#### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

"D'Auberre took great pains with Me latest painting." "So did the critics when they viswed it."-Baltimore Herald.

Rimer-"Did you read the quatrain of mine im Scribbler's?" Dubley-"Why-er-I didn't get time to read it all, but the first part of it was very elever."-Philadelphia Record.

Horkins-"Bother birth and opportunity! A man has his future in his own hands. What I am I made mymelf." Synnex-"Oh, well; I wouldn't feel bad about it, Horkins. Of course you wouldn't do it again."-Boston Transcript.

Philosarsactically Speaking.-Little Eimer (who has an inquiring mind)-"Papa, where do those pessimists that we are always reading about live?" Prof. Broadhead-"On an island of egotism, in the midst of a sea of woe." -Smart Set.

"Did youse git anything?" whispered the burglar on guard as his pal emerged from the window. "Naw, de bloke wot lives here is a lawyer," replied the other in disgust. "Dat's hard luck," replied the first; "did youse lose anyt'ing?"-Ohio State Journal.

Impossible.-"Of all the clumsy brutes," cried Mrs. Pettish at the crowded reception, "that man's the "Shi" said her husband, worst." "that's a detective." "I don't care. He stepped on my trail and-" "Nonsense! He never got on anybody's trail in his life."-Philadelphia Press.

Shocked Mother - "Oh, Tommy! What have you been doing?" Tommy (who has just returned from the first day of a preliminary course at the village school)-"Fighting with Billy Brown." Mother-"That horrid boy at the farm? Don't you ever quarrel with him again!" Tommy-"I ain't likely to!"-Punch.

Maternal Worry .- "When I grow mp," said little Ethel, with a dreamy, imaginative look, "I'm going to be a schoolteacher." "Well, I'm going to be a mamma and have six children," maid tiny Edna. "Well, when they come to school to me I'm going to whip em, whip 'em, whip 'em." "You mean thing!" exclaimed Edna, as the tears came into her eyes. "What have my . poor children ever done to you?"—Chicago Journal.

#### POST CHECK CURRENCY.

sped New Form of Paper Money to Take the Place of Five, Two and One Dollar Biffs.

Congress is attempting to perfect a design for currency intended especially for transmission through the mails, and the active people of the country wish it a success. The committees on post-offices and post-roads have before them a measure providing a Post cheek in denominations of five idollars and under, down to the denominations of fractional currency. It is proposed to retire the five, two and one-dollar bills now issued by the government and substitute the Post check, nd make the latter the regular money for those denominations. The Post check was devised by Mr. C. W. Post, & prominent and public-spirited citizen of Battle Creek, Mich. He was assisted in its perfection by a number of publishers, and the plan has been earnestly endorsed by the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

The general appearance of the Post check is that of the present one or two-dollar bill. On one side are blank lines upon which the holder may write the name and address of anyone to whom he desires to make payment by mail. The payee, upon receipt of the money, attaches his signature and collects the money at the office named. To forge the signature of the payee is a penitentiary offense, same as counterfeiting. As rapidly as the signed bills come into the possession of postmasters they are sent to Washington for redemption. So that, by this process, one can carry about his person paper money in various denominations under five dollars, and it passes as good as gold. Should he desire to make remittance by mail he simply takes out a bill or piece of fractional currency, writes the name of his credditor, affixes and cancels a stamp, and it only requires the signature of the latter to again make the money as good as gold at the office named.

Since the adoption of rural mail de-"Hvery and our farmers are making so g many mail orders, our rural friends will be greatly interested in this propcosition, and they would do well to so express themselves to their senators and representatives in congress. The design has been dedicated to the government, so that ro individual can selfishly profit by the adoption of the "Post Check."-Salt Lake Tribune.

Hon. Perry S. Heath, now the editor of the Salt Lake Tribune and writer of the above, was first assistant postmas-"ter general under the McKinley administration. The money order service was under his supervision and he \*peaks with expert knowledge of all matters pertaining to the transmission of money through the mails. His cordial indorsement of Post checkenrrency carries great weight.

