#### Humorous Department.

Height of Humility. Patrick F. Murphy, at an American

society banquet in Paris, recently told his famous "humility" story. "As we Americans," he said, "compare our country with foreign lands, and compare ourselves with the foreigners we have no cause for humility. No cause to emulate the local

"A poor local preacher was once invited to a luncheon given by his bishop to all the pastors of the diocese. These pastors were for the most part eloquent, learned and successful men. The local preacher felt very humble among them.

"A few minutes after the beginning of the luncheon the bishop noticed, at the foot of the long table, a subdued commotion. Then a strange and horrible odor floated to him. 'Dear me,' he exclaimed, wrinkl-

ing up his nose, 'there's a very odd smell in the room, I think.' "A profound and awkward silence ensued. Then, in the midst of this silence, the local preacher said calm-

ly and modestly: 'It is only my egg, bishop.' "The bishop turned to one of his

"Take the gentleman's egg away, he said. 'It's a bad one.'

"Oh, no, bishop,' said the local preacher, continuing to eat on. 'Do not trouble, sir. It is quite good enough for me. "-Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

A Pajama One.

"The late Col. A. K. McClure was brilliant raconteur," said a veteran Clover club man. "I'll never forget his pajama story.

"Col. McClure told this story at a Clover club dinner in the old Bellevue of Philadelphia. It was a story about the Spanish war.

"There was a regiment, it seems, recruited from Conshohocken, Cinnaminson, Wawa and Manunka Chunk and the ladies of those Pennsylvania pajamas for the soldiers. Pajamas were a new thing in those days; smart, exclusive, and so forth; the ordinary man wore a nightshirt.

"Well, these pajamas, in a halfdozen big package cases went duly Cubawards, but no word of their arrival ever came back. The ladies waited about a month. Then they wired to the colonel, a genial, wholesouled Conshohockener.

"'Anxious to know if you got the pajamas last month. "The colonel had never heard of

pajamas. He wired back: Story is a lie out of whole cloth, probably fabricated by enemies to ruin me politically. Admit am not total abstainer, but never had pajamas last month or any other time.' -Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Didn't Want Justice.-A well known attorney of this city had a client whose case presented a mass of technicalities, of which his lawyer took every possible advantage. Before the final argument and handing down of opintake a journey of some hundreds of to the inevitable conclusion that hidmiles and was compelled to be absent den in most of them is graft. The for several weeks. He arranged with his attorney to flash him by telegraph the result of the trial of his case, but told him to so word his telegram that the addressee alone would comprehend its import.

The result was the awarding of a verdict in favor of the litigant in question, and his delighted counsel sent him the following message: "Justice and truth have triumphed."

What was his amazement at receiving a few hours later a telegram from his client which said:

"Yours received. Hard luck. Appea! immediately."-Philadelphia Times.

Not to Be Cheated .- "This is a mighty dishonest world, you know," said Henry Dixey, "and it doesn't hurt to be suspicious of some people. I sympathize with the old negro who came to a watchmaker with the two hands of a clock.

"'I want yer fer to fix up dese han's. Dey ain't kept no correct time for mo' den six munts.'

'Well, where is the clock?' demand-

ed the watchmaker. "'Out to my cabin."

"'But I must have the clock." "'Didn't I tell yer dar's nuffin' de matter wid the clock 'ceptin' de han's? An' here dey be. You jes' want de dance hall proprietor. Following a clock so you kin tinker it and charge me a big price. Gimme back dem han's.' "-Young's Magazine.

Would Steal Gabriel's Horn .- A. K. Adair, the western detective, was discussing a Cleveland crime whereupon He had finally come to me in desperahe had failed.

"I take no shame to myself," said money in return for protection." Mr. Adair apologetically, "for having failed on this Cleveland matter. The Cleveland crooks, you know, are the best in the business."

He relighted the stub of his cigar.

town, Gough said, solemnly: light in Cleveland, there will be no from publishing gambling and racing resurrection, for some Cleveland crook news and a way is found to prevent will steal his trumpet before he can the courts from rendering innocuous a single blast."-Washington

Justice and Lucre.-Judge Giles Baker of a Pennsylvania county was likewise cashier of his home bank. A man presented a check one day for payment. He was a stranger. His evidence of identification was not satisfactory to the cashier.

Star.

"Why, judge," said the man, "I've known you to sentence a man to be hanged on no better evidence than

"Very likely," replied the judge. "But when it comes to letting go of of the treasury, fully sustains your cold cash we have to be mighty careful."-Browning's Magazine.

