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Poor Crop.-It was on a lonely road in the Tennessee mountains. A weary rider was slowly making his way up Waste of Labor In Hauling Our Crops the steep mountain side, pausing now and then to rise in his stirrups and look about in search of some sign of to haul the farm crops of America to civilization. Suddenly a turn of the market last year. With good roads, road brought him face to face with a lank-sallow-faced mountaineer, seated parts of America and in all parts of upon the top rail of the snake fence, France, the marketing of the crops which bounded a poor little farm which would have cost \$400,000,000. Six hunhad found lodgment on the mountain dred million dollars per year then is

how far it is to Big Stone Gap?" he ever a nation spend so much for so

The mountaineer's lips moved in answer, but no sound reached the rider's before the eyes of our foreign critics, ears. He moved over nearer to the what monstrous injustice it is to talk fence and repeated the question. This of American dollar worship! time he could barely distinguish a Most men of middle age can recall the whispered word or two in the farmer's annual picnic known as mending the

answer. "What's the matter with you?" he sat. Can't you talk?"

ear, whispered hoarsely:

Tit-Bits.

thousand:

where he was working in the field and found himself unpopular. It was just says: 'Dave, better go up to the house. Your ma's anxious about the other boys knowledge of roadmaking the more fighting in the army, hasn't heard from them by 'phone or anything, and she'd Dave hops on a trolley and hikes to brother overnight. "In the morning old Goliath comes

out in front of the Philistines and dares the Israelites to fight him. "'Who's that big stiff making all the

big talk out there?' asked Dave. 'Why, that's the head cheese, the big noise," says his brothers. "'Why don't some one soak

one?' asks Dave. "'We've all got cold feet," says the Israelites.

"'You fellows make me tired,' says Dave, and he pikes out to the brook, him in the coco between the lamps. slats, chops off his block, and the whole Philistine gang skidooed."

A Mistake.-Bob and Jim were two Jacks-of-all-trades, and whenever posside. "Now, then," he cried. "hurry up; there's a big factory chimney wants pulling down, about a mile away from here, and I got the tip from the factory foreman that if we could knock twenty feet off it before the authorities were about it would save the factory the expenses of a scaffold, and it would mean a £5 note aplece for you and

"What-ho!" cried Jim. "Let's go." Their destination reached, they climbed to the top of the chimney, and soon masses of brick work were falling to earth. A man who lived near was disturbed by the noise and started to make a fuss.

"Here, Bob," cried Jim, "you climb down and quiet that fellow. Keep him talking while I finish this job up here.' So Bob climbed down and engaged the indignant man in conversation. Suddenly Jim heard Bob calling to him, and, looking down, saw his friend gesticulating wildly and beckoning him to come down. So down Jim came.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "Let's go home, Jim, thundering quick. We've been puiling down the wrong chimney."-Tit-Bits.

was discussing at a dinner the Easter myths and legends of the world.

"The legends that are beautiful and truths that we all, according to our they have different messages." "For instance," said a young girl.

"in my native Pendleton some of the They did it with shears and a bowl. the result was never elegant.

of Samson and Delilah. Then she turn ed to a little boy. "'What do you learn, Joe,' she said

'from the Sampson story?' "'It don't never pay,' piped Joe, " have a woman cut a feller's hair."

Intruding.-It was hardly dawn, and the window was open. The intruder had clambered up the front porch, and the interior of the room looked inviting. He could see that it was the abode of some person of wealth. There were costly ornaments about the room, any one of which would bring handsome returns at a pawnbroker's. A gold clock ticked on the mantel, and a silver

On the couch lay a man, sleeping heavily. His face was red and his hairless crown glistened in the first faint

service glistened on the table.

"This is fine," muttered the intruder. "Here's a baldheaded man first thing. The season is opening in great shape. And the first fly crawled over the window sill, and the season of torture had begun.-Denver Republican.