# Mohammedan Kindness.

The kindness of the Mohammedan to animals is proverbial. He will not kill a rat, and will share his crust with a dog; he will not beat a horse, and, as you have often read, among the Bedouins, man and horse always share the same tent. But it is no offense to kill a Christian. Human life is nowhere held at so low a value, and the religion enjoins its believers to exterminate infidels from the earth. William E. Curtis, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Acquired Wisdom, After a girl has had a love affair that proved tragic-i.e., the man got away she acquires a wisdom about men that is worth buying -Atchison Globe.

### SINCERE FRIENDSHIP.

Something Truer and Deeper Than the Mere Exchange of Social or Business Courtesies.

There is no word in the English lamguage which is oftener misused an misconstrued than that of "friend." The definitions given by the dictionaries are broad, and cover many phases of social intercourse, yet precedence is invariably given to a relation where genuine affection is the underlying motive, and it is in that especial sense that the word appeals to us. There is in this earthly life of ours no gift we can receive which compares with that of sincere friendship on the part of others, or of another even, for ourselves. The man or woman who can rest secure in the possession of even one disinterested friend, one who will love and trust and serve and defend, however appearances may be against one, is rich indeed, and life should hold for such a never failing source of strength and inspiration, writes Elizabeth Robbins Berry, in Boston Budget.

To be what our friend believes us to be, and strive to achieve that of which he thinks us capable, is the best possible impetus, and how strong we are -even when generally misunderstood and blamed, with our highest motives misconstrued, and our best efforts proved of no avail-what a sense of satisfaction we experience, in the thought that the one friend understands, approves, sympathizes.

It is sometimes a little difficult for a time to distinguish the false friend from the true. When all is moving smoothly, when fortune smiles upon us, when our efforts are successful, and we have gained the applause of the multitude, then friends (?) flock about us, and our cup of happiness seems for a time to be full. But the day of adversity comes, one's star of popular favoritism wanes, and all one's acts are doubted, and we seem to be left almost alone, save for the one individual whose friendship shines forth as does a diamond of wondrous purity from an unrelieved background of

sable velvet. It may be said that all persons do not possess even one such friend, and such a statement is, no doubt, true. Such friendship cannot be made to order. There must be a capability of response to such a noble sentiment in one who would inspire it, and true friendship is largely intuitive. Some one has said that the genuine friend is discovered, not made, and the statement is a true one. To the individuals predestined by complementary qualities of mind and heart to become friends, there comes a day of meeting, and soul responds to soul instinctively, without the preliminary of gradual acquaintance or the exchange of social

credentials. Sex plays no part in the highest form of friendship. It may exist between man and man, or woman and woman, or between those of opposite sex. The biographies of many meh who have achieved positions of eminence show that the friendship of some woman of superior character and attainment was a source of inspiration and encouragement, and that, too, oftentimes, without any admixture of sentiment. Many women, too, owe their mental and spiritual awakening to some male friend who discovered in them capabilities of which they were themselves un-

aware. Even love itself depends for perpetuity upon having a strong foundstion of sterling friendship. "Friendship is love without its wings." When a man and woman elect to spend their lives together, there must be something stronger than mere attraction if they would avoid disaster. Physical charms will fade, and when the romantic glamour becomes a thing of the past, and the realities of life must be faced, without sentiment or disguise, only the sincerest and most reliable of friendship will bear the strain successfully. The happiest homes are those where husband and wife cooperate heartily in all that concerns the best welfare of each, where they are comrades, supporters, friends.

## FEMININE FINERY.

New Dress Accessories That Are Much in Evidence in the Senson's Coatumes.

Pongee silk is "in" again, and tailors are making it up with stitched bands of cloth or of silk for the summer. Something new, called "art braid," is so pliable that it can be given differ-

ent shapes and effects by stretching the edges in various places. The elegant Louis coats which have met with such favor this past winter will continue in high vogue among handsome spring models, says a fash-

ion authority. Embroidered batiste of the finest texture and softest biscuit tint is to be in marked vogue this summer for entire gowns, for fancy waists, and

for trimmings. The vogue of white still continues. Tailored gowns are finished with white wests, cuffs, collars, revers, pipings and stitching and facings. Hats are not only trimmed with white flowers, but faced with white, and some are

Some of the scarffends on summer hats will reach to the waist, and these will be formed variously of Bruge. Venetian, Chantilly, or Flemish lace, or of net, chiffon, of tulle. Running to excess in the matter of dress or millinety has for some time been a foible if not a serious fault of La Mode.

