

The Singing Mute.

Joblots attended a concert one evening, and not having been educated to the subtleties of classic music, it soon became evident to his friend that he was slightly bored.

Joblots almost groaned when the violin soloist appeared and quietly adjusted a queer looking bit of metal to the bridge of his instrument. But when the soft, almost human tones of the violin began to float through the hall, Joblots manifested considerable interest and pleasure.

"Say Bob what was that thing he put on his fiddle to make it sound that way?"

"That," replied Bob, "was a mute." "A mute," repeated Joblots. "Well, that's the first mute I ever heard that I liked."—Colorado Springs Gazette.

Some Chinese Impressions.

There is no such thing in China as a government, as we understand it. There is the outward form, but it is entirely devoid of substance. There are officials, but they lack power, and even the imperious will of the Empress Dowager cannot be impressed on the people at large.

A firm of cocoa manufacturers of Birmingham, England, have just declined to bid for a contract for thirty tons of cocoa for the British troops in South Africa. This action was taken from religious motives, the members of the firm being Friends, who do not countenance war.

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Rats Run a House.

In St. James place recently Nos. 7 and 8 collapsed as a result of rats gnawing through the supports of the gable end, which fell with such force as to break through the floors below.—London Express.

If you want "good digestion to wait upon your appetite" you should always chew a bar of Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti.

They must have an interesting system of trolleys in Washington. On two recent occasions the courts have held that swearing at it is justifiable on the ground of excessive provocation.

I do not believe the Venus of Milo ever existed," remarked the Wise Guy; "she was never anything more than a statue." "Well, that's about what she was cut out for, I suppose," said the Cheerful Idiot.

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It was Voltaire who said: "People whose bowels are freed by an easy, regular movement every morning are mild, affable, gracious, kind. A 'No' from their mouth comes with more grace than a 'Yes' from the mouth of one who is constipated."

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REPUBLICANS WOULD WANT ONLY ENSLAVE THAT UNHAPPY ISLE.

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Let the American voters remember our broken promises to Porto Rico and by his ballot erase the stain from the folds of our national emblem.

President Schurman, of the Philippine Commission, who, as "a gentleman and a scholar," has endeavored to throw the robe of rhetoric and the pious apology over the crimes of President McKinley and his abettors in the Philippines, could not stand the Porto Rican tariff act.

"We are bound to this course by solemn promises. The supreme and irresistible reason for removing all customs barriers between the United States and Porto Rico is the promise made by General Miles, when first landing American forces on the island, that the Porto Ricans should enjoy the same rights, privileges and immunities as the people of the United States.

"The present issue is simply this: Shall we repudiate or shall we fulfill the national engagements? Shall this great republic break faith with the little island of Porto Rico? Having secured the fruits of General Miles' promise, shall we now renounce the promise?"

"The American people will not tolerate any faltering with solemn obligations. Recognizing the national good faith as the nation's chiefest good, they will condemn any violation of it as the blackest crime. All over the country this Porto Rican question has stirred to the deepest the national heart and conscience; legislation, inspired by a breach of good faith, will bring a terrible memento."

"It is said that a tariff is needed between Porto Rico and the United States to provide a case for the courts to determine the extent of our jurisdiction over the new dependencies, especially the Philippines. I answer that no convenience, no expediency, no other obligation, ever justified a breach of the national good faith. Let me add, too, that this Porto Rican legislation is testing us before the eyes of the Filipinos, who keep well informed of all our doings. They will judge by this legislation of the value of American promises.

"The man who can get private concessions from the Republican Administration is prosperous, of course. Is it the only one worth talking about? The world has no example of the opportunities afforded to those who can pay for legislation as is now on view. (Lo Roosevelt) spends more time in denouncing those who denounce the trusts than he does in denouncing the trusts themselves.

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M'KINLEY MILITARISM.

A Pretty Penny to Pay For His Imperialism.

It is announced from Washington that the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will call upon Congress for more than \$200,000,000 for the support of the army and navy for the next fiscal year.

It is pertinent in this connection to note the increased cost of the army and navy under the administration of William McKinley. For the year 1897 the army and navy, in round numbers, cost \$83,400,000. The estimate of \$200,000,000 for the next fiscal year is not to meet some emergency, but it is proposed as a permanent charge. The increase of over \$115,000,000 a year represents a charge that (Oriental empire will) place upon the republic.

This is a pretty penny to pay for the imperial enterprises for which McKinley stands. If it could be shown that the money was spent in a righteous cause; that it was for the spread of free institutions and the uplifting and betterment of mankind, it might be excusable. But it is for none of those things. It is being squandered to build up an Oriental empire, of which Great Britain's Indian empire is a model, for the enrichment of a favored few and for exploitation by syndicates. It is being spent to crush the aspirations of a people to attain freedom and independence that they may take their place among the nations of the earth.

And the American people are called upon to approve such a policy, to make permanent expenditures for the army and navy more than double the expenditures made for our military establishment prior to the war with Spain, that Mr. McKinley and Hanna and the trusts may have four years more of a "full dinner pail."

What Bryan Would Do. The Republican party says we are prosperous. Who's we?

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The Real Calamity Howlers. Men who shut down the mill "till they see how the election goes" are the real calamity howlers. Men who say the industries of the country will be paralyzed if Bryan is elected are the calamity howlers. Men who threaten a panic unless McKinley is chosen—they are the true and genuine calamity howlers, and they are more harmful to the nation than an army of rebels would be.

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THERE is only one place where gold rusts, and that is in the heart. The worst Christian wretches are those who are taking cat-naps. It is only as long as God's sun shines on this world that it is fair. He who drinks to drown his despair is trying to extinguish hell with fuel.

The man who reflects deeply will soon be a light instead of a reflector. A man's life never rises above its source, hence the need of being born from above. The hope of salvation from the sins of society depends on our own personal sensibility to sin.

Only the man who can say "all my springs are in thee" can go through the dry and thirsty land. There are too many Christians too poor to give to the Lord who yet can always rake together enough to go to the circus.

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