

TWEED DEFIED BY HOFFMAN

Tammany Boss Could Not Frighten Governor into Giving Approval to Certain Bill.

As a questioning reporter, the writer had been received by Governor Hoffman in the executive office of the old capital, with that dignified courtesy that marked the governor's intercourse with any one, high or low.

The governor advanced to meet him, with a heavy frown upon his face.

"I hear that you're going to veto such-and-such a bill, Governor Hoffman?" shouted Tweed.

"Such is my intention, Senator Tweed," replied the governor, very white of face.

"Do you know I'm behind that bill?" raising his voice, threateningly.

"I have been so informed," was the answer.

"See here, you expect to have a second term, don't you?" cried the enraged boss.

"Senator Tweed, I propose to be governor of the state of New York one term and to accept no dictation during it," replied the governor, looking straight into the eyes of the frantic boss and standing up very straight.

Tweed ripped out an oath as he wheeled around and flung himself out of the room.

From "Random Recollections of an Old Political Reporter," by William C. Hudson.

PARROT AS GERM CARRIER

Physician Finds the Bird is Subject to Disease Human Belongs May, Contract.

Better not keep a parrot. A physician has discovered that birds of this species are subject to a disease called psittacosis, which is peculiarly contagious, and may easily be contracted by human beings.

Now the Office Window is not particularly afraid of germs. They may be quite as bad, quite as dangerous, as they are represented. But what is the use of trying to get away from them? We cannot eat, drink or breathe without taking in germs.

But the Office Window is perfectly willing to take advantage of the germs as an ally against the parrot. This preposterous bird has nothing to recommend him except his unlikeliness to the bird species. He does not sing, but squawks. He is regarded as worthless unless he can "talk," in a kind of harsh resemblance to human speech.

Opportunity at West Point

Deeply fixed in the thought of the more well-to-do, is the belief that anything like equality of opportunity or condition would be incompatible with their own enjoyment and with efficiency of work in the lower classes.

An Iconoclast

"All over Europe my wife has made enemies by boldly doubting cherished traditions," said the traveler, "but her skepticism respecting Alfred the Great embroiled her in the most serious difficulty.

Incumbrance

"No," said Mr. Cumrox; "I don't in the least disapprove of my daughter's marrying a title."

RELIGION IS HIS BUSINESS

Preacher Knows How It Should Be Transacted and Does It Better Than Others.

In this new movement it is interesting to note the cavalier way in which "business men" give the preachers the back seat. It is as if these committees said, "Now you clergymen are the best of fellows, but you are ignorant of business methods. It is high time religion and business principles applied to it.

Now the preacher's business is religion. Why not let him transact it? He has transacted it up to this time. For centuries he has been miserably paid. He is often old and pensioned with a pittance, and many of the "business men" seem not to care.

It strikes us that religion applied to business is more the need of the hour than business applied to religion.

JUROR FEARED THE DINNER

Conscientious Man Thought Unusually Good Meals Would Keep Him From Thinking Straight.

"The most conscientious man I ever knew served on a jury with me several years ago," said the experienced juror. "It was a criminal case and the jurors were imprisoned in a hotel during the trial.

"If I should fill my stomach with all that bifalutin grub," he said, "I should not be able to think straight. I am not used to it at home. No man is able to think normally immediately after a radical change in fare. It takes several weeks to adjust his mental attitude to his physical state.

Matches Used in the World

It has been estimated that, for each minute of time, the civilized nations of the world strike 3,000,000 matches. This is said to be the average for every minute of the 24 hours of the day.

Great Question Solved

The French academy has solved a great question. Its savants having traced the antipathy for the mother-in-law to the red man. In the sixteenth century the Spaniards brought back with them, besides gold and legends, the story of the hatred of the mother-in-law among the aborigines.

Behind Time

"What is the matter with this railway?" asked one irate passenger. "This train is three or four hours overdue."

Naturally So

"All the parts in this play are fat Paris."

IMMENSE POWER OF WEALTH

Ingenuous Writer Shows What World's Six Richest Men Could Do if They Combined.

