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 A statue Venus fair of form and face;
 In Poesy they've rhymed each golden curl,
 In Art they've limned with chromic
 dreams of paint
 Your features so Madonna-like, dear girl,
 And given you the halo of a saint.
 Though beauty-lovers kneel before your
 shrine
 And rhyme or paint or sing your won-
 derous charms,
 I'm happy, dear, to think no tongue but
 mine
 Hath told what peace and rest's within
 your arms;
 And when your sun-kissed curls to gray
 shall turn,
 Your beauty, now rose-crowned, he
 wreathed with rue,
 No longer flattered by the crowd you'll learn
 But one man deeply loved the soul of you!
 —Roy Farrell Greene.

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 ing that it is simply Iron and Quinine
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Misguided Zealot.
 As illustrating the sort of Christians
 who have a zeal, "but not according
 to knowledge," there has been nothing
 more striking recently than the
 action of the New Jersey Sunday
 School teachers denouncing Santa
 Claus as a "relic of barbarism," and
 deciding that henceforward he should
 not be recognized in Sunday School
 Christmas entertainments. They re-
 gard the St. Nicolas idea as a "med-
 ieval myth unworthy of consideration
 by Christian children," and propose to
 hold Christmas entertainments con-
 sisting of songs and stereopticon views.

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Armaments.
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 which now cost the nations, directly
 and indirectly, more than two thousand
 millions annually, continue in all their
 burdensomeness and menace to civil-
 ization. Land armaments in European
 countries seem to have reached about
 the limit of their possible growth.
 The rivalry has now transferred itself
 mainly to the ocean. Into this rivalry,
 we much regret to have to say, our
 own country has entered more deeply
 the past year than ever before, and the
 present lead of the government and
 infatuate following of the people be-
 token a still deeper sinking into what
 is contrary to all the previous history
 and policies of the nation, and what
 seems to us to bode no good to America
 or the world. The ideas under whose
 impulsion this naval incubus is being
 loaded upon the country seem to us to
 be thoroughly false and un-American.
 The pretended dangers which are put
 forward to enforce the necessity of a
 great navy are baseless and unreal.
 The grounds of our safety, respect
 from abroad and peace in the past are
 the grounds of our security and honor
 still. To become like one of the mili-
 tary powers, on the sea or anywhere
 else, is for the nation to expose itself
 to the weaknesses, the entanglements,
 the alarms, the perils and the degenera-
 tion which always stalk in the wake
 of militarism. It is not too late yet
 for our beloved country to stop short
 in the new course on which it has en-
 tered, and every consideration of
 strength, security, honor and useful-
 ness demand that it should do so—
Our Doubt Animals.

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scopic eye on the habits and lurking
 evils of the ladybug. Then its atten-
 tion is diverted to the subject of food
 adulteration, and a dozen attaches of
 the Department are condemned to live
 for months on manufactured and sus-
 pectedly adulterated foods.
 A grinning nation looks on and
 terms these devoted exponents of the
 Department's methods "The Poison
 Squad," while the place where the eat-
 ing is done is designated by the irrever-
 ently suggestive name of "The Borax
 Boarding House." The humor of the
 situation is increased by the fact that
 those martyrs to the cause of science
 don't grow pale and die, but thrive
 and take on avoirdupois while living
 on the embalm diet. At last this
 experiment also draws near its end.
 If there are any results that are
 worthy to be classed in the annals of
 exact research, they aren't stated.

But the ever-ready Department can't
 be cornered. It instantly comes for-
 ward with another scheme. The main
 thing is to have something un-
 usual going on, and with the passing
 of "The Poison Squad" another array
 of bold adventures into the domain of
 the unknown makes its collective bow
 to an amazed and amused public.
 Now the Agricultural Department is
 to size up the tobacco question, and to
 do it there must be set to work a
 select company of tobacco users who
 are accurately marked off into three
 classes—smokers, chewers and snuff-
 ers.

It is gravely announced that it is
 planned by this means to learn from
 experiment the effects of tobacco on
 the human system—in other words,
 the smokers must smoke, the chewers
 must chew and the snuffers must snuff
 until the wisecracks of the Department
 cry "No more!"
 This opens a wonderful vista.
 Think of the rivalry as to who shall
 try the effects of the fifty-cent Havana
 and who shall be condemned to the
 two for five or shall be limited to the
 small and insidious circle of the snuff-
 box.

The main trouble of the Department
 in this new freak will probably be
 justly to apportion the work of snuff-
 ing, smoking and chewing.
 But when the tobacco squad has
 done its work it will be hard to con-
 vince a practical public that the whole
 thing is aught but a farce.—*St. Louis*
World.

Pennsylvania Privates Astonished.
 Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylv-
 ania, who in the service of the Quay
 machine signed the bill designed to
 muzzle the press of his State, has dis-
 covered that the thing is not to be
 done. The press defies him, and
 treats him as the fool and fool he has
 proved himself to be. The new law is

badly broken, openly and rejoicingly.
 Pennypacker himself being made the
 special object of the lawbreakers' con-
 tempt and laughter.
 What is he going to do about it?
 Has he the courage to bring suits un-
 der the preposterous statute which,
 while signing, he defended in a paper
 that demonstrated equally the empti-
 ness of his head and the seriousness of
 his temper? Or will he order out the
 militia to suppress the newspapers
 that most insolently mock him? He
 intimated that such might be his
 course on provocation, and certainly
 no donkey in office was ever more
 cruelly switched than he.

