

NEED FOR NEW COINS.

Cents and Nickles no Longer Subserve Proper Functions.

Seven and eight cent pieces are proposed as a method of helping the overworked nickel and its poor relation, the penny, in these days when so many things that used to cost a nickel have jumped two or three cents in price. Senator Frelinghuysen, who sponsored the bill in the congress, thinks the new coins would do away with much making of change.

It has been so long since Americans have known anything but the nickel and the penny, in the smallest change line, that it might be hard to get used to the new coins, should they be adopted. In fact the United States has as few coins now as at the beginning of its existence. In 1792 congress authorized the following coins for circulation: The eagle (\$10), half-eagle, (\$5), quarter-eagle (\$2.50), the dollar, the "disme" (old spelling for dime), half disme (five cents), the cent, and the half cent.

Double eagles came into being in 1849, the year of the gold rush to California. In 1851, a new coin, the three-cent piece, three-quarter silver and one-quarter copper, was introduced, and two years later the three-dollar gold piece came into being. In 1857 they dropped the half-cent, but minted a new piece, a two-cent coin, in 1864. In 1865 the old three-cent piece was dropped, and a new three-cent piece, without any silver in it, was coined. It was made of copper and nickel. In the same year the old familiar motto, "In God We Trust," was ordered by congress to be placed on certain coins of the realm. It is still there.

The nickel of today came into being in 1866. In 1876 congress overhauled the entire coinage system, and decided upon the following coins: All the gold coins as they now stand; silver coins, the dollar, half-dollar, quarter and dime; minor coins, the five, three and one-cent pieces. The five and three-cent coins were made of copper and nickel, and the cent was of the humbler composition of copper, tin and zinc. Since that time the three-cent piece has fallen by the wayside.

All the minor coins are known as "token" coins, because they made money for Uncle Sam. That is, the metal they contain is not equivalent to the value the government places on them. A double eagle is worth exactly twenty dollars, and so is a half eagle and the rest of them are worth their face value, but if you melted a silver half dollar you would not have a half-dollar's worth of silver.

A Dull Season.

"Say, what's the idea of the pistol?" the theatrical press agent asked, noting the young cannon protruding from the pocket of a friend.

"Going to kill myself," was the gloomy reply.

"Oh, I say, old chap," the press agent began in a tone of remonstrance, but caught himself and concluded: "Well, if you are bound to do it, leave a note saying it was because of a hopeless love for our leading lady, won't you? I'd appreciate it, old boy. It's a dull season and every little thing helps."

How it Happened.

"When I was over to Mount Pizgy, tuther day—" began a resident of the Straddle Ridge, Arkansas, neighborhood.

"What did you go there for?" interestedly interrupted an acquaintance. "You don't know nobody at Mount Pizgy, do you?"

"Nope! I aimed to go to Tumlinville, but wasn't paying no attention to what I was doing, and sorter got started in the wrong direction. And it was easier to keep going than to (yaw-w-w-wn!) turn around."

Ancient Accidents.

Prof.—"What happened to Baby-lon?"

Fresh—"It fell."

Prof.—"What happened to Tyre?"

Fresh—"It was punctured."—The St. Cloud (Minn.) High School Mascot.

For Information Only.

A farmer lived on a lonely place and eventually a railroad was run through the district. There was one train a day and it stopped at the farmer's station on signal.

The farmer one day set the signal and the train drew up. But he did not climb aboard.

"Well, get on!" shouted the conductor. "Get on, can't ye?"

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