Liked the Treatment.-A slater who was engaged upon the roof of a house

looking on, "or you'll choke him." The "unconscious" slater opened his

Miscellaneous Reading.

COST OF POOR ROADS.

to Market. It cost a little over a billion dollars

roads such as are to be found in some the price we pay in this land of the The rider paused. "Can you tell me free for having impassable roads. Did doubtful a luxury before? With American roads lying open and fathomless

roads. Just why it got that name no one has ever explained, for in practiinquired, dismounting and walking cally every case the picnic left the roads over to the fence where the old man in worse condition than before. The law in many states prescribed that The old man looked pityingly at his each resident of a rural district must questioner for a moment, and then, pay a certain road tax in labor each climbing down from his seat on the year. The payment of this tax was rail he walked up to the traveler and, done under the supervision of a local putting his grizzled face close to his officer, known as the pathmaster. The customary time of payment was in ear-"Yis, I kin talk; but the fact is, ly summer, just before having time, stranger, land is so poor in these parts when there wasn't much else for the that I kain't even raise my voice."- men and teams to do. The neighborhood turned out with horses and ploughs and harrows, ripped up diverse sections of highways which the year's Here, says Harper's Weekly, is the travel had packed to a more or less story of David and Goliath as it is navigable condition, rounded them up said to have been recently told by the nicely in the middle and scratched them Rev. Billy Sunday, with appropriate up smooth with the harrows. You were gestures, to a rapt congregation of eight never expected to work very hard at these festive occasions, and the path-"And so David's pa comes up to him master who insisted on real work soon as well, for since nobody had any

work the worse results. What some of these results were and like you should look them up.' So are we have vivid testimony. Across Iowa last winter the "racing" autos the front, and stays there with his had to take to the railroad tracks, because the common roads were simply impassable. Last March some misguided creatures began an automobile race from New York to Savannah, Ga. It was just at the opening of navigation on the country roads of the middle south, the time when the roads are too thin for wheels and too thick for boats. Across Virginia each racing automo bile had an escort of six mules to pull it out of extra deep mudholes and to haul its emergency rations of gasolene. Usually this was enough; but when an auto was so thoughtless as to stay in gets four pebbles in his shepherd's the mudhole all night, the mule teams sack, slams one at Goliath, and soaks had to be doubled and all the negroes of the neighborhood commanded to service before that particular contestcount, and Dave pokes him in the ant could proceed. The racers aver- on the assumption, a very common one aged four miles per hour across the Old that efficient men make no mistakes, Dominion-a perfectly stunning rate of speed, all things considered.

And yet the roads of American are vastly better than they once were, and the improvement is going on apace, all these costly private graveyards had sible worked together. One summer's The United States government is lend- been cleaned up (the company had paid morning Bob came round to Jim's house ing a hand by setting its spare scien- for every one of them) the new superat the early hour of 3 o'clock, and, tists to work teaching the people of intendent made two rules absolutely ity to higher ground, and to lead it different regions how to mak roads at the least cost. The states are doing vastly more. New York in 1905 ed for a mistake alone. voted to spend \$50,000,000 on her highways, and while no other state is investing in roads at that rate all are doing something.

Cities are finding it good business to many philanthropists have passed by censure (and he often does) it is given the conventional college and library donation to spend their surplus funds on good roads. Historic mudholes are That plant began paying dividends being slowly filled up, stone and con- again in the new superintendent's seccrete are replacing the crazy wooden ond year and he is now president of bridges, and a hundred inventions have the company. been made to help get the best results for the lowest expense.

