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The "shrick" of the green hat is de clared to be the war cry of mankind. But often a war cry "peters out" into

are getting few. Christmas is coming like a mile a minute. Have you shopped yet?

done the more time left for filling the hole it puts in the purse against the day of real merriment, Yes, it is action that is needed. It

is well to say "I must and I will do my Christmas shopping now." But it doesn't buy any goods. Go and do it.

the country. Spanish, but not English, will find that nected with the business world, he must think in English and act the

Tariff revision in the minds of those the present figures used as the minithe friends of the protective policy.

after a trial of 106 days. But it does in promoting their foreign commerce. not follow that he will get his deserts. Old Judge Technicality has a crack at the case yet. Consequently the boss boodler may be once more turned loose to continue to prey and plunder.

Champ Clark says the duty of 5 cents a pound on borax was imposed because a senator from Nevada-we preseume this was Stewart-would not vote for the tariff bill unless his state got a rake-off. This is characteristic of most tariff making. Borax stood in not the least fear of foreign competition, but if graft were going around Stewart was determined to get some of it for Nevada,

## The November Fire Loss.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of November, as compiled from carefully kept records of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, shows a total of \$15,834,350. It is less by \$3,287,850 than for the corresponding month last year, and \$414,000 less than for November, 1906. The fire loss in the same territory for the 11 months of the year is \$224,503,100, which is greater by \$24,633,700 than for the corresponding period last year, and \$216, 205,450 less than for the 11 months in 1906, which included the San Francisco loss of \$292,501,100. If the loss for April, 1906, the month of that disaster, had been normal, the comparison would be favorable to the 11 months of that year by about \$55,500,

During November there were 306 fires which caused a loss of \$10,000 or over in each instance. There were nine fires during the month which caused a loss in each instance of \$200,000 or over. The Journal of Commerce says that it is well known in insurance circles that only the heavy increases in security values has saved a number of fire underwriting institutions from go ing to the wall

## Robbing the Postoffice.

The stealing of \$18,000 worth o stamps and currency from an Indiana postoffice serves to call attention to the report of the postal department showing that this kind of thievery has been growing rapidly for a number of years, in spite of the most determined efforts of the secret service to stamp it out. During the last year there were 1,802 such robberies, an increase of 221 over the preceding year. The government assumes losses by robbery of postage stamps amounting to \$72,-984; postal funds, \$15,627; a total of

In the course of the year 372 post office burglars were arrested and all but a half dozen were convicted. The government never ceases its pursuit of these thieves, who are mostly professionals and make a specialty of agreed and has turned the program for robbing postoffices. One feature of the day over to Dr. Henius. It is the the case, always puzzling to the gov- intention of Dr. Henius to arrange for

econd avenue, Rock Island, Ill. [En- nected with the postal service, and kings and queens. without either asking questions or reporting to the authorities. These stamps are necessarily sold through a "fence" and at a liberal discount, and the government secret service men contend, with some show of reason, that merchants who buy their stamps All communications of argumentative in large quantities from unknown men

> burglars to go on with their work. The loss in such cases falls on the postmaster, who, while he may be reimbursed by an act of congress, is always compelled to wait a long time for the adjustment of his claim. Recently congress has authorized the postmaster general to settle minor losses where the facts are satisfactory to the inspectors, but in cases of large loss, like that in the Indiana town, the postmaster must wait for his relief in special legislation

#### Commerce Extension.

The fourth and last of the series of commercial and industrial conferences Gee whizz! but the shopping days that have neighbor to make national week a notable one in the national capital was held in Washington when the National Council of Commerce met to elect officers, adopt by-laws and to perfect a plan to be followed by the The earlier Christmas shopping is council in its future work. The ses sions were teld in the offices of the department of commerce and labor and were attended by eminent representa lives of commercial organizations in

virtually every state in the union. The National Council of Commerce which was inaugurated by Secretary Straus a year ago has aroused considerable interest throughout the country That football casualty list of over about 60 commercial bodies from the forgive me of the offense, and if there 200 in 1908 goes to prove that head-on leading cities of the United States hav- are any who are not satisfied with collisions pan out in gridiron events ing joined the council since its first much the same as they do on the rail. meeting. Sceretary Straus has be come more and more convinced of the they were wronged honestly, between It is said that Cannon and Aldrich practical value of this progressive orhave ordered congress to do nothing ganization, not only to the commer-right." at this session. This is a concession. cial activities throughout the country, Heretofore the orders have been to do which can, through the council, be constantly informed of trade opportunities abroad, but to the various de-Cuba's new president, who can speak partments of the government con-

