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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Woman—last at the cross and earliest at the grave. E. S. Barrett.

SUGAR PIRATES CAN NOT BE JAILED BUT THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED

The sugar trust is no respecter of parties. It would just as leave bribe a democrat as a republican.

As a matter of fact, it was this same sugar trust that congress is now talking about investigating, that was in a large measure responsible for the democratic Wilson bill being mal-treated in the senate.

The Wilson bill, as reported to the house and passed by the house, provided for the admission of raw sugar free, in accordance with the democratic theory as to raw materials, but it also admitted refined sugar free, thereby depriving the sugar trust of any special advantage.

It was the sugar trust which President Cleveland was referring most particularly to, when, following his disappointment at the mutilation of the Wilson bill in the senate, he wrote the following letter to Mr. Catchings of Mississippi: "Tariff reform will not be settled until it is honestly and fairly settled, in the interest and to the benefit of a patient and long-suffering people."

"The trusts and combinations—the communism of pelf—whose machinations have prevented us from reaching the success we deserved, should not be forgotten nor forgiven."

President Cleveland was big enough to admit that the Wilson bill was not to his liking, and there is no doubt but that Cleveland's entire after life would have been more happy than it was had not the trusts defeated his attempt to secure an honest revision of the tariff.

But that is not the point of these remarks. The thieving sugar trust still exists. Within a few days an attempt will in all probability be made in congress to secure a congressional probe of the giant combine. Every reader of this editorial should write to his representative in congress and urge him to support on the resolutions providing for a congressional probe of the sugar trust. Publicity is the only weapon, apparently, that will leave its mark on the sugar octopus.

An appropriation of one million dollars to be spent this year advertising Pape's Diapepsin and Pape's Diuretic has been decided upon by the directors of the Pape, Thompson & Pape company, Cincinnati, Ohio. Seventy per cent of this amount will be spent in the newspapers of the United States, Canada and Mexico. This immense appropriation, one of the largest ever known, proves the company's absolute faith in the worth of their preparations, also the fact that the newspapers are the best medium to make a good article nationally known.

THE PRICE OF BEEF

An indication of the keen interest the farmers of the country are taking in the various explanations given by protectionists to account for high prices of meat, is furnished by the following letter, sent to Congressman Clark from a farmer of York, Neb.:

"The secretary of agriculture has just issued a bulletin in which he attributes one important cause of the high price of beef to the limited shipments of cattle to market, but the fact is that American beef is sold in England 25 per cent cheaper than at home. A man of this city has recently returned from London. He is a leading butcher in this state. He found Swift's and Armour's beef on the block in the shops of

London at a cost of two cents less a pound than he could buy them for in Omaha. To be exact, he had to pay in Omaha 11 cents a pound for the best quarters of beef, and the same were on the London dealers' blocks at nine cents laid down there.

"These are facts which render insignificant the finding of the department of agriculture as to the falling off in the shipments. The fact is that the packers charge home market consumers this enormous difference because the tariff enables them to combine and agree to do it. It also proves that 9 cents is a reasonable price, affording a fair profit, else the meat would not be shipped to England at that figure."

We are just in receipt of a very unusual book—"The Stark Year Book for 1910"—which is now being sent out by Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchards company, the famous nurserymen of Louisiana, Mo. The book contains 116 pages, thirty-two of which are four-color process reproductions of fruit in nature's own colors—the most natural, like-to-nature illustrations we have ever seen. The other eighty-four pages are devoted to full descriptions and prices of the various fruit trees, shade trees, ornamentals, vines, plants, roses, small fruit plants, etc., grown by Stark Brothers. Any of our readers who are planning to plant a home or commercial orchard, or to increase the beauty of their home grounds by planting shrubbery, roses or other plants this spring, should by all means send for the "Stark Year Book for 1910." It really is a remarkable volume—one you will thoroughly enjoy looking through because of its exceeding beauty and one you will find very practical and helpful. Stark Brothers have advised us they will send this beautiful book to anyone interested, on receipt of 7 cents to cover postage. Address them at Louisiana, Mo.

"The hope of the country lies in the children," advises the El Paso Herald. Can it be true? Observation in some quarters had led us to believe that the poodle dog would in a measure be held responsible.

Tucson's aviation meet was a financial failure. This high-flying business as a rule is something of a financial risk to say the least.

In The Halls of Congress

BY TAV.

Special Washington Correspondence.

Whisperings of discontent over the failure of the government to bring to the bar of justice in New York the men "higher up" in the \$2,000,000 sugar frauds, may break out on the floor of the house at any moment in the form of a demand for a congressional probe of the entire sugar scandal.

There are now slumbering in the committee on rules, of which Speaker Cannon is chairman, two resolutions providing for an investigation by congress of not only the underweighing frauds of the sugar trust, but of a long list of crimes that have been from time to time charged against the big sugar combine. One of these resolutions is fathered by Representative Sabath of Chicago, and the other by Representative Campbell of Kansas. Sabath is a democrat and Campbell a republican. Those who desire the investigation declare it is a non-partisan question, that they would be pleased to have the committee on rules favorably report the measure of either Sabath or Campbell.

Two months have passed now since President Taft asked in his message to congress that there be no congressional investigation of the sugar underweighing frauds on the ground that it might give "immunity" to the men higher up "and otherwise embarrass" the government in its prosecutions in New York. As the men "higher up," or in other words those who would have profited by the \$2,000,000 theft had not their crime been discovered, have not been brought to the bar of justice, many members of congress have abandoned hope that the government will ever send the really big culprits to jail. Therefore they see no reason why a congressional investigation should be further delayed.

