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AROUND THE WORLD

ITEMS OF CURRENT INTEREST GATHERED FROM EARTH'S FOUR CORNERS.

ALL THAT IS GOING ON

Dist of Week's News Stripped of Unnecessary Verbiage and Prepared for Quick Consumption by Busy People.

Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, who was papal delegate in the United States from 1896 to 1902, is seriously ill in Rome. The cardinal, who is 65 years old, is prelat of the sacred congregation of rites.

Postmaster-General Burleson asked the house postoffice committee for an immediate emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 to operate the parcel post until June 30. Of \$1,000,000 appropriated to begin the new system, Mr. Burleson reported all but \$22,000 had been spent on Dec. 6.

Woman suffrage was favored by the New Hampshire state grange by a vote of 113 to 41.

James A. Marshall, superintendent of the Lincoln state reformatory, at Pontiac, was found guilty of treating the inmates with cruelty and his removal was directed by the state civil service commission.

Dr. B. Clark Hyde will be tried a fourth time on a charge of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope of Kansas City, according to an announcement from the office of Floyd Jacobs, county prosecutor.

An exchange of shots between Mexican and American soldiers on the American line two miles west of Presidio, Tex., resulted in the death of Luis Orozco, a federal regular, from the army of Gen. Mercado.

All assistant postmasters will be exempt from the civil service under the postoffice appropriation bill completed by the committee on postoffices and to be reported immediately after the holiday recess.

Secretary Bryan asked the house foreign affairs committee to include in the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill \$150,000 each for embassy buildings in Mexico and Tokio and \$140,000 for Berne.

Attorney-General McInerney has made public details of an agreement for the reorganization of the American (Bell) Telephone and Telegraph company, which will prevent litigation to disintegrate that corporation under the anti-trust act, and under which competitive conditions will be restored to telephone service of the entire country, and the combine will dispose of its holdings in the Western Union Telegraph company.

Coal dust in a tunnel driven far into a mountain blew up. Flame and smoke shot from the mouth of the mine, the mountain rocked as if by an earthquake and 38 men, trapped by the explosion, were killed.

George E. Davis, an iron worker, arrested in New York a few months ago, pleaded guilty to a charge of having conspired to transport explosives illegally when arraigned in the federal court.

Two negroes, Ernest and Frank Williams, were lynched by a mob at Blanchard, La. They had confessed to killing Galvin Ballard, whose body was found hacked to pieces in his store.

The bill of Representative David J. Lewis of Maryland, co-author of the parcel post law, to provide that the government shall embark on a policy of owning the telephone lines, is ready for introduction in the house.

Samuel Bealmer, a young farmer living near Spear Moore, Ok., fell dead after summoning a doctor over the telephone. Twins were born to Mrs. Bealmer and the excitement caused the father's death.

Rebels have defeated the Ecuadorian government troops and captured the town of Emmeraldas. Foreign residents and many native families took refuge on board the cruiser Cotopaxi.

A jury in the circuit court at Peoria, Ill., returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Ada Hentchcott, accused of the murder of George V. Barwick.

The Dominican government ordered the arrest of a number of persons in connection with a conspiracy said to have been discovered in the course of elections on Monday and Tuesday.

The Boston grand jury reported it had not found sufficient evidence to indict anyone for responsibility for the deaths of 28 men in the fire which destroyed the Arcadia lodging house Dec. 3.

An investigation into the operations of the Keokuk power dam, with a view to forfeiture or amendment of the charter of the Keokuk & Hamilton Power company, is provided for in a resolution offered in the house by Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois.

Charlie White of Chicago, by brilliant boxing and hard lefts, shaded Ad Wolcott of Cadillac, Mich., in their 10-round no-decision boxing contest in Chicago.

Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and "Battling" Jim Johnson, another negro pugilist of Galveston, Tex., met in a 10-round contest in Paris, which ended in a draw.