Flowered muslins, in fact, all figured textiles, will be more fashionable than they were last symmer; they require much less trimming than the unpaterned silks and muslins, frills and flounces of the dress material being used on the skirt and bodice, with only a small-quantity of lace or insertion

## FORTUNE IN WOODEN LEG.

Trenton (N. J.) Junk Dealer Saved \$15,000 and Carried It in a Queer Place.

For 25 years Gideon Mason, a junk dealer of Trenton, N. J., carried his savings around in his wooden leg, and when he died he was worth \$15,000 in cash. Mason lost his leg in a railroad accident years ago. He never would tell whence he came. He had known better days, he said, and rum had caused his downfall. When he was able to get out on crutches he took the pledge. Friends bought him a wooden leg and a push cart, gave him a few dollars, and he began buying and selling junk, says a local report.

Mason prospered. When the first wooden leg was worn out Mason appeared with one of his own manufacture. It was very clumsy, bulging at the top. During the past six years Mason was accompanied on his rounds by a dog that was equipped with a wooden leg made by Mason to take the place of one it had lost. The dog and the man were inseparable. Mason was found stretched on his bed dead the other day. The county physician found a cavity in Mason's wooden eleg in which were concealed a will, \$15,000 in. bills and the pledge he had taken and kept for 25 years.

The will was heliographic; it set aside a certain amount to pay the expenses of a burial, and provided for the care of the dog as long as he should live, gave \$5,000 to a friend and the residue to be spent in buiyng artificial limbs for worthy cripples in Mercer county. Two days after the death of Mason the dog was found dead on the grave of its master. In accordance with Mason's wish, expressed in his will, the dog was buried at his feet.

### HIGH-PRICED MAIL CARRIER.

Man Who Carries Mail Between Valdes and Eagle, Alaska, Paid \$35,000 for 24 Trips.

Oscar Fish, of Valdez, Alaska, who was recently awarded for another period of four years the contract for carrying the United States mails from Valdez to Eagle, is the best paid mail carrier in the world. For his contract with the government he receives \$35,000 a year for making two trips a month between the points named, a distance of about 413 miles, or nearly \$1,500 for each trip. The mail carried is limited to 300 pounds, and consists generally of letters only, newspapers and the more bulky articles being carried, however, when the mail is unusually

Post office department officials say, however, that the sum paid to him is reasonable when it is considered that he makes his trips by dog sled and that he has the most dangerous route of any mail carrier in the world. His 24 trips a year keep him busy most of the time, and he practically takes his life in his hands every time he starts out on his solitary journey. Fish has the finest team of dogs in that far northern country, and some of his trips are made in record time.

He has been given up for dead many times by residents of Valdez and Eagle, but so far he has always managed to reach the end of his journey, although sometimes overdue and occasionally much battered up. He has fallen down precipices, been mixed up in avalanches, has been starved, frostbitten, frozen and injured, but is still drawing his \$35,-000 a year from the government, and says he expects to continue making his adventurous trips until "snowed

## COMMERCE OF PHILIPPINES.

Figures Given Out by the War Department Show That Imports and Exports Are on Increase.

The insular division of the war department has prepared for publication a statement giving in comparative form the commerce of the Philippine islands for the 11 months ended November 30, 1901 and 1900.

It is shown that the total value of merchandise imported during the 11 months ended November 30, 1901, was \$27,249,813, against \$22,432,474 for the corresponding period of 1900. The exports of merchandise during the 11 months ended November 30, 1901, amounted to \$23,266,180, against \$21,-669,566 for the same period of 1900. These figures show an increase of 21 per cent. in the imports and 10 per cent, in the exports.

The value of merchandise coming from the United States for the 11 months ended November 30, 1901, was \$3,190,976, an increase of \$1,199,597 over the corresponding period of 1900, while the exports for the period of 1901 amounted to \$4,181,407, an increase of **\$1,763,74**8.

City to Sell Milk.

