THE VEXED QUESTION

MORE TROUBLE OVER THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Which Might Have Been Avoided Had the Gentleman Who Wanted Information Been Given a Chance to Complete His Sentence.

The man with a face like an interrogation point bit off a large hunk of mince pie (cold), washed it down with a gulp of cold milk and turned to the man standing alongside of him in the lunchroom.

"Say, my friend," he inquired, "do you know when the twent"—

"No, you don't, stranger," said the man addressed. "Not this time. I'm in here to partake of a modest luncheon consisting of buttermilk and chocolate eclairs, and no man's going to get me on that subject while I'm eating down town. I've got to stand it at my boarding house table—there's nothing else at that table—but I can't be drawn into the argument down town. What's more, I don't care a darn when it begins."

The man with a face like a question mark looked puzzled, but he wasn't easily squelched.

"I don't think you understand what I was going to ask you," said he. "I wanted to know if the twent"—

But the man with the buttermilk and the chocolate eclair moved off. The man with the question pulled down a large piece of hot gingerbread from the counter, grabbed a cup of coffee and tackled another man alongside of him.

"Excuse me," he began, "but I want inquire when you think the twent"—

The man addressed smilingly interrupted.

"Nix, old man; not today," he said amiably. "Too much brain fag about it. I'd be glad to accommodate you by going out and fighting a dog for you or sawing a couple of cords of wood for you or any little chore like that, but nay, nay, when it comes to that question. I've passed that problem along to my two boys in school anyhow. They've got lots of time and enthusiasm, and it'll expand their minds—that is, if it doesn't land them in a lunatic asylum. The question doesn't make much difference to me anyhow. I'll live just as long anyhow, won't I?"

"But," expostulated the man with the questioning eye, "what I was going"—

The man he was addressing looked at his watch hurriedly and ran to pay his check, however, and the man with the interrogatory physiognomy had no recourse but to turn to another man near by.

"Look here, my dear sir," he started. "I want to ask you when the twent"—

"I don't know, and, what's more, I don't care," was the testy reply. "I've got something else to do with my time than to flitter it away on such idiotic calculations as that."

"You are in error," was the interrogatory man's hasty interruption, "as to what I was"—

Again he found that he was addressing no one in particular, for the testy man had moved away.

"I wonder what ails all these people around here?" mused the man with the inquisitive countenance. "When I try to ask them a simple question, they either get"—

Just then he caught sight of a friend coming away from the counter with a big slab of pie and a cup of coffee. He elbowed through the crowd and collared his friend.

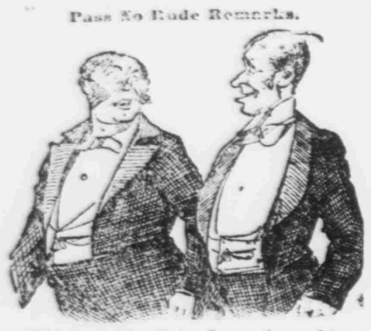
"Ha, old man, you're just the one I'm looking for," he said joyfully. "I wanted to ask you when the twent"—

His friend's face lengthened immediately.

"Look here, Jenkins," he said expostulatingly, "that's a great fault of yours, picking up those confounded fads and asking questions about them. How the dickens, now, should I, a man that sells hardware for a livelihood, know when the twentieth century begins? And what the deuce is the difference to me so long as I get three square meals"—

"Just wait a minute," interrupted the man with the inquiring mug. "I wasn't attempting to ask you anything about the beginning of the twentieth century. I don't care a hurrah about that question one way or the other. What I wanted to ask you is when was the 20 cent piece withdrawn from circulation? I've got a bet on the date with a friend"—Washington Star.

Pass No Rude Remarks.



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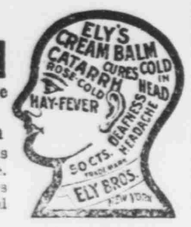

CANAL MEASURE TO PASS.

