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It is difficult to tell, replied the architect, but I will venture to say that you would never expect violin-playing to injure the walls of a building. Yet it certainly does. There have been instances when the wall of stone and brick structure have been seriously damaged by the vibrations from a violin.

Of course these cases are unusual, but the facts are established.

The vibrations of a violin are really serious in their unceasing, unbounded force and when they come with regularity they exercise an influence upon structures of brick, stone or iron.

Of course it takes continuous playing for many years to loosen masonry or to make iron brittle, but it will do it in time.

I have often thought of what the result might be if a man would stand at the bottom of a nineteen story light well, on the first floor of the great Masonic Temple, in Chicago, and play there continuously. The result could be more easily seen there than almost anywhere else, because the vibration gathers force as it sweeps upward.

A man can feel the vibrations of a violin on an iron-clad ocean vessel, and at the same time be unable to hear the music. It is the regularity which means so much. Like the constant dripping of water which wears away a stone, the incessant vibration of the violin makes its way to the walls, and attacks their solidity.—Youth's Companion.

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The following is origin of "I acknowledge the corn," which is used in the sense of admitting failure or having been outwitted: In 1828 Andrew Stewart was in congress discussing the principles of protection and said in the course of his remarks that Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana sent their haystacks, cornfields and fodder to New York and Philadelphia markets to sell.

Charles A Wyckliffe jumped up and said: "Why, that is absurd, Mr. Speaker. I call the gentleman to order. He is stating an absurdity. We never send haystacks or cornfields to New York or Philadelphia."

"Well, what do you send?" asked Stewart.

"We send," replied Wyckliffe, "horse, cattle, hogs and mules."

"Well," continued Stewart, "what makes your horses, cat-

tle, hogs and mules? You feed \$100 worth of hay to a horse; you get on top of your haystack and ride off to market. How about your cattle? You make every one carry \$50 worth of hay or grass to an eastern market. You send a hog worth \$10 to market. How much corn at 33 cents a bushel does it take to fatten it? Why, thirty bushels. Then you put thirty bushels of corn into the shape of a hog and make it walk to an eastern market."

Before Stewart could proceed further Wyckliffe arose and said, "Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge the corn."—Exchange.

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## Beveridge Prognosticates.

After a discussion of forty-four days, a discussion which was pretty warm and also pretty foolish at times, the Philippine civil government bill passed the Senate Tuesday by what might be called a strictly party vote, for Mc-

Laurin, of South Carolina, was the one "Democrat" who voted with the Republicans. But that was expected. He has been with them ever since he reversed himself and voted for the ratification of the Paris treaty, and has since then been to all intents and purposes a Republican, although claiming to be a Democrat.

As it was apparent from the start that the majority intend to put that bill through practically in the shape agreed upon, it is just as well that it has at last gone through and end come to the excitement, partisan scheming, misrepresentation and nonsense.

This discussion could have been ended in one day if the friends of the administration had frankly stated their position, for if they had admitted that it was the intention to give the Philippines independence when they became fit to exercise it there would have been no contest, while if they had declared it their purpose to hold them in a condition of permanent dependency the popular protest would have been so emphatic that they could not have commanded the support of a corporal's guard of Senators. They have been playing a game of publicity all along to deceive the people and win support for the policy they are pursuing.

There is no way to judge of what they propose to do save by the utterances of party representatives, and these are conflicting, the men who speak sometimes conflicting with themselves. In a speech delivered before an army society in Washington at the unveiling of a monument, a short while ago, President Roosevelt concluded an expansion outburst with the declaration that the flag was in the Philippines, and that it would "stay put." In his Decoration Day speech at Arlington he incidentally intimated that the Filipinos might some day be granted independence, in which event the flag would not "stay put."

In the Senate Tuesday Senator Beveridge, a radical expansionist, ventured into the domain of prophecy with the prediction that "the world's next drama would be enacted on the Pacific and it was essential that the mastery of that great ocean should be ours and it would be ours." This means contending for the mastery of one great ocean while having the other, in other words, the mastery of the world, against all the world, which is a pretty large sized job Mr. Beveridge is putting up for this country.

And what is all this for? For the trade of China, for that is what this drama he predicts is to be about. This means that we must expand our trade and do that must have great navies and armies to assert our supremacy in both hemispheres, not only a world power but a world dominator. This is a strenuous programme, but will it pay?—Wilmington Star.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Simmons, basing his figures on reports received from forty-nine counties, estimates the number of voters disfranchised by failure to pay the poll tax at 7,220 Democrats, 10,000 white Republicans and Populists and 30,000 negroes. How many of the disfranchised negroes can read and write cannot be definitely stated. Of the counties heard from twenty-two are in the east and twenty-seven in the west.—Wilmington Star.

**Witnessed a Horrible Sight.**  
Mr. Ralph Maultsby tells the Observer of a horrible sight he witnessed yesterday. He says that he was standing near the trestle at Hope Mills flagging for Capt. Murray, the section boss, talking to a well-dressed young man apparently about 18 years of age who said he came from Bennettsville, when a work train approached, and he warned the boy to get off the track. The latter paid no attention to him, however, and was struck, knocked down and run over. He says that his head was severed from the body, which was cut almost into mince meat.—Fayetteville Observer.

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