

THE JASPER NEWS

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Ain't it funny how well Venezuela gets along without Castro?

Of all the gold in the possession of man, the per cent in the shape of cold.

Was it the goose-bone or the walnut-husk that promised us an early and hard winter?

A Michigan man has been sent to jail for stealing a State stamp. Now that man must be possessed by Pittsburg.

Milwaukee doctor married his cook. Why don't they start a magazine entitled "What to Eat and How to Recover?"

Numismatists are much dissatisfied with the best gold coin but the common people are most displeased with the difficulty of getting them.

When aeronauts begin to pay, as they seem likely to do at no distant date, building castles in the air will have a substantial foundation.

Not Goodwin has divided his fortune with his new wife. In case trouble follows this should simplify matters as far as alimony may be concerned.

To cure his office boys of loafing a firm at Beloit, Wis., has equipped the push carts they use with devices for registering the distance covered in trips and the speed made.

In disposing of an estate valued at \$2,000 the will of Jennie Linn of Philadelphia directs that the deed to her cemetery lot is to be placed in the casket and buried with her.

Before the century is half over, we will probably be dispensing with aeroplanes and kindred devices, and will be using our own individual wings for flights in the air. Then automobiles will be used only when one feels like having a quiet, slow time of it.

Opium just now is not having soothing effects. On the contrary, the usually soporific drug is producing riots over the planting of poppies. The Chinese cannot understand why they should sacrifice their special financial interests for the general good of the race in which view they are not exclusively oriental.

Consul General Robert J. Wynne makes the report that the returns of shipping and tonnage of the Suez canal for 1907 show that the net tonnage exhibits an all-round increase, the figures for the last year showing an increase of 1,382,339 tons as compared with that of 1906 and an increase of 1,594,329 over 1905. Receipts during 1907 showed an increase of \$1,557,000 as compared with 1906.

The esteemed London Times dwells upon the artistic defects of Louis XV furniture and wonders why it is that rich Americans are picking up the specimens of it that are offered for sale in London. The most obvious reason is that they are generally prepared to outbid rich Englishmen who appear to be equally anxious to secure possession of it. It is a mere matter of the relative resources of rival bidders, rather than any lamentable difference in taste.

A policeman in New York, convicted of brutally beating a citizen, pleaded for mercy on the ground that he had a wife and family. Why the fact of having a wife and family should be regarded as a sine qua non immunity in violating the rights of others, is what neither law nor logic has ever fathomed out, but it is brought forward so often and is frequently so successful that a certain class of wrongdoers have learned to rely upon it to escape the consequences of their own deliberate acts.

Three fires in New York at once, with a loss of nearly a million, made a good test lately of the new high pressure system. It worked in a way to make the fire authorities enthusiastic and to its efficiency is laid the fact the loss was not many more millions. This is the first time the system has had a severe test, and it proved equal to the emergency. Consequently, says the "Haltmore" American, the city officials are congratulating themselves on so satisfactory an addition to the city's fire defenses.

Civil service reformers have no reason to be displeased with the working out of the merit system. Secretary Coker of the treasury department rose to his present position from the ranks of the classified stenographers, and Frank H. Hitchcock, whom Mr. Taft is reported to have selected for postmaster general, began his government employment in the department of agriculture, and rose by merit to an assistant postmaster generalship. The ideal toward which the government has been endeavoring to move is a career to a young man, independent of partisan politics or personal favors.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MR. PULLMAN'S CARS

By Charles Battell Loomis

In the homes of the mass of American people whose ancestors were living here 150 years ago men do not walk around in their undershirts when ready to perform their morning ablutions. It is considered anything but good form to do such things.

But Mr. Pullman changes all this in his enchanted "bower" of wheels. There, as you, my lady, walk in your dainty, light-colored gowns for a place among the women who are crossing the Atlantic, you need several feet and frows halfed men in their netter shirts making their unblinking way to their ironed beds.

I don't know much about practical things, but I should think that there must have been a good deal of money in that Pullman idea first and last. I doubt if porters got as much as do the people who made the original cars and allowed persons in every state to copy them so accurately.

There's hardly ever any ventilation in them. New inventions come up everywhere, and there are even village improvement societies, but who ever heard of a Society for the Improvement of Pullmans?

The only difference between a Chinese opium joint and a Pullman car is the fact that there's no pipe in them about the Pullman. It's the real thing.

What would the authorities say in a large city if they found a house with bunks, curtained bunks at that, curtained against the air, along the walls of a small room, bunks capable of accommodating 24 persons of both sexes?

Why, they'd put a stop to that lodging house at once. "Tenement house reform" abolished all those promiscuous and crowded sleeping apartments long ago.

bags and umbrellas are being connected to their horses in an unpleasant manner.