Senator Morgan and Representative Hepburn Confident.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Senator Morgan chairman of the senate committee on the Nicaragua canal, says he expects the canal bill to pass the senate this month. Representative Hepburn, chairman of the house committee, says he expects it to pass the house this month. A poll of both houses shows that when it comes to a vote the bill will pass both houses by overwhelming majorities.

Both bills, while somewhat different in language, authorize the president to secure from Nicaragua and Costa Rica such territory as may be necessary to construct and defend the proposed canal and an indefinite appropriation to be used in securing such control. Citizens of Nicaragua and Costa Rica have the same advantages in the use of the canal as citizens of the United States.

An appropriation of $10,000,000 is made for the commencement of the work, and the secretary of war is authorized to enter into contracts for its completion to the amount of $140,000,000, the money to be provided in the regular annual appropriation bills as it shall be needed.

There is no reason to expect any serious efforts to delay the bill in either house of congress. Its opponents are so few as to make such efforts hopeless, and the present prospects are that a vote will be reached in both houses after short debates.

SILVER VASE FOR DEWEY.

People of Savannah Preparing to Receive the Admiral.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 6.—The Dewey reception committee held a meeting last night and decided to present to the admiral, on the occasion of his visit here on March 21, a handsome silver vase, upon which will be engraved appropriate designs.

The gift to the admiral, it is said, will cost about $1,000.

The committee has decided to invite here on that occasion the military from neighboring Georgia cities and towns and with the Savannah military a creditable parade will be the result.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the occasion, which will no doubt be the swellest function Savannah has knowns in a long years.

Dewey to Visit Macon Also.

MACON, Feb. 6.—Mayor Smith has received from Admiral Dewey an acceptance of the invitation extended to him and Mrs. Dewey to visit Macon during their southern trip in March. The admiral says that he will reach Savannah on March 20, will remain there for two days and will then come to Macon. Elaborate preparations will be made to receive and entertain him.

Taft Goes to Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The president has appointed Circuit Judge Taft of Cincinnati chairman of the Philippine commission. He will sail from San Francisco some time after March 15. Judge Taft's place in the Sixth judicial circuit will be filled by Judge Severance of Michigan.

Chicago Strikers Riotous.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—As a result of the building trades strike, begun yesterday, one man was shot today and several were beaten by strikers. Most of the rioting was among the men employed by the Newman Piano company. The police made several arrests.

A Remedy For Sciatica.

Here is a really old fashioned remedy. It is a grandmother's remedy, and the grandmother who believes in it is alive and recommends it personally. It is for sciatica.

Take equal parts of flour and red pepper and mix with vinegar. Make a paste of it and move it from place to place with the pain. "And if that does not help you then I am mistaken," concludes the grandmother.—New York Times.

Badly Expressed.

Pusher—Gusher is not very happy in his choice of adjectives.

Usher—Why so?

Pusher—Miss Gumms fished for a compliment by asking him what he thought of her slippers.

Usher—And what did he say?

Pusher—He said they were immense.—Collier's Weekly.

"After doctors failed to cure me of pneumonia I used One Minute Cough Cure and three bottles of it cured me. It is also the best remedy on earth for whooping cough. It cured my grandchildren of the worst cases," writes Jno. Berry, Loganton, Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Children always like it. Mothers endorse it. Haigis' Pharmacy. John Sheppard, S. Kahn.

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YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

A Tiny Royal Hostess—Half Way House of Big Birds—Can You Read This Curiosity?

Princess Viktoria Luise, the only daughter of the German emperor and empress, celebrated her return from the mountains by entertaining all her little friends at a "5 o'clock," where chocolate was served and not tea.

There are so few little princes and princesses of tender years that little people of less exalted rank were included among the invited guests. These latter, a little shy at their first introduction into imperial circles, were received by the gracious hostess in such an informal manner that they felt at home at once.

She has inherited housewife capability from her charming mamma, and she insisted upon dealing out to each separate guest his or her share of cake and chocolate. As each child left it received as a souvenir a package of chocolate, attached to which was a small picture of the fascinating little imperial hostess. It was all a very great success. She is not only beloved by her father, mother and six brothers, but the entire imperial household is at her feet.

