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What will we do for malaria when our swamplands are reclaimed, an exchange inquires. Don't worry. Mosquitoes will breed in any old place.

It will have to be handed to Dr. Wilson for having a mind of his own. He hasn't given a hint yet as to who will sit at the cabinet table with him.

Mr. Justice will make folks think he that he is a progressive Democrat if he keeps on behaving as he has been doing for the last week or so.

The Allies seem disposed to go the limit in exacting terms of Turkey, but nobody cares. Turkey has richly earned any punishment that may be accorded to it.

Cotton mill men before the House Ways and Means Committee went on record for a compromise reduction of tariff rates on cotton manufactures. They show up better than most manufacturers, who are not in favor of a reduction of any sort.

That there is a lemon trust is now conceded. Remember how the price of lemons shot up last summer? That was the trust putting on the screws. As time for Congress to meet came nearer, the price dropped a bit. The trust is merciless on occasion and also very wary.

Postoffice department officials report that practical jokers have already quit sending freak packages by parcel post. But the trouble is that a lot of packages which the regulations permit are very freak-like, as witness the bundle of skunk-skins that went through here recently. A practical joker could hardly have perpetrated anything worse than this apparently normal use of the parcel post.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Semi-Weekly Journal's appeal, made a few weeks ago for more news from country correspondents, had a noticeable effect as we immediately received a number of most interesting letters. Now we are writing again for fear the ardor of our friends will cool. We urge you to keep the good work up. Help us make the Semi-Weekly Journal helpful and interesting to you.

We regard the letters from our country correspondents as one of the means the Journal has of being of service to the section of country through which it circulates. These letters bring the people closer together and tend to the development of a community interest which is most helpful. You help your own community and by suggestion help other communities by sending us the news as it transpires in your neighborhood. Let us hear from you!

SERVE BARBECUE TO THE FARMERS.

In connection with the Farmers' Institute at Beech Grove, tomorrow there will be a barbecue and an especially enjoyable time is anticipated. A large attendance of the farmers of the community is hoped for as the occasion is expected to prove not only very informing, and helpful for the farmers and their wives, but also to be very enjoyable socially.

Introducing Mahmout Shekfat Pasha, the new Grand Vizier of Turkey. It appears that the fighting is not all over yet.

Queer folks, those Turks. They kill off a Grand Vizier and several of his associates and then call the affair a "regrettable incident."

No matter how much a given Legislature accomplishes, it always looks as if there is more business for the succeeding one that it can attend to in thoroughgoing style.

Lo, there are many men who play demagogue to appear progressive, says the Wilmington Star. Rasher there are a few men willing to be progressive at the risk of being called demagogues.

Not meaning to speak shrillingly of Messrs. Corey and Gary of recent fame one is obliged to recall in connection with their varying testimony in the government suit to dissolve the trust now being heard in New York, this action has been said when shrews fall out, honest men get their deserts.

THE TROUBLE IS DOMESTIC

There is a bill before Congress calling for an international conference to inquire into the high cost of living. Don't think there is any need to make the conference international. Just call a conference as to the best means of getting the handcuffs on the trust magnates in this country who have been hounding the people up for high prices. The very rich have got to be content with smaller profits on their investments before the cost of living will go down materially.

BEING GOOD ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Men seldom make good who try to be good on the installment plan, says the cynical paragrapher of the Chicago News. A more optimistic view is that men, every time they perform a worthy deed, are so much the more apt to perform another. I like begstlike and a generous act will usually be followed by another and yet another just as to do an unbecoming thing makes it easier and more natural to repeat the offence. Works are by no means all-important but we recall that some wise man said that they were the hemisphere the counterpart of which was faith. Being good a little of the time is better than being bad all the time.

WHY THEY STAND FOR IT

If Blease were an actor or a patent medicine proprietor, or the author of a best seller, or any other individual whose prosperity depended upon his keeping in the public eye, we might understand why he does it. Even then we couldn't understand why the people of South Carolina stand for it.—Baltimore Sun.

