

TOLD IN WASHINGTON

(Special Letter.)

WASHINGTON. Spooner was finished. Philippine speech Senator Pettus, who is 81, sat steadily writing at his desk for more than an hour, but at the same time apparently listening to what Senator Spooner was saying: "What's he writing?" asked Senator Millard of Senator Scott. "Don't know," replied Scott, "but it seems too long for a letter."

The curiosity of all hands was satisfied soon after, for Mr. Pettus arose, took up the manuscript and read from it. He had been writing an answer to Senator Spooner while listening to him.

It is expected the tremendously popular Count A. Tannowski is engaged to the Polish heiress, Princess Czetyriska. At Newport and Bar Harbor the count was the originator of many summer evening entertainments, which included the revival of serenading. He will soon return to America to take charge of the royal and imperial Austro-Hungarian legation, in the absence of the minister. For the first time since the retirement of Baron and Baroness von Thielmann have there been ladies among Germany's representatives. The ambassador enjoys their assistance at his large affairs, which are very numerous. The staff of the embassy on Highland terrace is as large as that claimed by any foreign government.

Countess Marguerite Cassini is now abroad and with her chaperon she will soon be joined by the Russian ambassador, who is lonely without the vivacious Marguerite. Before she left Washington the insignia of the Order of the Chetaat, the coveted Turkish decoration for ladies, was sent by the sultan to the young countess and presented by Ali Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish ambassador, whose wife, the countess had the honor of entertaining at luncheon during the early spring. It

bride of last summer. Her husband, who is the military attache of this embassy, went abroad to claim her.

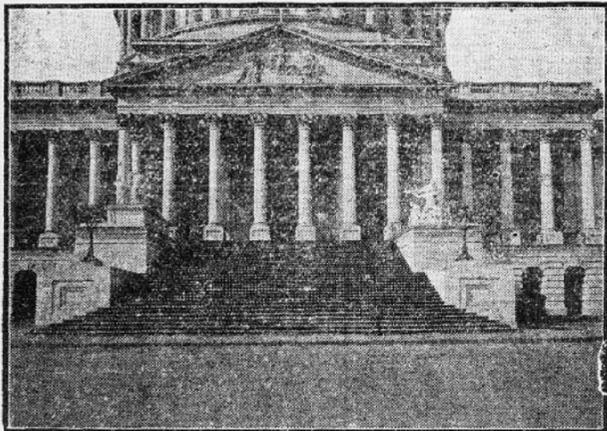
Rear Admiral John Grimes Walker, now retired and with a permanent home in Washington, is a New Hampshire man by birth, and the record of his busy life sheds luster on his native state. He did valuable work during the civil war, and since then has been prominent in many ways in the service of his country. The pres-



Rear Admiral Walker.

Identical of the Isthmian canal commission is the last office to which he has been appointed. Rear Admiral Walker is 67 years old and in excellent health.

Representative Kahn of California was asked if it were true that in his state watermelons grew to such proportions that it was not unusual to find some which weighed 360 pounds. "Well," replied the good-natured Californian, "I've seen some very large melons growing in the Golden state."



STEPS OF THE CAPITOL.

was surprising that the careful Turkish minister allowed his little wife to break bread at the embassy, but the Chefakut explains everything.

One of the most fashionable women in Washington is the wife of the senior senator from Michigan, Mrs. James McMillan, who has always taken a conspicuous part in social gayeties. Since the senator first took his seat in the upper house in 1889, the McMillan home, on Vermont avenue, has been famous for its charming hospitalities. Mrs. McMillan enjoys the enviable reputation of being one of Washington's most popular hostesses.



Mrs. McMillan.

Wife of Senator From Michigan, and an invitation to one of her little dinners is a thing greatly to be desired.

The German embassy now has two hostesses, the wives of two members of the ambassador's staff. Countess Quadt, wife of the first secretary, has gone abroad for the summer. The count accompanied her, but will return as soon as she is safe with her people, and he will be charge d'affaires in the absence of his excellency, Dr. von Holleben, who, by the way, has no intention of marrying while he is abroad this summer. The German ambassador invariably visits the fatherland in the summer time. But as to the Countess Quadt, she only arrived in Washington on Christmas day. No woman in the corps was ever better liked at the end of four months. One thing in her favor—she speaks English with only a very slight accent.

Frau von Rebeur Paschnitz was a

THE SPICE OF LIFE

MERRY JESTS THAT WILL DRIVE AWAY DULL CARE.

Husband Knew What to Expect When He Was Called "Darling"—Good Scheme to Make Time Pass Away Quickly.

