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IN TIME TO COME.

By wayside nooks and on the sunny hill, with regret, these bearts of ours grow As sometimes all her hearts will.

We loved the blossoms, for they helped to The lives so dark with wearying toil and care, Hopes and dreams forever help to lighten

The heavy foads we hear. How-like the flowers, whose transient life : ended, The hopes and dreams are that, for

Make the glad heart a garden bright and About love's latticed bower. One little hour of almost perfect pleasure. A foretaste of the happiness to come,

Then sudden frost-the garden vields it And stands in sorrow dumb. O, listen heart! The flower may lose its giory
Beneath the touch of frost, but does no

In spring it will repeat the old, sweet story Or God's dear By and By. In heaven, if never here, the hopes we cher

The flowers of human lives we count Will live again. Such beauty cannot perish Eben E. Rexford.

Free Trade in Money.

Mr. Editor: Allow me to call public things beyond their names, will find attention through your columns, to the subjoined article on "Free Trade in Money," from the New York Indepen-

Why should free trade not apply to money as well as other commodities claiming exemption from import duties?

Is there any reason that the value of money should not depend upon the law of supply and demand as well as the borseflesh that different borses may be price of other commodities that are regu-

Can the planting interest of this country prosper while they are compeled by the greed of the money lender to pay 10 per cent. interest? We answer never. Is it right that the State legalizes such extortionate inter- present age, which nearly all mankind

est? Let our Legislators answer. There was a time when ecclesiastics thandered forth their anathemas against the act of taking any interest for the use of money lent. The act was deemed a 'horrible and damnable sin,' deserving of the censure of the Church tian fold. The earlier laws of England made it an offense, and generally during

cept was designed to serve certain local

purposes as between the Jews, and

never intended to be a moral mandate

of universal and permanent application.

It was the political law for Jews when

Jews only were the parties to the trans-

hence very properly observes:

action, while it gave them an unre-

rofitable it is for the law to fix a maxthe Dark Ages, it was denounced as a monstrous wrong, The ground on which this opinion was based is the command of Moses, prohibiting the lending of money or WELD SITUATED FARM of one hun- anything else for increase among the dred and ten acres, about sixty-cleared, Jewish people. The statute reads legal interest is given; for whatever to the dogs in this country; their conlend him thy victuals for increase. Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of anything that is lent upon usury. Uuto a stranger thou mayest leud upon usury, but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upor usury.' The usury here forbidden is of two kinds-usury upon money and usury upon natural productions-and in both forms it is prohibited as between Jews, while it is allowed when the Jew is a lender to one not a Jew. This conclusively shows that the pre

end will succeed. All such laws are and must admit that I was unterly as- the analogy, replied her husband. afford no protection to borrowers.

acres of contiguous lands, after having forty-five by colored people, which strained license to take usury of stran- changed owners a number of times serves to show in the first place who the faintest resemblance to Samson in gers or foreigners. The latter would since the Revolutionary War, have are the dog owners, and in the second have been wrong if the thing itself was finally passed into the hands of a Ger- place that there must be within the Didn't you ever read,' inquired essentially wrong. Michaelis, in his man Syndicate, which expects to plant border lines of Fairfield county at the Mrs. Upperten, 'about Samson going 'Commentaries on the Laws of Moses,' a thrifty German colony in that 'land lowest calculation 10.000 dogs; in the around killing people with the jawbone of the sky, at an early day. The tract third place, if these dogs each con- of an ass 'Any such prohibition of interest in contains 135,000 acres, but a consid-sumed only one-eighth of a bushel of 'Ah! By Jove! I must remember our age and country would, however, erable portion has been taken up and meal per week, it would foot up 1,250 that for the boys at the club. without a doubt, be unjust toward len- settled by squatters, so that the num- bushels of meal, and for the whole ders, a great hardship on the one-half ber of acres at the disposal of the Syn- year it would run up to 65,000 bushels. of the citizens, who have no landed prop. dicate is considerably reduced.

Perfection in Petticoats.