The Sun is informed by Senator Tillman that the people of South Carolina stand for it because Blease has them "bamboozled." Another thing that perhaps the Sun has not thought of is this. The people in South Carolina are the worst divided people in any State in the union. The Bleasites have cast their lot with Blease and he can't do anything disgusting enough to make them desert his standard because they have made up their minds to give not one grain of comfort to those on the other side of the fence.

But there are exceptions to all rules. While we believe we have correctly diagnosed the trouble with the great majority of the Bleasites, we believe that the next time the Governor comes before the people there will be enough of his erstwhile followers ready to desert him to make it certain that after his present term of office South Carolina will not be afflicted with him any more except as a private citizen.

INTERESTING RUMOR

An interesting political rumor in connection with the Senatorial berth now being enjoyed by Lee S. Overman is that former Governor R. B. Glenn will try to get it. Asked about it he said the other day that he did not know whether he was going to seek the honor or not but if he decided to do so he would make the best race that he could. He could make a pretty good race. So could the incumbent. If the two contest for the place the State will witness another lively campaign.

HOW WE GET SORE THROAT

Dampness and dust and diphtheria, and other germs, are the chief causes of sore throat. Many people can develop sore throat on short notice if they become suddenly chilled, or get their feet wet. Mouth breathing, coddling, living in overcrowded and overheated rooms are also excellent means of getting sore throat. Close, hot stuffy, poorly ventilated, moving picture show houses, theatres, churches and halls also form excellent mediums of exchange for various sore throat infections, colds, grippe, etc. If you can't "catch" something in such places occasionally you have reasons for congratulations.—State Board of Health.

UNNECESSARY

A canvass of the Senate made Thursday showed that sentiment in that body is against a general public reception to President-elect Wilson on the night of his inauguration. The Senate is right as of course a body of such learned men might reasonably be expected to be. What is the need of a reception? Only a small number of people, comparatively speaking, could attend anyway. The overwhelming majority of the American people will be about their daily tasks on the day of Wilson's inauguration. He will receive them and they him through the medium of his inaugural address which will be published far and near and that will be reception enough. Governor Wilson wants as little pomp and pageantry in connection with his inauguration as possible and in that desire he will have the approval of the great majority of the American people.

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LIFE'S STRUGGLE WITH ILLNESS

Mrs. Stewart Tells How She Suffered from 16 to 45 years old—How Finally Cured.

Euphemia, Ohio.—"Because of total ignorance of how to care for myself when verging into womanhood, and from taking cold when going to school, I suffered from a displacement, and each month I had severe pains and nausea which always meant a lay-off from work for two to four days from the time I was 16 years old.

"I went to Kansas to live with my sister and while there a doctor told me the Pinkham remedies but I did not use them then as my faith in patent medicines was limited. After my sister died I came home to Ohio to live and that was my home for the last 18 years. "The Change of Life came when I was 47 years old and about this time I saw my physical condition plainly described in one of your advertisements. Then I began using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I cannot tell you or any one else the relief it gave me in the first three months. It put me right where I need not lay off every month and during the last 18 years I have not paid out two dollars to a doctor, and have been blest with excellent health for a woman of my age and I can thank Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for it.

"Since the Change of Life is over I have been a maternity nurse and being wholly self-supporting I cannot over estimate the value of good health. I have now earned a comfortable little home just by sewing and nursing since I was 52 years old. I have recommended the Compound to many with good results, as it is excellent to take before and after childbirth."—Miss EVELYN ADELIA STEWART, Euphemia, Ohio.

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THIS CAT A BUTCHER

And She May Become Baker and Candlestick-Maker, Who Knows?

Editor The Journal: There is in New Bern at least one real estate and insurance man who tells the truth. He will admit it. Indeed he says so now and then, in black and white. Truth is mighty and will prevail—somebody said, but I'll bet you don't know who.