One of the features of the movemen part or Uncle Sam will make him is the establishment of a permanent bureau of the council in Washington in charge of a capable man who can keep in close touch with the governin authority consists in the creation of ment departments that have to do shapes. There were rakes and scrapers minimum and maximum schedules with with commercial affairs and advise the various commercial interests of immum. The real tariff reformers can portant matters that arise from time get no relief from a revision made by to time and affect their welfare. Similar bureaus have existed for some time in Germany, England, France and Abe Ruef, the San Francisco grafter, other European countries and have has been convicted again of bribery been found to be of incalculable value

#### KRINGLE JINGLES.

Verses That Can Be Sent With Christmas Gifts.

> CALENDARS. May all the days Throughout this year "Red letters" be "

May all the leweled beads Be gold without alloy This is my prayer for thee.

HANDKERCHIEFS. Twelve bits of white fluff to my lady As many as months in the year.

Here's hoping that never a month not Will hold for that lady a tear.

A BOX OF CIGARS. Many a film of fairy fancy Goes up in smoke each year; But, being a woman, of course I can't se What dream chrysalids are here.

NECKLACE. A slender, golden, jeweled chain Both throat and chain new beauties gain They but enhance each other's charm. A PHOTOGRAPH.

My replica I send As substitute for me. Perhaps 'twill hang more gracefully Than I could on the tree.

The key to the gateway of dreams, I'll be your boon companion At smokers if that beseems Upon a sea of dreams. I'm almost better than a wife!

A POCKETBOOK OR PURSE. Shakespeare called me trash. And that, perhaps, is true, But when I'm filled with cash And you've been feeling blue Even a trashy friend you'll find Has mighty power to ease your mind.

A RING. As the circle is endless, So it love typifies; When broken 'tis mendless, Whosoever is wise Its fair jewel will hold And cherish its gold. -Delineator For December

## INDEPENDENCE DAY HONOR.

Danish Americans to Celebrate Next

Fourth of July In Denmark. Denmark will have a Fourth of July celebration next summer, given by thousands of Danish Americans who will go there for the occasion. This was recently announced by Dr. Max Henius of Chicago, who went to New York to make arrangements with the Danes in that city for the celebration, which will be in Aarhus, where there will be an exhibition of the resources of Denmark.

Dr. Henius is president of the Danish American society and has sent a cable message to the president of the exhibition in Aarhus, asking that the Fourth of July be set aside as a Danish American day. The president has ernment officials, is the readiness with a number of speeches by promine-

which business men of high standing, Danish Americans. Aarhus is one of will purchase hundreds of dollars' the eldest towns in Denmark, and Published Daily and Weekly at 1624 worth of stamps from persons not con- there lie the bones of departed Danish

## PRESIDENT'S VALEDICTORY.

Answers Question "What Shall We Do

For Our Ex-Presidents?" President Roosevelt in his office at the White House recently gave what may be considered his valedictory, with permission to a correspondent to use it. The president said:

"When the people of the country are asking the question, 'What shall we do for our ex-presidents? tell them that they need do nothing for this ex-president. He is going out to work and to do for himself.

"I have had a first class time as president of the United States, and I have enjoyed every minute of the time I have been in the White House. When I have finished the last stroke I am going out contented and to work." This statement came from the president after the close of a talk with one of his friends, with whom he had been discussing his approaching Afri-

#### PLEA FOR PARDON.

Butcher Who Mixed Tallow With Lard Confesses Sins In Newspapers. Frank Spera, a former resident of Akron, Ind., has caused to be inserted in various newspapers in Warsaw, Ind., and vicinity the following announcement:

"I want to make restitution and beg pardon of the people through the newspapers. When I was in the butcher business in Akron I mixed tallow with lard and sold it to my customers. I ask all these people in Jesus' name to just forgiving me if they will send me a statement of the amount they think God and man, I will make all wrongs

#### SPOTLESS TOWN.

Breek, In Holland, Is the Cleanest Place In the World.

housecleaning tools, hung upon the wall in neat lines, were as numerous, as diverse and as handsome as the tools of a carpenter or a chauffeur. There were floor brushes, wall brushes, picture brushes-all sizes and struments of every kind-for glass, for metal, for floors, for furniture. There were sponges, chamois skins, soaps and powders of all descriptions.