Prospect Correspondent Utica Observer.

cult to find one which, in the present state of society, it would be more fool- County never brag, but we have a ener. This 65,000 bushels of meal ish and hurtful to revive and enforce. young lady in this village who has would feed 5.000 pigs twelve months, Radical corruption was thrown off, and equally mindful of those who have in-It could only suit a state so constituted merits deserving of public notice. She or it would feed with the assistance of the era of Home Rule begun. Since suited and oppressed her and sought to no attention has been paid to their as was that of the Israelites by Moses. is a blond of medium height, blue eyes, pasturage, 2.000 milch cows a year, then our State has made rapid advance- compass her ruin, and determined by . . . Hence, we may see the folly clear cut Grecian features. and is ac- and you can make your own milk and ment, and is still growing in wealth. the help of the good God and the stout of urging the Mosaic prohibition on knowledged to be pretty even by en- butter calculation. Christians, whose social and political vious females, and has borne away all Now for the divilment that this curl- upon Democratic rule. Let the State foot of radicalism shall never find a situation is quite unsuitable to it. . . the best prizes in school for years. Her tailed bench-legged brigade does: again lapse into Carpetbag rule, and place in her borders. . Politically speaking on the education was pronounced by our late First, they have caused sheep hus- high taxes and a depreciation of real essubject, it would, in modern times, be school commissioner as being as good as bandry to become a thing of the past; tate will inevitably follow. At present, foreign born, black and white, old and the finest quality, costly fabrics for the greatest error which a legislature that of any teacher in the fourth dis- second, they break up all the wild with not more than four exceptions, the young, rich and poor all loving could commit to prohibit interest; trict. She can bake, wash, iron, cook, turkey nests and kill the young ones, rate of taxation in South Carolina is less South Carolina, stand shoulder to for, without it, commerce can never make garden, sing divinely, sew on a together with robbing the partridge than in any other State, and the cause shoulder and foot to feet, all for the The perfect equity of the interest own clothes, spin the yarn and make dreds of young birds ere they are full- or four States is the large public debt weal. principle, once so furiously denounced her own stockings, mop the floor enter- fledged and able to get out of their created and left by this same Carpetbag by ecclesiastics by a false application of tain a house ful! of ministers or an as- way; in fact they are destroying all Radical party. No claim is made the authority of Moses, is seen in three semblage of young people, make tatting, the game of the country; they keep perfection in the rule and management the danger is here. The advantage which the crochet, bevel a lambrequin, knit inborrower derives from using the capital sertion on a slipper case, or quilt a length and breadth of the land, and we agement and success of this party has though we do not see it. of the lender 2. The advantage pumpkin pie. She never was known to know that it keeps man, woman been as superior to that of Radical rule which the lender might have derived call your attention to the door scraper or and child in dread for their lives, be as refined gold is to tarnished brase Make sure you have got it. Don't wait from keeping the capital in his own mat, never spoke a cross word or had a sides destroying a number of valuable There is no immediate fear that the until election day when it will be too resembles hair. It will not "pack," possession and use, but which he fore- cold dinner on washing day, never ate a animals. It is almost impossible to State is in danger of slipping from late goes to the benefit of the borrower. 3. chocolate caramel or chewed gum. She have a decent fox chase on account of Home Rule, but, in almost every The danger of loss, which the lender wears none but her own bair and teeth, these despicable curs. Now the ques- part of the State, there is an apparent must always incur, and for which he and was never nearer a corset than the tion naturally arises, what is the reme- apathy in politics. This will not do. ought to have some compensation, outside of a dry goods counter. She dy for this increasing evil? Shall we The election this year is an important These considerations settle the equity of never had a beau in her life, yet our best have a dog law as one of the organic one, and should interest every one. the Democratic ticket. A number of the general doctrine of interest upon young men would be at her feet with the laws of the land? Shall we resort to There is a better prospect of electing a distinguished speakers will be present, N. Y. Tribune. capital lent; and it is only in the dark least encouragement. She can row a taxes in the form of license, or would Democratic President this year than period of supersition that the proposi- boat, shoot a gun, climb a tree and it be better to have dogs assessed so ever before, but as sure as the people and such a demonstration as to leave tion has ever been disputed. Com- throw a fly, or land a trout in a manner much per copita, or what would be stay away from the polls, the other par merce and credit are mutual compan- to win the admiration of any sportsman. the best remedy under the circum- ty will be elected. The negroes in ions, so intimately allied that the form- She never gossips and never attempts to stances? In short, what would best Clarendon county are better organized day --- Workmen are engaged in er can never flourish without the lat- take a hand in another woman's knitting- suit the people? I am no man for in- this year than in any previous cam- leveling and cleaning off the Court ter; and, if the interest principle work, and is never seen upon the streets creasing taxes, as our burden in this paign, and they can and likely will be House square. This improvement will were discarded, that would be the end in the evening. unless going to church line is already heavy enough; still I manipulated by some carpetbag thief enhance the beauty of the grove. or to visit the sick. Her father has been am or opinion that some steps should be taken to check the increase of all over the county rouse themselves. The streets were crowded with traders cheap place to live in, and for \$5,000 and and our merchants were smiling faces. Year a family can be supplied with zation is not whether interest is equi- pillar in the church, social and sought ravenous, half-starved dogs, that and get to work. The State and coun- and our merchants were smiling faces. table, but whether and how far its rate after by all, yet manifests no desire to will soon cause us to emigrate if some- ty ticket entire must be elected, and should be regulated by law. The gen- change housekeepers. She was never thing is not done, and that shortly, the majority of the votes cast in this one has the fever. In other parts of sire, yet it must be remembered that a eral thought of the world, until with- known to torture a piano in her life, The more "niggers" in any one county must be for Dargan and the the county there is considerable sick- congressman does not often get his \$5,in the last balf-century, has been that manifests no foundness for cats or poodle, munity the more dogs and gourds Cleveland electors. If every Democrat ness reported, but the health of Man- in Washington two scales of prices it should be absolutely a matter of legal or cur dogs, and desu't know George flourish there, and as I live in one of in the county will but do his duty, the ning will compare with that of any one for permanent residents and one prescription enforced by forfeitures and Eliot's best novel from a hencoop, yet these communities, if I cannot get gen- election is sufe. penalties. This opinion, however, is she is thoroughly conversant with all eral relief I must have individual rerapidly giving place to its opposite, the important questions and news of the lief from the poison bottle. Let us and leading to legislation which leaves day, and can quote history till you can't hear from different parts of the county. the parties free to make their own wink. We are not related except agreement as to the rate of interest the through our respected ancestor Adam. agreement as to the rate of interest the through our respected ancestor Adam. A Black in the Black Dis publican party and all its representating here age to members' families, although publican party and all its representating here. sed in the second and third thrown out as an inducement for the trict. years of the reign of Queen Victoria, lady in question would not look favor-England, after undergoing a great ably upon his suit a moment unless she many changes and fluctuations of policy was convinced that he was the equal of on this subject, abolished all her usury her father, and it would be strong proof laws, and now allows with impunity she would require. She is a thoroughthat which she once treated as a renal going politician with Democratic prooffense. Her example has been imi- clivities, and would work over the