Mrs. Albert T. Patrick, whose husband served 10 years in Sing Sing prison as the murderer of William Marsh Rice, a Texas millionaire, died of cancer at Tulsa, Ok. Patrick and their children were at the bedside.

Following her custom of years, Mrs. Russell Sage turned over to the New York park commissioner \$1,905, sufficient to give a Christmas present of \$5 to each laborer in Central park receiving no more than \$3 a day.

The trustees of the estate of the late Michael Cudahy have exchanged two large apartment building properties in Chicago for lands in Colorado, with the intention of establishing a model cattle ranch and later of carrying out to effect a great irrigation project.

Mrs. Charlie Sing, a white woman accused of the murder of her Chinese husband in Chicago, was acquitted when Judge McDonald took the case from the jury. Sing, a restaurant keeper, was stabbed to death two months ago. His wife was found unconscious near him.

President Yuan Shi Kai's plans for permanently doing away with the Chinese parliament received the unequalled endorsement of the military and civil governors of all the provinces.

Shah Kai-Fu, who was Chinese consul at New York from 1904 to 1908, was appointed Chinese minister at Washington in succession to Chang Yi Tang.

The administration currency reform bill, proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as stabilizing elements in the banking and financial world, passed the senate by a vote of 54 to 34.

The United States court of appeals at New York decided the famous Danbury hatmakers' case in favor of D. E. Loewe & Co., the plaintiffs, and against the United Hatters of North America. The court affirmed a judgment in favor of Loewe & Co. and against the hatmakers' organization for \$252,130.

Joseph Nolan, 45, editor of the Shabbona Chief of Shabbona, Ill., was found hanging in a rear room of his printing plant by his 16-year-old daughter Blanche, who had gone to call him to supper.

Gen. Francisco Villa, the rebel military chief, issued a notice that he would guarantee the rights of all foreigners and all Mexicans who have given no support to the Huerta government.

The British cabinet has decided against official representation of Great Britain at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Representatives from states bordering on the lower Mississippi river are very hopeful that the house committee on rivers and harbors will act favorably on the Ransdell-Humphreys bill appropriating \$60,000,000 to complete the levee system on standard lines, laid out by the army engineers, within ten years.

Fifteen masked and armed men, said to have been feud enemies of the Collins family of Old Horton, Mo., an isolated village in Howell county, rode into Old Horton, burned four houses belonging to the Collinses, severely beat several members of the family and warned them to leave the community immediately on pain of death.

The severest earthquake in several years occurred and was felt over an extensive area in Japan. Houses in Tokio and Yokohama were violently rocked and the people were greatly alarmed.

So great is the crowd of people of Florence, Italy, striving to obtain a view of Da Vinci's painting, "Mona Lisa," that the authorities have been obliged to remove many of the busts and statues from the Uffizi gallery to prevent them from being overturned and broken in the struggle to get near the picture.

Devere Hall, a lawyer of Bay City, Mich., fell ten stories to his death from his room in the Hotel Marie Antoinette, in New York. It is believed he was seized with an attack of dizziness while sitting at an open window.

The Nobel prize for literature for 1914 is to be awarded, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, to Thomas Hardy, the English author.

Bank Examiner Sherill Smith of Pittsburg took charge of the First National Bank of Elizabeth, at Elizabeth, Pa., on instructions from Washington. It was stated at the bank that it had too much slow paper on hand to make further operation advisable.

The George Boone gas well, near Lawton, Ok., brought in a few days ago, was declared to be a million-foot gasser. The owners have decided to save the well, instead of going deeper after oil. They will drill other wells near the same location.

STATE HAS WON HOLLOW VICTORY

DECISION FAVORABLE TO STATE APPARENTLY, BUT IS HELD UP UNTIL JAN. 10.

SUITS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT

Railroad Officials Say That Proceedings Filed in Attempt to Recover Overcharges Will Constitute Contempt.