Some of the last deserve attention ed as the standard of highway construction. But macadam roads of the openly and regarding them as someold pattern, with crushed stones eight inches thick, cost from \$6,000 to \$10,-000 per mile. Now it has been found that three or four inches will do quite their people, the superintendents whose as well, and the cost is cut squarely in two. In some parts of the Central and the ones who have provided a states, where crushed stone is rare, it clear, wide channel for every error to Biblical Teaching. - Prof. Charles has been found that the very clay which travel up to them from their humblest Zueblin of the University of Chicago makes the roads almost impassable is the best track-making material when burned. In yet other regions the farmers have discovered how to make immortal," he said, "have in them good roads by the simple expedient of rolling or dragging them after each is a wise man who keeps that channel children can look up and see that times kind, take home. That is true likewise rain, and in yet other places a mixture of immortal works of art-pictures, of sand and clay, costing \$300 or \$400 poems, songs. For different people a mile, is found almost as good as the best macadam.

It is well that the roadmaking ma-"For instance," smiled Prof. Zueblin, terials are abundant and varied. For there are roads enough in the United mothers used to cut the children's hair. States to reach eighty-six times around the earth at the equator-and nearly The operation was often painful, and all those roads are bad. The advocates of good highway will find ample room "In Sunday school a Pendleton teach- for their missionary enterprise for a er once told her pupils the tragic story generation to come.-St. Louis Times.

MRS. TAFT'S TACT.

President's Wife Does Not Recognize Enmities of Roosevelt.

When the president and Mrs. Taft ago in honor of the speaker of the house and Miss Cannon, says a Washington letter, society was given to unmay have had some heritages cast upon him by the preceding administration. those of a personal character are not going to be borne, if the diplomacy of flourish in abundance in this enlighten- body will begin to believe, that being Mrs. Taft can avert it.

House, society whispered among its tess is far ahead of those of yore. Pictown little circle its curiosity to know ure the wife of a twentieth century and be a gentleman with his money-a just what Mrs. Taft would do about millionaire obliged to live as queens did gentleman down to his last dollarrecognizing those who were not in fa- in days long gone, and not so very long that he can even be a great artist with vor at the White House during the gone at that! Queen Caroline and it," Roosevelt regime. It was not long be- Queen Anne and Queen Henrietta of fore society found out that Mrs. Taft England had a sad time of it when one the realization of what money properly proposed to be as level-headed about compares their lot with that of today's that as about looking after her house- rich women. Marie Antoinette had no do as to day; and never were there so hold affairs, for almost the first distinguished guests to be received by the matrons enjoy. Her best state car- desired to benefit humanity as now. president and his wife were Mr. and riage was a lumbering affair swung on

Mrs. Bellamy Storer. The Storers had been persona non rougher than the rocky road to Dublin. grata since the time when Mr. Roose- If she had known the solid comfort of lack wise direction. By and by will in Glasgow fell from the ladder and lay velt had been placed in an embarrass- a really fine touring car she would have in an unconscious state upon the pave- ing position at Rome through Mrs, been much happier doubtless. The and wisdom. ment. One of the pedestrians in the Storer's supposed activities in behalf state barge in which she was rowed lastreet who rushed to the aid of the of Archbishop Ireland for a cardinal- boriously along the Seine would seem ber of generously inclined millionaires: poor man chanced to have a flask of ship. When they came to Washington a mere scow alongside the swift motor and in another quarter of a century the spirits in his pocket, and, to revive him and called at the White House, society boat in which Mme. Millionaire dashes rich miser will hide his diminished began to pour a little down his throat, stood aghast-not because it was not about in these days of useful inven- head, and the selfish spendthrift, who "Canny, mon, canny," said a man all right, but because it was so unex-

pected. Mrs. Taft manifestly does not intend to have it in the days when royalty eyes and said quietly; "pour awa," mon, to play political favorites. In fact, she was real she wouldn't like it half as is contagious; and rich people who do pour awa'; ye're doein' fine."-Ottawa has not aligned herself conspicuously much as being the wife of a money nothing for the progress of the world with the wives of men prominent in of-

monarch,"

ficial circles. Her nearest friend is Miss Mabel Boardman, who, but for her Cross, would occupy a position of prominence only through her social affiliations and wealth. Mrs. Winthrop Murray Crane, wife of Senator Crane of Massachusetts, is another close friend a very extreme statement recently in of Mrs. Taft, not because she is the presence of several intellectual wife of Senator Crane, but because she people. s a sister of Miss Boardman. Another close friend of Mrs. Taft is Mrs. Clarence Edwards, wife of Gen. Edwards chief of the bureau of insular affairs who has absolutely no political connections, and still another is Mrs. J. Franklin Bell, wife of the chief of staff of the army. Both of the latter were associated with Mrs. Taft out in the Philippines

