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WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH.

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH of Michigan, who says he will resign office if any attempts are made to change the tariff, is the congressman who caused a sensation in the house in the spring of 1904 by a speech upon the floor that was looked upon as an attempt to boom Uncle Joe Cannon for the presidential nomination.

Representative William A. Reeder of Kansas is a great joker. He saw a five cent piece on the floor of a Pennsylvania avenue car while he was on his way down from the capitol, picked the nickel up and said, "Is there anybody in the car who has lost a ten dollar gold piece?"

Congressman John A. T. Hull, chairman of the house military committee and a fighter who has a gallant civil war record, was telling how hard it was sometimes to raise campaign funds.

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There's so much noise in the house the chair can't hear its own voice," Speaker Cannon confided to the house the other day.

The distinction of being the youngest member of the present house of representatives is said to belong to Anthony Michalek, who represents the Fifth Illinois district, embracing a populous section of Chicago.

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Representative Charles S. Wharton, who comes from the Chicago district

in which Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lamp and caused the big fire, is one of the "kids" of the Fifty-ninth congress. John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, referred to the "kids" of the house on one of the first days of the present session, and Wharton had the temerity to arise from his seat and ask what he meant by the term. He learned instantly.

"Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Williams, with a wave of his hand toward the youthful appearing member from Chicago, "with that degree of reverence which the personal appearance of my interrogator excites in my mind I should say that he is perhaps the last person in the house who ought to ask the question." Whereat Mr. Wharton subsided.

Congressman Wharton is twenty-nine and looks younger. He might easily be mistaken for a recent high school graduate. But he is energetic. He showed it in his campaign for election when he overcame a Democratic plurality of 10,000 and beat an opponent who thought he had a walkover.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Ohio has been chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors nearly ten years and is an expert on the subject. The rivers and harbors committee has the reputation of being a committee that makes and unmakes statesmen.

The river and harbor bill was up in the house one day, and Representative Champ Clark of Missouri tried to get in a paragraph about the Missouri river. Chairman Burton was not sympathetic.

"I wish you, gentlemen," roared Clark, "that unless you make this appropriation I shall deliver this speech annually—yes, semiannually—until you do!"

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McCumber, however, buckled down to work in that shanty and gave the fellows with five dollar cases just as good and just as much law as the fifty dollar fellows, and it didn't take long for his reputation as a worker to spread from Wahpeton all over the state.

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Then a shrewd politician suggested McCumber as a compromise candidate. The idea took, as he was not identified with either faction, and he was sent to the senate.

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The Coming Marriage of Miss Roosevelt

IT is said that when the Taft party was in the Philippines Datto J. Kamin of the Moros wanted to present some pearls to the daughter of the president. There were suppressed smiles when, rather awkwardly, he offered them, wrapped in a piece of brown paper, and there were smiles mingled with blushes on the faces of two people when the gallant datto said that they were for "the Princess Longworth."

It was Janice Meredith who in the novel of that name rejected her suitor four times, but accepted him at the fifth proposal. There is a story that Miss Alice went Paul Leicester Ford's heroine two better and only accepted the persistent Ohio statesman when he had asked for her hand the seventh time.

The wedding in February will attract national interest. Indeed, interest in the event will by no means be confined to this continent. With the possible exception of Queen Victoria's marriage it is difficult to recall a matrimonial event of the century past which received as much attention as Miss Roosevelt's wedding is likely to receive on both sides of the Atlantic.

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JAPAN'S LITTLE MOTHERS.

They Are Quaint Features of Life in the Mikado's Empire. Not the least interesting and picturesque feature of Japanese life is the "little mother," as the matron of fair Japan is sometimes called. Japanese women are so small, as a rule, that a group of them would often be taken by foreigners for girls of ten or twelve were it not for the babies on their backs.



A JAPANESE LITTLE MOTHER. baby frame while she attends to the often arduous duties of her sphere, the Nippon woman who has a "treasure flower" does not allow it to interfere with the performance of household labors. She goes about her toll in the house or the garden or shop with the baby on her back, and young Japan learns early to take everything as it comes.

THE WAR LORD.

Emperor William and His Interest in Military Affairs.

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Brother Gardner On the Warpath

The President of the Limekiln Club Gives Sound Advice to Several Members.

AM Trustee Pullback in de hall dis evenin'?" asked Brother Gardner as the routine business of the Limekiln club had been disposed of at the last meeting.

Trustee was there in his usual seat behind the redhot stove, and, after slowly climbing out, he stood at attention to hear what might be said.



I AM TOLD YOU CONTEMPLATE READING SHAKESPEARE DIS WINTER.

"I am told dat you contemplate readin' Shakespeare dis winter?" "Yes, sah."