sentiment in the other states to move Cleveland. An Important Search.

tated by ten states of this Union; and wash-board and soapsuds six months for

there is a strong tendency of public the privilege of voting for Grover

in the same direction. The probabil-

generally follow the legislation of

abolition from the same source.

English philosopher who says :

than the price of land.'

England, who says:

who said, in 1816:

'As well might a clause be added fix-

The third is from Lord Brougham,

'The repeal or the modification

the usury laws is a measure, in the

the borrower, to the lender, and to the

The last is from Mr. James Birch

Kelly, a distinguished English writer,

who in a treatise on this subject, pub-

'All experience teaches us how un-

lished in London in 1835, said :

ing and reducing the price of horses.

ity is that in less than twenty-five years, the American people will very While Mr. Mason of South Carolina, is very near to the perfection of a cot-England. Having borrowed their ton picking machine, which, if a final usury legislation from England, we success, will undoubtedly revolutionize think they will be wise to borrow its Southern agriculture and labor, Mr. Edison announces that he will devote As to the question wheth relaw shall regulate the rate of interest, or the parties be left to exercise a submit four the next five years of his life to the discovery of a process whereby furnaces, boilers, steam engines and depamos will be eliminated. He is a min extracts from very emment sources. The first is from John Locke, the great liever in the happening of this improbable event within a decade and hopes

