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The chronic kicker and knocker is a public nuisance.

It does not take a cold wave long to outstay its welcome.

Andrew Carnegie says that \$10,000 a year men are scarce. So are the \$10,000-a-year jobs.

This is the season when the storage egg comes out of hiding, looking as innocent as possible.

Massachusetts leads the nation—in insanity. A record is a record, no matter how it is attained.

Speaking of inconsistency, some men deplore the brutality of football and then attend peace banquets.

As the governor of North Dakota said to the governor of South Dakota, it's a mighty short time between cold waves.

Sometimes we get the foolish notion that it would be easier to get along in the world if we had less philosophy.

Baby in Pittsburg, nine weeks old, was operated on for appendicitis. Some people break into society at an early age.

Perhaps the seventeen-year locusts didn't turn out in force because they had gotten into conference with the groundhog.

A crusade has been started in Baltimore for cleaner money, but most of us are interested in quantity rather than quality.

Alfred Vanderbilt has rented a flat for \$40,000 a year, but we are willing to bet that he is afraid to talk back to the janitor.

It does not speak well for Wilkes-Barre that the man who had a fiscal of money to spend had to go away from home to spend it.

In spite of the weather man we refuse to believe that winter really has come until we have read about the clump who skated on thin ice.

It may be observed of the man who fell six inches with fatal results that he secured one of the features of an aeroplane ride without the ride.

The explanation that a man has more sugar and sweetness in his system when he is maddest will probably strike the majority as merely fudge.

Another gold field has been discovered in Alaska. As usual it has been discovered when the weather is too cold up there for the average human being.

The canals on Mars are reported to be increasing. Perhaps the Martians have been aroused to emulate the way in which the dirt is lying on the lethmus.

An operation was performed upon a chicken to recover a \$300 diamond which it had swallowed. The operation was a failure—from the chicken's viewpoint.

Oligodyspsia, described as a lack of thirst, is a new disease that has broken out in New York. This is a warning to gay and festive Pittsburgers to keep away.

A man in Massachusetts voluntarily pays taxes on property which is legally nontaxable. He belongs to that rare class that the world hesitates whether to tag fool or hero.

Next to football what is more dangerous than a bargain sale in poultry?

Now another dash is to be made to the south pole. It certainly requires courage, not to say daring, to plan such a trip just about now.

Physicians tell us that since pie is a cure for insomnia, but we learned at an early age that it was an effective and pleasing cure for hunger.

A clergyman suggests that married men wear wedding rings that firms may distinguish them. Some women claim to be able to spot a married man merely by looking at him.

The latest thing in the line of clews is the heel print of a burglar in a freshly waxed floor. It is getting so that a burglar doesn't dare to touch anything when he goes forth to burgle.

Two Texans became involved in an argument over religion and one of them was shot to death. He lost the argument, but he is in a position to know more about religion than the winner.

Nature always is compensatory. If the snow brings discomforts to some it also brings pleasure to others; if it spels loss to a few, it brings gain to many a man out of work. So, whatever the weather, let it be accepted with a philosophic spirit.

Bandits in California, hiding in the brush, are being hunted by policemen aviators. Now when comment is heard of detectives being up in the air in the pursuit of crime it will mean something very different from its present definition.

PROTEGE CLAIMS HAWLEY LEFT WILL

MISS CAMERON DECLINES TO PRODUCE DOCUMENT UNTIL SHE SEES ATTORNEYS.

SHE DIRECTED THE ESTATE

Mistress of Babylon, Long Island, Place Expects Big Share of Millions—Men Witnessed Document.

New York, N. Y.—Sensational developments are expected soon in the tangle which has resulted from the sudden death of Edwin Hawley, the railroad master. Miss Margaret Cameron claims that her patron left a secret will which was in her possession. Miss Cameron denied that Hawley died intestate, as had been announced by John B. Stauchfeld, Hawley's personal counsel, and says she can prove it.

Miss Cameron is in formal possession of the Hawley mansion at 19 East Sixtieth street with its retinue of servants, and is exercising her authority over the home of the dead millionaire, where she has been spending part of the winter.

"This house is mine," is the emphatic declaration attributed to Miss Cameron.

Men Witnessed Document.