All this does not mean that Mr. Taft is not gathering about her the wives of men conspicious in the political game. Her dinner parties have been given for little groups of senators and representatives in congress and their wives, for men who are playing a prominent part in the politics of the day, and she is about to inaugurate a which will be bidden members of the diplomatic, official and residential cir-

Mrs. Taft evidently has seen the game of politics played too long and has noted the consequences of affiliat ing with one side or the other. If she has any mind to align herself with one of the many factions so eager for such distinction in Washington, she has no yet given any intimation of it. She is making an effort to bring all factions of society together and manifestly believes the best way to do this is to keep away from the interests of each little

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the younges laughter of the former president, is to come to Washington for a visit to Mrs. Longworth, but as there are no young people at the White House just now, it is possible that Miss Roosevelt's visits to the executive mansion, if she makes any at all, will be merely calls of courtesy upon the wife of her fath-

MISTAKES AND RESULTS.

Commission of an Error Condoned, But

Hiding It an Offense. Some years ago a superintendent took charge of a run-down factory writes James H. Collins in Circle Mag azine. It had stopped paying dividend under the former superintendent. When the new executive investigated he found out why. From top to bottom that plant was a graveyard of errors, blunders, mistakes. Dead stock was routed out here, spoiled work there. Much of it had been stowed out of sight by men no longer with the company. The old superintendent had worked that when a man is found in error i proves his inefficiency and that the thing to do then is to discharge him before he can make any more. When the best plain to everybody in the place: First-Nobody will ever be discharg-

Second-Anybody will be discharged instantly for covering up one. When anything goes wrong in tha factory today the employee responsible reports direct to the boss. The matimprove the roads leading out into the ter is talked over freely and fully. An farming region; the farmers are be- error is considered valuable for the ginning to tax themselves in a rational light it will throw on ways of avoidfashion for highway improvement, and ing it next time. If the employee needs

reasonably and quietly. Then the incident must be forgotten by everybody Only the exceptional organization

has no private graveyards, for perhaps not one executive in 500 has thought Macadam roads have long been accept- out a method of bringing the errors to the making of a fortune does not mean light, dealing with them rationally and thing inseparable from human activity. But the best employers, the managers who are in closest sympathy with subordinate. The executive who punishes errors inflexibly is usually a bureaucrat. The subordinate who is com-

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Wives of Money Monarchs Live More Luxuriously Than Queens.

"Believe me," said the woman who hinks, "I'm a little weary of rhapsodies over the supposedly superior in- rich, whether he knows how or not. telligence of the women of bygone days. Why don't those so generous of praise chosen next-if we keep thinking of give modern women a chance? It is a things. And every man must be ready. George Eliot and George Sand and must weld itself great faiths for the Lady Mary Wortley Montagu and Lady rich. Blessington and others like them were peculiar to themselves and their percandle to them in any particular. from earth, and surely the cultured to the sky blessing him. woman of today can be as sprightly. As for novelists and essayists, they everybody will know, and slowly everyened age. And when it comes to social a rich man is one of the greatest and When the Tafts went into the White knowledge almost any up to date hos- most honorable of all the professions; such luxuries as thousands of wealthy many people possessing money who great straps, that run.bled over stones

MAKING OF MILLIONAIRES.

connection with the National Red it is Sometimes Done Honestly, Assertions to the Contrary Notwith A young man of ideas gave vent to

> "No man can make a million dollars onestly." he said.