Kansas City, Mo.—Almost simultaneously with the filing at Jefferson City of a suit for \$2,000,000 against the Missouri Pacific railroad by John T. Barker, for alleged overcharges made by the road while the 2-cent fare and maximum freight rate laws were enjoined, Judge Smith McPherson, in the federal court in Kansas City, made a new order suspending until Jan. 10 the decrees he had ordered at the morning session of the court.

The order left the Missouri rate cases in a more complex legal tangle than ever. By this order, the railroad lawyers say, the bringing of any and all suits against the railroad is stopped until the motion is heard, and further claim that any suit filed at present will make the litigant stand in contempt of court.

Barker, however, says that he will continue to file suits and press claims for settlement despite the modified decision.

Cannibals Kill Scientists.
Brisbane, Queensland.—Dr. Deininger, a German scientist, his German assistant and fourteen native sergeants of police, who accompanied the exploring party into the interior of New-Guinea, formerly New Ireland, in the Bismarck archipelago, were killed by cannibals recently. The news of the deaths of the explorer and his party was received here.

Negro Bootlegger Is Killed.
Bartlesville, Ok.—While running from officers Ollie Weston, negro, was shot in the eye at Delaware, Ok., by City Marshal William Mayfield of Lempach, Ok., and instantly killed. The negro was bringing eight quarts of whiskey to Lempach when officers overtook him and ordered him to surrender. He and his brother fled.

Auto Bandits Club Victim.
Cleveland, O.—Three automobile highwaymen attacked and robbed D. E. Christian, president of the Heckler-Davidson Construction company, and former member of the board of elections, in front of his home, clubbing him so badly he may die. The robbers obtained \$180 in money, a \$250 diamond stud and a valuable watch. They drove away at terrific speed.

Woman Throws Red Pepper.
Minneapolis, Min.—Entering the confessional of the Holy Cross church of Minneapolis, under the guise of desiring to make confession, a woman attacked Rev. Henry Jajaski, the pastor, and threw a handful of red pepper in his eyes.

U. S. Printing Bureau Designer Dead.
Washington, D. C.—James G. Hill, 72 years old, formerly supervising architect of the treasury department, is dead here. He became known as the designer of the bureau of printing and engraving and also of the government printing office.

Independent Lines Benefited.
Washington.—Attorney General McInerney told friends that scores of independent telephone companies in the United States are gratified with the agreement the so-called telephone trust has made with the department of justice, which will give them the use of thousands of miles of trunk lines operated by the Bell company.

30,789 Irish Came Here This Year.
London.—Emigration is depleting the population of the United Kingdom at the rate of 36,000 a month, according to statistics published, and covering the first 10 months of the current year. The figures show the preference of Irishmen for the United States.

Panama Canal Steamer Lunched.
Stettin, Germany.—A large turbine steamer for the Panama canal service of the Hamburg-American line was launched here and christened "Hilf Admiral von Tirpitz." The vessel is to have a speed of 19 knots.

Cuban Women Seeking Vote.
New York.—Cuban women want the vote and are organizing, according to a letter received here by Mrs. Raymond Brown, president of the New York State Suffrage association, who is asked to lend her name to the movement.

Jury Out 65 Hours Disagrees.
Ottawa, Ill.—All court records of La Salle county were broken when a jury disagreed after being out 65 hours considering the case of B. F. Krouse, a deputy sheriff charged with embezzlement.

Cuts Own and Baby's Throat.
Marshall, Ill.—While seated at the supper table Mrs. Mary E. Pix seized a butcher knife and cut the throat of her 2-year-old grandson, killing him instantly. She then drew the blade across her own throat, inflicting fatal wounds.

QUITS HIS WIFE TO WED AFFINITY

BAPTIST MINISTER IMPLEORES WIFE TO SEEK DIVORCE SO HE CAN MARRY SOULMATE.

HE WILL LEAVE THE MINISTRY

Wife Files Suit and the Judge Intimates That Only on One Condition Can It Be Granted—\$75 Per Month Alimony.

