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RATIONALIZE THE FOURTH.

Independence day is over, and its departure furnishes occasion for sober reflection upon certain degeneracies which mark its celebration.

It has become largely a nuisance in noise, during which the small boy indulges in pistol practice, and multitudes of Americans imitate Chinamen in firecracker play.

Candidly, it ought not to be the fact that a national holiday has so degenerated in its celebration as to make intelligent people wish its coming may bring a drizzling rain so as to keep folks in doors, stop their senseless racket, and render the day bearable.

A Parisian tribunal has decreed that Count Boni de Castellane must pay a debt of \$16,000 which the count endeavored to dodge.

THE REWARD OF VIRTUE.

No longer may the tough and pugnaacious small boy who despises to love his Sunday school teacher bite his thumb at the virtuous chap who loves his books and goes in for a clean face and the practice of right living.

The lesson that is taught in the recovery of the treasure trove on Treasure Island should not be lost. The boys who made the find were indubitably reviled by their acquaintances of the dirty face and shoeless class when they declined to play hockey and allowed themselves to be led to the Y. M. C. A. camp.

The perversion of human nature checks the hope that the reward vouchsafed these good little boys will draw others to the right path. It should, of course, but it is rather likely that the tough boy, instead of seeking out the way to the nearest Sunday school camp, will gird on his sword and his pistol and try to become a pirate in order to get treasure to bury, and then not bury it.

Yesterday the extreme East snowed in the heat and the extreme West enjoyed a snow storm. Weather conditions in the middle West represented the happy medium.

A CAPABLE NEW WOMAN.

The world is apt to look askance at the class of women who are fond of "risin' up in meetin'" to demand fiercely their rights. But for the woman who goes quietly about her business and who proves by her capabilities that her work deserves to be judged not in the woman's class but in the world's class, it has only respect.

To be a capable surgeon requires absolute control of the nerves. But women have always been associated with nerves, and the average woman seems to take pride in asserting frequently that she is "a bundle of nerves."

The cry has gone forth recently that a recreation has set in against women in public life, and that slowly but surely they are being forced back to the homes where they belong. This is only partially true, for it is only the in-

capable women that the workaday world is declining to receive. It is true, however, that the world of workers today is disposed to give a cordial welcome to two classes of women only, those who are compelled by circumstances to support themselves and those whose capabilities are of such a high order that their labor is necessary to the world.

Those St. Paul people who have been anxious to introduce the crafts into the high school curriculum had better devote their attention first to eliminating the grafts.

AMATEUR SPORTS AND GRAFTING.

It is to be hoped that the charges made by Prof. Robinson against the managers of the high school athletic teams are not altogether true. That there is some ground for the charges is not to be doubted by those who have observed the management of some of the amateur sporting events.

Football among the colleges has degenerated into a money-making scheme. It is very certain that some of the managers make a great deal of money out of the big games. The men are more concerned with glory than with receipts, and the finances are administered by men who have no earthly objection to taking what they believe they have coming out of a football game.

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The space the newspapers devoted yesterday to the Declaration of Independence is taken up this morning with a list of the dead and wounded.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

It is to be regretted that the Afro-American council which just closed its session in Louisville did not condemn as strenuously the crime for which negroes are lynched as it condemned the lynching itself. It was an excellent opportunity to assure the country that the best element of the colored race—and surely this element was represented at the council—holds the crime for which negroes have suffered violent deaths in utter detestation as the white people hold it.

Had a white man committed the brutal crime for which the negro White suffered death, and had the court refused to act promptly in the matter, just as it refused to act in White's case, it is more than probable that the same punishment would have been meted out to the white man as was meted out to the negro.

"We recognize with pleasure the friendly relation that has all along existed between the best people of the white race and our own, and we sincerely desire that nothing may be permitted to intervene to mar this relation," says the address which is embodied in the resolutions which the council presents to the country at large. Nothing will be permitted to mar this relation if the best representatives of the two races band together to uphold the laws of the country.

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A Dust Sucker.