Some of the old-timers in congress are recalling to mind, as a result of the quiet talk that is going on in Washington over the probability of a congressional investigation, the probe of the sugar trust by a committee in the senate in 1894. The investigation of 1894 was only half-heartedly pursued, however, and with slight result save in one or two instances. Senator Quay of Pennsylvania characteristically admitted that he had speculated in sugar and that his speculations had been guided by his official knowledge of what the senate intended doing with the tariff on sugar. Quay declared he had not allowed his speculations in sugar certificates to prejudice his official action, which remark brought smiles to the faces of the spectators at the hearing.

An instructive feature of the investigation was found in the testimony of Henry O. Havemeyer, who was then president of the sugar trust. Mr. Havemeyer was asked about the relation of his trust to the great political parties, and their state campaign funds. Did it contribute to both parties? "Yes," said Mr. Havemeyer, "we always do that. In the state of

SHE'S A BEAUT, ALL RIGHT!



—Brinkerhoff in Cleveland Leader.

New York, where the democratic majority is between 40,000 and 50,000, we throw it (the trust's contribution) their way. In the state of Massachusetts, where the republican party is dominant, they probably have the call. Wherever there is a dominant party, wherever the majority is very large, that is the party that gets the contribution, because that is the party which controls the local matters."

The importance of this admission was obvious, when one remembers that what Mr. Havemeyer vaguely alluded to as "local matters," meant the election of senators and representatives to congress, and of judges to the state judiciary.

MORNING SMILES

The two men talked for a time in the train. "Are you going to hear Barkins lecture tonight?" said one.

"Yes," answered the other. "Take my advice and don't. I hear he is an awful bore."

"I must go," said the other. "I'm Barkins."

He had managed to accumulate a lot of money by more or less questionable methods. "I should like to do something for the benefit of the town," he said.

"Well," suggested the poor but otherwise honest citizen, "you might move out of it."

He—How is it that you are always out when I call?

She—Just luck.

Bach—I suppose, old man, your wife still thinks she married a treasure?

Benedict—No—a treasury.

The Proud Mother—This boy do grow more like 'is father every day.

The Neighbor—Do 'e, poor dear? And 'ave you tried everything?

First Fiend—Satan looks troubled. Who's been annoying him?

Second Fiend—One of the latest arrivals, a fellow who used to be a board of health examiner, claims to have discovered bacteria in the

Let Him Stay a Little Child

Let him stay a little child—do not try to hurry!

Let him be a dainty thing all velvety and furry—

Let him suck his little thumb and spend his time in squawking,

(Which is often preferable to other people's talking!)

Let him pull the lunch cloth off and shatter costly dishes,

Fooble the aquarium and tantalize the fishes; Let him spit and spout and spew and wriggle, squirm and stammer—

Let the little darling take the looking glass and hammer.

Let him pull the kitten's tail, although it is forbidden—

Vivisect your watch to find where all the "ticks" are hidden;

Let him take the Dresden clock, or solve the range's riddle—

If he's over-curious then let him touch the griddle.

Let him do the baby things that brighten Life's young story—

Things he may reflect upon when he is old and hoary;

Soon enough he'll be a man—this spotless little baby—

Then he'll smoke and drink and chew and run for office, maybe!

water of the boiling lake, and insists that all the water must be frozen before it will be fit for consumption down here.

She—Let's call up the Browns and ask them to spend the evening here.

No—Let's go over there. We can come home then if we get tired.

The Judge—You say that because of injuries inflicted by your wife you have been unable to pursue your vocation! What is your business, sir?

"Your honor, I am a lion tamer."

"Talking about that divorce case, you know he proposed to her on an automobile trip."

"Well, these joy rides have but one ending."

Now, I'll learn ye to milk the cow.

Nephew from the City—Oh, uncle, I'm kinder 'fraid o' the cow; couldn't I just as well learn on the calf?

First Chicago Woman—She doesn't know how to manage a husband.

Second Chicago Woman—Oh, give her time. She'll learn. You know she has only had three.

"I'm sort o' thinkin' about—eh-heh!—marrivin' again," said Uncle Totterly, who was old enough to know better. "A han'some young wife kind o' brightens up a home, and—heh! heh!"

"Well," grimly replied the old Codger, "all the advice I can offer is that you select one that will look well in black."

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"You are—I swear it!"

"I accept your apology."

"I don't care to drink. Liquor always goes to my head at once."

"Yes—nature hates a vacuum."

"What do you mean by the glad hand?"

"Anything," answered Mr. Bloochips, "that will beat three of a kind."

Silicous—What becomes of love's young dream?

Cynicus—Well, it never dies of old age.

"Well, Rastus, I'm glad you like your new employer. Remember, you cannot do too much for him."

"No, sah, I don't mean to."

Church—If a man wants to have disagreeable things said about him he should run for office.

Gotham—Or discover the North Pole.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Cold cash is responsible for many a hot old time.

Few men have the courage to admit they are cowards.

Burn your money today and grovel in the ashes tomorrow.

Stiff collars should enable men to hold their heads up in the world.

A man isn't necessarily a cynic because he tells you an unpleasant truth.

Are you sure some of the honors you are striving for are not dishonors?

The man who is willing to bet his bottom dollar seldom has to dig down very far.

Some people talk so much that they have no time to listen to anything worth while.

It sometimes happens that by the time a young man can afford to marry he doesn't want to.

The father who sets bad examples should not be surprised if his son gets busy and hatches them out.

Occasionally when a woman tells her woman friends what a good man her husband is, she really believes it at the time.

Some women make a bid for notoriety by wearing fussy clothes and saying things that sound more surprising than sensible.



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