Clinton.—Infatuation for a pretty divorcee caused Rev. G. A. Stewart, a Baptist minister and evangelist, to leave the ministry and implore his wife, who had borne him several children, to obtain a divorce in order that he might wed his affinity. It is revealed in the divorce suit now pending in Henry county.

Stewart served two years as pastor of the First Baptist church in Clinton, and a short time ago resigned to do evangelical work in the northern part of the state. At Hopkins, Mo., he met an attractive young woman, half his wife's age. She had been divorced and her maiden name restored.

She belongs to a wealthy family, and took an active interest in Stewart's revivals.

The mutual infatuation soon became so strong the evangelist went to his wife and pleaded for freedom to marry the girl. Mrs. Stewart took the case to the church elders, who in turn pleaded with Stewart not to abandon his family and his calling.

They failed and his resignation was unanimously accepted by the Baptist congregation.

Mrs. Stewart, who was left in financial straits, filed suit for divorce and Judge Calverd, in the Henry county court, indicated he would grant a decree only on condition the evangelist pay his wife \$75 a month alimony.

Mrs. Stewart testified her husband was forced to leave the Presbyterian ministry in Indiana 10 years ago, following a scandal in which a sister of the church was involved. She refrained from giving names.

Mrs. Stewart's attorney received the required alimony bond signed by the affinity in Hopkins. This will be presented to Judge Calverd, and it is presumed the decree will be granted and the wedding announcement made.

Requisition for Actor.
Jefferson City.—Gov. Major has issued a requisition on the governor of Massachusetts for the return to St. Louis of Alexander Light, Shakespearian teacher and impersonator, who is in Boston. William B. Wood of the St. Louis police department was appointed as the agent for the state in bringing Light to St. Louis. The specific charge against Light is that he embezzled a check for \$100 belonging to Miss Helen Weber, one of his pupils, which had been put up as security for tickets left in his care. It is alleged that Light cashed this check at the Lowell bank in St. Louis, March 12, 1913. He was arrested last June on the embezzlement charge and gave bond in the sum of \$800. He jumped this bond and departed for Boston, where he was finally found and placed under arrest. Wood, who is in Jefferson City, said that he expected Light would employ counsel and put up a fight against extradition.

To Test County Excise Law.
Clayton.—To test the constitutionality of the Tegeshoff act creating the excise board of St. Louis county, two mandamus suits were filed in the St. Louis county circuit court by Sam D. Hodgdon. Hodgdon represents Charles A. Jackson and Robert G. Hornberg, who were denied licenses to operate dramsops. Jackson asked for a renewal of his license on a petition on which he was granted a license by the county court June 16, which expired Dec. 17. Hornberg was turned down on his request for a renewal of a license granted June 15. The writs are returnable Jan. 12.

Sentence Changed to 40 Years.
Multon.—Judge David H. Harris set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of Edward Wilson, the negro convicted of first-degree murder, and sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary. Attorneys for Wilson entered a plea of guilty to a charge of second-degree murder and the negro's punishment was fixed at 40 years.

Asks Extradition to St. Louis.
Jefferson City.—Gov. Major issued a requisition on the governor of Oklahoma for the extradition of James Hall, who is wanted in St. Louis to answer a charge of larceny. Hall is being held at Shawnee. He is charged with stealing money from Bessie Mills of St. Louis.

To Talk Fire Prevention.
Jefferson City.—The superintendent of insurance announced that the first of the series of meetings to be held under the auspices of his department to urge reduction of fire waste will be held Jan. 16 at Springfield. He recently divided the state into 33 districts in which meetings will be held. The Springfield meeting will be attended by delegates from that section of the state. The superintendent will select some of the delegates and mayors and commercial bodies will name others.