John Williams, superintendent of the estate, and Henry Peterson, Hawley's chauffeur, admit they witnessed a legal document for Hawley a few weeks ago. They were not permitted to see its contents. It was regarded as significant that all the work on Hawley's estate here was under Miss Cameron's direction.

It developed that Miss Cameron was taken to Morningside Park, Hawley's place here, five years ago by Mrs. Nellie Hawley Seymour, Hawley's sister who until five years ago, when her health failed, was mistress of Hawley's houses. Both referred to the girl as their niece, though Hawley's intimates knew she was "only a sort of adopted niece."

Hawley's estate here is regarded as one of the most difficult about New York. The furnishings are gorgeous in their Oriental splendor. Hawley, who had few friends, entertained but little. All the valuable items in Hawley's kenels were set free on the estate to keep visitors away.

Folk Quits Race.

St. Louis—Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk has agreed to give the entire Missouri delegation to Champ Clark. Lon O. Saunders, Folk's campaign manager, announced "This practically means Mr. Folk's withdrawal from the presidential race." Champ Clark made the overtures which led to Folk's withdrawal. He sent from Washington a proposition that he and Folk divide the delegation.

Kentucky Feudist Killed.

Pikeville, Ky.—One of the most noted feud leaders in the Big Sandy valley, Louis Hall, who had boasted of killing 22 men, was shot and instantly killed at Shelby Gap, in the Pine mountains, by Constable George Johnson. His son, Morgan Hall, met the same fate a moment later at the same hands.

Threat to Bombard Peking.

Tien Tain—Revolutionary warships steamed into the harbor of Shan Hai Kwan, directly east of Peking, and it was believed that a bombardment was imminent.

U. S. Watching Mexico.

Washington, D. C.—Four hundred infantrymen from Fort Whipple, Ariz., were ordered by the war department to proceed to El Paso to co-operate with the squadron of cavalry under Col. E. Z. Steever. The cavalry then will assume the active guarding of the border.

Johnson Has Two Wives.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The office of the district attorney is investigating a report that at the time of his marriage, January 18, 1911, to Etta Duryea, Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, had another wife.

Seven Years for a Clairvoyant.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. Anna Webster, a clairvoyant, indicted for obtaining money by false pretenses, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the state reformatory.

Falls 23 Stories to Death.

New York—James Wilson, who was cleaning windows in the 13-story Liberty building, as Nassau and Liberty streets, fell from the twenty-third floor and was killed.

Eastern Wire Official Killed.

New Haven, Conn.—Thomas S. Haley, secretary and treasurer of the Wire Novelty company of this city, was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was riding ran into the iron railing of West bridge.

Plan Wages for Convicts.

Seattle, Wash.—A plan of Gov. Marion E. Hay to be submitted to the next legislature which provides for compensating convicts of good record employed on the state highway systems, was made public here.

NAVY PLAN TO FAIL

Congress Not Likely to Authorize Two Battleships.

DEMOCRATS ECONOMY BENT

Vessels Become Antiquated Rapidly But Majority in House Says Naval Force Will Be Kept Up to the Fighting Standard.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington—It seems to be the present determination of the majority in the house of representatives to deny the request of the navy department for the construction of two big battleships during the coming year. Officials of the department were convinced some time ago that their request had little chance of sanction by a house which is economically inclined. It seems hardly probable that the senate will insist that the house accede to the wishes of the navy department, although such a thing is within the range of possibilities.

Five years ago Mr. Roosevelt, then president, asked congress to authorize the building of four big battleships in a single year. It was generally believed at the time that the colonel asked for four ships in order that he might be sure that he would get two.

The year of the Roosevelt request the Republican majority in congress let it be understood that the intention was to build two battleships a year each succeeding year until the Panama Canal was opened, and by that time it was urged the navy would be big enough for offensive and defensive purposes and that it would only be necessary to build ships as other ships became antiquated and passed out of service.

Soon Become Out-of-Date.

Ships are becoming antiquated rapidly. They seem to get into their second childhood before they have reached the age of youth. The last report is that the Kearsarge and the Alabama, first-class battleships only a few years old, are nearing the out-of-date condition. The navy department officials say that if no ships are built for some years we will have to begin building the navy all over again, a proposition to which some men do not accede. The peace advocates hope that if no more vessels are built the necessity for future construction will pass and that with Hague tribunals and arbitration treaties torpedoes and twelve-inch guns will go to the scrap-heap.

