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**To Correspondents.**

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**OUT IN THE COLD.**

The citizens of Seattle have just discovered that they have been badly left by the wily managers of the Northern Pacific Railroad in the matter of railroad connection, and that they have been as but a mere cats-paw in the hands of the controllers of that corporation in advancing the interests of the rival town of Tacoma to the detriment of themselves. Even the flimsy titular bauble of "Queen City of the Sound," so graciously bestowed on them by the railroad people, as a sop to their overweening vanity, does not seem to reconcile them for the loss of the railroad. In Seattle they have a Chamber of Commerce—but just what need there is for such an institution in a town of four or five thousand inhabitants is not apparent—and a meeting was held one evening last week for the purpose of having a "klesh wau-wau" on the impending danger to the city from the maneuvers of the railroad company, which is at present constructing a branch road to the extensive coal and iron fields between Cedar and Green rivers, a short distance from Seattle, and will convey the product of these mines directly past the metropolis to New Tacoma, from whence it will be shipped to San Francisco and other points, thus leaving Seattle entirely out in the cold.

Naturally enough the Queen Citizens feel rather sore over this matter, and the grand army of land boomers are jumping around stiff-legged, looking for an opportunity to unload. The Chamber of Commerce are now about devising ways and means to checkmate the N. P. R. by building a road of their own. It is said that abundant capital can be obtained in California to complete the road after the first forty miles of road-bed are laid. We append the remarks of Judge Lewis on the subject at the meeting above referred to. He said:

On one occasion I started on a journey before going to bed I paid my fare, and left orders to be called in time for the coach. By some oversight I did not wake up until 8 o'clock, and found out that I was late, and had to walk 24 miles to my destination. Now, fellow citizens, I've just found out within the past ten days, that we as a community are late, and we have paid our fare too. I don't believe the people realize what is going on. I went to Tacoma the other day and saw immense coal bunkers being built there. I supposed, of course, they were for the Central Pacific Railroad, which owns a coal mine up the Puyallup, but on inquiry I found they were being built by the Oregon Improvement Company for the purpose of handling our Green river coal by way of Tacoma. When I came home I took a map and looked into this thing, and I found that we had been buying and paying for the right of way for the main line of the Northern Pacific, and had sent commissioners clear up into Pierce county to secure a right of way for this hostile corporation. I learn that no less than \$300,000 have been expended by the N. P. R. during the past year in trying to get a practicable pass down Green river to Tacoma, and that not less than eleven surveys have been made, and still they have failed to find a route as exact as by way of Green river. I asked a prominent man in the company why they did not accept the Cedar river route, knowing it to be the most practicable, and he replied: "Mr. Prescott says that route comes too near Seattle." The Northern Pacific will, as soon as they can find a practicable route, build a line up so as to carry the Green river coal to Tacoma. Mr. Villard put his hand in the pockets of the people of Portland and took out \$6,000,000, but in return for that he has increased the value of their property \$25,000,000, so that they were gainers rather than losers by the operation. Let it raise the necessary \$300,000 within the next ten days, and begin throwing dirt by the lot of January.

**Power of the Plug Hat.**

The plug hat is virtually a sort of social guarantee for the preservation of peace and order. He who puts one on as given a pledge to the community for his good behavior. The wearer of a plug hat must move with a certain sedateness and propriety. He cannot run, or jump, or romp, or get into a fidget, except at the peril of his head-gear. All the hidden influences of the beaver tend toward respectability. He who wears one is obliged to keep the rest of his body in decent trim, that there may be no incongruity between head and body. He is apt to become thoughtful through the necessity of watching the sky whenever he goes out. The chances are that he will buy an umbrella, which is another guarantee for good behavior, and the care of hat and umbrella—perpetual and exacting as it must ever be—adds to the sweetness of his character. The man who wears a plug hat naturally takes to the society of women, and all its elevated tendencies. He cannot go hunting and fishing without abandoning his beloved hat, but in the modern enjoyment of croquet and lawn tennis he may sport his beaver with impunity. In other words, the constant use of a plug hat makes a man composed in manner, quiet and gentlemanly in conduct, and the companion of the ladies. The inevitable result is prosperity, marriage and a church membership.

