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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
 WASHINGTON, August 5, 1901.

The Navy Department continues to be the center of public interest, owing to the preparations going on there for the Scibley Court of Inquiry, although as a matter of fact, those preparations are largely routine and are by no means exciting or sensational. One of Admiral Scibley's counsel, Capt. Parker, is diligently searching the official records for facts bearing on the matters that will be brought before the Court. He objected to having everything he did overlooked by a Naval officer, but he was shown the Naval regulation that forbids any person outside of the service having access to the official records except in the presence of an officer. Capt. Leamy, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, who is Judge Advocate of the Scibley Court, has just gone away for a four week's vacation, but during his absence, his assistants will get everything in shape for the hearing before the Court and there will be no delay on that account.

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 "A Brief History of American Journalism" is the title of a book which will shortly be published by the Library of Congress. It will cover something like 2,000 pages, and will include the name founder, and such information as may be of interest, of every publication ever printed in this country up to the close of 1900. The compiler of the book, Mr. Ralph M. McKenzie, of the Library Staff, said of his work: "When it is remembered that a thousand periodicals become extinct in this country every year, and that nearly 22,000 were issued in the year 1900, you will understand something of the task which I have just finished. The first newspaper was printed in America in 1704, and I have gone over the field for the whole two centuries since that day."

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 Not a few lovers of molasses will be interested in the remarks of Mr. Emil Janin, of New Orleans, now stopping at a Washington hotel, who said: "There is now practically none of the old-fashioned New Orleans molasses, of which we were all so fond in our boyhood days. Its disappearance is due to the general use of the centrifugal process in manufacturing sugar. The molasses and syrup of today are mostly glucose, and strange as it may seem, New Orleans is one of the largest consumers of glucose in the world. Glucose is made from corn. It is sweet, though not nearly so sweet as the juice of the sugar cane, and incidentally is the most indigestible thing in the world. The dealers of New Orleans are responsible for the immense consumption of glucose there. An investigation by the sugar exchange developed this. It was discovered that they added about three barrels of glucose to each barrel of molasses and sold the mixture as New Orleans molasses."

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 While discussing the relative strength of the labor organizations of Great Britain and the United States, Mr. William Eckersley, a Sheffield, England, steel manufacturer or who has reached Washington in the course of a leisurely business tour of this country, said: "You have some knowledge of the strength of labor unions, but I doubt if operative in the different trades are as united or as powerful in this country as in Great Britain. It is no unusual thing for a body of laborers representing all the men of a certain class in Great Britain, to have \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 in their reserve fund. The coal workers, for instance, are composed of the men employed in England, Scotland and Wales, and their fund was about \$2,500,000 when I last saw a report of it. Your people, except the common unskilled laborers get high wages than ours, but they have to pay more to live in every way."

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 The project of pensioning civil employees of the government, without expense to the government is again being actively agitated in Washington. The United States Civil Service Retirement Association organized and will prepare a bill which Congress will be asked to pass. This bill will be based upon information given in response to an act of the last Congress, calling upon the heads of departments for a list of employees whose ages and length of service and will provide for the creation of a pension fund for the retirement of a small percentage of all civil salaries, probably about three percent. It will provide that retired civil employees shall be paid one-half the salaries they were receiving when retired. The only response to the government, under this plan, would be for the clerical help or left for the collection and disbursement of the pension fund. It is claimed that the United States is the only one of the great civilized nations that does not provide in some way for the pension of aged civil service employees. France has a system something like the one proposed. The rest of the nations pay the pensions from public funds.

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 According to a report from the United States Consul at Vancouver, B. C., labor strikes have paralyzed business in that section. He says the trackmen of the Canadian Pacific Railway are on a strike and the employees of the Northport smelter at Rossland, which has been shipping ten thousand tons of ore weekly, many of whom are American citizens are also on a strike. The latter he thinks is a very serious affair.