Some of the members of the majority in the house say that they do not agree with the peace advocates and that there is no intention of letting the navy go to the scrap heap and that the Democrats can be depended upon to keep the navy up to the fighting standard. The program, however, does not necessitate the building of two great ships this year at a cost of something like thirty million.

Still Quote the Classics.

Northern senators and representatives are rather chary in their use of classical allusions when making their speeches. The southerners are fond of their classics, though growing less fond of them year by year as the new members with the education that is broadening in the south, as it is broadening in the north, come into office. At times, however, to bear one of the southerners speak is as good for the brushing of the cobwebs from memory as is the rereading after many years of the pages of Smith and Anthon's Classical Dictionary.

The northern men draw comparisons and sharpen their points from modern instances, and yet there is a charm about the utterances of the men of the south. They pass from Homer to the Iliad of Miss Mitford as readily as if a month rather than centuries lay between. Ulysses wanders in the senate chamber and the voice of the siren is heard from the corridor. Regulus again defies the Carthaginians, while the demes of the African city are "burning with the splendor of noonday."

Gems From John Tyler.

Searching the records one finds that in the elder days the classic habit was stronger than it is today, so strong, indeed, that a man of sixty years ago, writing of one of the speeches of John Tyler of Virginia, delivered some years before, said that there were more Greeks and Romans than Americans in the speeches. The writer set it down that this was "a fault (or virtue) common to his state."

During the debate on the "force bill" of Jackson's time the records show that John Tyler brushed up his classics, his Shakespeare and his Colley Cibber and delivered himself of this:

"Rather than give my aid I would surrender my station here, for I aspire not to imitate the rash boy who set fire to the Ephesian dome. No, sir, I will lend no aid to the passage of this bill. I had almost said that I had rather be a dog and bay the moon than such a Roman. I will not yet despair. Rome had her Curtius; Sparta her Leonidas, and Athens her band of devoted patriots—and shall it be said that the American senate contains not one man who will step forward to rescue his country in this moment of peril?"

Story About General Harrison.

Out of the record of the days of Calhoun, Webster, Jackson and the rest comes a story of General William

Henry Harrison, of whom the record writer says: "General Harrison was a native of Virginia and received his education there. To his last day he never recovered from Plutarch."

This animadversion, for as such it is intended, was uttered in connection with the statement that the use of ancient allusions was a fault (or virtue) common to the Virginians. The chronicler tells this story of General Harrison and his love for Plutarch, and Daniel Webster's connection therewith.

"President Harrison's inaugural message proved the duration of his attachment to Plutarch. Plutarch's heroes would have appeared therein in still greater numbers but for an untimely fate that kept them out."

"It was said at the time that the morning before the message was delivered the secretary of state elect (Webster) was met by a friend walking in the vicinity of the White House in no little apparent perturbation."

"What is the matter with you this morning, Mr. Webster?" inquired his friend, "you seem agitated."

"Agitated, sir! and who would not feel agitated, that had committed the murder I have this morning?"

"Murder! Mr. Webster?"

"Aye, sir, murder; murder with malice aforethought, of I know not how many Greeks and Romans."

It may have been of benefit to Harrison's writing style, that Webster was a merciless copy reader.

Remove White House Police.

Finally the order relieving twenty-two policemen from duty in and about the White House has gone into effect. The president and his household staff are pretty well guarded, but the difficulty will come when the spring influx of sightseers sets in to Washington. From the middle of February until the first of June Washington is crowded with sightseers, a large part of whom are brides and grooms. The most of them insist upon their inherent right as American citizens to go to the White House "to see the president."

A good many policemen are necessary to handle White House crowds in the springtime. They act as ushers more than as police officers, and they have their hands full. President Taft is much easier going in the matter of receiving people than were some of his predecessors.

Just about one-third of those who come to Washington ask to be introduced to the president, and as no representative daries to decline to do the honors for fear of losing votes, he takes his home people over to the White House and gives them the opportunity to say "Good morning" to a man who no matter how he may feel, makes each visitor believe in his or her heart that the president of the United States would have been desolated if he or she had ventured to leave Washington without making a personal call at the White House.

Midshipman "Pete" Russell.