"There is always some sort of graft and dishonesty about the accumulating of so much money." Then he was asked to prove his

statement. Edison, the inventor, was cited. If he does not possess a million dollars, t is because he has not cared to keep what has come to him through his vonderful and beautiful inventions. The young man confessed that Edi-

son was free from any possible imputation of obtaining tainted wealth. The name of a woman was mentioned, who by a simple device useful to all womankind, which she invented and put upon the market, had accumulated more series of smart garden parties on the than a million dollars. Her generosity south lawn of the White House to and big heartedness and modesty have kept her from shining socially among equals in a financial sense, many of ger guarded against. In the "William whom are her inferiors in culture and Tell" act the thread is often tied to the

Her name, also, was scratched off the black list.

Then there was a man who for years lug in the bosom of the earth with a pick, receiving the wages of the average miner. But he was an educated man, and he possessed a will of iron, besides that great trinity-hope, perseverance and courage. He was not satisfied to be employed.

He prospected for months, and finaly found a spot where he believed there was ore. He dug and found it. And he sold his claim for a million dollars. The company to which he sold it made nany millions.

this man's money?

Sewing machines, typewriting mathines, reapers and mowers and a housand other labor-saving and laborgiving inventions have brought large fortunes of clean money to the makers and the exploiters.

Besides this they have been spokes n the wheel of progress. Cyrus Field ecame a multi-millionaire man through his ocean cable—that blessing to the world. A few authors, painters, sculptors and actors have become wealthy nough through their creations to rouse the envy of observers; and many ingers have accumulated fortunes. Jenny Lind was a woman of wealth then she retired from the stage; and who shall say that the money an eager public paid to hear her glorious voice was "tainted" when in her possession Besides the money she carried back to ner native home for her maintenance after she retired, a fortune had been scattered by her generous hands as she

A vast amount of sensational and foolish talk is preached today about the honesty of poverty and the dishonesty of wealth. Many who preach this wholesale and undiscriminating philsophy are unaware that they are acuated not by a desire to help human- black, seventeen yellow, seven green away from the worship of the golden speare's favorite color word was red, calf, but by ignoble envy and jealousy. ery human being needs to avoid in thinking, writing or talking of poverty and wealth. One evil is the worship of money success and the ready accept-

ance of the man of mere fortune as a desirable citizen, friend or leader. The other extreme is the branding of very man of wealth as a grafter and a dishonest and unworthy member of society. Rich people vary in moral worth and unworth as greatly as do poor people. It is more unusual to find a really great character among the rich, especially those born to wealth, than among the tollers of earth, because work calls for concentration, and concentration leads to character building, yet great, good and unselfish souls are to be found in every walk of life, and that degenerating of the character nec-

of a daily task means always sobriety, onesty and probity. In "Lee's Inspired Millionaires" occurs the following prediction, which workmen regard them as big brothers may be well for us to read and consider carefully.

essarily any more than the performing

"I cannot help believing we have come to the point at last where, with two thousand years of the New Testament struggling up through the human spirit, it is time for men to begin to bepelled to bury his mistakes will even- lieve that a man may be good enough tually become good for little else. He to be rich, before our eyes. The very have changed. We are going to have more rich men in the world, not less.