University of Minnesota.
 President Northrop of our State University used the following words in an address delivered in Boston last June at the Jubilee Convention of Young Men's Christian Association:

"With us in the University of Minnesota where not many of the students are wealthy and many are dependent on their own efforts for support in a greater or less degree, the Christian Association welcomes the new student when he comes a stranger to the University; it helps him to find a home suited to his means and proper for him to live in; it surrounds him at once with pleasant friends who help him to shake off the onerous baggage of the first days; it relieves his pressing needs by temporary loans that shall be speedily repaid; it finds employment for those who must do something for their own support. It furnishes free classes in which students deficient in preparation may be trained without expense; it cultivates a spirit of benevolence among its members, doubly necessary where education is free and students are not rich and where there is danger of forming the habit of getting everything free—salvation and everything else. It gathers the new students into the Bible classes, the prayer meetings, the social meetings. It calls to its aid the best talent it can get in the University or the Twin Cities to make addresses. It gives delightful receptions, to which the whole body of students are invited. It keeps open house with books and papers where all may read or work as they choose; and it seeks in every way in its power to make its members more manly, more loving, more earnest, more Christianlike, and in all this work it meets with a most degree of success."

A work of similar character is done by the Young Women's Christian Association. Correspondence is solicited with prospective students, a list of names of general information will be sent to those who apply to the General Secretary of Y. W. C. A. of the Y. W. C. A. care of the University, Minneapolis.

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE PAST SEVEN DAYS CONDENSED.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Sows of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

DOMESTIC.

J. Pierpont Morgan rejected counter proposals of steel workers and notified them that the offer made is final so far as the steel trust is concerned.

Isaac Linn and wife were shot to death by negroes near Helena, Ark.

J. H. Dow, for more than 40 years one of the leading merchants of western Kansas, drowned himself near Olathe.

Martin Fry was hanged at Carlisle, Pa., for the murder of James Edward Collins, his brother-in-law, of whom he had been jealous.

A cyclone wrecked several houses near Kilmear, Kan., and did other damage.

July has passed into history as a breaker of records in the matter of hot weather.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st shows that the debt decreased \$2,923,537 during the month of July. The cash balance in the treasury was \$37,368,376. The total debt less the cash in the treasury, amounts to \$1,369,179,339.

James McCoy and his two children were burned to death in a fire in their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. McCoy was fatally injured.

Lloyd and Marie Shoemaker, aged five and eight years, were killed by rolling over a precipitous 200 yards high near Morgantown, W. Va.

Negotiations for the consolidation of the leading photographic dry-plate factories of the United States and Europe with a capital of \$30,000,000 are pending.

Fred Yost, a farmer near Sherman, Minn., shot and fatally wounded Eliza Kunkle, killed her ten-month-old babe and then committed suicide.

Seven persons suspected of the train robbery near Edgemoor, Ind., are under arrest.

At Brownstown, Va., Wyatt Harless shot and killed his wife, heart, Maud Pauley, and then shot himself.

The chief inspector of the post office department says 1,532 offices were robbed the past fiscal year.

Mrs. Josephine Dushault wrecked a saloon at Sandusky, O., with bricks, because the saw her husband coming out of the place.

President Kruger will make a tour of American cities, beginning the latter part of August.

The burning mill of E. Heise & Sons at Salthill, Ind., was burned by black-smiths, who investigated its destruction unless given money.

The government's land lottery ended in Oklahoma, 15,000 winning numbers having been drawn.

George H. Phillips & Co., of the Chicago board of trade, announced suspension of business because of losses accrued to faulty bookkeeping which will reach \$300,000.

John W. Lipps of Chicago, found his ten in an orphanage in Berlin, Ind., after a separation of six years.

Betsy McCray (colored) and her son and daughter were lynched by a mob at Carrollton, Miss., for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Talfer.

Because his mother sold their farm in Orange county, Ind., John Bond (colored), 26 years ago went to bed and would he would stay there. He kept his word, and died at the age of 79.

Steamboat island, one of the Apostles group of Chesapeake Bay, Lake Superior, has disappeared.

The transport Kilpatrick sailed from San Francisco for Manila with recruits.

Government receipts in July amounted to \$22,302,240 and the expenditures \$22,377,290, leaving a surplus of \$75,000, against a deficit for July, 1906, of \$4,000,000.

Juan Rocho was hanged in San Antonio, Tex., for the murder of John Grimsinger.

A town of 10,000 people, to be known as Lawton, has grown up just outside the Fort Sill limits in a night in Oklahoma.