In the Strand Magazine appears a unique article with the title, "What Six Rich Men Could Do." The author has taken as the world's six richest men John D. Rockefeller, Pierpont Morgan, Astor, Lord Strathcona, Andrew Carnegie and Lord Rothschild.

If they turned their attention to the sea they could with half their capital build a fleet that would be unique, overpowering, irresistible. The biggest fleet in the world—that of Great Britain—could probably be duplicated for \$1,000,000,000.

AMERICAN MUSIC ISN'T BAD

David Bispham Says Much of It Compares Well With Best of Foreign Compositions.

At a recent recital which he gave in Carnegie hall, David Bispham said: "There is just as much bad music written abroad as there is in this country, only we do not always hear it. When we get foreign music we always seek the best. We buy the works of the best composers and we give no attention to any others.

In proof of his faith in the good quality of American music Mr. Bispham makes it a rule to devote a portion of each of his programs to the work of American composers. While all of his audience may not agree with him that these songs equal the best of the foreign works, it certainly should be an inspiration to American composers to have so excellent an artist place such faith in them and prove his faith by giving their works the benefit of his renditions.

Mountain in the Sky

Probably few persons are aware that somewhere, many miles away from this earth, an enormous mountain twenty miles high is flying through space. This mountain is known astronomically as the planet Eros.

His Own Idea

Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the United States public health service, was at one time visited by the then principal representative of Tammany in congress. While waiting for some papers to be brought to his desk relative to the subject of the congressman's visit, the surgeon general sought to draw his visitor's attention to the importance and effectiveness of the public health work of the service by handing him a rather large bound volume containing public health reports for the year just ended.

HE LENDS MONEY ON ANIMALS

Dr. Martin Potter Takes Strange Pledges—How One of Them Buncoed Him.

Not even the author of the "Club of Strange Trades" conceived of an odder means of livelihood than that of Dr. Martin Potter, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. He runs an animal pawnshop. If you have a lion that you don't need as badly as you need the money, or want to soak a trained bear for a few weeks, or put up an elephant until you hear from home, go around to Dr. Potter. He'll loan you the money against your live stock and he will not charge you any interest.

His stables contain elephants and camels—if you're a regular showman you'll say cam-u-el—and monkeys and a dozen sorts of dogs and all varieties of the cat tribe and the deuce knows what. And his proudest boast is that he was never stuck but once.

WHAT HORSE-POWER MEANS

Example of Great Liner's Turbine Engines Given to Explain the Common Phrase.

In connection with steamship propulsion the average man is apt to speak very glibly of so many hundred or thousand horse-power. But it is extremely doubtful if one person in a hundred really has a due appreciation of what the phrase actually means.

He said that, calculating the strength of twelve men to be equal to one horse-power, it would require 840,000 men to produce as much energy as the 70,000 horse-power developed by the turbine machinery of the express Cunarder Lusitania. Then if the men were to work on the eight hour day system those figures would give a total of 2,520,000, that being the number of men whose strength would be necessary to drive the vessel across the Atlantic ocean.

These Gentlemenly Arabs

The Arab vices and virtues (for they have both) are drawn from the desert. They are the handsomest men in the world, these Arabs, but they are not the cleanest. In reverent demeanor and tactful courtesy they surpass the most cultured gentlemen of Europe; but they are notorious thieves.

Style in Mourning

"Spectacular mourning is not so popular as it was some years ago," said the manager of a city department store in answer to an inquiry on that subject. "There is still a large business done in all kinds of mourning goods, but either the somber period has grown shorter or many bereaved persons prefer not to be conspicuous because of their sorrows, for the sale of mourning goods has fallen off. In the stationary department there seems to be no change—in fact, the demand for black bordered cards and writing paper has increased."

Impossibility

"Does your wife ever attend your lectures?" "Of course not, that would never do."

An Inquiry

"Pop, when the rain comes down in sheets—"

REASON OF SMALL FAMILY

In Large Communities the Struggle for Existence Already is Much Too Severe.