What with the introductions of machines and of sudden inventions, millionaires cannot be helped. We might as well make the most of it. For every new value thrust upon the world some new man is going to be obliged to be There is no telling which of us shall be sort of mental fashion to assume that The world must be full of visions. It

"I drink daily at this belief. I believe that the next Messiah that comes to iods; that no woman of today can hold the world is going to be a Messiah for millionaires. I believe the time is alwonder if that's true. Seems to me most at hand when he will come to us gave a large dinner party a few days there are dozens of women in America He will come rather modestly, perhaps alone who are every bit as clever as and he will be a silent, busy man; bu those heroines of the past. Lady Mon- when he dies and everybody turns his tagu wrote delightful letters, but the way and looks a minute, there will be derstand that, although the president art of correspondence has not passed a great village somewhere smoking up

"And slowly, when they look at him they will see that a man can be rich

Never was the world so awakened t applied to the needs of humanity can They may not all show this desire wisely; but they are at least showing an unselfish impulse, however, it may come the men with both unselfishness

Every decade will increase the num tions. Perhaps the society woman of uses his wealth in extravagant display today sighs for royalty, but if she had will be the exception.

Generosity is catching: benevolence

beginning to feel ashamed of them selves. A great many men who gained fortunes dishonestly have gone to prison in the last few years; and it is fairly well understood by the rising generation that dishonesty does not pay, and cannot long be hidden.-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

TRICK SHOOTING.

The Way Some of the Stage Feats As

Accomplished. When a champion rifle shot fires blindfolded at a wedding ring on a penny held between his wife's thumb and finger or seated back to her shoots. by means of a mirror, at an apple upon her head or on a fork held in her teeth. the danger of using a bullet is obvious. None, of course, is needed. The explosion is enough. The apple is already prepared, having been cut into pieces the end, pulled through it from the "wings," so that it flies to bits when the gun is fired, is "how it is done." Generally the more dangerous a feat appears the more carefully is all danassistant's foot. When, again, the ash

in the cigar, thus thrusting off the ash at the moment of firing. when the bullet drops out on her cuthand earlier in the evening.

as many small holes are bored, one What possible stain can be found on against each candle wick. At the mowith a pair of bellows.

other object has to be broken on a ing hours, and it is a terrible strain on living person's head blank cartridge is any man. used and the effect produced by other means. A special wig with a spring der the clothes is generally used, the ed just one telephone, standing against rifle. As the ball is of extremely thin glass, a mere touch suffices to scatter it. except during office hours. The pres-In these exhibitions some of the riaudience to testify that the weapon is

COLOR WORDS.

went along her kind and brilliant way. Red Seems to Be the Favorite With

don Tit-Bits.

Most of the Great Writers. Upon tabulating the words used by Shakespeare referring to colors it is revealed that out of every hundred color words thirty may be classed as red. Next follow twenty-one white, twenty and only four blue. Thus Shakeand investigation will show that this There are two crying evils which ev- is the characteristic color of nearly all color word most often employed by Tennyson

In all great works of human interest impulses—the color of hot blood. There Boston Transcript. is no color so warm, so full of joy and life, so overflowing with vitality. Red is the color of glowing iron-of heat and passion. In nature red has-

tens the growth of trees, while at the Manhattan Deserves That Title-Space same time it quickens all rotting and decay. Plants grown under red glass will grow four times as quickly as under white light, and grow to four times their usual height. Red in excess has an evil effect. For

example, an excess of red ligh' nakes \$583 a square foot, obtained four years one irritable and nervous. In excess ago for the southeast corner of Broadred produces homicidal mania—the de- way and Wall street. sire to kill. The effect of red upon various animals is well known, it hav- al Bank acquired the building adjoining the power of enraging the bull, the tiger and the turkey.—London Scraps.

Curing Snake Skins .- According to and 73.2 on the former. the Indian Trade Journal of Calcutta, an important branch of the chrome tanning department in Madras in the beaten by only three other sales of real curing of skins both of wild animals mentioned, and two small plots at the and of snakes. The chrome tanning southwest corner and the southeast process is well suited for the preserva- corner of Broad and Wall streets, which tion of skins with their hair on, but it sold thirty years ago for \$330 and \$348 lends itself equally well for snake skins. a square foot, respectively. Large numbers of such skins, which and the Russel viper. The quality of rare in that section. Fifth avenue valsnake skins varies considerably, and ues, indeed, have been bounding upit depends upon the time which has ward, and will be soon rivalling those

SEEING THE PRESIDENT.