The Michigan peach crop will be one-third less than usual because of the drought following a cold late spring.

The state and war departments are arranging to rush a warship to Venezuelan waters to protect American interests in case of war with Colombia.

The weekly reports of trade delegates that the western rains saved late crops, while wheat promises to upset all records.

Steel workers issued an order extending the strike immediately to all branches of the industry. The combine decided to reopen plants with non-union men at once and a clash is feared.

Prof. Russell C. Condit of the University, says teachers are the most narrow and bigoted set of people on earth.

Rasmus Anderson shot Miss Emily Campbell and P. G. Christensen at Mont, Utah, and then committed suicide.

Wm. Price (colored) was lynched by a mob at Carrollton, Miss., for complicity in the murder of Mr. Talfer and wife.

The percentages of the baseball clubs in the National League for the week ended on the 4th were: Pittsburgh, 598; St. Louis, 575; Philadelphia, 571; Brooklyn, 523; Boston, 488; New York, 462; Cincinnati, 443; Chicago, 380.

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Miss Ethel L. Phillips, Miss Jennie Wainwright, G. G. Garretton, Miss G. Wainwright, near Salisbury, Md., while bathing.

The First national bank at Austin, Tex., closed its doors with liabilities of \$200,000.

Negotiations for a settlement of the steel strike have been abandoned and a fight to the finish will ensue.

The new ship, Collier, of the White Star line, the largest craft ever built, arrived in New York on her initial trip.

Senator Chad Brooke murdered Mrs. Millie Reed at Davenport, Ia., during a rehearsal at an Omaha theatre.

At Graham, Tex., Oland W. King and Edgar Chapman, two well-known young men, were shot and killed by William Rothwell, an insane man.

Twenty-five judges and clerks of election were indicted for making false canvass at the election last fall in Chicago.

The Dixie arrived at New York. He said the Boer war would last at least another year and that the Boers may yet win independence.

The mothers of seven children Alexander McCullough, of Crawford, O., in a drunken frenzy shot and killed his wife and then blew out his own brains.

John Schaefer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was under water 40 minutes, was restored to life by the doctors.

Private Louis Haggerty, Fourth United States artillery, killed his wife and himself on Sullivan's island, S. C. Jealousy was the cause.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Dynamites at Columbus, O., organized the progressive democratic party of Ohio and named a state ticket for a free silver plank with Dr. Rudolph Heise for governor.

Mrs. Belle Lee (colored) celebrated her one hundred and fourth birthday at Hopkinsville, Ky.

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President McKinley has accepted an invitation to attend the national G. A. R. encampment at Cleveland.

Some of the capitalists are organizing to develop Siberian gold, silver, copper and platinum mines on a vast scale.

Jos. A. Kitchener has been instructed that all Boers found guilty of killing natives employed by the British are to suffer the death penalty.

British troops are to leave Peking August 15.

Great Britain is to withdraw 40,000 troops from South Africa and send them to India for possible use in Afghanistan.

The British torpedo boat Viper, the fastest craft in the world, was wrecked on the rocks of Alderney island.

Calapan, Naungan and Pola, in Mindoro, were occupied by American troops after driving out the insurgents.

The Venezuelan government announced its victory over rebels and invaders from Colombia.

LATER.

Empress Frederick of Germany died at 61 1/2 in the 6th. Death was caused by whooping cough. The official report on her death reported no change in her condition. Her mother, Queen Victoria, and her majesty's other children were in the sickroom most of the day.

A terrific explosion in a block of six buildings in Philadelphia completely wrecked five of the structures and caused the death of from 10 to 20 or more persons. Over two scores of others were more or less seriously injured. Some of these were taken to the hospital and will die. It is estimated that at least 35 persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred and the exact number of dead is unknown.

James M. Wilson, a patient at the insane asylum at Provo, Utah, drew himself head first into the open door of a furnace. He was pulled out, and while the doctors were attending him he broke away and threw himself again into the furnace, causing death.

Senator William A. Clark has sent an ultimatum to the striking miners at the United Verde copper mine, flatly refusing to grant their request for an eight-hour day. Nearly 3,500 men are out.

