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The British will probably display the same facility in claiming victories over the Boers as the Americans have shown in heralding their success in the Philippines.—Durham Herald.

The latest is that Admiral Dewey will accept a presidential nomination if it "comes without solicitation on his part." Very likely. There are few masculine Americans who would be boorish enough to decline under such circumstances. Even the average editor, with all his modesty, would cave at that.

The Philadelphia Record very sensibly says: "There was much hostile comment three years ago upon Mr. Bryan's stumping campaign through the country, whilst Mr. McKinley daily made political speeches to visiting delegations at home. On the score of propriety there is nothing between these two methods of presidential campaigning for the most fastidious to choose, nor is there any difference between the purposes and methods of Mr. McKinley's and Mr. Bryan's political tours of this year. The people of both parties desire to hear their political chiefs on the issues that are before the country; and why then should they not be heard?"

The Raleigh Post, Oct. 24th, contains an editorial that contains much truth and a little sarcasm based on the truth. It says:

Our dispatches this morning seem to indicate that President Kruger contemplates asking for terms of peace. We hope it is true. The fighting so far convinces him of two things—his men, however brave, cannot stand against the British soldiers and equipment, and that he need expect no assistance from any other power, however much sympathy they may feel or express for him and his. To prolong the fight can only result in needless loss of life on both sides, with increased humiliation for the vanquished. Every conscientious man must sympathize and respect the rugged honesty and reckless patriotism of these Afrikaners; but "higher civilization" is against them, and the Christian world needs their gold as well as the control of the Dark Continent for the latter's own enlightenment.

We anticipate the fighting is over. It may as well be terminated now, but let not England forget her own Christianity and civilization in granting terms of peace.

## How Silver Dimes are Made—Love Causes Her Death—A Good Little Boy, So Mamma Says.

In making the little pieces of silver money commonly called dimes the silver bullion is first melted and run into bars that weigh two pounds each. These bars are then run between great rollers and are thus flattened into strips of the thickness required for dime making.

The strips, after having been treated with a kind of tallow preparation to keep them from being scratched, are put through a machine that cuts them into the proper shape. The pieces thus prepared are put into the feeder of the printing presses, and they go to the die at the rate of 6,000 an hour, or 100 a minute.

The printing dies are ponderous things, and the smooth pieces of silver when pressed between them are slightly expanded. Here they receive the letters and figures designed for them, have their edges corrugated and are finished.

The finished dimes are dropped by the machine into a receiver and are taken charge of by the counter. The machine used by him is simply a tray, having raised edges extending across its surface at such a distance apart that a dime fits exactly between them. To fill the spaces on the tray just 1,200 dimes are required. On to this tray the dimes from the receiver are poured, the tray is rapidly shaken by the counter, and the dimes settle down until all the spaces between the raised edges are filled.

The counter then brushes the surplus dimes back into the receiver, empties the contents of his tray into a box and is ready for more money from the

receiver, so he continues his work until all the dimes have been counted.

In all silver coins from the dollar down a variation of 1½ grains is allowed. In silver dimes, however, the deviation from the standard is so insignificant that they are not required to pass through the weigher's hands, as do the larger pieces of silver money.

## Love Causes Her Death.

There is something really pathetic in the way a mother butterfly builds a nest for her children. In the first place, the little home where the eggs are deposited represents a great deal of sacrifice, for it is lined with several layers of down plucked from the mother's own soft body. The eggs, having been laid carefully upon this luxurious, pretty couch, are protected by an equally pretty coverlet made of the same material. These butterfly bedclothes are often arranged with an intricacy that is quite curious and perplexing. Sometimes a bed is made so that each separate delicate hair stands upright, thus giving the entire nest the appearance of a little brush of downy fur. Then again the eggs are laid spirally round a tiny branch, and as the covering follows their course the effect resembles the bushy tail of a fox, only the nest is more beautiful than the "brush" of the finest fox that ever roamed over country. The building of this downy nest is the last earthly labor of the mother butterfly, for by the time it is completed her own delicate body is denuded of its natural covering, and there is nothing left for her to do but die, a sacrifice which she promptly and heroically makes in the interest of the coming butterfly generation.—Chicago Record.

## A Good Boy.

"Eas little Fred been good today?"  
I asked, as on my knee  
He sat, his head upon my breast,  
And thus he answered me:

"Oh, pretty good; but once or twice  
I pulled the kitten's tail,  
An I hurted me on our ole sink  
A-fashin in er pail.

"I left my steamboat on the stairs,  
An Bridget smashed it bad  
A-fallin on it, an I cried,  
Fer I was awful mad.

"I wet my feet an lost my hat  
An had a fight with Ted,  
But I've been pretty good today,  
Fer that's what mamma said.

"Oh, I forgot! I run away  
Ter see a lot er men  
A-layin pipe, an they was cross,  
An I come home again.

"An it scared mamma most ter death  
Ter hev me gone, you know;  
But I've been pretty good today,  
Fer mamma told me so.

"I hain't been good ter Baby Bess—  
Not all the time," quoth Fred;  
"But, papa, I've been pretty good,  
Fer that's what mamma said."

My honest Fred! I kissed his brow.  
Dear, erring little sprite!  
His standard seems a little queer,  
But maybe he is right.

When mamma says that he is good,  
I must believe 'tis so,  
No matter what his pranks may be,  
For doesn't mamma know?  
—Mary M. Currier in Good Housekeeping.

## A Lively Game.

Get a large sheet or tablecloth and a small feather. Have the company take hold of the edges of the sheet and form a ring. Then some one blows the feather into the air, and all must do their part to keep it in the air and not let it touch any one, and so it is blown from one side to another, while the efforts made to keep it floating are very funny. Sometimes in the excitement of keeping the feather up some one will forget all about holding the sheet up, and then more excitement and fun follow.

## Old Enough For Something

Flossie—Mamma, I want some water to christen my doll.

Mamma—No, dear. It is wrong, you know.

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