"I am told dat de object am to improve your mind?" "Yes, sah."

"Do you owe any back rent?" "Two months, I reckon."

"Have you got in your coal for de winter?" "N-no, sah."

"Have you got shoes and warm clothes for your chill'en?" "Not yet, sah."

"Have you got an extra bushel of taters down cellar?" "Not jest yet."

"Brudder Pullback, lemme give you a tip. Shakespeare was a good man. He was a smart man. He used up a heap of ink and paper in writin'.

The elder was there. During the last three months he had been debating with himself whether the earth or the sun moved, and he was figuring on a piece of paper when the voice of the president reached him.

"Brudder Penstock, you has been a member of dis club for a good many years, and up to a few weeks ago I counted you among de level headed. What you been gettin' in your head about de sun movin'?"

"I's heard some sich talk." "But I don't believe dey kin prove it. I's been watchin' things, and I's almost believin' dat it's de sun dat does de movin'."

"Brudder Penstock, s'pose you should find out dat de airth moved around de sun for snah—what would happen?" "Why—why—I dunno, sah."

"S'pose you should find out de odder way—what would happen?" "Can't say, sah."

and organized it. You has held de office of secretary and treasurer and of keeper of de bar trap, and your record has been as white as two coats of whitewash. I's all along counted on you as a sensible man to back me up, but it seems dat I's to be disappointed in de end."

"Has I dun anything, sah?" asked the brother as he stepped on his own feet and appeared ill at ease.

"You has dun dis, sah: You has gone and let somebody make you believe dat all you need to get along in dis world am faith. You has been tellin' members of dis club dat faith will cure co'ns and bunyons and biles; dat it will knock out rheumatism and cure a lame back; dat it will make hair grow on a bald head and limber up a stiff knee; dat you kin sot right down and have faith, and de coal man, de grocer and de butcher will come around and supply you without cash. Have I stated de case correctly, Brudder Beebe?"

"I does, sah." "Well, I hain't gwine to say dat a man mustn't believe in dis or dat or dat he must believe in what I don't. I am simply gwine to give you a test. You believe you will be a member of dis club fur some years to come, don't you?"

"I does, sah." "You have faith dat de next time you want to borrow a dollar of me I'll lend it to you, same as always?" "I has, sah."

"Den lemme say dat right yere and now, by virtue of de power invested in me by article 47 of de constitution, I cross your name off de roll of membership, and should you come around and ax fur dat dollar dere will be a winter cyclone to tear down boss barns and cider mills. You am now at liberty to walk out and walk home."

"But I don't want to go home," pleaded Brother Beebe. "What do you want to do?" "I reckon I want to give up dat faith business."

"Oh, I sec. Brudder Beebe, lemme say to you dat one of de easiest things in dis world is fur a man to make a fule o' hisself. He kin do it at twenty or he kin do it at sixty. De man who wants to go straight has got to hang on to hisself all de time. If a rich man wants to dabble in tomfool things it hain't so much hurt, but neither you nor me nor any odder man who works fur his libin' kin afford to do it. A silver dollar in our pocket am wuth more to us as de grocer's dan a hundred dollars in faith."

"If we start in Monday mawnin' blackin' stoves and puttin' on de whitewash we know dat when Saturday night comes we shall have de wherewithal to pay rent and buy food. If we start off on a schism or a tangent we may look fur de fish to be out and de table bare."

"Your name will be restored to membership, and I has a dollar yere to lend you, but don't do any mo' monkeyin' wid de buzzsaw. It's got teef." M. QUAD.

Properly Pious. Pious propriety reached high tide in the case of a man who was about to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and he declared that he did not want the operation to be performed until his pastor could be present.

"Why do you want your pastor present?" asked the physician. "Because I wish to be opened with prayer," was the reply.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Stupid Fellow! Miss Short—Mr. Slokoche tells me you always call your father "Pop." Miss Long—Isn't he too simple for anything? I never say "Pop" except when Mr. Slokoche is calling on me, but he can't take a hint at all.—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Chance to Display Them. Nell—Miss Schlap tells me she is going to learn to play the harp. Belle—What nonsense! She hasn't any talent for music. Nell—Oh, she knows that; but she has lovely arms.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Proud of Them. "You've put too much baking powder in these biscuits," said Mr. Younglove. "I know it," said his wife gayly. "They don't taste good, but don't they look perfectly lovely?"—Detroit Free Press.

Wealth. The Man—We are already rich beyond the dreams of avarice. The Woman—True; but there are so many who are rich further beyond.—Puck.

Easy For Him. Gerald—I am to play the part of the fool in the amateur theatricals. Geraldine—You never did like hard work.—New York Press.

A Crying Need. Wife of His Boss—For goodness' sake, John, use both hands to it!—Tatler.