An Irreparable Loss,-"What has happened to me?" asked the patient when he had recovered from the ef fects of the ether.

"You were in a trolley car accident," said the nurse, "and it has

been found necessary to amputate your right hand." He sank back on the pillows, sob-

bing aloud. "Cheer up," said the nurse, patting him on the head: "you'll soon learn to

along all right with your left "Oh, it wasn't the loss of the hand itself that I was thinking of," sighed her this morning, and now, I'll never be able to remember what it was."—
intendent of elections

## Miscellaneous Reading.

GRAFT IN NEW YORK.

Ex-Police Commissioner Says Gotham is the Most Lawless City on Earth. Declaring New York to be in many and arraigning Tammany, the public ing responsible for it, General Theodore Bingham, former head of the this country. New York police, says in Hampton's have made \$1,000,000 dishonestly any

year he was in office. sioner says. "A strong, honest, fear- republic." less police commissioner, supported by police magistrates of ability and integrity and a mayor big enough to conduct his office without fear or fa- Mme. Tussaud Had an Exciting vor, can sap and utterly destroy Tammany influence in ten years or even less, provided he is empowered to dismiss or transfer his subordinates for "I do not believe I am unfair in estimating that from 1,500 to 2,000 mem-

bers of the force are unscrupulous for easy money. "That this should be known to the head of the department and apparent-

ly ignored is hard for the average citizen to understand but," says General Bingham in Hampton's, "the police commissioner is only the nominal head of the police department in New York city, in that he is appointed and is subject at any time to removal by the mayor. On the other hand, a policeman is virtually a policeman for life; as, under the New York law, all sentences of dismissal by the commissioner are subject to revison by the courts. To make this plainer: The men are pensioned off on reaching the age limit, or for other legitimate causment's departure and made a lot of es, and are required during their time their salaries toward the maintenance of the pension fund.

"Discipline and the question vested interest should be kept absolutely separate. It is not hard to see that the influence of the commissioner his daughter. is tremendously weakened by such a situation. By permitting these conditions to exist the people of New York, fostering graft and blackmail.

"I am asked to estimate the money value of graft and blackmail in New York each year. Of course, no one could make such an estimate with anything like complete accuracy, but my belief is that the total is not less than \$100,000,000 a year. In fact, this figure, astounding in itself, is an under rather than over estimate of what is annually paid by criminals and crooked politicians, votes and immunity in New York. In relation to this colosproportionately large.

"If you will study the ordinances of great majority of these city laws were these. not enacted for purposes of law and ed-they were made to be broken, so the intentional or unintentional violator of insincere law.

"During my first year at the head of the police department it would have in his breast. been an easy matter for me to have made \$600,000 in bribe money, and 1,-000,000 would not have been an exces-

sive figure at all. "One day shortly after my arrival at police headquarters, an acquaintance dropped into my office.

"'Commissioner,' he said, 'there is a tence was never finished to my knowl-

"As a matter of fact, the place had never been opened, and the man had been used as an agent to feel out the department.

"A few months later I was offered \$5,000 in cash and \$500 a month merely to be seen shaking hands with the proprietor of an upper Broadway cafe. "Another instance of the perplexity with which the lower order of criminal views an honest police administraton was afforded by an East Side custom of years he had tendered his

usual quarterly 'assesment' to the patrolman of the precinct. Turned down in that quarter, he had gone to the captain, then to the inspector, both of whom, to his amazement, were square tion, to learn who would take his

General Bingham does not believ

gambling can be eliminated, but say that "a reasonable law imposing heavy license on gambling houses and subjecting the gambling evil to cast-"You know what John B. Gough said iron restrictions whereby such resorts about Cleveland," he continued with a shall be kept out of general view can faint smile. "In taking leave of the be enforced by the police and gambling thereby reduced to a minimum "If the Angel Gabriel happens to provided newspapers are discouraged nearly every legislative restriction as

> is now notoriously the case." Taking up the Rogues' Gallery con troversy which led to his removal by Mayor McClellan, the former commis sioner, in his article, cites a United States district court decision and also the following opinion, expressed by President Taft when acting attorney general of the United States, as to the practice of photographing criminals:

"The photographing of known criminals is a necessity. The decision of Judge Barr, to which reference is made in the communication of the secretary

right to permit it to be done. "This question of photographing and measuring persons arrested on criminal charges should be definitely settled by a wise and strict law, no drawn in the interests of the crimina classes, but justly, carefully, considerately and with an absolute prepon derance in favor of law-abiding society as opposed to its law-breaking enemies," says General Bingham.