William E. Russell is the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the Dominican republic. Mr. Russell is one of the picturesque men of the government's foreign service. Once on a time he was our minister to Venezuela when President Castro was in all his troubling glory. When the officials of the department of state and naval officers happen to get together they find stories of William W. Russell appealing for the envoy extraordinary is as well known in naval circles as he is in state circles.

Mr. Russell is a grave diplomat with a light in his eye that neither gravity nor position can put out. But he was not always a grave one burdened with the affairs of state. Once upon a time he was "Pete" Russell, midshipman in the United States Naval Academy. William was changed into "Pete" the minute that he reported at Annapolis, but truth compels the statement that neither the official archives nor the middies' archives disclose the reason for turning William into Pete. Suffice it to know that the middies would have it that way, and that way it went.

Midshipman Russell had a war with him, and the middies and the authorities were not long in finding it out. Pete had difficulty in restraining himself on occasion.

Breakers Under His Bow.

One Sunday at Annapolis the chaplain preached long and droningly. The listening middies were tired out with the heat of the day and the burden of the sermon, which lasted one hour and ten minutes. The sermon over, a soloist in the choir, started in to sing "Sun of My Soul." He went through the first line untrippingly and then struck into the second "It is not night," he sang. Then he repeated "It is not night," and repeated it again. The sermon and the song got on "Pete" Russell's nerves. He stood up, whistled melodiously but very loudly the tune accompanying the third and fourth lines of the first stanza of "Sun of My Soul," and then before the bewildered and shocked officers could put in an interference, he calmly demanded the soloist to "get a move on him."

They grabbed Pete out from the middle pew seat and marched him down the aisle under guard. When the corps was dismissed and was marching back to the barracks Pete was going in the opposite direction headed for the prison ship Santee, with his books and his blanket swung over his shoulder. As he passed the marching middies and the officers in command he was heard loudly sotto-voicing, with his head well down in counterfeit abjectness:

"Poor Pete, poor Pete, breakers right under Pete's bow."

ENGLAND TO KEEP NAVAL SUPREMACY

CHURCHILL SAYS PLAN WILL BE MAINTAINED DESPITE OPINION OF NATIONS.

WOULD GO INTO CONTEST

If Other Powers Spurt, Britain Will Go Faster, First Lord Declares—Haldane Visit to Berlin Peaceful.

Glasgow, England—England intends to maintain her naval supremacy regardless of the opinion of any other nation. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, made this very plain in a speech at a luncheon in his honor here.

"Our naval supremacy," he said, "is an absolute necessity for the preservation of the empire. We must at all times realize this. It is necessary, therefore, that our naval program be continued without regard for any other nation. None other is confronted by the problems we have to meet."

"In the threatened event of continental naval increase," defiantly continued Churchill, "Great Britain will simply increase her ratio. By that means we will easily outdistance all other powers to such an extent that it will be hopeless for them to attempt to follow."

Churchill declared that so far as aggression is concerned that was farthest from the thoughts of the British government. The great navy, he said, was needed because of the widely scattered possessions of Great Britain some of which "required constant protection."

"Naval power for us is a necessity," he said, "but it is a luxury for Germany. That is, a great navy is necessary for our existence, but in Germany's case a great navy means expansion and the reaching out for the foreign trade."

Churchill added that England's relations are friendly with all of the foreign powers.

Madero Would Cross Line.

Mexico City—Stirred by the rebellion in northern Mexico, President Madero has asked the permanent committee of congress for permission to call a special session of the national senate, from which the president desires authority to communicate with the American government relative to sending troops through United States territory to enter Chihuahua from the north.

Feudist and Son Slain.

Whitesburg, Ky.—In a pitched battle near the Kentucky-West Virginia border, Louis Hall, aged 66, a feudist of the Kentucky mountains, was shot and killed by Constable George W. Johnson, who attempted to arrest him on a charge of selling liquor without a license. Logan Hall, a son of Louis, went to aid his father and also was killed.

Honduran Congress Broke Contract.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras—A conflict has occurred between the United States and Honduran authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine to surrender to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under lease by the Valentine syndicate.

McKinley to Boom Taft.

Washington, D. C.—Active work for the renomination and re-election of President Taft, aside from that done at the White House, began here when Representative McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, took up his new duties as manager of the Taft campaign.