Unremitting. Mr. Taft takes no luncheon. The in-

terruption which it has afforded to his predecessors in office in the wearying task of seeing people, hour in and hour in committees, or in delegations, introor arriving at his portals with letters of commendation, or presenting themselves on the basis of their personal acquaintance. No one sees him except by waits of three hours are not unknown the time scheduled is doing well. A substance, and a thread with a knot at of the crowd has been devised. Captain Stone, the Pullman car conductor. fancy to, brought to the White House is now engaged, nominally under the closing a great double door between the cabinet room and the president's is smoking a piece of wire is pushed by admits in order the persons or groups his tongue through a hollow passage who have previously been admitted to the cabinet room by the man at its entrance, who has a list supplied each A favorite but simple trick is the day by the private secretary or, as ocshooting from some distance at an casions arise, of persons who are to orange held in a lady's hand. Great be passed. Making an appointment adapplause is invariably forthcoming mits them to the cabinet room. Capt. Stone, as he opens and closes these ting open the fruit. It is inserted by doors, introducing to the president the Another popular trick is that of snuf- sary, represents a stage in the mechanfing out lighted candles. Half a dozen ism which had not been found necessary ment of firing a confederate behind the not seeing enough people; is not minghis predecessor. In fact, he does noth-In most instances where a ball or ing else for the greater part of his wak-

The changed use of the telephone

at a Premium. Space on Manhattan Island, which is sure enough tight little island, if ever there was one, is distinctly at a premium. The record price for real estate in New York, according to Alcolm, was

On March 13 last the Fourth Nationing its own home at the southeast corner of Cedar and Nassau streets, a plot measuring 73.1 feet on the latter street

The average price a square foot was close on \$307, which figure has been last three or four years has been the estate in the city—the corner already

Demands Upon His Time Arduous and

out, is not for him. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 to 5 in the afternoon, according to circumstances, he is meeting a stream of people, single or duced by senators and cabinet officers, or arriving at his portals with letters of the choicest inner circle—and yet among the callers by To see him in an hour and a half after tain Stone, the Pullman car conductor, whom President Roosevelt, taking a is now engaged, nominally under the title of chief usher, in opening and is shot off a cigar which the assistant real office. Through this portal Stone persons who pass in, wherever necesare placed in front of a screen, in which by Mr. Taft's predecessors. And yet that Mr. Taft is to hard to get at; is ment of firing a confederate behind the screen sharply blows out each candle his predecessor. In fact, he does noth-

not without its suggestiveness. Twenconcealed in it worked by a wire un- ty years ago the White House containconfederate manipulating the spring the wall in the northeast corner room simultaneously with the firing of the where the office telegrapher made his headquarters. No one respended to it ident's wife used to send out a maid fie "experts" invite gentlemen from the to transmit a message, usually through one of the clerks, perhaps twice a week. indeed loaded. The cartridge shown No general appointments were made by looks very well, but it is a shell of thin it except in the rarest emergency. Its wax blackened to resemble a leaden use was not greatly different from that bullet. It would not hurt a fly.—Lon- of a fire alarm signal. The White House occupants, either of the family or of the clerical staff, had acquired no telephone habit and were virtually uneducated to its possibilities. What is the sintuation today? The White House central, "Main No. 6," is manned day and night. The exchange connects with virtually every room in the mansion, in the office building and in the stables; the man at its switchboard partakes of the nature of a private secretary. Upon him is poured a list of appointments and he is busy making them. It seems as if the entire town ere connected with the White House, and also the larger centers of the country. The access of the telephone to the great writers. For instance, it is the old mansion has repeated the experience of the railroad. It has geared up the wheel of business to a newly accelerated speed, with the result that red predominates, as it is the color of the pressure upon the president's time the very strongest of our passions and is unremitting.—Robert L. O'Brien in

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