The confederated scoundrels who
 rule Pennsylvania possess enormous
 power. That is because the incorpo-
 rated predatory wealth of the com-
 monwealth is behind them, for personally
 they are greatly inferior in brains to
 looting politicians elsewhere. In most
 other States Pennsylvania's foremost
 buccannera would be in the forecastle.
 That a person of Pennypacker's call-
 ous should rank as an intellectual
 giant in the estimation of the leaders
 of the machine sufficiently indicates
 their own mental grade. They actual-
 ly had a childlike faith that by leg-
 islation it was practicable to choke
 off the press' criticisms of their big-
 lot box stuffing and boodling.
 The amazing Pennypacker, with his vil-
 lage mind, evidently shared this sim-
 ple faith to the full. Therefore all
 hands on board Quay's private brig,
 from the captain down, are astounded
 and dismayed at the temerity of the
 newspapers in firing rebellious broad-
 sides instead of lowering their flags
 on the run in submissive terror as was
 expected.

Pennypacker, standing for the in-
 tellect and morals of Quay's machine,
 has placed Pennsylvania on exhibition
 before the astonished American peo-
 ple. The result is mortifying to Penn-
 sylvania, but the experience will do
 her good. In mere shame the ma-
 chine, as dull as it is corrupt, ought
 to be smashed.—*San Francisco, Ex-*
aminer.

A Mighty Privilege.
 A Manila cablegram through the
 Associated press, referring to the bill
 for the government of the Moros "en-
 acted" by the Philippine commission,
 says that "the measure authorizes the
 council to abolish slavery."
 That is a very important provision,
 indeed. The thirteenth amendment
 to the Federal Constitution says that
 "neither slavery nor involuntary serv-
 itude, except as punishment for crime,
 whereof the party shall have been
 duly convicted, shall exist within the
 United States;" and then as if antici-
 pating that some new fangled inter-
 pretation might be placed upon the

meaning of the term "within the
 United States," the thirteenth amend-
 ment concludes "or any place subject
 to their jurisdiction."
 And yet when on territory over
 which this government has established
 jurisdiction, the institution of slavery
 flourishes, the Republican adminis-
 tration engages in a treaty in which
 a magnificent tribute is paid to liberty
 to the extent that it is provided that
 "any slave may purchase his freedom
 by paying to the master the usual mar-
 ket price." And now, as another
 magnificent tribute to liberty, the
 Philippine commission, in the bill re-
 cently enacted, "authorizes the coun-
 cil to abolish slavery."

What a mighty privilege it is for an
 official body representing a republic
 and having authority over territory
 presumed to be part of a republic to
 receive from the Philippine commis-
 sion the "authority to abolish slavery."
 —*The Commoner.*

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An Anti-Cleveland Protest.
 The papers have been telling what
 a strong Cleveland sentiment there
 was in Pennsylvania. The Democratic
 County Committee of Lancaster coun-
 ty, Pennsylvania, met early this month
 and unanimously passed the following
 resolution:
 "Resolved, That we condemn the at-
 tempt of the so-called reorganizers,
 who, with the aid of Republican news-
 papers, are trying to boom the nomi-
 nation of a candidate who is repug-
 nant to a vast majority of the Demo-
 cratic party; and it is our opinion that
 no members of the party who believe
 in the principles laid down by Jef-
 ferson and Jackson and is loyal to the
 best traditions of the party can favor
 such a movement."

This does not look much like a
 Cleveland landslide. When the voters
 speak it will be found that the re-
 organizers are far less numerous than
 the trust-ridden metropolitan papers
 would make it appear.—*The Com-
 moner.*

Following close upon the several de-
 velopments in the Postoffice Depart-
 ment, comes the charge that extensive
 frauds are suspected in connection
 with the purchase of seed by the De-
 partment of Agriculture. The Wash-
 ington correspondent for the Cincin-
 nati *Enquirer* says that it is alleged
 that the government has lost large
 sums of money, either through irregu-
 lar practices or negligence, or both.
 It is said that shortages occurred in
 all seed shipments sent out by the De-
 partment, that packets were divided
 into the smallest compass, by which
 means the light weight of the packets
 was concealed; that the cheapest
 kinds of seeds were frequently
 and knowingly substituted for the
 costly varieties; that the cheapest
 kind of paper, much below the stand-
 ard required, was used to pack seeds,
 by which the contractor saved several
 thousand dollars.

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Every one is familiar with the effort
 to locate water by the use of the witch
 hazel weed, and now we are told that
 electricity is to be put to a new use by
 taking the place of the witch hazel
 wand. The officials of the geological
 survey are just now experimenting
 with a little electrical device which
 they hope will develop into a reliable
 water detector. A writer in the Kan-
 sas City *Star*, referring to this device,
 says: "It is something like the seis-
 mograph used for determining earth-
 quake disturbances, and is so delicately
 adjusted that it records the slightest
 vibration. By these vibrations the
 presence of subterranean streams are
 not only determined, but the volume
 and direction of the flow are also ac-
 curately recorded. This instrument
 will be of great value to the irrigator
 and farmer, as it will enable him to
 drive his wells where he will find
 water. In tests made with the new
 electrical device steel rods are driven
 a short distance into the earth and at-
 tached to the machine. The slightest
 vibration is recorded on the dial.
 There is an attachment resembling
 the telephone receiver by which the
 vibrations are converted into sound
 waves. In testing for water the vol-
 ume of these sound waves are com-
 pared to the total minor vibrations
 from other causes in the arena of the
 same size in which it is known no
 water exists. The device will not
 work satisfactorily in regions where
 there are volcanoes or other seismic
 disturbances. The officials of the geol-
 ogical survey believe the device can
 be used to indicate the presence of oil,
 but the vibrations caused by oil are
 not so great as those of water and con-
 sequently much more difficult to detect.
 Oil is always found at greater depths
 than water, and for that reason a more
 delicately adjusted instrument will be
 necessary."—*The Commoner.*

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