the bill.

Never Tires of the Food That Restored Her to Health. "Something was making me ill and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady. "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism. 'I had tried different kinds of diet, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better. 'Finally, Mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once. 'To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. In the last five weeks and do not suffer any more from indigestion, and the rheumatism is all gone. 'I know it is to Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. I still eat the food twice a day and never tire of it.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. The flavor of Grape-Nuts is peculiar to itself. It is neutral, not too sweet and has an agreeable, healthful quality that never grows tiresome. One of the sources of rheumatism is from overloading the system with acid material, the result of imperfect digestion and assimilation. As soon as improper food is abandoned and Grape-Nuts is taken regularly, digestion is made strong, the organs do their work of building up good red blood cells and of carrying away the excess of disease-making material from the system. The result is a certain and steady return to normal health and mental activity. 'There's a Reason.' Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkg. A. Ever read the above letter? A new and reliable cure for indigestion, rheumatism, and all of human ailments. A. V.

Loss of Power.   
not vital force falls free of flesh or sinews. These come from impoverished blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures a torpid liver—purifies the blood—stops the waste of strength and builds up healthy flesh—to the proper body weight. As an appetizing, restorative tonic, it sets to work all the processes of digestion and nutrition, rouses every organ into natural action, and brings back health and strength. Can anything else be "just as good" to take?

PERFECT HEALTH.   
Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. They regulate the bowels and produce A VIGOROUS BODY. Remedy for sick headache, constipation. **Tutt's Pills** THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. JOHN L. THOMPSON SONS & CO., Troy, N.Y. PISO'S REMEDY. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in Time. Sold by Druggists. FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

Advice From an Acquaintance. "Now if I can get some acquaintance to indorse my note—' 'Better try some stranger.'"

No Call for Anxiety. The citizen put the solicited coin in the hand of the tramp. "And now I want your assurance," he said, "that this money will not be used for any unworthy or unnecessary purpose." The tramp drew back. "You don't think for a minute that I'd waste it on food or clothes, do you?" he indignantly demanded.

Made-to-Order Kind. "My wife is always bringing home so much tooth powder," complained a man the other day to a friend. "It's a waste of money. As for me I just take the bathtub cleanser and scrub my teeth." The pair were talking down Chestnut street and his companion stopped in amazement. "What! Doesn't it hurt your teeth and gums, too?" he exclaimed in most in astonishment. "No," came back the surprising reply. "You see they're the kind you buy at the dentist's."

New Way to Get Money. There are many ways to get money from people, and in these days when it is often necessary to raise various sums for missionary and other church work, the ministers of the gospel make all sorts of moving appeals. But the preacher who takes the prize in this line of endeavor so far as is an old colored man down south. "We have a collection to take up dis mawlin'," he said; "a collection for a most important cause, an' we needs as much money as we kin git. But, fob de sake of your reputations, whichever of you stole Mr. Jones' turkeys don't put nothin' in de plate." That was how he got money out of every member of his congregation. —Popular Magazine.

Hubby Got It.   
Wifey—I want to get a big effect with my new spring gown, dear. Hubby—Don't worry, darling; you'll get it all right in the bill.

Never Tires of the Food That Restored Her to Health. "Something was making me ill and I didn't know the cause," writes a Colo. young lady. "For two years I was thin and sickly, suffering from indigestion and inflammatory rheumatism. 'I had tried different kinds of diet, and many of the remedies recommended, but got no better. 'Finally, Mother suggested that I try Grape-Nuts, and I began at once, eating it with a little cream or milk. A change for the better began at once. 'To-day I am well and am gaining weight and strength all the time. I've gained 10 lbs. In the last five weeks and do not suffer any more from indigestion, and the rheumatism is all gone. 'I know it is to Grape-Nuts alone that I owe my restored health. I still eat the food twice a day and never tire of it.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. The flavor of Grape-Nuts is peculiar to itself. It is neutral, not too sweet and has an agreeable, healthful quality that never grows tiresome. One of the sources of rheumatism is from overloading the system with acid material, the result of imperfect digestion and assimilation. As soon as improper food is abandoned and Grape-Nuts is taken regularly, digestion is made strong, the organs do their work of building up good red blood cells and of carrying away the excess of disease-making material from the system. The result is a certain and steady return to normal health and mental activity. 'There's a Reason.' Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkg. A. Ever read the above letter? A new and reliable cure for indigestion, rheumatism, and all of human ailments. A. V.