Girl's Silence Is in Vain.

Chicago—Despite the refusal of Miss Hazel Hogan to testify in the case of Dr. Irvine Siströger, James Hogan and Curtin R. Young, accused of robbing her of \$1,750 in the physician's office several months ago, the men were found guilty of the charge in Judge Honora's court here.

Bathub Trust Wins Point.

Detroit, Mich.—Judge Angell handed down a ruling that counsel for the department of justice in the suit against the so-called bathub trust can not introduce testimony regarding a meeting held in New York on March 29, 1910.

\$125,000 Fire at Racine, Wis.

Racine, Wis.—Fire in the center of the city caused a loss of \$125,000, the Throssen department store being the heaviest sufferer.

Threat to Tie Up Car Lines.

Chicago—Before going into a conference with President John M. Roach of the Chicago Railways company, representatives of the dissatisfied men declared that they will agree to no compromise.

To Abdicate on February 18.

Shanghai, China—Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, declared that he was confident that the abdication of the throne would be an accomplished fact before February 18.

COST OF GRAIN GROWING IN CENTRAL CANADA

A careful canvass made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been caused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cents a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cents per bushel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cents and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 17 1/2 cents and for his high-grade wheat of 19 1/2 cents; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat slinks very much below its present level. A matter of importance to the prospective settler is that of the cost of production. The following table has been prepared after careful investigation:

Interest on 320 acres, value \$20 per acre, 3 years at 6 per cent interest.....	\$1,720.00
Interest on horses, machinery, wagons, ploughs, harrows, etc., to operate 320 acres—say \$2,500 for 3 years.....	450.00
Getting 320 acres ready for crop first year, doing one's own work, with hired help, about \$3.50 per acre.....	1,120.00
Getting 320 acres ready for crop, second and third year, about \$1.25 per acre per year, or \$2.50 per acre 2 years one's own work and hired help.....	800.00
Seed per year, wheat, per acre \$1.25, 3 years.....	1,200.00
Seeding, 320 acres, 25 cents per acre 3 years.....	240.00
Twine, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre 3 years.....	288.00
Harvesting, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre, 3 years.....	288.00
Marketing, 320 acres, estimate 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 3 cent per bushel or 9 cents all to three 3 years.....	276.00
Recently 320 acres, estimate 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 6 cents per bushel, 3 years.....	1,152.00
By wheat crop farm 320 acres for 3 years, average 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, or a total of 60 bushels = 19,200 bushels at 30 cents per bushel.....	\$15,200.00
Balance to credit of farm after 3 years operation, \$2,462.00 per year.....	7,386.00

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The figures given may be open to criticism, but they will be found to be reasonably accurate, with a fairness given to the expense column. There are those who profess to do the work at a much less cost than those given.

Unjustifiable Suspicion.

The colonel had caught Rastus red-handed coming out of the hen coop with three fat pullets under his coat. "So," he said, "I've caught you at last stealing my hens, have I?"

"Who, me, sah?" replied Rastus, in pained surprise. "Why, Marse Colonel, sah, I hain't a stealin' no hens, sah."

"Then what are you doing with them under your coat?" demanded the colonel.

"Why, Marse Colonel, hit look to me so like it war gwine to snow, sah, dat ah went out to de coop to bring dem hens in by de litchin' fish, sah, to keep 'em from gittin' froze, sah," said the old man, with a deep sigh, to think that his honor had been suspected.—Harper's Weekly.

Efete Briton.

Booth Tarkington, the American playwright and novelist, is a very early riser, and when the English playwright and novelist, Arnold Bennett, visited him at his charming residence in Indianapolis, Mr. Tarkington said, the first evening at dinner:

"I believe in the simple life. I get up with the sun. Will you take a ten-mile walk with me at six o'clock tomorrow morning?"

"Thank you, Mr. Tarkington," the Englishman answered, "but I don't walk in my sleep."

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic.

Hope.

He—They say men of brains live long.

She—Well, hope for the best. You may prove one of the exceptions.

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Your druggist will refund money if PAIN EXPELLER fails to cure any case of Indigestion, Bloating, Belching, Prurient Flies in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

There never was a man as important as a bride expects her husband to be.

Anyway, a spinster can pretend that she would rather be her own boss.

Most people look at trouble through a microscope.