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Grist of the Political Mill

Who will handle Ramsey county for the Republican ticket next year is a matter that has given birth to no little conjecture. The handling of Ramsey county will, as a matter of course, depend almost entirely upon the results of the state convention. If the Van Sant third term ticket is elected, the convention will probably be charged with the burden of developing and delivering the vote.

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Men, Women and Things

A suggestion from some one in New York to muzzle the dogs has brought an avalanche of protests from dog lovers, who have written hysterical letters to the papers to the effect that protesting against the alleged cruelty of the muzzle, makes an excellent suggestion. She says—it is surely a woman—that it would much better to muzzle the children, if it is a question of noise.

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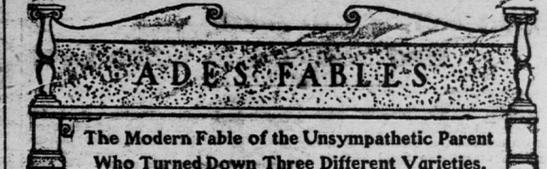
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The Modern Fable of the Unsympathetic Parent

Who Turned Down Three Different Varieties.

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One there was a long-headed Father who had taken the Junior into the Down-Town Office and was trying to eradicate the Greek and Latin from his System.

The Junior was a Lovely Chap whose clothes came to about twice his Salary. He resembled the smooth-faced Hero of a Richard Harding Davis \$150 Book.

Bertrand Flappingdale was the Name of this particular Confession. In Our Set he was known as Bertie and among the Employees at the Shop he was known as a Bluff. Bert's Pathway in Life was so nicely Lubricated and everyone was so awfully Nice to him that after a while he felt reasonably certain that the Earth and the Fullness thereof had been dished-up especially for him.

Plappingdale Senior had never smoked Egyptian Cigarettes and attended Junior Prom during his Incubator Period. He had been too busy trying to make the eMAl Tickets last year on Saturday Night to another. The only time he had been home when he had to work for a week and plant \$100 a year in the Society Loan Association. It had been many years since he had his Bolled Dinners away from him and made his art Artichokes, but he was still a Farmer at Heart.

Consequently, the elder Flappingdale did not hit it off to any large extent with Bertie's Friends, most of whom had their Names already set up in the Society Column 365 Days in the Year, but not one of them could have figured a 2 per cent Discount unless he had taken a Day off. They did not care for Business, but Business never seemed to Languish much on that Account.

I had been reading a sign in der street cars lately vich id reads lge dis: "Emchovable Trolley Ride. Freight Car Service. Wildwood by der Lakeside." Me und der matter vich against id. Id vas such an enchoy-abiensness to stand up all der vay out to Vildwood. Ve started back early to vald der rush, but ve didn't started early enough, as der rush had started commenced und id vas a fight for life to get in.

I saw a sign der onder day, "Der Atlantic Hotel." Chust dink id, Two dousand miles from der oceans, seven dousand miles from Heaven und eight hundred miles from Helena, Mont. Such is der eternal mistiness of dings ven nobody iss looging.

Stob der deal. Dars iss somedings didding. Dit vord noid stoked away bunch of brownstone mansions chust across fon der olt capitol building on Vabasha street. I noticed a pair of brab new stes hited on to von uf der houses. Ve are beginning to look up some, and id?

Der onder day a young chentleman mit a shirt vaist vandred into der court house bud skeddided out P. D. Der chunge they vord schordt vuchid fit und reached for der beer mallet und his chiblets chust burred der high places on his vay out. Go

What the Editors Say. It is really amusing to hear the big manufacturing institutions worrying for fear the little fellows will be hurt if the excesses of the tariff are taken off. "We can stand it but it is sure to destroy the smaller firms," say the combines. Being analyzed, it means just this: that the big combines can make a big profit with the smaller institutions can just live. No doubt this is true in many cases, but if it is true, it means that the big concerns will crush the smaller one just as soon as their competition becomes dangerous.

AT DUSK. Earth, mother dear, I turn, at last, A homesick child, to thee. The twilight glow is fading fast, And soon I shall be free To seek the glowing rim and vast, Where thou awaitest me.