Summarizing the gravest hindrance to and most pressing needs of a successful police administration, General Bingham emphasizes that,

"The police must not have anything to do with the conduct of elections other than lies within their proper police duly in preserving the peace. All electhe victim; "but on the forefinger was a string that my wife tied around it tions should be conducted solely by to remind me to get something for the election boards and agents emstandant of elections

"The police should have no contact with saloons nor with enforcing the excise law, but should be confined to their legitimate duty of maintaining the peace and, of course, making arrests for violation of law occurring openly in their presence. Enforcement

with the state board of excise comrespects the most lawless city on earth missioners and their agents. Legalize tation soon, was not recognized 100

Magazine for September that a hun-there is need of individual patriotism, These are some of the striking featdred million grafting, blackmailing among not only the citizens of New ures of the paper: dollars change hands yearly in the York, but of all the cities of the metropolis, and that he could easily United States. So long as private citi- paratively recent date; there is no "The power of Tammany Hall rests the ballot, there can be no permanent before the Royal Medico-Chirurgical and has rested for forty years upon reform, nor any cure for the grafting, society of London a paper entitled 'A road being built in that time, repreits ability to control the police by fair bribing, blackmalling, lawlessness Periodic Affection of the Eyes and means or foul," the former commis- which is eating out the heart of this Chest,' in which he described his own The largest gain was in North Ameri-

FAMOUS WAX ARTIST.

Dramatic Career. This is the story of Mme. Tussaud who was born in Berne in 1760 and heads that fell by the guillotine.

Marie Gresholtz was the daughter grafters whose hands are always out of an aid-de-camp of General Wurms- is increased with the increased deer in the Seven Years' war. She was mands for nerve energy. born after the death of her father.

Her mother was the sister of Dr. John Christopher Curtius of Berne. This Dr. Curtius had made many anaomical and other models in wax and Prince de Conti. This nobleman urged Curtius to come to Paris and es- comes as a compensation for his simtablish himself as a modeler in wax. The Curtius studio became the renin connection with this he had a mu- by various writers in from 40 to 50 trons were Voltaire, Jean Jacques, Rousseau, Mesmer, Mirabeau, Dider-

and many other notable persons. In his visits to his sister at Berne Dr. Curtis had taught his niece, Marie, many of the secrets of modeling in wax. She showed such ability in this that her uncle urged her mother to make a home with him in Paris say that my own experiences have

Marie began earnest study with is unable to go to a hay fever immune Dr. Curtius, and she was so skillful in district, he should avoid excitement the modeling of wax flowers that this and hurry. Exercise increases the through their legislators, are directly art became a craze. Even the royal personages in the palace took it up, the amount of pollen inhaled. Then and Marie spent some time giving too, the perspiration is a solvent for lessons to Mme. Elizabeth, the young the pollen, and in the susceptible subsister of Louis XVI.

When the revolution broke out Dr. Curtius took the side of the people the symptoms. and sent for Marie to come from the scenes of that awful period. In his the minister, Necker, father of Mme. sal brokerage on crime, the profits are de Stael, and one of Philippe, duke of Orleans. Two days before the storm-"If you will study the ordinances of the city of New York carefully, and two busts from his museum in the A Bane to its Owner and to the World analyze their meanings, you will come Palais Royal, draped them in black crape to show their sympathy and started to parade the streets with

order; they were not made to be obey- Place Vendome a troop of dragons shod mind is a greater. You know and one of the regiments charged. A them as well as I do, the men and wothat some one could make money from sword stroke cut the bust of Necker in men who never face any issue fairly leg and received the thrust of a sword look ahead and plan their lives to some

to demolish it.

At the taking of the Bastille Dr. Curtius was active and for his ser- business, you know, to supply fools vices to France was rewarded by the with good sounding justifications of house at - West Thirty-third street national assembly. A badge of honor their folly, and that's such a very run very quietly. It will be worth was presented to him, and this was good one. I hate that maxim. I can't \$10,000 a month to you"-but the sen- inscribed with the famous date and a imagine anything more foolishly untrue, memorial of his bravery and patriot- but how many times I've heard slipism. His house was a favorite place of meeting with the leaders of the hanging shoestrings of thought or runrevolution, so Marie had an opportu- down heels of indecision. I know a nity to see them all.

rie was in any danger during this desperate period. She was "suspected" and sent to prison. Here at the same time was Mme. de Beauharnais, who who was later the Josephine of Napoleon Bonaparte. Her uncle was and Desmoulins.