Leonard G. Seifing's jewelry store at Alton, Pa., was robbed of \$5,000 worth of gold.

The Kasta glass works, the largest in Sweden, were destroyed by fire.

A terrific explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred on the road near Howling Green, O., in which Wm. Rodabaugh, a driver for the Hercules Torpedo company, was blown to atoms and many others were seriously injured.

Twenty-five Italian brickmakers were driven out of Roseville, O., by striking workmen.

The old exposition building at Kansas City, Mo., was destroyed by fire.

The situation in the cigar makers' strike at Tampa, Fla., remains critical. The positions of the unions and the manufacturers remain unchanged, but it is feared that the personal feeling of the public engendered against the strikers will cause an outbreak sooner or later.

The United States transports Terry and McPherson were sold at auction in Brooklyn. Terry was bought by Miles Barry of Chicago for \$19,000. E. H. Parsons of Baltimore bought the McPherson for \$18,000.

Mr. Garcia offers to give San Juan, Porto Rico, a public library.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The Lyons-Mediterranean railroad has bought ten American locomotives.

British public expenses are running nearly \$2,000,000 per week beyond last year's budget.

In Sweden purchase of medicines from abroad by individuals is prohibited by law.

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It Is the Source of Our National Wealth and Greatness.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Makes a Prediction and Gives Some Excellent Reasons in Support of It.

[Special Washington Letter.]

"I WILL give you a statement and a prophecy," said Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture.

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at home every year, and that amount will constantly increase. If it be true that a penny saved is a penny earned it is equally true that a hundred million saved is a hundred million earned for our prosperous country. The richer the country the smaller the taxation on individuals.

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MINNESOTA NEWS.

Small Counterfeiting.

A gang of youthful counterfeiters has been at work for some time in South Minneapolis, where they have been engaged in making spurious 1-cent coins, bearing the name of Ashby.

The police say the boys that are being detained are but tools of the real culprits, and the boys agreed to reveal the identity of the principals in order that they themselves may go clear. The government officials have been notified, and the case will eventually be placed in the hands of the federal authorities.

No attempt was made to pass the coins in the open market, but the boys have been feasting from the good things contained in the penny slot machines scattered about the streets and in the houses, several of which machines were drained of salted peanuts, gum and candy.

Board of Appeals.

Gov. Van Sant has announced the members of the two boards of grain appeals. Three members will be appointed to the board of appeals in Duluth. The members of the boards are as follows:

Minneapolis—Franklin L. Greenleaf, appointed; George Ashby, Rock Bell, Olmstead county; John Gleason, Crookston.

Duluth—E. H. Pugh, Duluth; C. J. Stang, Alexandria; James A. Stone, Duluth; and J. H. Woodman, Duluth.

Messrs. Stone and Gleason are democrats.

Duluth Boy Won.

Word has reached Duluth that Adolph Hartman, son of Emil Hartman of this city, recently won a duel with Lieut. Pachmann, of the German army. The lieutenant made some derogatory remarks concerning the American, which Hartman resented with a slap on his face. It was a bloody encounter, and the Duluth boy escaped with but one serious wound, while Lieut. Pachmann was grievously wounded in three places, including the jugular vein, and it is estimated that it will take three months to enable him to attend to military duty again.

A Frank College.

To the students of St. Paul will soon be added a fresh medical college. If the intention of the promoter of the scheme are carried through, Dr. Luther H. Bostwick will be brought himself into notorious publicity at Milwaukee a few months ago with his anti-smallpox agitation, proposes to establish a college in the vicinity of Chicago, to advance his theory of the non-contagiousness of the disease, and to combat the established doctors.

Murdered.

Two armed men got into a box car near Maple Point and held up two hoboes. One of the victims, not having any money, was taken by the neck and thrown from the car. The other man, named Ben, was also held up and shot and thrown from the car. Later a train came along and cut his head off. The two murderers escaped. The companion of the man who was murdered is detained.

Wolf Bonuses.

The state has paid out \$4,256.65 in wolf bounties during the fiscal year just closing. The bounty on a wolf is \$10 for the purpose for the next two years, and the counties will have to cease paying bounties. Folk was the leading wolf collector, returning 123 scalps. Houston had 119, Olmsted, 85; Stearns, 83; Fillmore, 92; Mower, 77; Sherman, 73; Douglas, 73. The total number of scalps redeemed was 1,468.