"It is a complete set of cleaning tools, isn't it?" said the owner. "It should be complete. I brought it from Holland with me-from Brock-from Spotless Town.

"Brock is the cleanest place in the him." give you a pair of new straw sandals vellow as gold to put on so that you will not track up the snowy streets.

"In the bright sunshine you seem to be walking in a town made of sugar candy. The tree trunks are painted yellow, the garden fences are a bright blue, the tables and chairs before the little inns are as white as though carved out of snow.

"Enter a Brock stable. The walls are scarlet, the mangers are green, the floors are yellow. The cows' tails are fastened to rings in the ceiling so that they may not soll nor be soiled."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Cranberries; large fine cranberries, every berry sound, per quart ..... 13c Honey; pure white clover honey, in the comb; per

lb. ..... 15c Nuts; fancy mixed nuts, all strictly new, no old ones; per lb. ..... 171/20 Dates; new dates, per lb. 10c, three lbs. ..... 25c

Salt mackerel; nice, large, fat mackerel, each ...... 15c Rutabagas; large, fine Michigan rutabagas; they cook up tender and sweet; per peck.... 20c

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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

### THE FOLLOW UP.

After Thanksgiving Saver of labor Saver of cash, Pleasant and wholesome, Yet you must feel Sore if you find it There every meal.

Served in the morning. Heated at noon, Dished up for supper— That is the tune. If you are hungry, Twixt meals a hunch Makes you feel certain Hash will be lunch.

Greans with the weight, Heaviest turkey Kept for the date. White meat or gizzard, Dark meat or wing. Pass up your platter.

Tunkey is king. Strictest injunction Says that you must On the occasion Eat till you bust. How can there be Anything over? Just wait and see,

Wait till temerrow, Hash to the left of you, Hash to the right, Hash there in front of you. Greatly I fear

Too Bad. "What do you call your cook?" "Polly. But that is not what my

Till it's hash in the rear.

husband calls her." "What does he call ber?" "I am ashamed to tell you."



and?

"What! Me?"

"Why?" "I should not know what to do with

My Christmas Girl. She's a winsome little fairy With her manners light and alry And her fluffy hair a-curl.

She's as pretty as a picture. In my heart she's sure a fixture. She's my dainty Christmas girl. She is graceful, she is merry, But of Cupid she is wary, And she sets his head a-whirl.

So she's somehow caught my fancy. She's my dainty little Nancy. She's my crinkly Christmas girl. I am happy 'cause I've caught her. Morn and even I besought her

In my heart her wings to furl, 'Cause she's just as sweet and sunny As the golden, Hmpid honey. She's my crispy Christmas girl. When He is at Home.

"He is a heavyweight fighter." "Yes: it is a pity." "What is a pity?" "That he is such a lightweight hus and."

Explained. 'He isn't worth much, is he?" "No. That's the reason." "What reason?" "He costs so much."

"I never have any doubts." "Is that so?" "Yes. I let my neighbors entertain all such things."

## PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Sometimes a woman belongs to a woman's club, and sometimes a wo-

man's club belongs to a woman. If you find it hard work to keep your temper, you would better employ a

It seems to make some people positively angry if one insinuates that this world is not wholly a wilderness



man to keep it for you.

When your conscience wakes up sometimes it is only to let you know that you think you are being cheated.

temptation. It might not be the

It is easy enough to have a good time in this world if you have a stand-in with the people who keep good times

The best way to reform some men is to send them back to the factory and order a new lot in their stead.

The trouble with one's neighbors is usually this; They are usually either bored or scandalized at our behavior.

## McCabe's specials for saturday

special

7:30 p. m. . . . .