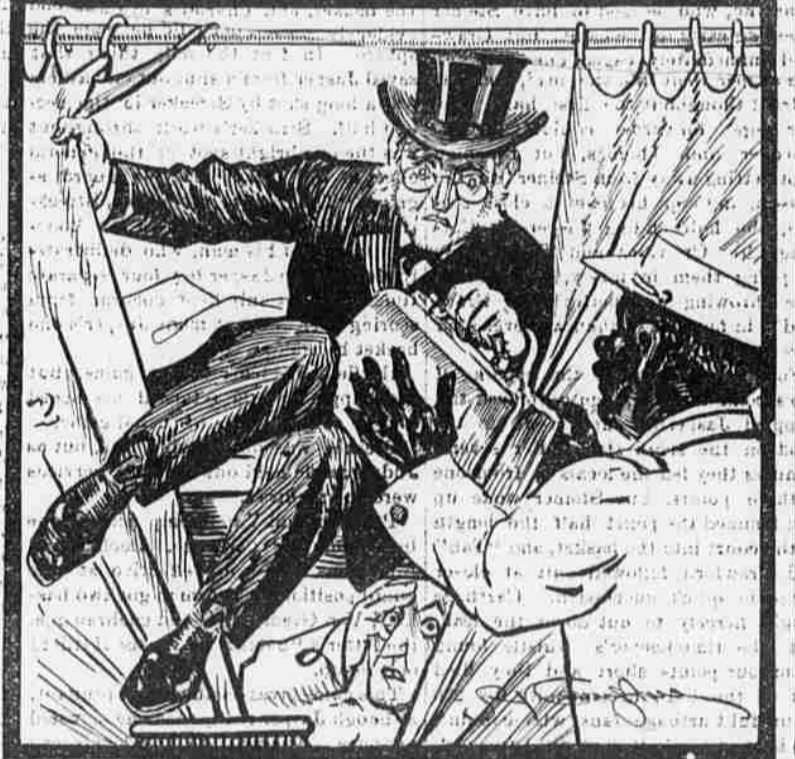
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But let me not a moment have heard that woman sometimes snarl at one another in the pantry and make a wretchedly slow and stilted entrance to the dining-room.

Men are always half-following me while in their better organizations and that's what makes them so slow in the room with the steepest good nature, even walking carefully to avoid tripping into the keratin who insist upon shaving with a real razor while the car is going at the rate of 50 miles an hour.

I once heard of a drummer who had spent 20 years in the cars of Mr. Pullman, he being an unmarried man. He grew to like their unaltered compactness so much that when at last Hyman II. his Plattsch lamp to show the drummer the way to the married state the man felt uncomfortable in the ordinary "large" room of an apartment house, and after putting and fanning for a week or two he had a little house constructed in exact imitation of a Pullman car.

He was a well-to-do man, and so he was able to pay for the leather-like blankets and the wonderful mechanism that converts a comfortable day seat



Emerging from Upper Two in a Silk Hat.

into a cramped couch. Not only that, but, being of a hospitable nature, he was glad to keep "open house," as he called it, his friends into the sleeping boxes. And they do say that he had a carpenter manage so that the floor shook and lurched until one of his guests broke a shoulder-blade from being thrown out of an upper berth.

I know he had an exporter for a house servant, and that fellow used from force of habit, to go through that "car" at about five in the morning, just when sleep was most precious, and poke the reclining sleepers with his bony hand, saying: "Are you de gentlemen for Pittsburg? There in forty minutes."

There is something fascinating in the Pullman when you have become used to the abandon and discomfort and stuffiness of it, and after awhile you can dress comfortably without leaving your bed.

I well remember on one occasion seeing the curtains part and from an upper berth came down the ladder an old gentleman in frock coat and wearing a silk hat. Fancy emerging from your bed at home so completely dressed as that! Let us bless Mr. Pullman.

Not for Hans.

Hans came in from his ranch to buy a horse. "I've got the very thing you want," said Ike Bergman. "It's a fine road horse, five years old, sound as a quail, \$175 cash down, and he goes ten miles without stopping."

Hans threw up his hands in protest. "Not for me," he said. "Not for me. I wouldn't give you five cents for him if he were ten miles out, and I'd half to walk back two miles."

WILL GUIDE ROOSEVELT PARTY

R. J. Cunningham Knows Well Interior of Africa.

London.—R. J. Cunningham, the English professional hunter, who will be the guide, manager, counsellor and friend of Theodore Roosevelt and his party on their African hunting tour, probably knows more about equatorial Africa than any other white man.



R. J. CUNNINGHAM

the Roosevelt caravan and gathering materials and supplies. Besides being a hunter and guide Mr. Cunningham is an expert collector of natural history specimens, having made important collections for the British museum both in Norway and Argentina.

NEW GETTYSBURG MONUMENTS

Will Be Erected on Battlefield at Cost of \$150,000.

Philadelphia.—This is a model of the magnificent Pennsylvania state monument to be erected at Gettysburg at a cost of \$150,000. Around the parapet will be bronze panels, on which will be inscribed about 22,000 names of officers and privates who took part in the battle of Gettysburg.

It is said to be a curious fact that the wedding cake, that elaborate indigestible compound so indispensable at the modern marriage ceremony, is the direct descendant of a rabe made of water, flour and salt, of which, at the Roman high-class weddings, the married couple and the witnesses partook at the time of the signing of the contract.

His Pleasant Visit.

"Why are you whipping that child?" asked a man of a German who was belaboring a boy of ten.

"That's none of your business," replied the German. "Besides, I have a right to whip him. He is my sister's child, who is here for his pleasure."

Important to Mothers.

Examina carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

Avoiding Embarrassment.

"Dickey," said his mother, "when you divided those five caramels with your sister did you give her three?"

"No, ma. I thought they wouldn't come out even, so I ate one 'fore I began to divide."—United Presbyterian.

FILES CORRE IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

FAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded, 10c.

What's a citizen's duty if he would be if we all loved our neighbors as we love ourselves?

The finger of fate is one that is in almost every pla.

Advertisement for Figs of California, mentioning the California Fig Syrup Co. and the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for a medicine, titled 'Deafness Cannot Be Cured'.



Whereupon he instantly drew his sword.

Advertisement for 'Come Get Your Medicine' and 'Original Wedding Cake'.

Advertisement for 'His Pleasant Visit' and 'Important to Mothers'.

Advertisement for 'Avoiding Embarrassment' and 'FILES CORRE IN 6 TO 14 DAYS'.

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