

CHICAGO GIRLS TALK

THEY MAKE MERRY WITH THE THEORIES OF REV. SAM SMITH

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Claim That Labor is a Blessing for Both Men and Women, and That Factory Life Exceeds That of Many Homes They Could Mention—Pay for Women's Work in Chicago Generally Good.

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work the idea that turning women out of bread-winning employments would furnish food or clothes or shelter. Occasionally the girls made merry with Mr. Smith's theories.

"Where does he live?" a girl in a bindery looked up to ask. "St. Paul."

"Well, how big a place is St. Paul?" "Oh, a medium-sized town."

"What is it like?" "It is a city," she remarked confidently as she went on pasting gold leaf.

"That preacher has been reading about 'life in a great city' and he's never saw none of it. Others shook their heads and giggled and laughed heartily at the thought of Mr. Smith's theories.

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atives dependent upon them. Here, as in all the shops, the women expressed themselves well in talking freely, well, and appeared thoroughly self-respecting.

At the McDermaid Manufacturing company a large number of women are employed in insulating and winding wires. The managers said frankly that men and boys failed to do the work satisfactorily and they had been compelled to employ women.

"No matter what a woman earns actually," said the manager, "we never pay less than a living wage. Manufacturers are not the public and they don't evidently think they are."

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MORE PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF A RAW SLEUTH

RECEIVES A SEVERE ROAST

John Valentine Says That the Detective Held Him Up on the Robert Street With a Gun—Meyer Explains Matters by Saying That He Was Looking for a Woman—He Empties the Hack Speedily.

Detective Meyer, the new sleuth against whom charges are now pending before the mayor, seems determined to gain a reputation for himself by stopping plugging women on the street, for John Valentine, a hackman standing at Fourth and Robert streets, says Meyer "stuck" him up with a revolver at Fifth and Robert streets, several nights ago, badly frightening him and also scaring a young business man, who was riding in the hack. It turned out that the business man was acquainted with Meyer, and when the ambitious sleuth recognized the man he was riding in, he explained his conduct as best he could and allowed the hackman to proceed.

According to Hackman Valentine's story, the young man got into his hack at Fourth and Robert streets, shortly after 10 o'clock at night, and asked to be driven home. The streets were lonely at the time and Valentine drove up Robert street at rather a brisk gait. As the man passed the Manhattan building, Valentine says he saw Meyer, who was coming from a doorway and ran at the horses' heads. He missed the bridle, Valentine says, but ran along beside the hack, ordering the driver to stop. Valentine says he thought the strangely acting individual wanted to hire a hack and called back at him that he had a load. He changed his mind in a second, however, he says, and thought he was being held up by a highwayman, when he says Meyer pulled a revolver from his pocket and told him to stop or he would shoot. Thinking if he was to be held up and robbed, Valentine says he concluded to stop and take chances on a policeman happening along before the man with the revolver got into the hack and take a chance of getting shot to be pulled up by his horse. When the man with the revolver came up with the hack, Valentine says, he tore open the door and waving the revolver at him, he said, "Get out of the hack, you man lost no time in obeying the order, when he was astonished to come face to face with Detective Meyer. The young man says he knows Meyer, and that he, having transacted business with him before Meyer became a member of the detective force, in fact he did not know at all that he was being held up. Meyer had been appointed a detective. The young man says he asked Meyer what he meant by such high handed doings, when Meyer explained that he was a detective and was holding up the hack for a woman in a hack, and departed.

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WATER BOARD FUNDS

Secretary Caulfield Shows Condition of City Bonds.

At a meeting of the board of water commissioners yesterday Secretary Caulfield's report showed the condition of the water board sinking fund. The fund amounts to \$600,235.52, all of which is invested with the exception of \$20,000. This is invested in the following securities:

Registered city bonds, \$400,000; Ramsey county court house bonds, \$100,000; city tax levy certificates of indebtedness, \$80,000. All of the securities draw 4 1/2 per cent interest, except \$150,000 of city bonds, which draw 4 per cent and another \$100,000 draws 4 1/2 per cent.

The proprietor and patentee of the Kenney valve for the water board, at the last meeting announced that the board could apply the improvement on hydrants by the payment of \$4,000 royalty. Yesterday the board was informed the royalty would be \$3 per hydrant, and possibly 100 will be placed in the whole sale district only. Contracts for stationary amounting to \$300 were divided between the valve and the Kenney Co., Boysson, H. E. Wedelstaid and the Curtis Printing Co. Contracts for blacksmithing, amounting to \$350, were split up between J. G. Dugan, Mahle & Sutcliffe, A. Usher and J. H. Schurmerer Co.

Contracts for tools and supplies during the year were not awarded, the board deciding to make purchases at market prices when supplies were needed. The contract for 800 brass springs, which from year ago cost 15 cents, was awarded to the Perkins Manufacturing Co. for \$35. Bills amounting to \$1,192 were approved. As a result of the inspection by employees of the board two plumbing firms will be called on to settle for water rents for both rooms placed in dwellings two years ago. The plumbers failed to do the work done at the time and the owners of the houses also neglected to advise the board of the improvements. Permission to put a four-inch automatic fire extinguishing system in the building at 183 and 185 East Third street was granted. The pump erected at McCarron's lake a year ago by E. P. Allis & Co., of Milwaukee, having been proved to be in good order, the guarantee bond of \$2,500 was released.