In the days of their power she had to be late the next time. It is the seen called to model the heads of same girl who will never look over many who fell by the guillotine. She her bills when she thinks she has spent was obliged to take them just after the fall of the fatal knife. She did "When ignorance is bliss," she cheerthis awful work with the heads of fully tells me, "'tis folly to be wise," poor Marie Antoinette and of the and goes calmly on toward the inevi-Princess Lamballe, the queen's friend. When the leaders suffered by the guillotine in their turn she modeled her.

their heads. After the revolution her uncle died. She could not overcome the shock of them. They're not at all sure but that her experiences during the revolution, if they sat down and thought it over and she persuaded her husband to they might not find it wasn't taking take her and the valuable collections them to the places where they really of wax models left her by Dr. Curtius

over to England. They established this collection in the Strand. The collection was taken be wise," you know. But the bliss that all about the country, and in 1833 it is bought at the price of ignorance is was brought back to London and apt to be a pretty costly one, and my made a permanent exhibition. Her heartfelt advice to any one who is ensons conducted the business, and she joying that sort is to commit the folly took an active share in this till she of being wise as soon as possible, for was eighty years of age.—Boston if you act before it is too late you will

Geographical Knowledge In 1492 .- bliss of ignorance the sane, well found-But very little was known in regard ed happiness of look-things-in-theto the extent of the world in Aristotle's day, in the fourth century before Christ, and but very little more was known about it 1.800 years later, in the time of Columbus. In 2,000 years the world had in reality retrograded rather than advanced. It was the popular belief in the time of Columbus that the world was flat, though many conemporary scholars thought different-17. The great civilizations of the world at that time were grouped around the Mediterranean sea, although England was a considerable power and the Scandivanians were a great maritime people. But Europeans at that time knew but little of Asia and but little of Africa, and America, of course, was undreamed of. Even ofter Columbus had discovered the latter continent he was perfectly oblivious of the fact. He thought Haiti was Cipango or Japan and for a long time regarded Cuba as

the When a man aims high and fails which shows that, compared with the to hit the mark, he is apt to complain

a part of the mainland of Asia.

HAY FEVER RAVAGES.

Than Other Countries. In an exhaustive paper on hay fever the Alumni of Bellevue hospital, Dr. of the excise law should rest entirely W. W. Carter said that the disease, which will be making its annual visithe above two provisions and at once years ago. Moreover, he said, this anraised to a plane never yet attained in the United States than in any other country, and it has increased to a re-"Finally and most emphatically, markable extent in the last fifty years.

"Hay fever is an affection of comthere was extraordinary activity in zens ignore the corrupt governing of positive evidence that it was recogniztheir cities and make a by-word of ed prior to 1819, when Bostock read afflictions and attributed it to the sunshine and heat in summer. "The remarkable increase of this

malady during the past half century in this country at once arrests our attention and we seek an explanation. There are within our boundaries in the neighborhood of 100,000 hay fever died in London in 1850, and who, dur- subjects, and this number is being rapcause, without recourse to the courts. ing the stormy time of the French rev- idly augmented. Hay fever, like otholution, modeled in wax some of the er reflex neuroses, is pre-eminently an affection of civilized man, and is most common in our large cities, where it

"On the other hand, the farmer who comes in contact with more pollen than any one else is practically never affected. In this case the immunity may have been acquired by constant had attracted the attention of the contact with the exciting cause of the disease; but what is more likely, it

"Heredity plays a most dezvous of the fashionable world, and part in this affection, and is recognized seum of curiosities. Among his pa. per cent of their cases. In my own practice in fully 75 per cent of cases more than one member of the family ot, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Jones is affected. In one New York family, where the father and two uncles are affected, five out of seven children have hav fever and two of these have also asthma.

"In regard to the use of drugs, with a view to curing the affection, I must and to allow him to adopt Marie as have been most unsatisfactory." Palliative measures.--If the patient

> number of respirations, consequently ject causes the face to itch and burn. Bright sunlight and dust aggravate

The skin, bowels and kidneys should palace. It was rather singular that be kept active and the diet must be two of his wax models should have frugal. Well known reflex excitants, played a foremost part in the opening such as shell fish and strawberries should be avoided, and meat should be collection of models was the bust of taken only sparingly.—New York

THE SLIPSHOD MIND.