The city fathers of Halle, Germany, are making a curious experiment in municipal hygiene. Persuaded that much of the infant mortality in all large cities is due to impure milk, they have resolved to erect a sterilizing institution and to sell sterilized milk to poor persons at a price less than that usually paid for ordinary milk. They consider that the outlay will be amply repaid in the increased health of the young and in the diminution of deaths among the very young.

Some Liberty Left. The younger Mrs. Vanderbilt has not as yet, reports the Chicago Record-Herald, been deprived of the privilege of employing ber mother-in-law's dressmaker.

Plenty of Doctors. The United States has a physician to each 637 persons.

### BROKE HANDSHAKING RECORD

Prosident Roosevelt Graspo Hands of 550 People in Space of Eight Minutes.

President Roosevelt broke all previous records by shaking hands with 550 people in the space of eight minutes in the white house the other morning. While people were waiting outside of Secretary Courtelyou's office to see the president, the president quietly slipped downstairs and had greeted three delegations from various states before he was missed from the cabinet room. Of course, the handshaking kept every muscle in the president's body constantly in motion, and he worked with his full energy until the task was over, but even then he had a word for every person that passed down the line. This is President Roosevelt's second reception to large delegations by special appointment since his residence in the white house. The other morning he received several hundred school-teachers from New York. Aside from the official receptions of last winter and. the one official, reception on New Year's day, when he greeted hundreds. of people not of official rank, the president has confined his meeting to small companies in his executive office. During the spring months he will receive by special appointment delegations who may wish to touch his hand for less than a second. Before reaching the president the visitors had to pass a secret service officer and one of the white house ushers, while beyond him were several detectives, and back of all Secretary Cortelyou, who has been watching presidential crowds for ten years and can spot a crank as far as he can see him.

#### PICKS HIS SUCCESSOR.

The President of Mexico, Dins, Said to Favor Candidacy of Minister Limantour.

Recent telegrams from points on the American frontier to journals of weight and prominence in the United States deal with the important matter of the succession to the presidency of the republic in case of the retirement of President Diaz, and it was stated that he would in such case be succeeded by the present minister of war, Gen. Bernardo Reyes.

It is known at Mexico City, however, that President Diaz favors the candidacy of Minister of Finance Jose Ives Limantour and that Gen. Reyes will give his cordial support to him. People acquainted with Mexican affairs have sometimes regarded Senor Limantour as being merely a financier, which is an error, and it is believed, apparently, in the United States that only a soldier can maintain the present satisfactory state of

things in this country. This statement of the present situation in high politics of Mexico will make clear how harmonious are the relations of high personages of the present administration and will assure investors in all forms of Mexconditions of peace and progressive enterprise established by President

## A PICTURESOUE CEREMONY.

The Ancient Custom of Distributing Maundy Money by King Observed in Westminster Abbey.

The ancient ceremony of distributing Maundy money has just been observed in all its old world picturesqueness in Westminster abbey, says & London dispatch to the New York Tribune. In most details the function was identical with that established in the past, and confirmed by unbroken custom. Sixty-one old men and women, the number corresponding with the age of the sovereign, received benefactions, and, in addition, there were eight survivors from Queen Victorias list. The distributions amounted to £2 10s for each woman and £2 5s for each man in lieu of clothing, and in addition a purse containing as many pence as the king's years of age in silver pennies, two pence, three pence and four pence. The recipients afterward found many purchasers for their Maundy money, most of them being Amer-

Sonvenira Made in America. Americans who buy "official" souvenirs of the coronation of King Edward VII. while traveling in England will find on one side that the buttons

are of United States manufacture. This fact was disclosed by Dr. Sidney Jones, of the steamship Ivernia, who had secured a few samples before he left Liverpool and had them pinned on the walls of his stateroom. Thousands of them have been ordered of an American manufacturer by a London firm, and, as the law requires, the fact is printed on each that they were

made in this country. Live Musk Ox at New York Zoo. The only live musk ox ever exhibited on the American continent has been added to the New York Zoological park, and will remain there as long as artificial ice and a deep, cool cave can persuade it to keep its health and life 5,000 miles away from home. The ox was captured in March, 1901, directly north of the Great Bear lake and a score of miles from the Arctic ocean. Four others were taken at the same time, but they fell prey to the sledge

dogs. To Exhibit Chantly Relies.