G. O. P. Cuts Representation.

Washington, D. C.—If Republican state conventions in a majority of the states of the Union approve, before Jan. 1, 1915, the new apportionment of representation proposed by the Republican national committee, in session here, the Republican national convention in 1916 will meet with 90 fewer delegates than were present in Chicago last year, when Taft was renominated. The loss, as was intended, will fall almost wholly upon the southern states, whose delegates will be reduced by 75. Three northern states will lose a total of seven delegates. They are: Illinois, 2; New York, 4, and Pennsylvania, 1. The remainder of the reduction falls to Hawaii, which will have two delegates instead of six.

The losses which the various southern states will suffer follow:

Alabama.....	9	North Carolina..	3
Arkansas.....	3	South Carolina..	7
Florida.....	4	Tennessee.....	5
Georgia.....	10	Texas.....	15
Kentucky.....	1	Virginia.....	9
Louisiana.....	7
Mississippi.....	5	Total.....	79

The new basis of representation was fixed in the following paragraph of a resolution adopted by the committee:

"Each state shall be entitled in such convention to four delegates at large; one delegate at large for each representative in congress at large from any state; one delegate from each congressional district in which the vote, either for Republican presidential electors in 1912 or for the Republican candidate for congress in 1914, shall not have been less than 7,500, and that for each delegate chosen an alternate delegate shall be chosen in the same manner and at the same time to act in the absence of the delegate."

The District of Columbia and Alaska were provided with two delegates each by separate action, and the Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii were also given two each, without the right to vote.

Feudists Burn Four Homes.
Springfield.—Fifteen masked and armed men, said to have been feud enemies of the Collins family of Old Horton, an isolated village in Howell county, rode into Old Horton, burned four houses belonging to the Collinses, severely beat several members of the family and warned them to leave the community on pain of death. The band then rode away after firing a volley into the air.

The marauders went first to the home of Mrs. Jane Collins. Her daughter, Cora Collins, was taken from the house and whipped with switches. Mrs. Collins, who is blind, was handled roughly, but not badly injured. After removing the children and furniture from the house the masked men set fire to the building and watched it burn to the ground.

The home of Dan Collins was next visited by the band and the house and barn fired. Two other houses belonging to members of the family, but unoccupied, were burned. Ten persons are said to have been warned to leave the village and never return. Meager reports from Old Horton say none of the masked men were recognized.

The Collins family in Howell county numbers about 200, and it is said members of it have had part in feuds at various times in the last 25 years.

Two Towns Fight Over Bridge.
Jefferson City.—A great rivalry has developed between Chamolis and Linn, in Osage county, over the proposed erection of a bridge across the Osage river by the combined efforts of Cole and Osage counties. The rivalry grew out of the location of the bridge.

The selection of the site will determine the route in Osage county of the cross-state highway known as the "southern route." If the bridge should be built at Osage City the cross-state highway would come via Chamolis, and if Lisletown or Bodes' Ferry should be selected the highway would come by way of Linn.

Inasmuch as the construction of the bridge depends upon appropriations by the county courts of the two counties, the rivalry of the two towns makes the situation delicate.

Student Voter Acquitted.
Fulton.—E. L. Joyce, a student in the University of Missouri charged with illegal voting, was acquitted by a jury. This marks the third acquittal of a student and also ends the prosecution as an agreement was reached before Joyce went to trial that the remaining four suits would be dropped in the event that he was cleared.

Egg Boycott Continues.
Kansas City.—Members of the Kansas City Athenaeum, composed of prominent women, have joined the egg boycott. Six hundred of them sat down to an eggless banquet, and after listening to addresses attacking the egg shippers for maintaining high prices the club women unanimously adopted a resolution pledging themselves to refrain from using eggs until prices decreased.

Fall Kills Woman.
Montgomery.—Mrs. Fames, wife of a dentist of Bellflower, met with a fatal accident Monday, while driving on the road to Bellflower. Mrs. Fames became suddenly very ill. Her husband was supporting her with one hand and driving with the other when the horses slipped and turned the buggy over and threw the occupants out. Fames ran to a nearby farmhouse for assistance, but when he returned he found his wife dead. She was a daughter of Henry W. Kamp, a banker of Bellflower.