Mrs. Noah Up to Date.
Noah, finding his wife weeping on the quarterdeck, inquired what was the matter.

"I'm afraid people will say our fashions came out of the ark," she sobbed.

"Never mind," he returned, "we can have the apes to dine with us to-night."

Reassured by being thoroughly up to date, she dried her tears and went down to swipe some plumes off the ostrich.

Why She Detested It.
"Again," complains the devoted wife, "I am told that you have been flirting with that odious Miss Mashem on the piazza."
"Bah!" retorts the gay husband, thinking to ridicule the suspicions of his wife. "Eah!" he repeats.

"It isn't so bad," asserts the wife, "for a man to be guilty, but what I detest is when he acts so sheepish about it."

At Home All Day.
"Why weepst thou, woman?"
"My lord will be buried this day."
"My wife was buried yesterday. Tomorrow I must get me another."
Whereupon the widow shook the ashes from her shining hair, dried her eyes, and, looking into the face of the widower, smiled.

"I will be at home to-morrow all day," she said.—Smart Set.

Wouldn't Post Bills.
"Dear, dear," sighed Mrs. Nullwed; "I suppose I'll have to take this receipted bill down to the milliner myself."
"You can mail it, can't you?" asked her husband.

"No, indeed. I've seen those large signs stuck up all over the city which read: 'Post no bills.'"

Still in the Family.
"I deeply regret it, sir, but honor and my altered circumstances compel me to release your daughter from her engagement. I cannot enter your family a beggar. In a recent deal in stocks I lost my entire fortune."

"Not another word, my boy—not another word. I got it."

Fitted for the Choir.
Pastor—Your daughter is very handsome, Mr. Smith.
Father—Yes, she is. I'm thinking of having her join your choir.
Pastor—That's good. Is she a fine vocalist?
Father—No, but she's got a devil of a temper.

A Great Boomer.
"It's really astonishing—the business success that young Calliper has attained, and he's not much more than a little lad now."
"Well, when you come to think of it, there's nothing better to boom business."
"Better than what?"
"A little 'ad.'"

The Biggest of Tips.
"I tell you what," grumbled the pessimistic waiter, "people ain't giving tips like they used to in the old days."
"That's right," replied the good-natured waiter, facetiously, "there was Esau, for instance, who gave his birthright for a mess of pottage."

A Wise Precaution.



"I make it a point never to talk more than ten minutes with any one person."
"So as not to tell all you know, I suppose."

Thoughtful of the Children.
"I suppose," said Mr. Olds, "if I were to start smoking again it would set the children a bad example."
"It would, indeed," replied his wife. "It's thoughtful and unselfish of you to consider that."
"Yes, so I've decided to send the children right off to boarding school, where they won't see me."

How to Judge.
Finnicus—You can't judge a man by the clothes he wears.
Cynnicus—But you can by those his wife wears.

No Credit in the Bill.
Dr. Jalap—Well, you may thank your fine constitution for pulling you through; nothing else could have saved you.
The Convalescent—But I cannot see that you have made any reduction in your bill for my fine constitution's share in the cure.

Extravagant Wish.
"Have you selected a play for next season?"
"No," answered the sensational actress; "that is a matter of some difficulty. I would give a great deal if I could find a playwright whose imagination is as fertile as that of my press agent."



Had Been There Before.
Loving Wife—Darling!
Suspicious Husband—Well, how much?

A Gentle Hint.
It was 11:30.
"Yes," she said, although the remark seemed a little abrupt, "I always sleep well." Then she paused and plaintively added in a hopeless murmur, "When I get a chance."
Whereupon the youth, who had been overstaying himself took his hat and softly stole away.

Honesty Vaccine.
"Doctor," said the wild-eyed young man, "my wife is a kleptomaniac. Do you think you can do anything for her?"
"Well, we might try vaccination," replied the young doctor. "You know that keeps people from taking things."

An Infallible Prescription.
Patient—Doctor, tell me something to make the time pass more quickly. Just now it drags so that I have nothing to think of except myself.
Doctor—Indorse a note falling due in three months for a bit more than your present income affords.

Recognized the Sound.
It was her first ride in an automobile and she was deeply interested in the horn that was used to notify people to clear the way.
"Papa," she said.
"Well?" he returned.
"Make it snore some more."

Pleasantly Situated.
"Poor man!" said the lady visitor, addressing one of the inmates of the insane asylum, "don't you often feel very sad to be shut up here?"
"Oh, no," the patient answered. "The lunatics who come to look at us are generally very amusing."

