

ASSISTANT SECRETARY COMMERCE AND LABOR.



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TAG ON WHITE HOUSE ROOF.

Charlie Taft and His Chums Frolic About Chimneys of the Executive Mansion.

Washington.—If there is any place in or about the White House unexplored by Charlie Taft it probably is the top of the flagpole.

He chose the roof of the White House the other day for a playground in which "tag" figured.

For a half hour they slid down the steep slopes of the roof and dodged and hid behind chimneys.

BORN AMID WATERLOO'S ROAR

Aged Woman's Mother Was the Wife of British Soldier Who Fought Under Wellington.

Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, who was born on the battlefield of Waterloo while the cannon were roaring out the downfall of Napoleon.

During the campaign against Napoleon two women were allowed to go with each company of the British soldiers.

Taft Picks Out Summer Home. Manchester, Mass.—President Taft has chosen the Edward Robinson house for his summer home this season.

REPORT SEEING SEA SERPENT.

Fishermen, Residents of a "Dry" Town, Declare They Saw Reptile in the Pacific.

Guy Griffith, James Harvey and three other fishermen who were out in the launch Rbta, report that when 18 miles off the coast they sighted a sea serpent 40 feet long.

The fishermen say the same monster has been reported within the last few months near the Philippines and along the northern coast of this country.

They furthermore aver that a heavy slinker, which one of the five threw at the sea serpent as the boat was pulling away from the unsafe neighborhood.

"Never saw such a spitter," said one of the men; "just like a young cannon." Long Beach is a "dry" town.—Long Beach (Cal.) Dispatch to the New York World.

HAVE PROPER SELF-RESPECT.

One of the Greatest Mistakes Possible to Make is That of Holding Oneself Too Cheap.

Do not hold yourself too cheap. If you do not think well of yourself others are not likely to think much of you.

Have a regard for the esteem of those whose opinion is worth having. No one can be admired by all.

Think too well of yourself to stoop to anything coarse, mean or untrue. However humble your station in life may be, you may think yourself worthy only of that which is good and true.

Daydreams.

Day dreams, castles in Spain, fragments of the imagination—ah, how we laugh at them all nowadays! They are good enough for the little ones.

Shame upon us for it, too! Good give us more dreamers. I pray, more of those whose inner eye is free of cataract.

Form Colonies for Tramps. Perhaps most tramps have no desire to work, preferring to cling to their habits of shiftlessness.

He Got None. "What's a pun, father?" "A pun, my son, is a play upon words.

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JUDGMENT OF HUMAN NATURE.

But One Infallible Way by Which Test Can Be Made, According to One Writer.

Some people claim to make a study of human nature. They will tell you they can read character at sight—know faces and what they index.

The frown and the knitted brow may lurk a big heart and a soul full of healing humor.

Then you find out. Because you have no personal influence the cause looks the giver (or the non-giver) right smack in the face.

Most Men Have Weakness for Being Photographed on Horseback, Says Observant Photographer.

A young man went out with a camera one morning not long ago and took seven snap shots of early morning horseback riders.

"Of course they did," said a more experienced amateur photographer when he heard about it.

The Characteristic National Meal. It is not only in Scotland that breakfast is the characteristic national meal, says the London Chronicle.

An Instantaneous Cure. During the cattle plague of 1866 in England a farmer who had lost a number of his cows grew so depressed that he fully persuaded himself he had also contracted the disease.

Investing in Nature. A man must invest himself near at hand, and in common things, and be content with a steady and moderate return.

Worldly Wisdom. As there is a worldly happiness which God perceives to be no more than disguised misery.

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QUEER TRAITS OF CRIMINALS.

Sentenced to Prison Terms, They Frequently Mourn for Pets They Are Leaving Behind Them.

The New York central office detective had just sent one of the worst criminals in the city away for a long, long rest.

"Did he give you any trouble?" asked a friend. "No, he did a good deal of crying.

"For some woman, I suppose?" "Woman? Rather not! They never cry for human beings.

PUMP AIR INTO DEAD WHALE. Hunter's Prize Made Sufficiently Buoyant to Float, Marked with Buoy and Set Adrift.

Then began the work of bringing the whale to the surface and blowing it up so that it would float.

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BUILDINGS TELL THEIR STORY.

Unwittingly They Reveal Secrets of the Hearts of Those Who Constructed Them.

The observer of buildings may read with ease many a secret of the builder's heart, whether it be pride, ambition, hypocrisy or solid worth.

How unwittingly does the builder rear this projection of his inmost character! Would it restrain him to know that others regarded his work as an open confession of the very things he would prefer to hide?

Family Starting to Git Were Properly Sure They Must Land Up Somewhere Eventually.

In the smoking car on a southern railroad, where they had set up all night, was a family consisting of husband, wife and five children.

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