News in Brief.

John Benske, of Renville county, committed suicide by shooting himself through the side of his head. A certain young woman would not marry him.

On the Benedict farm, near Sabin, in a gravel pit, were found two human skeletons. Apparent age had been there for at least 20 years.

The dead body of a fully developed girl baby was found near the Great Northern track at Crookston. The body is thought to have been thrown from a train.

Three boys, Stephen Lepinski, Joseph Werbel and Paul Kobay, were arrested at Winona on a charge of entering the residence of I. L. Lusk and stealing three valuable rings.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific took between 1,500 and 2,000 harvest hands out of the twin cities for the western harvest fields in one day.

John Sutherland, a well-known Minneapolis newsboy, was drowned in the Mississippi river near Red Rock.

The state grain department reported July receipts to the state auditor amounting to \$13,000.

The state university sent a remittance Auditor Dunn of \$12,790.70, representing July receipts of which \$10,428.25 was from the sale of so-called salt spring lands.

The annual winter of the new Minnesota capital building is attracting general attention at the Buffalo exposition.

A St. Paul lady left her baby on the street cars in Minneapolis. It was finally returned much to the relief of the mother.

The missing wife of Henry Hennelers, of Chaska, was discovered in the insane asylum at Rochester.

Permits have been taken out for the erection of the new terminal building. The physics building, three stories high, will cost \$75,000, and the mechanical arts will cost \$60,000. The buildings are to be completed by December 31.

Arthur Dingel, of St. Paul, aged 17 years, was thrown in White Bear lake while bathing.

Major Fred Brackett, of Minneapolis, has been appointed auditor and register for the St. Louis exposition.

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The Devil's Demise

By Snowden King.

TWO HOURS ago Otis Macmanara had received the disappointment of his life—a woman's "no!" He had been floundering for weeks of love, his eyes since, smoking a number of cigars and wondering what he should do with the rest of his life.

Common sense kept whispering that Grace Langdon was not the only woman in the world, and that he, Macmanara, was young, handsome and handsome, really, but his heart was beating to another tune, and he knew it would keep to that same tune until life was a jolly.

As the gas and electric lights began their rivalry, common sense gained the supremacy so far as to come the young man to buy a book and tell himself he would go home and try to read it. He had just come out of a book store and was turning the stern collar of his coat up against the driving snow, when a very low and very clear, and also very close said: "It is warm in my home."

"Did you speak to me?" Macmanara asked of a gray shadow leaning against a lamp-post.

"I said it is warm in my home," Macmanara laughed. "There is nothing so very novel in that as to come the fellow, there are millions of homes to-night as warm as the tropics, in spite of the weather outside—my own, for instance, to which I am going now."

"Are you going?" It was not the question only the voice held soft, enchanting cadence that fascinated Macmanara.

"Well, yes, I am sure I shall start for home as soon as my car turns the corner."

"And I am as equally certain you will go with me."

"Since you are so sure of it will you tell me the name of your would-be host?" and Macmanara listened somewhat eagerly for the answer which came without hesitation.

"I am the Devil!"

"This is interesting. I have had numerous indirect invitations to visit you, Mr. Devil, and a number of my friends have predicted that my final resting would be with you, but I never expected you to step up in the flesh and invite me, and that is why I am here in all my life left so much like going to you as I do to-night."

At that moment a carriage stopped outside the book store and the young man came down to examine the horses. The carriage door opened and one of the occupants asked the cause of the delay. Macmanara turned to the driver, the face that had caused both his joy and his sorrow. When the carriage moved, a delicate lace handkerchief gleamed white beneath the gas, rolling in an instant it lay there—the next it was reposing in Macmanara's coat pocket.

The name dictated written in one corner of the handkerchief was "Otis Macmanara." "Good night, Mr. Devil—I really must be going. If you will take my advice you will go back to that very warm home of yours and stay in bed until spring, for, as one who knows his world, I can tell you the weather here is going to be very much worse before long."

The gray shadow stepped out into the full glare of the flickering light, revealing a handsome young man dressed in a stylish suit and a top hat.