Sure to Be Prejudiced.
Friend—Don't look so blue. You have a good case.
Jimson—No use. I'll lose. I know I'll lose. Every man on that jury either rented or bought a house of me when I was in the real estate business.

Touching.
Slopay—Don't you wish you were Midas?
Boroughs—Who was he?
Slopay—Everything he touched turned to gold.
Boroughs—Huh! Everybody I touch turns me down.

Insult to Injury.
He (reproachfully)—Perhaps you forget what happened yesterday. I was cut by my dearest acquaintance, the one I love best in all the world; in fact—
She (coolly)—The idea! Do you really shave yourself?

There Wasn't.
Redd—He took several good-sized sticks and beat his wife.
Green—I cannot believe he could be guilty of such cruelty.
Redd—Cruelty! There wasn't any cruelty about it. They were playing golf together.

In 1905 A. D.
Mrs. Uptodate (to maid)—Marie, you need not set out the capsules for Mr. Uptodate's dinner. I have received a memorandum that he will not be home until 10 o'clock, as his Santos-Dumontobile has had a breakdown.—Judge.

No Wonder.
Church—What makes your neighbor so haughty to-day?
Gotham—Why, didn't you notice, he was carrying home his own beef.

Not Too Much.
A woman likes to have her husband treat her considerably, but not so considerably that people will take her for his second wife.—Puck.

It Would Cool Them Off.
Hewitt—I tell you, it's too hot to go to the theater.
Jewett—Oh, come along; the play will be a frost, anyway.

WORK OF SCIENTISTS

NEW INVENTIONS OF WORTH PLACED ON THE MARKET.

Device that Will Rid Cattle of Flies that Torture Them While in the Stable—Home Exercising Machine a Novelty.

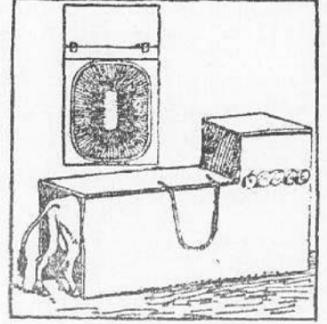
Home Exercising Machine.
A competent authority on the subject would probably admit that a large proportion of the ailments ordinarily attributed to the stomach have their origin in a weakness of the muscles surrounding the abdominal cavity, with attendant flabbiness and inability of the digestive organs to perform their natural functions. Adolph de Clairmont of Topeka, Kans., has recently designed a simple form of exercising apparatus which he claims will tend to strengthen the muscles above referred to, assisting them materially in the performance of their work. The device needs little explanation, owing to its simplicity. There is a hinged board with supports to raise it from the floor and a latch to maintain the sections rigid while in use. A cushion is also provided for the head and there are braces secured to the footboard to enable the person to rise to a sitting posture by a sheer pull with the feet. To use this exerciser the patient takes the position shown, with his feet inserted in the braces, when, by raising and lowering the upper part of the body slowly the muscles are exercised throughout the entire length of the trunk. Care must be taken not to indulge too freely in the exertion at the beginning, as overstraining the



Strengthens muscles of abdomen.
muscles would cause injurious effect instead of benefit. The special tendency of this form of exercise would be to dissipate the surplus flesh of the abdomen, as well as increasing the muscular power, thus lightening the load to be carried, also.

Now an Automobile Sled.
An automobile sled, says Electricity, is the latest invention of the Nuernbergen Motorfahrzeug-Fabrik Union. It is to be driven by a benzine motor, water cooled, and equipped with electro-magnetic sparking devices. The cooling water circulates in the body of the sled through pipes which are so disposed as to constitute a foot-warmer. The steering gear includes a tiller, which is connected with the front runners. A single lever controls the direction of the shaft's revolution. The sled is driven by a spiked wheel, which bites the ground and is geared up to the motor shaft.

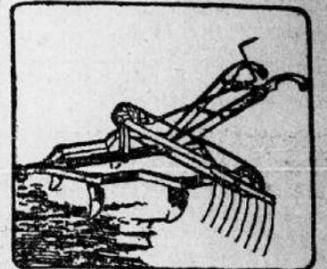
Boon to Tortured Cattle.
When cattle are running at large in the field there is an opportunity for them to rid themselves of the insect pests which annoy them, but when the animals are tied in the stable there is little chance to swing the head around to dislodge the flies from the forehead quarters, and so the troublesome pests are free to torture the animals at will. It is the object of O. B. Gibson of Thayer, Ia., in designing the strange looking shed here pictured to provide an apparatus which will enable the cattle to rid their bodies of the flies as they enter the stable, the latter place presumably being fly-proof, as it ought to be, at any rate. The shed has at its inner end a series of brushes, so arranged as to leave an oblong opening much smaller than the body, in order that the flies may be brushed off as the animals pass through to gain an entrance to the interior. During the passage of the cow the only place from which light can enter the shed is through the overhead chamber, to which the insects fly as they are brushed off. An automatic gate in the shed opens and closes the entrance to this chamber with the passage of each animal, thereby making



Apparatus to brush pests from cattle.
a trap from which the flies cannot escape, and in which they are destroyed by the cattle tender. The illustration shows the shed complete, with a cow in the act of entering, and also presents a view of the inner end of the shed, with the brushes in position to do their work.