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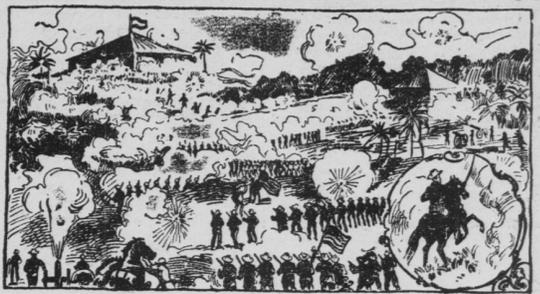
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GEN. JOE WHEELER PERUVA, The Great Catarrh Cure.



JOE WHEELER'S CHARGE AT SAN JUAN HILL.

Major General Joseph Wheeler, commanding the cavalry forces in front of Santiago and the author of "The Santiago Campaign," in speaking of the great catarrh remedy, Peruva, says: "I have used Peruva for some time for catarrh, and have found it an excellent medicine, giving me more relief than anything I have ever taken. W. V. Sullivan, Oxford, Miss."

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"Persuaded by a friend, I have used Peruva as a tonic, and am glad to testify that it has greatly helped me in strength. I have been advised by friends that it is remarkably efficacious as a cure for the almost universal complaint of catarrh. W. N. Roach, Larimore, North Dakota."

United States Senator McEnery.

Hon. S. D. McEnery, United States Senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Peruva: "I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that you claim for it. S. D. McEnery, New Orleans, Louisiana."

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruva Almanac for the Year 1900.

SMALLEY'S BIG SCOOP

MR. SUMNER HIS FRIEND. The late Senator Sumner was a staunch friend of E. V. Smalley when such friendship meant much to a young newspaper man. The famous friend of the colored race moved a tower of strength to Mr. Smalley on many an occasion, and while he never forgot his duty as a senator, there were many bits of information that young Smalley received through his emulous friend that he could not have otherwise hoped to get. As a result of his popularity with many leading members of congress, Mr. Smalley stood at the top as a Washington correspondent, and when he was in the business today who will remember the excellent service rendered the New York Tribune by Correspondent Smalley in the days when it was more difficult to get news than it is today.

E. V. Smalley, who died at his home in St. Paul, Friday at midnight, was a shining light in the newspaper firmament of Washington, D. C. in the days when he was a regular Washington correspondent. He was active and untiring, and many were the "scoops" he secured over his competitors. Mr. Smalley started the newspaper fraternity at the national capital when he landed the papers in the famous Credit Mobilier case, and the New York Tribune came out with its first page decorated with the evidences of his ability as a newspaper reporter. That achievement was great, but his interview with the Sage of Grammercy Park was even greater, as it was a well established fact in those days that Mr. Tilden would submit to be interviewed. Among the newspaper men in Washington, E. V. Smalley was known as a prince. He was ever ready to share his hard-earned news and news with the more unfortunate, and never took advantage that was unfair. He was, perhaps, the most popular of all the Washington correspondents, with men whose friendship was valuable from a news standpoint, and he attributed his success to the fact that all he did was free from trickery or deceit.

It was known that the famous Credit Mobilier bill was to be presented to congress on or about a certain day. Every newspaper correspondent at the capital was on his mettle, and not one was left in ascertaining that the bill had been presented and in getting a scanty outline of its provisions. But Mr. Smalley had done better. He had managed to ascertain the name of the stenographer who was preparing the bill. He notified his newspaper, the New York Tribune, and urged the importance of getting the news in full. Finally he was authorized to negotiate and arrange with the stenographer to prepare two copies of the precious document, one of which was handed to Mr. Smalley when the original was being prepared. The New York Tribune had the bill in full, while the many other newspapers having representatives at the capital were compelled to be satisfied with a summary of its provisions. There was but the one copy and all the reporters could do was to divide up and get the "meat" of it. The scoop cost the Tribune an even \$300, but it was worth ten times the money as a news exclusive.

TALK WITH TILDEN. The Tribune wanted an interview with S. J. Tilden. Mr. Smalley was called from Washington to get it. The Sage of Grammercy Park had steadfastly refused to grant an interview to anyone, in fact he had prevented reporters from getting close enough to open their batteries upon him. "If you can get into the house you may succeed," said the managing editor of the Tribune to Mr. Smalley, "but I am fearful you cannot get beyond the forbidden portals."

It was all the tip the bright, keen, young newspaper man needed. He mapped out his plan of campaign upon the basis: Get inside the house first. The remainder will be easy. He was met at the door by a trusted servant. He did not announce that he represented a newspaper. That would have ended his mission without result. He mentioned the name of a business friend, Mr. Tilden. He did not say he was that friend, but the servant so took it and the result was that Mr.