Money is a universal commodity, to advance it in a briefer period. He and is as necessary to trade as food is says: Working at the problem now seems to life; and every one mu-t have it to me very much like driving a ship at what rate he can get it, and invariably pay dear when it is scarce. You straight for the face of a precipice and may as naturally hope to set a fixed when you come to grief picking yourself up and trying it again to-morrow. price upon the use of houses or ships There is an opening in the barrier as of money. Those who will consider somewhere and some lucky man will find it. I have got far enough that money, as well as other commodities, is liable to the same change and to know that the thing is possible. I can get quite a current nequality; and the rate of money, is no more capable of being regulated now directly from the combustion of fuel. Jablochkoff tried his hand in the same thing some years ago, and so did The next is from Jeremy Bentham, some Germans, but the results were the eminent judicial philosopher of

laboratory curiosities only. Such a discovery would turn dustrial world topsy-turvy. Power would become ridiculously cheap, a It may be said against fixing the price steamship could cross the ocean at nominal cost, and poor nien could cwn of different values. I answer, not

and run carriages. more different than the values which Neither Mason nor Edison may perthe use of the same sum of money may sonally succeed in their vast underbe of to different persons on different takings, but they are on the track of what is at least possible, and may sow the seed for another man's harvesting. We suspect that the individual who is alive ten years beuce will be witness to many marvels in locomotion, illumination and labor-saving that are now agree is perfectly safe, and calculated only inchoate developments or scientific to afford the greatest measure of relief, and is, besides, innocuous alike to dreams .- Augusta Chroncicle.

Dogs.

News and Herald meets our views on

the dog question. rate of interest for its use is no more caused me to sit up at night after capable of being regulated by law than everything was quiet, to see what beare the rates of insurance or the price came of it, and I found that the half of labor; and that free trale in money fed curs of the country were consumis the only way of making it abun- ing it. My remedy was the free use Uppertent Now there's Mr. Xof the shot-gun, which gave me tem- How talked at our party last Such are the views which procured porary relief; but being surprised at night! Why he all but monepolized the abolition of all usury laws in the condition of things. I started out the conversation. He must imagine England. They have entered upon the to see how many dogs lived within the himself a modern Samson. same task in this country, and in the radius of one mile square of my abode, fifty-three, and ont of this number Table Rock and several thousand eight were owned by white people and

mous, but they are true nevertheless, and it must indeed be a scantily fed dog that does not consume four quarts The people of this part of Oneida of meai every seven days of his exist-

button or patch, make and fit all her nests, in addition to destroying hun- of its being higher than in those three or to visit the sick. Her father has been am of opinion that some steps should It is time-high time-that the people Saturday was a splendid business day. S. R. RUTLAND.

Butler Spears says they will not Vote for Fidler Baskins.

now a free citizen, without public emtherefore be regarded as not emanating from an official source. Spears is very much exercised over the nomination of Fidler Tom Baskins as elector on the Republican ticket for the Seventh Congressional District, and, being encouraged to ventilate his views by a seductive reporter who met him vesterday. delivered himself as follows: You can just say that the colored voters of the every year Seventh District will not vote for Buskin, and that's the long and short of it. We won't go to the polls to vote for

such a n. We were opposed to him to swallow him at all. I've been advocating the rights of the colored man and violence—to strive against a horde ever since I growed up, and I'm advocating them now. What I say is, the Democrats have given us the Black The least that could have been done

was to put a black man on the the electoral ticket. I'll tell you one thing, if they expect the colored people in that and Baskins, they are calculating on ticipation in its evil work. nothing. Old Baskins has been running for office all his life. He's like Tom B. Johnston here in Charleston, a chronic candidate for office. He's crazy for office, and he has never yet get one. He tried the Democratic party, and he couldn't even get to be a coustable. Now he's trying to get into office on the backs of the colored men. He makes me sick. I tell von he can't do it, because the colored people won't vote for him. No sir; they won't. The celored voters of the Seventh District want to be represented by colored men, and the sooner old Baskins and them. I'm a Republican, I've always been one, but I ain't a fooi, and I don't think the colored people in the Seventh beat Smalls for Congress as sure as The following from the Fairfield shooting. We'd vote for Smalls as far as that goes. I don't think much of him myself, but still the colored folks would vote for him because be's a col-Messrs. Editors: There is a ques- ored man, but the Baskins business has tion of no small importance that should | made them all sick, and I don't believe imum rate of interest applicable to every be agitating the minds of our people that balf of the voters will come out on period. When there is little demand as well as that of cotton and corn election day. There are hundreds of for money it can be borrowed for less combined with the general hard times. colored men in the district who are able than the legal rate of interest on good and that is the dog question. For the to represent their race on the electoral security. When the contrary is the last week or ten days I have been ticket. Now why didn't they put one case the law is evaded, and more than making some investigations in regard of them there instead of old Baskins? may be the municipal regulation. dition, their uses and their annoyances. publican, he is changed to one since I to put the white man, education, culthere is no axiom better established The first thing that caused me to look saw him last, and he is a poor shoat than that money, like water, will find after them was, that I, being in the anyhow. It wouldn't surprise me a bit its own level; that it is governed by stock business, always have hog food if Smalls is beaten, and it will serve the same rules, as to production and prepared at night to be fed next morn- them right if he is. If they are going distribution, which affect all other ing. This food after being set away to loud down the ticket with that kind merchantable commodities; that the at night, began to disappear, which of trash it ought to be beaten anyhow.