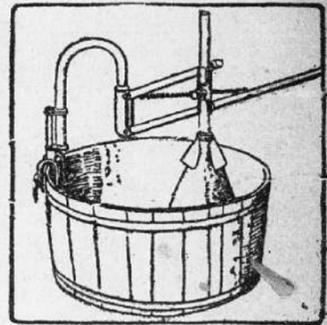
Labor Saver for Farmers.
The farmer of to-day must have his labor-saving appliances just as much as the workman of any other class, and, really, there seems to be greater need of machinery on the farm than in any other field, as the manual labor

performed by the farmers far exceeds in amount that of most industries. The cultivator has been an indispensable farm implement for years and in its office of loosening the dirt between the rows of plants greatly facilitates the hilling up of corn, potatoes, etc., and the cutting out of the weeds with a hoe. On the machine shown in the illustration will be seen a new attachment for gathering up the weeds from between the rows of plants after the cultivator has loosened them from the soil. In the case of weeds which are about to go to seed, and would, if left on the ground, start a new crop for the farmer to fight later on, this device will be especially useful, as it enables the farmer to gather up the weeds and burn them before the seed is deposited. As will be seen, the gathering rake is designed to travel in the row just cultivated, and in order that it



Weeder attachment for cultivators.
may work equally well when the cultivator is moving in either direction, it is mounted on a swinging arm, controlled by a crank within easy reach of the driver. By giving the crank a half turn in either direction the rake is lifted from one side of the cultivator to the other, or can be elevated to drop a load of weeds at any desired point in the field. Edwin P. Clapp of North Rush, Pa., is the inventor.

The Latest Washing Machine.
There are two very good reasons why many housewives continue to do their washing over the old-fashioned tub and scrub the clothes on the washboard every Monday, instead of making use of the modern washing machine. One is the cost of the machine and the other is the necessity of finding room for an extra article of washday furniture, which, in the majority of city houses, is no small item. To both these reasons the washing machine invented by Leonard B. Brooks of Independence, Ia., gives the very good answer that it requires only a small outlay of cash and takes up no extra space when not in use, and it goes without saying that it will do its work quite as well as the ma-



Fastens on the side of the tub.
jority of machines of this kind now on the market. The inventor, no doubt, obtained his idea from the old-fashioned clothes-pounder which it was customary to use in connection with a small cask, to hammer the dirt out of the clothes, instead of rubbing them by hand. The pounding head is still used in the new invention, but with this decided improvement, that it has a spring to lift the head after each stroke, thus eliminating fully half of the labor of operating the machine. The washer is clamped on one side of a common washtub, and when not in use can be swung out of the way, thus leaving the tub open for the rinsing of garments as they are removed from the water. When the washing is finished the machine can be folded up and placed inside the tub, or may be suspended from a nail in the basement or stairway.

Progress of Japanese Commerce.
In three and a half years Japan has added to its merchant navy 300 steamships and 100,000 tonnage, and also 3,000 sailing vessels of 250,000 tonnage. In 1896 the country possessed only a single steamship over 5,000 tons; it has now twenty-one of this class.

In 1898 Japan owned 627 steamships of 429,774 tonnage; and 174 sailing vessels of 24,014 tonnage. In 1899, 679 steamships of 497,534 tonnage; and 1,485 sailing vessels of 165,710 tonnage. In 1900, 753 steamships of 498,375 tonnage; and 2,783 sailing vessels of 270,161 tonnage. In 1901, 942 steamships of 557,166 tonnage; and 3,416 sailing vessels of 315,767 tonnage.

The number of sailors has increased until in 1901 there were 15,412 officers and engineers (394 foreign) to the merchant fleet. The small number of foreigners is as striking as the increase of the commercial navy.

Peculiar Snow.
A peculiar snow observed on Mont Malet in the Alps has been reported by M. A. Burns. It is called "Caucasian snow," and is very porous, with grains reaching an eighth of an inch in size. The slight adhesion of these grains gives great liability to avalanche.