BE LOYAL TO PARTY

President Needs Support of All Good Democrats.

Distribution of Patronage at This Time is a Secondary Matter Compared With Reforms Demanded by the Country.

Mr. Wilson is going to have no easy time during his term of office. He will need all the help and support he can get. If he does his duty—as we know he will—he will have little time to devote to the distribution of patronage. The question is not one of keeping Republicans in office, but of strengthening the hands of the administration for the great work that it will be called on to do. Democrats who are really loyal to their party on the ground of principle will, we are sure, insist that it have a chance to prove that popular confidence in it is not misplaced. Four years hence it will be judged, not by the number of men it has found jobs for, but by its record in legislation and administration—by what it has done for the people. It will be well if all those charged with responsibility will constantly remember that the day of judgment is only four years away.

We do not mean to intimate that there is to be any wild rush for place, or that the situation is likely to be worse than ever before. But a word of warning may, nevertheless, be helpful. The people are looking to the Democratic party and the new administration for great things for much-needed and long-deferred relief. During the campaign Democratic orators had much to say on the tariff, monopolies, corporations and the wrong politics of their opponents. If one of them had asked support for his party on the ground that there ought to be a clean sweep of the offices, Mr. Wilson would not have been elected. All that is asked, therefore, is that the party be true to the professions made for it by those who urged men to vote its ticket.

Time to Act Firmly.
The Democratic members of the senate are to be congratulated on the determination to make the currency bill a party measure and to allow no halt in its consideration. It is full time that such a decided stand was taken. The measure as it came from the house was open to certain objections, and the administration senators have frankly met all reasonable suggestions. But points of difference which they consider vital remain, and it is clear that there can be no agreement between the Democrats and Republicans on these points. They have been threshed over and over in committee, and have at last been taken to the senate for decision. The senate must now decide. The administration measure must be passed, or must be defeated. There is no middle ground. No further procrastination can be tolerated in justice to the business interests of the country. The suspense has continued far too long, and the senate must act, or be responsible for the consequences.—Baltimore Sun (Dem.).

New Tariff Idea in Canada.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's remedy for the high cost of living in Canada is to put all articles of food on the free list. This removal of the tariff restrictions would enable food products to move back and forth as needed without having to pay a high price for crossing the national boundary. The enthusiasm with which his proposed policy was received suggests that our new tariff law has enabled the Canadians to see their own situation in a new light. It is entirely creditable that some of the most vigorous opponents of the reciprocity treaty are coming to a realization that when they rejected it the harm they did was to their own country rather than to the United States. If this is the case, and Sir Wilfrid makes a campaign for free trade in feed, as he now proposes to do, it would be no surprising thing for him to be returned to power at the next Canadian election. Wherefore we may draw the satisfying inference that our new tariff is not only doing good for us, but also for part of the rest of the world.

Country Needs Measure.
The great essentials of a sound banking law are included in the measure now in process of being reported to the senate. The business of the country waits upon the passage of the currency bill. The worst of all possible courses is inaction. The senate should pass the bill and thus set free the pent-up activities of the business and investment world.

Good Democratic Policy.
Secretary Daniels acts as if he would rather be popular with the plain people than with the navy department. At any rate his estimate of appropriations this time is \$5,000,000 less than last time.

Conservative and Radical.
In most conservative language, Mr. Wilson has delivered a radical address to congress, with the promise of further radical recommendations yet to come. But all of it is the radicalism of a highly matured and well-ordered mind, with clear purposes and firm basic principles. The president's words will be searched in vain for a hint of partisanship or of party coercion. He spoke not to the Democratic majority in congress but to all the members of congress of all parties.—New York World.

HUMOR OF THE CLOTH

GOOD STORIES THAT ARE CREDITED TO PROMINENT DIVINES.

The Late Bishop Potter as Remarkable for His Wit as for His Eloquence—Archbishop Magee's Humorous Appeal.

