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The Wilmington Messenger says: Possibly the following has a wider application than the writer of the following piece of fun intended. The Chicago Tribune is responsible for it:

"Hildred," said her father, "I am willing that the young lieutenant who comes here should make a coaling station of my house again this winter, but if he ever hints at annexation you may tell him I am unalterably opposed to it."

Wouldn't it be sad if President Kruger should refuse to receive dear little Adelbert Hay, who has been appointed to succeed Marcum as American consul at Pretoria? Adelbert has been patted on the head by the London lords and he goes to Pretoria announcing that he intends to look after British interests in the Transvaal. He is sent there by his boot-licking little papa to do that very thing. It would really be sinful for Oom Paul Kruger to spoil this little arrangement between Adelbert, his pa and the dear British.—Charlotte News.

The Republicans are utterly without conscience in this money question, as in other questions. They care naught for the welfare of the mass of the American people, and are in partnership with the exclusive aristocracy of the new rich, to bleed the rest of us through the tariff and the trusts. The scheme has received a certain glamour of popularity consequent upon its accidental association with the war feeling raised by Spanish inhumanity. Discovered from that standing in its native nakedness repulsion may be counted on, and added force will be given this feeling if the patriots of the country show themselves to be harmless as doves for injury, while wise with the serpent's wisdom, to track down and destroy these enemies of the consumer and the landed classes. There be no lack of loyal leaders for this. The want is of a proper pilotage to flush the game.—Morganton Herald.

Staying Up Late.

Every one who has ever been a child will recall that sense of injury entailed by being sent to bed early—that conviction that you were being deprived of the most interesting part of the whole day. There is really no knowing what the elders are up to when once they get the youngsters tucked up safe in bed, but it stands to reason it must be very interesting, or why would they be in such a hurry to get the youngsters out of the way?

With some children this amounts to more than mere feeling. It was a little girl of the latter sort who begged so hard to sit up just for once that her mother one evening, not so long ago, said that she might. How the little girl's eyes danced at the prospect of all the wonderful things she would see for herself upon this her first occasion of "sitting up!" How commiseratingly she regarded the other children who were as usual packed off to bed at an early hour! She seated herself in her small chair and eagerly awaited developments.

But imagine her surprise when her parents, as was their custom, seated themselves at the library table and, unobtrusively, but hygienically, turning their backs to the light, began to read. For some time the little girl rocked away in her small chair in silence. Then came a sleepy, plaintive voice, "Is this all you do?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

A Boy's Respect For the Flag—A Tiny Royal Hostess—Pocket Monkeys—One Way to Help.

When John A. Caldwell, ex-mayor of Cincinnati, was a member of congress, he fathered the bill that later became a law making it an offense to print advertisements on the national flag or to deface it in any way.

Behind the passage of the bill is a pretty little story showing how the words that fell from the lips of a patriotic little boy suggested the law.

While Mr. Caldwell was a candidate for congress and just before his election a parade of some character was given in the city.

One of the most interested lookers on that day was Daniel Dehner, son of John Dehner, a United States gauger, who lives in Home City.

The little fellow is unusually bright and observant and from his earliest recollection has been taught by his mamma and papa to revere the name of Uncle Sam and respect the stars and stripes.

The day of the parade the boy was looking at the decorations hung out by various business houses, and on some of them he saw the names of different kinds of goods offered for sale. He thought the printed matter marred the beauty of Old Glory, and, turning his face up to his papa, whose thumb he was holding at the time, he exclaimed: "Papa, don't you think it is wrong to put pictures and letters on the flag of our country? The flag is not near so pretty that way, is it, papa?"

The child's observations through friends of his father reached the ears of the future congressman, and one of the first things that Mr. Caldwell did after taking his seat in congress was to frame a bill making it an offense to convert the flag of the nation into an advertising medium.

A Tiny Royal Hostess.

Princess Viktoria Luise, the only daughter of the German emperor and empress, celebrated her return from the mountains by entertaining all her little friends at a "5 o'clock," where chocolate was served and not tea.

There are so few little princes and princesses of tender years that little people of less exalted rank were included among the invited guests. These latter, a little shy at their first introduction into imperial circles, were received by the gracious hostess in such an informal manner that they felt at home at once.

She has inherited housewife capability from her charming mamma, and she insisted upon dealing out to each separate guest his or her share of cake and chocolate. As each child left it received as a souvenir a package of chocolate, attached to which was a small portrait of the fascinating little imperial hostess. It was all a very great success. She is not only loved by her father, mother and six brothers, but the entire imperial household is at her feet.

This little sprite can do with her father as she likes, and at the same hour every morning she runs into his study and delights him with various accomplishments from day to day, such as a verse in French, German or English or anything that she thinks will please him.

She is 5 years old, very blond, with expressive blue eyes, and enjoys to the utmost every moment of her until now unclouded life. The mother and little daughter are inseparable, and in this way the little one has become quite a traveler, and she has seen more lands than many a grown person.

An Accomplished Prince.

Prince Sergius Wolfonsky, who has been made superintendent of the Russian imperial theaters, is fairly well known in America. He visited this country in 1893, the representative of the ministry of education in his own country. He lectured at Harvard and Cornell, and three years later he delivered a series of lectures in Boston. He is not yet 40, but he has employed his time well. Besides being an author and a lecturer, he has won high rank as an actor on the Russian stage.

Queen a Spiritualist.

Queen Victoria is a spiritualist and has been ever since her widowhood commenced. Prince Albert, her devoted husband, promised before his death that he would manifest to her and be her guardian angel, and she says that she has been conscious of his presence at many critical periods in her life. Indeed she says that her most abiding comfort is in her consciousness of his presence.—Exchange.

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