Something Like Samson. 'One meets some peculiar people in society nowadays,' remarked Mrs. 'A modern Samson! I don't see

against public policy while they really tonished at the number and their mis- 'Didn't you ever read your Bible erable condition. They numbered dear? asked Mrs. Upperten, arching her eyebrows. 'About as often as you do,' re-

torted Mr. Upperten. 'But I can't see

Now these figures seem to be ener- nobody.

What Our Editors Say.

Clarendon Enterprise.

But our prosperity depends altogether bearts of her people that the blighting beautifully and perfectly and, without

Let us be Moving.

should.

become more prominent and powerful it repealed.

Whose fault is it that our town, like State, stands always over a volcano? in the State Convention, where I made forced to face the possibility of destruc- his ribs to the hollow. His arm was fight against him, and we min't going tion every two years and to strain every amputated, and the other wounds nerve to beat back a cateract of robbery dressed, and, strange as it may apof conscienceless banditti not only threatening to steal and destroy all the list of gin casualties so far reported this results of our patient, fragal toil, but season, --- Chickens, better and combine against the representative's District, and we should have black men imperilling the safety of our hearth- eggs are as scarce as they ever get to \$5,000. stones and our lives?

nominces for president and vice presi- sport excellent. district to come out and vote for Smalls | dent, are conspicuous for their active par-

Every thinking mon knows that a victory of the radical party in this State would be worse for us than any invasion of Goths and Huns was for the Italian hamlets and worse in its results than any of the raids of Indians that spread horror and destruction through the early settlements of America. This no exaggeration. We know by experience what radical rule was, and we know that it would be worse restored than ever before. The robbers would come upon us with greed increased an hundred fold by years of enforced abstinence and with hatred his tribe understand it the better for sharpened and hardened by the many defeats we have put upon them. A legion of ravening, hungry wolves turned loose among us would would not District are such fools as Baskins and be half so dangerous as the rule of the the rest take them to be. I'll tell you carpet bagger, the scalawag and black one thing its going to do. Its going to political striker Two years of that rule would leave our fields barren and wasted, our towns deserted and impoverished and our factories idle and dismantled, and would send thousands of our best people to seek peace and security in other States. Radical rule once restored would never be shaken off, and South Carolina would before many years be little better than a wilderness and a mass of desolation from

The republican leaders know these things as well as we do, but the knowlthe bummer. For a political advantage they are willing to precipitate upon of weeds, weed-stems and leaves, while

leaders the deep debt of hate and

mistaken that South Carolina does not of which the greater number were dis- man pray; you take an oar."

forget and is not afraid-that she is true | covered to be weeds of the commonest to her ancient Democratic faith, loyal to the core to the cause of the people, Eight years ago, with a mighty effort mindful of the friends who have stood and amid great enthusiasm, the yoke of by her so bravely in her adversity. fee, the cotton plant and jute. Most

> Commonwealth, all for the common and hangings for halls and theaters, Seventeen days to election! All

logether once more for that little time! Look up your registration ticket.

Neighboring Counties.

Clarendon Enterprise: Tuesday, the 28th is the day for the ratification of and let there be such an attendance no doubt of what we intend doing Nov. 4th. - Court convenes next Mon--It is reported that on Santee every- everything that reasonable persons de-

town in the State. - A bevy of for member of congress and foreign the Academy girls who were eager for diplomats. First come the election exa ride from school last Friday after- penses. And a congressman who comes Greenville News.