**Primitive Taxidermy.**

The art of taxidermy out on Vinegar Hill is yet in its infancy. The leading taxidermist of that booming gold camp is as yet nothing but an amateur. The art critic of this paper is in receipt of a stuffed woodchuck, which was the first taxidermy of the Vinegar Hill taxidermist. Evidently he had not tried to taxidermy before. The woodchuck is naturally a delicate, graceful little animal, with long, slender body and fragile proportions. That's the reason he looks lumpy and unhappy when his remains are stuffed with lard and lard. The dodo editor who writes these hints on decorative art doesn't set himself up as authority, of course, but simply desires to suggest little points of improvement. This paralyzed woodchuck is too flat, for one thing. In preserving woodchucks, to avoid destroying the outline, they should not be pressed like an autumn leaf, but stuffed like a bologna sausage. The casual observer will also notice that the tail of this woodchuck is erect, which gives him a sort of a hump, which ill becomes the shy and timid little woodchuck. This is not true to nature. It jars harshly on the aesthetic taste to see a woodchuck with his tail over the dash board that way. The woodchuck does not jab his tail into the middle of the horizon unless he feels pretty hilarious. It is not his nature. We should study the habits of these animals, and, when they are preserved, try so far as possible to still retain the natural symmetry which they evinced in life. One more suggestion. This woodchuck was evidently too dead before they tried to embalm him. The woodchuck should not be too excessively dead when he is placed in the hands of the taxidermist. After the remains have laid in state for two or three weeks, it is fair to suppose that life is extinct, and the artist may then get his sawdust and poison ready to go to work. The practice of embalming woodchucks who died the previous year is now obsolete. One more suggestion and we are done. In this specimen the eyes are omitted. This gives to the subject a vacant and preoccupied air. In the absence of artificial eyes, the artist should have inserted a pair of overcoat buttons, because the delicate taste of the brie-a-bracker is shocked when he sees a dead woodchuck with its eyes so full of life and soul, but now so full of bran and other inexpensive stuffing. If the woodchuck were not so embalmed where he ought to have been plump, and so lumpy where he ought to be attenuated, he would be more true to nature, and the cast-iron lithograph which we herewith present would not look so much like a club-factored hat rack as it does.—*Lavania City Bomber.*

**CRADLE SONGS.**

The most popular of German lullabies is a truly-tonic mixture of piety, wonder-love and homeliness. Wagner has introduced the music to which it is sung in his "Siegfried Idyl." We have to thank a Heidelberg friend for the text:

Sleep, baby, sleep;  
Your father tends the sheep;  
Your mother shakes the beams as small,  
Whispering daisies in a chambered bed;  
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep;  
The sky is full of sheep;  
The stars are in the heaven above,  
For when the shepherd moon doth care;  
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep;  
The child-child comes a sheep;  
He is tired of the milk of his care,  
This world to save, to death he tread;  
Sleep, baby, sleep.

In Denmark children are sung to sleep with a cradle hymn which is believed (so we are informed by a youthful correspondent) to be "very old." It has seven stanzas, of which the first runs, "Sleep sweetly, little child; be quiet and still; as sweetly sleep as the bird in the wood, as the flowers in the meadow, God the Father has said, 'Angels stand on watch where Mine, the little ones, are in bed.'" A correspondent at Warsaw (still more youthful) sends us the even-song of Polish children:

The stars shine forth from the blue sky;  
How great and wonderful is God's might;  
The stars, the stars, the stars;  
He watches in the night.

Oh, Lord, Thy tired children keep;  
Keep as who know and feel, in the night;  
Thou Thine eyes open as we do sleep,  
And give us all good-night.

8 stars, stars, God's sentinels on high,  
Precursors of His power and might;  
With all the angels, saints and spirits,  
Oh, stars, good-night, good-night,  
—Prayer Magazine.

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes. All the other passions do occasional good, but wherever pride puts in its word, everything goes wrong, and what might be desirable to do quietly and innocently, it is morally dangerous to do proudly.

**Mexico's Yankee Population.**

Mexico is filled with Yankees, as all people of the United States are called. These Yankees embrace engineers, capitalists, tourists, speculators, drummers and adventurers. The last named, however, are a disgrace to our nation, as they comprise gamblers, tramps and other high percentages of both sexes who travel over the country. The country abounds in vast natural resources, but is almost entirely undeveloped. The gold and silver mines are worked on the same plan as 100 years ago. Sugar is ground, wheat gathered and threshed, cotton spun, paper manufactured, liquors distilled and cloth and textures of all kinds woven in the most primitive style. In fact, all labor-saving machines and the latest inventions and improvements of manufacture and agriculture are just being introduced; hence the abundance of the Yankee, who, with his usual foresight and enterprise, sees an immense trade to be developed with his own country.—*Cor. New Orleans Picayune*

**The Oldest Man.**

There is a man living in the mountains of North Carolina, says the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, no more than forty miles from Greenville, S. C., who has reached the extraordinary age of 143 years. At the time of Bradford's defeat he was 29 years old, and had a wife and three children. A gentleman at Greenville states that this man, who comes down to us from a former generation, has always been in moderate circumstances, lived upon a coarse vegetable diet, that he has never drunk any water but spring water, and bids fair to live many years longer. He enjoys perfect health, possesses all of manhood's attributes, and wishes to marry. He has survived seven wives, and, having lost his last one about sixty years ago, he now begins to feel lonely.

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