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10 inch table Christmas trees

special Saturday . . .

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There'll surely be something doing and you'll not want to say No!

when the other boys and girls ask if you were there. After the roof parade Santa and his bears will hold a reception in the store. Santa will hand out his card to the boys and girls who come to see him. We suggest that all letters for Santa Claus be handed to him at this time.

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# The Argus Daily Short Story

KICKING A GOAL---BY LITTELL McCLUNG.

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ton and Darnall, their conversation pretty one, isn't it? was not of the gridiron as they walked down Main street bound for Clinton

"There's only one thing that keeps me from becoming engaged to you right now, Thornton," said the girl after a serious pause. "You'll have to tell me, Leta;

can't guess it," answered the stalwart quarterback of the Clinton eleven. "Just this," she said. "I am not altogether sure that you really need me in your life. You are a strong, self reliant boy, capable of fighting your own way over the obstacles that will confront you.

"More than all else put together, I want to know that without my encouragement you would be accomplishing less-that I will always be an inspiration to you, no matter what your aims may be."

For a moment the young man did not reply. Then he looked at his combrand you think panion, his gaze sincere. "Leta, you're right," he agreed quiet-

ly. "That's the way I want you to feel about it. Deep down in my heart I know that you would always inspire me to strive for the best in life. But I must convince you of this, and I'll do it, too, dear girl, if I get the chance!"

not begin at the game today?"

"Maybe you will, Thornton," she replied, "and I hope that you will more than you can guess. Why-why "That's what I intend to do, Leta!

play as I never played before, just be-

Though it was only an hour before cause you are wearing Clinton's colthe great football game between Clin- ors and wearing my pennant. It's a

> "The gold and brown stripes harmonize beautifully with that bright making the deciding touchdown. Both brown gown you are wearing. Your licket calls for a seat back on the north geal, and I know I'll see you clearly despite the crowds."

"It certainly is fine," she declared, that little me may be an inspiration to a Clinton boy to play at his best! But it seems almost a pity that you are not one of the halfbacks or in the line, though I know everything depends on the quarterback. He gives the signals and delivers the ball, doesn't he?" "I know what you mean, Leta," he said. "You would like to see me in a

ball instead of handing it out to somebody else?" The girl nodded. "Well, that's because I weigh only 145 instead of 200 pounds," he contin- came back up the field in a series of ued. "After all, it takes sheer weight | lunges. But before a dozen yells had in the line, and that naturally slides

me into the quarterback's place. "But you mustn't forget that Clinton depends upon me to kick the goals, and a goal kicked or missed often wins or loses a big game like this."

They were now on the college fluttering flags and pennants. Thornstand that stretched around behind the

north goal. "I hope Clinton gets the south end line rushes were hopeless, he gave the of the field," he said as he started off signal for a kick, and Clinton's fullwas his prompt response. "I expect to

orange and brown magnet that's drawing me north toward Darnall's goal!" he said carnestly Soon the rival elevens tretted out on

the field, and from the thousand tongued grand stand rose a mighty shout, while pensants, ribbons, handkerchiefs and flags mingled in a waving, varicelored mass. It was the great wind-up game of

the year, and there was a chance for any player to win a giery crown by elevens, it was evident, were steeled for the contest. But, as fate would have it, Clinton

get the north end of the field, and a savage quarterback waited for the umpire's signal with his back to the girl for him. But despite this disappointment be gathered his strength for the charge, and as the shrill whistle struck his

ears he leaped forward straight for the ball that lay on the line twenty yards in front of bim. Biff! The oval position where I could run with the went whirling through the air in a sixty yard parabola, with the whole Clinton team in pursuit. The ball landed in the arms of Darnall's fullback, and the big fellow

> split the air be was down, with every Clinton man pilling over him. Then the shoulder to shoulder battle began. In three downs Darnall lost the ball. Then Thornton's opportunity

came. To test Darnall's line he gave at the risk of having his own neck grounds amid shouting hundreds and twisted a series of center rush signals, Three times the heavy backs chargton assisted Leta to her seat high up ed over him, and he felt his breath in that part of the semicircular grand going fast as Darnall hurled back the plungers. End runs were tried with but little better success. Seeing that

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