"I am disappointed," and Macmanara whistled. "Why, you are a young man and I thought the Devil was as old as the world. A young man with a blond mustache and no horns! If you want to masquerade as the Devil—why don't you make up for the part?"

The self-confessed Devil doffed his hat. "Pssh!" he said.

In striking contrast to a fair, almost womanlike complexion and a blond mustache, his hair was black as night. Macmanara's hands glided slowly over the bowed head in search of the horns. There were there, and a thrill crept down Macmanara's spine as he touched them. He had jested with the man, believing him to be a prank, but now, for some reason, he did not understand. He was startled.

"You are convinced, and will go with me?" Always soft and low, yet very clear, the Devil's voice was melodious. Macmanara looked up. A pair of clear blue eyes, behind which there seemed to burn a flame—eyes which any he had ever seen before, looked straight into his own. The Devil had possession of his man in a moment, but even with his sense enthralled Macmanara shuddered as he asked: "I must die first?"

"No," the Devil answered, emphatically. "I want you to go with me and see and feel the beauty, comfort and happiness in my home and then come back to the world in a perfect and tell how wisely I have been misled."

While the Devil was speaking they were moving straight toward the river, and when they reached it he unlocked a skiff and invited his guest to step in. As the boat went sliding down the river Macmanara wondered where the Devil had learned his stroke. The Falls City quickly faded from view—a mere speck in the distance. Macmanara had taken many a row on the Ohio, both as boy and man, but never any like this. An hour ago he was the most miserable man on earth, but now he was perfectly happy; there was nothing left for him to wish for.

The boat was drifting now, and at a place where the rocks showed over the bank it stopped suddenly. The Devil whistled, waited a moment, then whistled three times in rapid succession. It seemed to Macmanara that the whole side of the cliff opened

to them and gave forth a light as dazzling as the sun. The Devil picked him up and carried him into a richly furnished room and put him down on a couch piled with cushions. There were ribbons, laces, satins and silks, in chairs, on tables, everywhere in elegant profusion and confusion, but what impressed Macmanara most and what he could hardly take his eyes from was a table in the center of the room on which was piled, as generally as possible on the beach, every known gem, and pearls, rubies and opals and pearls there a shade over their smaller sisters and tried hard to outdo each other in their fascinating glow and glitter.

"My angels are out to-night on other missions, but I shall do my best to entertain you, and shall be very sorry that I can say if I fall," and the Devil bowed courteously to his guest.

While he was speaking he placed a diamond scepter and opal ring on the table. "I immediately began to look at them, and to wonder how they had come to be there. What a familiar look they had to Macmanara! The Devil drew a chair up to the table, picked up a guitar, and the best that Macmanara remembered was hearing a rich tenor voice singing a popular melody.

The next morning there was a double in his pocket—not even the little pearl-handled knife he had carried for years.

When he went down to breakfast his aunt, who was also his housekeeper, looked beyond him after saying good morning, evidently expecting to greet a visitor, but she said: "How mistaken one can be, Otis," she said. "I expected you to bring company down to breakfast this morning, for when I heard you were home last night I was sure some one was with you."

"Maybe that would you say, aunt, if I were to tell you I don't know?"

"If you were anyone else but Otis Macmanara, I would say you were a fraud, but as you are Otis, I shall say you are poking fun at your old aunt."

When the papers were brought in Macmanara glanced over the headlines of the morning paper, as was his custom, and the following fastened his eyes:

"AT THE MORGUE"

Found drowned in the river at two o'clock this morning, the body of a young man, who had been identified as Otis Macmanara, a blond mustache, marked "grace." A lace handkerchief was found in his pocket.

"That's the Devil!" and with the exclamation Macmanara rushed for his hat and overcoat, leaving his startled aunt to think he had gone insane.

"Yes," the morgue keeper replied to Macmanara's eager questions, "the poor fellow was brought here at an early hour this morning. This handkerchief was the only thing about him that may lead to his identity, and that has only one owner, a thousand if his sweetheart reads the morning papers—and of course the handkerchief is his sweetheart's—she will be here in a short while, and if she doesn't read them, he may go to his grave unmarked."