This little sprite can do with her father as she likes, and at the same hour every morning she runs into his study and delights him with various accomplishments from day to day, such as a new verse in French, German or English or anything that she thinks will please him.

She is 5 years old, very blond, with expressive blue eyes, and enjoys to the almost every moment of her until now unclouded life. The mother and little daughter are inseparable, and in this way the little one has become quite a traveler, and she has seen more lands than many grown persons.

Half Way House of Big Birds.

Near St. Charles, Mo., is a great sand bar called Pelican bend, which projects into the Missouri river, and for some unknown reason it is a favorite stopping place for the numerous flocks of pelicans that migrate north and south every year. It has been noticed that regularly each fall on Sept. 4 they begin to arrive. They remain till cold weather and then pass on south. In the spring they return to the bend, remain a short time and proceed north.

It may be that in the shallows around this sand bar are quantities of fish of which the awkward birds are fond, for they live almost entirely on fish. A pelican loves nothing better than to wade in shallow water where schools of minnows and small fish are gathered and to scoop them up in its great elastic pouch that hangs under its long lower bill. These big bodied and short legged birds are clumsy enough on land, but they have enormous webbed feet and widespreading wings. So in water or air they move rapidly, and they seem never to tire of swimming or flying.

Punch and Judy In France.

Paris' old fashioned theaters still have Punch and Judy shows. The audiences are models of attention. The children sit serious or lightly laughing, following with delighted eyes the evolutions of the notary, the gendarme, Pierrot, Mother Berlinga and the others that take the places of the characters our own young people know.

The theaters are in the open air. All through the fall into early winter the barelegged little folk come to them, rosy faced and hardy. Under the bare branches of the horse chestnut trees of the Champs Elysees they spin their tops when it is all but freezing. The play is a much longer one than is given here, and there is always a wheezy old accordion to furnish the music, but Mr. Punch fights his way through it all and meets with the same end at last.

He Meant to Be Polite.

During the visit of the Princess of Wales to the London hospital a little blind boy in one of the wards was sitting on a chair, and the princess spoke to him. The chairman of the hospital, thinking it would be nice for the lad to know who had been speaking to him, said: "That lady who has been speaking to you is the Princess of Wales. Would you like to come up and make your bow to her and speak to her?"

The boy was delighted and jumped off his chair. He was led up to the princess, and she was told of his wish, to which she very readily acceded.

The bow was duly made, and then came the speech, "How are you, miss?" a speech which was hardly expected, but which was answered by five minutes' conversation, and the boy returned to his chair proud and happy.

Can You Read This Curiosity?

A was the owner of a number of b b b
That were infected with a curious d e a s e,
Which could not be remedied with e e e
Except by giving them fresh Swiss g g g.
The f x of which h time he tries
Would be to swell their little i i i,
So that they were noticed by the j j j
And swallowed at once in every k k k;
This was leaving the b b b to a p o r fate,
So he thought he would with them M I (grate)
To Swissland or the n n n of the earth, if he please,
For his little's support he o o o to the b b b.
He must do this, there is no x q q q;
He had no p p p p, but hardships profuse;
He had x s of gold and of b b b
He wished to exchange for coffees and t t t,
So f v could trade and himself m u u u
He could make the trip of w w w.
A y y y thought struck him; he took a notion,
And with his b b b he crossed an ocean
Where there are no j j j to swallow his b b b,
And he buys all the coffees and t t t in c c c.

A New Version.

It was under the tutelage of Oliver Herford that a bright little girl spoke up blithely in a Sabbath school one day. The lesson was something in Proverbs, I think. Anyway the teacher rose and asked some one to tell him the rest of the verse which begins "Many are called." Mr. Herford's little friend was equal to the occasion. "I know it," she piped. "I know it. 'Many are called, but few get up.'"

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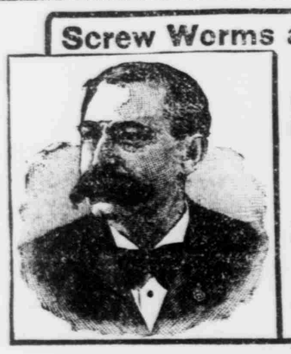

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