Probably one of the profligate compliments ever paid to the fair sex was that contained in the answer made by Dr. Potter, bishop of New York, who was once asked by a lady why, in the many pictures and studies of angels exhibited, the angels were always depicted either as women or as young men without heads or wings. "Everyone knows," replied the bishop, "that women naturally inherit the kingdom of heaven, but men only get in by a very close shave."

This story is related by the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, vicar of St. George, Brentford, whose little volume, entitled "Attic Salt," provides many an illustration of the fact that wit and appreciation of humor are not the least prominent characteristics of leading divines. He tells a story of the late Dr. Creighton, who once received a book from a second-rate author, to whom he replied by return of post, "I thank you very much for forwarding to me your book, and I promise you faithfully that I will not lose any time in reading it."

Another gem is the story once told by Dr. Gore, bishop of Oxford, at his own expense. "In Birmingham," he said, "I once overheard two street arabs discussing my appearance. At last one said to the other, 'I tell you what, Bill—his a Highlander what's caught cold in his legs.'"

It was Archbishop Magee who was credited with the well-known saying when a waiter dropped some hot soup down his neck: "Is there any layman present who will kindly express my feelings?" while the following is one of the best stories told of Archbishop Temple. A lady of position, sitting near him at dinner, asked him, in a most insinuating voice: "My aunt was prevented at the last moment from sailing in that ship which foundered last week. Would you not, bishop, call that a most providential interposition?"

"Can't tell. Didn't know your aunt!" Temple said, in his characteristic, blunt manner.

There is, by the way, an amusing clerical story in Lady Southwark's Reminiscences, lately published. A Somersetshire rector inquired after a sick child who had been very ill.

"Oh, Agnes has recovered," replied the woman, very casually, "but—in heartrending accents—'I've lost my pig.'"

"Oh, how thankful you must be that your child has been spared," consoled the visitor.

"Oh, I don't know about that. Little Agnes might have been a blessed angel in heaven by now, but pigs is a dead loss!"—London TH-Bits.

Sorting the Twins.
Twin brothers who have been called up for service in a Paris regiment are so alike that it is impossible to distinguish between them. The other day one of the pair was confined to barracks, but, by changing his cap, with its regimental number, for that of his brother, the defaulter was able to pass the guard with impunity whenever he wished to go out.

The colonel of the regiment has now issued the following order: "The soldier Bonhomme (even number) will wear his hair as long as the regulations, construed with the utmost leniency, will allow, and will shave his beard and moustache. The soldier Bonhomme (odd number) will allow his beard and moustache to grow full, and will have his hair regularly cut as closely as possible by the regimental barber."—Daily Mail.

Husband Boosts Alimony.
The case of a man going into the supreme court and consenting to have a separation agreement with his wife set aside so he will be compelled to pay her more alimony occurs so seldom that when Justice Giegerich at New York set aside the separation agreement between Samuel Pelz, a cotton goods merchant at 160 Canal street, and his wife, Mrs. Rose Pelz, it aroused some interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelz were separated in 1908 under an agreement by which Pelz paid his wife \$5,000 in lieu of all further alimony. Mrs. Pelz recently sued for divorce, naming Fannie Leikowitz as corespondent. Pelz thought his wife was entitled to more alimony in view of her divorce case and consented to an order by Justice Giegerich directing him to pay \$1,000 alimony and \$500 counsel fees.

In a Pinch.
A cadet officer in the Pennsylvania military college was reported by a faculty officer for "language," rather a severe mark in that austere institution. At the time appointed for the hearing of "explanations" of marks, the offending cadet presented himself before the commandant.

"Well, sir, how did it happen that you were guilty of using improper language while on duty?" the colonel inquired.

"Why, sir, as officer of the day I was inspecting the guard. In handling one of the files the lock snapped shut on my finger, and it just naturally pinched 'em' out of me."

"Not only was the mark 'taken off,' but the colonel gleefully reported to the entire corps the cadet officer's witty explanation of his offenses."—Lippincott's.