Macmanara examined the features of the dead man closely. It was his Devil of the night before, minus the horns, but in place of which there was a closely-cropped blond hair. As Macmanara was leaving the morgue he almost ran over Grace Langdon, who caught his arm and cried out: "Oh, Otis, it is really you, and you are not drowned, with my handkerchief in your pocket? I was going to the opera," the little lady explained, "and my handkerchief was with me, and the coachman stopped to see what it was. My escort opened the carriage door for the same purpose, when I saw you and dropped my handkerchief to see if you would pick it up, and the way you pointed upon it kept me happy for the rest of the evening. I lost my opal ring, too, but I don't care, for it was always bringing me bad luck."

Macmanara thought of the ring as he had last seen it flash by the side of his scepter on a table with thousands of other jewels, but he did not tell his wife-to-be of his adventure with the Devil. He asked instead: "grace, why is it a woman will let a man and his heart feel all the misery of hades, when in her heart she means yes?"

"I don't know, Otis, unless it is to make him understand how much he cares not give him the pleasure of proposing over again," she answered, happily.

"It answered the purpose."

"I can't see," said the visitor, "why you have your genealogical chart hung so high. Such things are extremely interesting, but no one can examine it where it is."

Here Mr. Porene took him gently by the arm and led him into the library where they could be alone.

"Mrs. Porene," he explained, "was bound to have one of them things, and as we didn't have one right handy I just framed my prize greyhound's pedigree and hung it high."—Chicago Post

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Yes," he said, "when I was young I was eagerly sought after." "What reward was offered?" asked the sweet young girl—London Times.

"How did Alice happen to accept young Gullfey?" "He asked her if she would like her fate to be his, and she thought he was no dandy, she took him."—Indianapolis News.

"Papa, what is a king?" "A king, my child, is a person whose authority is practically unlimited, whose will is law, and whom everybody must obey." "Oh, an avian, a king?"—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

Nell—"You surely don't think Jenkins' wife pretty?" Belle—"Certainly not." "Why not?" "Well, she told me she was just lovely." "That was because May was an old flame of Jenkins'—Philadelphia Record.

Comedian—Why did the supernumerary leave the company? Sue Brett—"Because she couldn't afford a speaking part." Comedian—"Has she got one now?" Sue Brett—"I presume so. She married the manager."—Northwestern Herald.

Comedian—"A doctor's life is a hard one; I think you'd hate it awfully." Dr. Floyd—"Oh, no, I don't. It has its compensations. A doctor being out of all his hours, he doesn't have to strain his brain inventing fairy stories, you know."—Boston Transcript.

"If a proper correspondent to pick her teeth in public?" "It's proper enough," replied the snake dealer, "but when the average woman has to select a very usually prefers to do so privately."—Philadelphia Press.

ALL ARE YANKEE NOTIONS.

Britons Have American Products of All Kinds Thrust Upon Them Everywhere.

American products have forced their way into every avenue of trade in England and a London newspaper reports the fact in this fashion:

"The average man rises in the morning from his New England folding bed, shaves with American soap and a Yankee safety razor, pulls on his Boston boots over his socks from North Carolina, fastens his Connecticut braces, slips his Vermont neckerchief over his neck, and sits down to breakfast. There he congratulates his wife on the way her electric straight-iron corset acts over her Massachusetts blouse and he tackles his breakfast, where he eats bread made from prairie flour, tinned from the Pacific coast and a slice of Kansas City bacon, while his wife plays with a slice of Chicago omelette. The children are given American toys. At the same time he reads his morning paper printed by American machines and possibly on American paper."

When he gets out, catches an electric tram (New York) to Shepherd's bush, where he gets in a Yankee elevator to take him to the American office in the city. At lunch time he hastily swallows some cold roast beef that comes from a cow in Iowa, and favors it with the latest New England pickles, follows with a few Florida tinned peaches and then soothes his mind with a couple of Virginia cigarettes.

"To follow his course all day would be wearisome. But when evening comes he seeks relaxation at the latest American musical comedy and finishes up with a couple of 'live pills' made in America."

CLUBS MADE UP OF FREAKS.

There are queer associations of queer individuals in some parts of Europe.