The revolver from which was fired the bullet that killed President Me-Kinley, the handkerchief with which the assassin covered the hand which held the revolver as he thrust it toward the president, and the cartridges that were in the revolver have all been turned over to the Buffalo Historical society and will be placed in the museum of the society.

### GIFT FROM FRANCE.

Portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt to Be Hung in White House.

Ambassador Cambon, on Behalf of the French Government, Will Present Work of M. Chartran to United States Government.

M. Cambon, the French ambassador, on behalf of the French government, will present to the United States the Chartran portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt, to be hung in the white house with the portraits of former presidents and their wives. M. Chartran's portrait of Miss Roosevelt, which was also ordered by the French government, has been presented to the family of the

Both pictures are now at the French embassy and packed ready for shipping to Europe, and will reach Paris in time for the summer Salon. After that is over they will be returned to America and formally presented to their respective recipients. The portrait of the president by M. Makovsky is still at the white house, having been painted with the object of presenting it to this government, but so far no definite presentation has been made. It was rumored at the time of the

reception to M. Chartran at the French embassy, when the pictures were for the first time shown to the public, that they were to be bought either by Senator Lodge or J. Pierpont Morgan, that of Mrs. Roosevelt to be presented to the white house and that of Miss Roosevelt to her family. Not until the other day, when it was announced at the embassy, was it known that the French government had given the order for the portraits. Apparently there is a pretty little diplomatic episode behind these portraits. Germany sent over Prince Henry, England expected to entertain Miss Roosevelt, and so, to take a hand in this game of showing attention to Uncle Sam, France ordered these pictures as a present to the American people. When Russia sends an ermine rug or a portiere of sables for the white house the great powers will be on an equal footing once more.

#### LOSES HAIR, NOT HEAD.

Street Car Knocks Down a Young Girl, Buy She Has a Miraculous Escape from Death,

Bertha Schilling, 12 years of age, of 490 Courtlandt avenue, New York city, had an odd experience the other aftermoon, when she was knocked down by a car and had her hair cut off almost as clean as if by a pair of scissors. She was crossing Third avenue behind a south-hound car when a north-bound car confronted her. She stepped back to let it pass, but the side of the fender caught her and threw her heavily to the ground. In falling her long hair fell across the rail, although her head and body were out of danger. The forward wheel passed over the hair, cutting it off dose to the scaip. Part or scalp was pulled off.

The accident was witnessed by a large number of persons, many of whom supposed the girl was killed. After the car passed by a dozen men rushed to her assistance and raised her up. The girl smiled, but burst into tears when she realized that she had lost her hair, of which she was very proud. The severed curls were gathered up and handed to her. With them tucked securely under her arm, she ran home to tell her mother.

## VANDERBILT ARRESTED.

Held in Small French Town for Fast Riding in Automobile Without a Light.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and David Wolfe Bishop arrived at Nice the other morning by automobile. They had a strange adventure while passing through Luc, in the department of the Var. When they reached the little town at nine o'clock at night they carried no light and were traveling at an immense speed. Suddenly a gendarme started up in front of them and ordered them to stop, which Mr. Vanderbilt immediately did.

The gendarme, being unable to make himself understood, took them to the station, where they were kept until the arrival of the brigadier next morning at five o'clock. After hearing their explanation the official allowed them to continue their route, but not before they had drawn up a proces verbal

against "Monsieur junior." Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Bishop are still laughing at the adventure, which, they said, was not the first and not likely to be the last.

Animals Are Her Hobby, The duchess of Newcastle, keen sportsman and lover of animals, is always doing something to improve the lot of horses and dogs. Her favorite pony, "Lady White," is an object of her constant thought and care. She inherited hepaffection for horses from both her parents, rode before she could walk, and has always been an expert, fearless horsewoman. Some of the most interesting spaniel trials ever known in England took place recently at the duke and duchess' splendid country home at Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire.

New Rifles for British Army, The British war office has approved the new rifles and they will probably soon be issued to the whole British army. The new arm is 19 ounces lighter and its barrel is five inches shorter. but it has the same range-as the rifle now in use. It has the Mauser breech mechanism, but an improved bolt action. It is provided with a wind gauge and a foresight, and will hold ten rounds of ammunition in the maga-

### PLANNING AMERICAN SOCIETY

Members of French Order of Honor in This Country Seek Closer Union.