The individual with shipshod appearance, says Ruth Cameron, is a heavy burden for himself and the As the procession filed across the world, but the individual with the sliphalves, and the man who was carry- and squarely, who leave their thoughts ing it was hit by a musket ball in the always at tag ends, who never try to good end, but who weakly say they'd The bust of the duke of Orleans es- rather not know what's coming, for caped injury, but in the fight to de- "when ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to fend it several persons were killed. be wise." I think the devil made that The soldiers made desperate efforts maxim just for those people and congratulated himself when he had done it, for it's the devil's most important shods quote it in explanation of their girl who whenever she is late for an There was only one time when Ma- appointment-which she is nine times out of ten-firmly turns her eyes away from the clocks along her route so that she need not be reminded of how abominably late she is. "When ignorhad barely escaped the guillotine and ance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise," she quotes in explanation. Now, I am pretty sure that if she would punish able to get Marie's release from pris- herself by craning her neck to see evon, and she came out in time to see ery clock she possibly could and burnthe downfall of Robspierre, Danton ing the record of her tardiness deep into her brain she would be less likely more money than she ought to have table crash from the ruins of which some long suffering relative has to pull

The shipshods are always drifters They go with the tide. They don't and in 1795 she married M. Tussaud, know exactly where it's going to take want to go. But for that very reason they do not sit down and think, for "when ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to probably be able to win in exchange for the slipshod, uncertain, uneasy face wisdom. And unless you're an incurable slip-

shod you'll find it pays.

The Railways of the World. America still continues, by a wide margin to lead the world in the extent of its railway system. One of a total of 594,867 miles of railroad in the whole world, 268,058 miles are located in North America. This is but little less than the total for the three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa: Europe having 199,385 miles, Asia 56,294 miles and Africa 18.519 miles, a total of 274.198 miles for the Old World.

miles and Australasia of 17,700 miles of railroad, which added to the figures for North America, makes a grand total for the New World of 320,-669 miles. The above figures form part of a re

port compiled by the Prussian ministry of public works for the year 1907, previous year, the largest percentage

per cent in Africa, followed by 7,637 More Prevalent in the United States miles, an increase of 3 per cent, in piled for permission to buy 3,000 North America, and 2,917 miles, rep-

read at a meeting of the Society of in Europe. The greatest amount of construction in European countries was that in Russia, where 1,625 miles of new track were built; France was next with 431 miles, and Germany built 411 miles. The largest additions and the press in scathing terms as bewhere 909 miles were built, China coming next with 464 miles. In South Africa, the largest addition was in British South Africa, where the mileage was increased 51 per cent by the addition of .352 miles. tion, as it does in other health-pro-During the decade from 1897 to 1907

> the building of railroads throughout the world, 140,137 miles of new railsenting an increase of 231 per cent. ca. The statistics of 85 per cent of the railroads owning the total mileage given above show that there is a total capital invested of nearly \$42,000,000,people most concerned, those menac-000. If the same rate of cost has obtained in the railroads of which statistics were not available, the total outlay on railroads, from their 'nception to the present time, must be nearly an investment of about \$31.59 for each day's work by observing the three bainhabitant of the globe at the present time.—Scientific American.

> to forget for a while the things that are beyond our reach.

A large insurance company has ap-

acres of land on which to establish a resenting an increase of 11 per cent tuberculosis sanitarium. One of its policy-holders dies of tuberculosis every 32 minutes. Upon the conservative estimate of Prof. Irving Fisher, president of the committee of onehundred on national health, tuberculosis is seventy-five per cent preventable. In its early stages it can generally be cured. An insurance company can better afford to cure a consumptive than to pay a death loss. The German government is taking a leading role in consumption preven-

> tective work and in guarding men against factory accidents. New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other states are establishing consumption sanitariums as a matter of business economy. It is a policy that pays. So much a life is worth. Is it not odd that, when city and state governments and even insurance companies are doing or planning so much, the

> ed by consumptives themselves, do frequently so little? Many men with delicate lungs and frail physique can preserve their lives for their families without losing a sic rules of breathing fresh air winter and summer, or eating oftener than three times a day plain nourishing food and of avoiding unnecessary

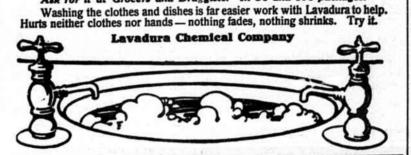
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