It aby people in the world should making a short turn, broke down and have an undying hatred for the re- emptied the jolly crowd into the street. for congress has not yet allowed miletatives the people of Greenville self, stood contemplating the situation after the late private secretary indulg-The history of this town is not an Fortunately, there was no serious Butler Spears is a light colored mulation who is not be of the lights of degrand old party. He has at variordinary one. As Greenville stands damage done. - Salem is suffering ous times held various offices, but is here is the result of hard work, economy little daughter, about 4 years old. and gradual accumulation. Our peo- died from malarial fever on the 7th inployment, and his utterances may ple, with very few exceptions, have stant, and Mr. Joseph Beard died on made their way without advantages of the 6th instant from same cause. The capital, influential connections or favor- cotton crop has turned out to be only ing circumstances. They have toiled two-thirds of a crop with no top bolls. zealously and sacrificed and denied Corn, peas, and other crops are good themselves faithfully, and have built up and fully up to expectations, consea city of which they can be honestly quently few lieus will be given next and earnestly proud gad which promises year. It is believed that a majority of to continue its wonderful advance and the Salemites are opposed to it and wish

Florence Times: On Thursday morning last, a small colored boy was all the other material things in the caught in Mr. D. H. Hamby's gin, and the saws cut his arm through Whose fault is it that our people are the bone, and also cut through five of pear, he is still alive. This is one more to be added to the aiready large be in these parts. -The attendance It is the fault of the republican party on the various schools in Florence is and of its leaders, among whom James increasing, - Possum bunters re-G. Blaine and John A. Logan, its port this game as plentiful, and the

> Camden Journal: There was a slight sprinkle of rain in Camden on last Thursday, but it only laid the dust for a few hours Everything is as dry now as it was before. The dust is almost stiffing. - 'Ve hear complaints from | money go as far as it ought, studiously, the country that in several of the seed- conceal the fact that they are senators cotton shops they sell wine and beer negroes call shopping. as openly as it is sold in a licensed bar. -On Thursday evening of last week a terrific hailstorm prevailed in the Tilier's ferry section of this coun- They would take mil my money; they that was the heaviest fall of bail they ever saw. -Mr. W. T. Lellis brought to our office on last Monday, the largest beet we have seen in a long time. It measured 71 inches in liameter and weighs seven pounds, It is of the turnip variety, and the seed was planted last spring. He has one now growing in his garden that measures thirty inches in circumference, and he proposes to take it the State Fair. It will beat all the beets on ex-

Fabrics from Wild Plants. In a shop window in New York City

is displayed a variety of hanks of thread, some coarse, some fine, some dark-colored, some light some varicolored. Some of the thread has the softness of the finest silk, some is rough and rasping as hemp. It is a curious assortment, and attracts the attention of many a passer-by. A visit to the inside of the shop is a revelation of a ture and wealth under the reckless and ir- considered useless. In a rear room responsible government of the black man, about 16 by 20 feet, were three or four the pauper, the professional thief and heavy, but apparently simple machines operated by a small steam engine. The room was half filled with many kinds hundreds of thousands of unoffending in one corner were seen barrels of people a fate worse than a general mas- erude asbestos. One machine is being sacre. There were some escapes from fed by a young man, who gave to it the day of St. Bartholomew and it bundle after bundle of the dry, brittle passed away. No man, woman or child weeds, while another was greedily desend im to college," remarked Feathso South Carolina would escape the weighing three or four pounds and from a course of instruction in degradations and the horrors of a swallowing them with a groan. The restored radical rule, and it would last dry, trash-like stuff fed to the first ma- from the continent you know: What chine was converted in a short time does 'e amount to? 'E went to 'Eidel-To pay the republican party and its into the coarse, brown thread seen in berg, h'and that accounts for is lazithe window, while the rough asbestos ness.' scorp we owe there; to avenge all the quickly changed its mineral nardness and became a fiber as fine as silk, degradation, misery and suffering they ready to be spun and woven. The whisky, sah, and a glass of watah, have wantonly inflicted upon us and common cotton stalk, which the planter sah." Congressman-"I did not order our's; to banish from among us their of the South pulls up and burns after it." Waiter-"No, sah; I mought hirelings and bull-lozing understrappers, the year's picking, was made into a you might want it." Congressman and to avert and remove the danger coarse toreed, equal in every respect | (angrily)-"What I want I will order." ever impending over our possessions, to the jute of India, which the United Waiter-"All right, san; beg your States buys to the extent of \$6,000,000 pardon. Will remove it at once, sah. our lives and our firesides, there is just annually. Flax straw, which grows in many of the states of the Union, which Let us quit ourselves like men from is cultivated b, hundreds of thousands tourists moving across a lake in Scotnow until the fourth of next month, and of acres for the seed alone, and is burn- land, and threatened to earsize the labor day in and day out and roll up a ed, or left to rot in the fields, was con- boat. When it seemed that the crisis verted into a fiber which made an ex- was really come, the largest and