Plans for the formation of a society to be composed of American members of the French Order of the Legion of Honor have been discussed at a luncheon given at New York on board the French line steamship Savoie. Difference of opinion as to the scope of the proposed society was manifested, and decision was postponed until a general meeting is held in Washington. under the presidency of Ambassador Camdon.

Thirty-three members of the order were present, including Ferdinand W. Peck, grand officer; Perry Belmont and Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, knight commanders.

It was recommended that the association be named the New York Sogiety of the Legion of Honor of France, and that it be local in its scope; that the officers consist of the president, four honorary presidents, a first and second vice president, a treasurer and a secretary and that French members of the order be admitted to membership in the society without the right

Gen! Sickles offered an amendment to the report making the society national instead of local in its scope and opening it to all American members of the order. He also suggested that its title be changed to the Society of

the Legion of Honor of France. This proposal caused a friendly but animated discussion, and it was finally agreed to postpone further consideration of the subject until the gathering in Washington. During the interval the report of the committee will be talked over among members of the

#### ALICE HAY BETROTHED.

Handsome Young Daughter of Secretary of State to Become Wife of James W. Wadsworth, Jr.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay authorize the announcement of the engagement of their second daughter, Miss Alice Hav. to James W, Wadsworth, Jr., son of the representative from the Geneseo district of New York. This romance has furnished speculation for Washington society ever since Miss Hay's debut, three years ago, but not until now have the Secretary and Mrs. Hay confirmed the rumor. Notes of anenouncement were sent to the colleagues and close friends of the secretary, and Miss Alice is receiving the congratulations of her friends.

The Secretary and Mrs. Hay have revived a pleasant old custom in the method of announcing the marriages in their family. They selected Thanksgiving day as the feast upon which to make known the engagement of their daughter Helen and Payne Whitney. This second announcement was made on Easter Sunday. The marriage of Miss Alice will not take place until-next December.

Miss Hay is a handsome young woman given to athletic sports and a great favorite in society. She is about 21 years of age, and is tall and of splendid physique, with dark hair and eyes. Mr. Wadsworth is also of handsome physique, and during his college days was a noted baseball player. He was for several years captain of the Yale nine, and was a close friend and classmate of the late Adelbert Hay. He graduated from Yale in 1899.

## TREASURE CHEST UNEARTHED

Gang of Italians Turn Up an Ancient Chest Filled with Silver Coins Near Peckskill, N. Y.

A gang of Italians at work on New York Central improvements near Anthony's Nose, three miles north of Peekskill, N. Y., have, it is reported, unearthed an ancient chest filled with silver coins of small denomination.

The discovery led to a fresh outbreak of the search for Capt. Kidd's alleged buried treasure, the search for which has at various times caused the upheaval of large tracts on Long island and along the Hudson.

The fact that the coins just found bear a date subsequent to the execution of the notorious pirate at London in 1701 apparently has had little effect in checking the lust for gold and the demand for picks and shovels is said to be insatiable in the vicinity of Peckskill.

Smallest Baby on Earth. Lying cuddled up in an improvised incubator, which is nothing less than a common chip basket with the handle cut off, the smallest baby in the world is slowly making its way along the pathway of growth at Bridgeport. Conn. This human mite, a month old, seems so far behind the average baby. in size and weight that it will never eatch up. It is the offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Peck, of 14 Wylly place. It weighs 16 ounces.

Cedar Shingles,

Reports from Puget sound show that the supply of red cedar shitable for shingles is becoming smaller every year and that manufacturers will sook have to go to Alaska for cedar logs. New appliances have so greatly increased the output of mills that last year 500,000,000 shingles were cut in Washington and Oregon. Good cedar logs command nine dollars a thousand feet, and the supply is short at this price.

Statue of Late Austrian Empress. A bronze statue of a woman carrying a parasol is rather unusual among works of art, but such has recently been unveiled to the late empress of Austria. It is situated in a small national park in Hungary, in which the late empress was fond of hunting and riding.

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