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Did it ever occur to you that the easiest way to do a thing is to do it right?

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The United States Government differs from the government of other great powers in that its civil service far exceeds in personnel its military or naval services. This cannot be said of Germany, of France, of Russia or any other great power. With them there are far more soldiers bearing arms than clerks wielding pens, and the United States government is further peculiar in its extensive employment of women in clerical work. Perhaps in no other country except Russia is the civil service establishment so much in need of reorganization and reform. A great reform was doubtless effected when admission to the service was made dependent upon a competent examination requiring a certain educational attainment. The service under Roosevelt is decidedly better than was under Grant. But the fact that a man or woman has proved by an examination that he can spell, write arithmetic does not prove he is willing to work or not take advantage of the many opportunities to neglect and shirk his work. Departments are encumbered with employees who have been placed there on account of their political services or on account of their relationship to Senators or Senators' wives or mothers in law. They have held fast through an administration's success and cabinet officers as near departments hesitate to displace clerks so respectable and of such formidable antecedents.

These clerks so well entrenched have a most demoralizing influence. They long drawn pay for doing little or no work, and are deplorable in all the arts of doing work and making most of their sinecures. President and the Cabinet officers have long been zealous of this state of affairs and at a Cabinet meeting just previous to the President's departure South was decided that the President and Cabinet officials be entitled to the right to dismiss promptly any service employee known to be inefficient, or obstructive to the Government service in such a case as the discharge should be final and the charged employee with course or right of appeal howl that has arisen in the Department in Washington demonstrates better than anything else could, the number of heads that should be cut off. The efficient, honest and industrious clerk has no reason to fear from the order that thirty per cent. of government clerks are being kicked in their shoes at present moment. It is supposed that thirty per cent. of the civil employees will be dismissed nor that a third of even that proportion will go, but every man and woman with a guilty con-

science is conscious that he or she is in range of the lightning that may strike at any moment.

The government clerk does not have a hard time. He is asked to work seven and a half hours six days in the week. He has thirty days annual sick leave and thirty days annual vacation. He has as many holidays as a patriotic people can devise reasons for or find dead heroes to honor, including Labor Day. During three months of the summer he is dismissed every Saturday at noon. And for all of this he gets a salary higher than would be paid by any private corporation and paid with a regularity that nothing can interrupt.

Another, the correspondent of a powerful newspaper wants his "lady friend" kept in office. It is both more respectable and more economical for him. She hasn't had the advantages of an extensive education but she dusts books so she gets a position at seventy-five per month. She isn't always clean or always polite or always sober but it is a dangerous thing to antagonize a powerful newspaper and the correspondent probably knows about other irregularities in the Department that the chief who signs each month for her efficiency and good conduct, would not have made public for a good deal more than seventy-five dollars a month paid by the government. But space forbids enumeration. The cabinet officers have the right in their own hands now. If they allow the Government to be so persistently and systematically deceived the public will know where to place the responsibility.

## Disastrous wreck.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of suffering from throat and lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds even the worst cases can be cured and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by M. B. Blackburn. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

If a man misses a train he is trying to catch, it is hard to make him believe it isn't because he has to support a big family.

## Not A Sick Day Since.

I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of rheumatism, neuralgia, liver and kidney troubles and general debility. This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50c at Blackburn's.

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## The President's Enthusiasm for Dixie.

The President ceased speaking and the crowds gave him cheer after cheer while he stood and bowed. Those on the speaker's platform crowded up to congratulate him and shake his hand. In the midst of this informal reception, some big-lunged fellow from the crowd below shouted out, "Music by the band." The bandmaster away in the gallery heard the shout and the music came. It was "Dixie!" Instantly the people, feeling good, knowing that they had received what they came after, delighted with the personality of the President, went into a fury of cheering. Roosevelt saw the moment to win the hearts of the multitude for good and all. He stepped briskly to the rail, his high hat came off. He marched up and down in time to the music, swinging his hat. Men below went crazy. They fought to get towards the stand. There was a perfect volley of applause. Still the band played and the President just out of a speech in the full glare of the sun, still marched up and down waving his hat. "Come on, boys!" he shouted.

They came. The ground rang with it, the shouts of men, the delirious cheering of boys, the hoarse throated bellow of the men from the farms, the sob and high falsetto of women. The President was part of it all. There was no sham about his enthusiasm. He pranced—there is no other word, undignified as that sounds. Almost, I had said, he came walked, and to Dixie! No one could look at the sight and think of it and miss the enthusiasm of the moment. Presently, madder in its joy as the rhythm of the old tune had come to be, the band ceased playing. There was a nod from one of those in the seats of the mighty, the big secret service man stepped in front of the President and the party, followed by the marshals and others in authority fled away to the luncheon to be given to the President.

## Doesn't Respect Old Age.

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## The Jar of Coughing

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