It must be remembered that as increase of population progresses, the mere fact of increase creates new conditions. These in turn may check or destroy earlier tendencies. Thus, out of the great increase in population in our time has come already at least one significant fact. This may be termed "the pressure of population."

It is too severe already to be increased by unnecessary burdens. In consequence, there has arisen a rather remarkable and widespread tendency, now clearly evident in most of the larger communities of Europe, voluntarily to limit the family. The effect of this tendency is most marked in France, where it has produced a present state of equilibrium of population liable to be changed at any time into a positive national decrease.

FISH STORY FROM KANSAS

Tannic Acid From the Autumn Leaves Makes the Flurry Tribe an Easy Prey.

Two years ago a curious paragraph went the rounds of the press. It stated that an analysis of the water in the Maries du Cygne river revealed the presence of tannic acid. No cause was assigned. But Big Stranger, a limpid stream that gurgles across the northeast corner of Kansas and pours its gossip into the Kaw, held this secret nine years ago, and local residents kept mum and profited accordingly.

Good Big Job

Several New York school teachers recently paid a visit to Bloomingdale Insane asylum and were approached by a gentleman who showed them about the grounds. In the course of his remarks he dwelt with particular emphasis on the fact that some insane people were of such cunning that one could not discover their condition except by some strange remark let fall by chance.

The Tariff

The word "tariff" traces itself back to Tarifa, a Moorish name for a fortress on a southern promontory of Spain, running into the Straits of Gibraltar, and commanding the entrance to the Mediterranean. From this Tarifa the Moors, during their dominion in Spain, were wont to watch the merchant ships of the nations as they passed into or out of the Mediterranean, and making a tally therefrom, used to levy duty on the merchandise carried by the ships. It was from this practice that the application of the word came into use.

Ladies Object to Profanity

The woman golfers of New York have made objections to swearing on the links and have discussed the matter in their clubs. The men who play over the links are all supposed to be gentlemen, but sometimes they are not careful of their language, and ladies have been made very indignant by some speeches. It has been suggested that notices be placed in the clubhouses, but the fact that the ladies have discussed the subject will, no doubt, be all that is necessary.

JUDGE CHANGED HIS MIND

Chico Kid of New Mexico Did Not Propose to Have a Fine Imposed.

Broadway heard with some surprise that H. A. Du Souchet, the author of "The Man From Mexico," is a candidate for justice of the peace in New Jersey. Why he should want to be a Jersey justice has the big street guessing. The obverse of the proposition is the wonder why Jersey should want him to be a justice.

"What?" howled the Kid. "Fine me? Why, you pin eared, yaller livered, pigeon toed maverick, there ain't enough justices in New Mexico to make me pay a fine."

HE HAD TO STRIKE BACKWARD

Darkey Bound to Yield to Labor Movement But Was Getting Enough Wages.

"I keep a colored man around the house who waits on the table and does various things," said the lawyer. "Up to a year ago he was getting \$25 a month. Then he came to me one day and said he must have more money or he would strike. We talked it over and settled at that figure ever since until the other day when he walked in on me and said: 'Mistah Blank, I see sure got to go on strike dis time.'

Long Overland Journey

A strenuous overland journey has just been completed by Mrs. Sarah Conner and her four small children, who, after a trip in a dilapidated buggy of 900 miles, have arrived at Wheeler, S. D., their destination. Mrs. Conner and her children commenced their journey at Moose Jaw, Canada, following the death of her husband, who left them in a destitute condition. Their nearest relative resided at Wheeler, in South Dakota. A span of ponies were hitched to a single seated top buggy, which contained the mother and her four children, one a girl of eleven, a boy of nine, a girl of seven and a baby of eighteen months. In the old buggy were piled the worldly possessions of the family. The journey required six weeks' time. Some days they were unable to travel more than fifteen miles. The two older children, and part of the time three of them, walked while the mother drove. The ponies had only such grazing as they could find along the road and were without grain the entire trip. They were nearly exhausted at the end of the journey.