There have been associations of all sorts of individuals formed in this country, but none of them would be considered for fearfulness as some of Europe's clubs, say a London exchange. At Hoogstraten, a small Belgian town, a baldheaded club, to secure admission to which a cautious area of 21 square centimeters, or 8 1/4 square inches, is imperative, has lately been founded. Its antithesis exists in the Long Haired club of Ghent, whose members must wear either a beard of 21 centimeters (one foot) or hair of 21 centimeters (eight inches) in length. The 100 Kilos, a Parisian club for which no one weighing less than 105 kilos (232 pounds) is eligible, is in striking contrast with "Les Fifty Kilos" of Marseilles, to which entrance is alone permitted to such as are over 170 centimeters (five feet seven inches) in height and over 50 kilos (110 pounds) in weight.

For several years the president of this club was a Mr. De-vil, who though nearly six feet, weighed less than 95 pounds. Two years ago, however, he took into himself a wife, under whose solicitous care he so rapidly gained flesh that in less than 10 months he was compelled to resign his membership. Berlin boasts of a Big Mouth club. In the clubroom is kept a wooden ball as large as a melon, which every candidate for admission is required to insert in his mouth before his name can go for ballot. In the same city, too, there is a One-Hundred club, the members of which have suffered the loss of a hand.

New Jersey's Constitution. The present constitution of the state of New Jersey, adopted in 1844, has remained unchanged for 50 years and remains practically the same as when first adopted. The term of the constitution is seven years, and New Jersey is now the only state in the country which adheres to a three-year term.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Spain is said to have the best wheat crop in years.

An ordinary piano contains a mile of piano wire.

Leprosy rages in Russia, do not run over 25 miles an hour.

Since 1850 the population of France has increased by 50,000,000.

A copy of the Cuban constitution has been received in Washington.

The diamond if laid in the sun and then carried into a dark room shows distinct phosphorescence.

The bottled beer of England requires nearly 70,000 tons of cork yearly.

Canadian exports have increased by £1,000,000 during the past eleven months.

The concession of the Turkish match monopoly has been secured by a German syndicate.

A chestnut tree, planted by King Edward, grows beside the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon.

Kansas City has a city forester whose duty it is to plant and protect on the public streets.

Ice melts at 32 degree, water boils at 212, lead melts at 591, and the heat of a common coal fire is 1,140.

Abyssinia was converted to Christianity in the fourth century. The country has now over 10,000 monks.

Great Britain purchased \$48,900,000 worth of American farm products in 1900. Germany took \$134,000,000 worth.

According to Representative Dalfre free trade with Cuba will be one of the questions before congress this winter.

It has been estimated that it will require 85 men working every day until 1947 to unearth the entire ruins of Pompeii.

People in the West End of London are spending much money this year on external floral decorations for their houses.

Paris' population, according to the census just taken, is 2,740,081, an increase of 140,104 over the last census. Paris is now over 70,000 behind New York.

The Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, men averaging four feet eleven inches, women four feet nine inches.

IT PAYS TO READ NEWSPAPERS.

Cox Wis. Aug. 5.—Frank M. Russell, of this place, had kidney disease so badly that he could not walk. He tried Doctors' treatment and many different remedies, but was getting worse. He was very low.

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Mr. Russell is the most wonderful case ever known in Chippewa County. This new remedy—Dodd's Kidney Pills—is making some miraculous cures in Wisconsin.

A Poisoner to Be Given Away.

A small philosopher has decided to give away his fortune by assisting and by his means good will be done in the world. There is another agency that has also accomplished the same at "golden rule" and now Blumrich Blumrich, the medicine with fifty years of cure has been discovered, regulating the liver and keeping the bowels healthy. It is called "Blumrich's" or "Blumrich's." Don't fail to try it, but be sure you get the genuine.

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"Mrs. Clecker must feel dreadfully unhappy since she has become so determined by her husband's will." "Well, she was told Dr. Slesker diagnosed the case as 'golden rule' and now she's quite proud of it."—San Francisco Bulletin.

A DOUTING THOMAS.

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Reasonable Objection.

Mistress—What was the policeman doing in the kitchen, Nora? Nora—Killing my man. Then he'll have to stop. I'll not let you have a police court out of my kitchen!—Philadelphia Record.

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