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variety, were shown to contain valuable fiber. Among them were bear grass, Spanish bayonet (needle), okra. nettle, ramie, pita, baurbor, wild cofof these plants grow wild. Little or

From these various fibers, many of which, by actual experiment will dye injury, can be made bagging, mats, matting sacks for grain, rope, cordage, Let the honest people, native and twine, packing thread, paper stock of use, and material for uphoistering purposes. From the fibrous mineral asbestos can be made fire-proof curtains fire-proof ropes, carpets and groundwork for oil-cloths, and many other articles of luxury and necessity. Ramle and Sisal hemp fiber may be mixed with sick in manufacture, and common grasses are turned into fiber fine and strong for wigs and false hair. Even the hard shell of the cocoanut is discovered to contain a fiber which closely and is equal to curled hair for upholsterers' use. Indeed, there are tow of our native products which do not contain some quality of fiber, and recent experiments have demonstrated that the United States pays annually for products which may be made at home the large sum of \$16,000,000 .-

> Congressmen's Pocket-Books. If some Adam Smith of household

finance would arise to teach a senator,

or representative how to live on \$5.000 a year, he would confer an everlasting boon on many of the members of the congress of the United States. Although Washington may be called a 000 intact; and, besides that, there are out less than \$1,000 out of pocket is considered lucky. Then comes the journey of the family to Washingtonence nothing in the way of perquisites need surprise anybody. Next is the intermediary stage of botel living until gressman's \$5,000 a year is gone. It does not take him long to find out that he can't do with his income as well as other people do. If he is in lodgings, his wife must have a reception day, and, no matter how simple the scale on which it is conducted, a waiter must be hired to hand in the cards, and there is usually some slight refreshment. If the wife of a representative visits at all she has to visit a great deal, and visiting means a carriage. Then there are occasional dinners, receptions at the white house and elsewhere, which it is customary for representatives' wives to attend, and that means costumes, gloves, and carriages. There seems to be a kind of claimer ance among everybody in Washington who has anything to sell or to hire to a member of congress or his family. The wives of members generally become well known to the tradespeople before long, and the butcher, the maker, the bonnet-maker, and the maker of everything they eat and wear

In the case of senators every eircumstance is aggravated. There being but seventy-eight senators, and not an of them paired; the senators' wives are known as well as the Washington monument, and as most of them take infinite delight in having parcels addressed to "Mrs. Senator Blank," the innocent creatures give themselves away to the shop people. The women of sense who are senators' wives, and feel the necessity of making their wives when they are "dealing," as the

"It is as much as my life is worth." said one cuite solemnly, "to go into a shop. I can hardly come out alive. would garote me, almost, rather than I should come out with a sixpence, and all because I married a senator."-N.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Blobson speaks of the butterine manufacturers as a great and growing What is laughter? asks a scientist.

It is the sound that you hear when your We suspect that the reason why so

many young men are so fresh is became they cannot earn their own salt. A cure for spring fever which works excellently with a man is to have a young woman with her features con-

cealed by a veil speak to him on the street. He'll forget all about being tired and follow her miles if necessary to catch a climpse of her face. "It is now settled," says an exchange, "that a newly-married lady ceases to be a bride and becomes simply a wife when she has sewed a

buttou on her husband's clothes." It is this fact that makes us such happy people. The country is full of brides. An Irish bride regards it as an illomen to rise before the sun on her wedding day. Her husband may interpose no objection to such a superstition on that day, but after marriage he

regards it an ill-omen if she doesn't rise before the sun and wrestle with the fire and the breakfast. "H'if you wish to spoil a good boy Germany. "Ere's Charles; just back

Congressman-"What is that, sir?" Weiter-"That is a small bottle of

Waiter throws out the water. the reach of the black hordes in the celient and strong coarse linen, and physically strongest of the party, in a which, when mixed with wool in the state of intense fear, said, "Let us rice fields, and strong enough to signal process of manufacture, made an excel- pray." "No, no, my man," sho ted A friend to every body is a friend to to the country in tones that cannot be lent substitute for cotton. Other plants the bluff old boatman; "let that little

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