What? Why yes; of course I know—but I can't remember just at this moment. Well, as I said, this man gives you "the facts" about matters in his line—at least as many of 'em as it's good for you to know—and if a man will do that, he is not likely to lie about a little thing like a cat. Is he? No. Of course not.

Well, I'm not mentioning any names, you know, (except that of the cat, which would scarcely identify the owner), but the cat's name is "Bouncer"—a name which would seem to indicate an individual of the sterner sex. Such may have been the family's idea until it was rudely shattered by the arrival of a litter of kittens, and thereby hangs a tale. I give it as I got it from the real estate (as Perlmutter and Potash would call him) and I am certain that he would be willing to insure the accuracy of my statement in any "old lyn" company."

To begin. At an early age "Bouncer" had shown the possession of marked ability as a ratter and mouser. And when her progeny had ceased to draw nourishment from the maternal fount and were able to digest more substantial food, "Bouncer" would provide them with young and tender rodents, much after the manner of her feline ancestors since the original pair left the welcome shelter of the ark. But "Bouncer", understand me, is no common cat. Her methods, take it from her owner, are nothing if not original. Does she simply catch and kill a rat, and lay it before her hungry offspring to be devoured as they please? No. That, in her opinion, is primitive and unsanitary. No. Placing the dead rat on its back and firmly holding it by the head with one paw, she deftly slits the skin from chin to tail with the other, and then with a movement so quick as to be imperceptible (even to her owner) removes the skin and bowels and then, and not till then, permits her hungry kittens to partake. While they are feasting, "Bouncer" carefully places the hide on one of the pickets of a fence in the back yard, along with those previously acquired. In the course of the fall and early winter this collection of rat-skins, thoroughly cured, is eagerly snapped up by a well-known buyer for a New York fur house—the money thus made being expended by the owner of "Bouncer" in the purchase of milk, catnip and other delicacies so dear to the feline palate.

WINTER RESIDENT.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE REVOLVER

From far away London by way of the New York World, copying from the London Times, we get the following most illuminating discussion of the revolver:

"People shoot themselves in moments of depression, or other people in moments of passion, or themselves and others by accident, simply because pistols are at hand. They are bought with no definite intention, but because there is a certain fascination about having something potent and deadly, a sense of power which flatters a very general instinct. Or they are bought because other people have them, and both boys and men like to be in the fashion and to be as well equipped as their neighbor. From a variety of motives, often vague, often silly, but not necessarily sinister, people become the possessors of such things. Then, "how off the means to do ill-deeds many ill-deeds done." For a man depressed by misfortune or the reaction from all alcoholic stimulation the pistol becomes an obsession. He broods over it, he toys with it, and one day he uses it upon himself just because it is there. Another uses it to settle some trivial dispute just because it is ready to his hand.

"There is hardly any need to go further afield for explanation of the increasing number of suicides. They depend upon the number of lethal weapons set in motion by a momentary touch, and many would not occur if the means were not ready and easy. The same holds good of crimes of violence, and the moral is that a country which assiduously schedules poisons until one can hardly buy medicine without a doctor's order, should schedule with equal stringency weapons more fascinating and dangerous than any poison."

We confess that we don't know what kind of law ought to obtain in reference to the revolver. Present laws on the subject are certainly not having the desired effect. We are not so sure but that a law making it a criminal offence to own a revolver would be justified by the seriousness of the situation as now prevailing. It will be said that every household should have the right to have in his home a weapon which to defend his family. All right, let him keep a shotgun and also let the carving knife and a good hickory stick be in convenient reach.

Either some such law as that indicated or, make it a crime to manufacture the things except for the government to the use of its fighting forces. The London paper, it will have been noted, recommends that the sale of revolvers should be guarded with the same stringency that is made to invest traffic in deadly poisons. In this country, however, there are not sufficient safeguards around the sale of poisons and habit-forming drugs.

TURKEY SUBMITS

The submission of Turkey to the powers is what might have been anticipated from the moment the armistice was signed. Delay was required to reconcile the Turkish people to the inevitable; but the idea of fighting a second war without field guns, money or an organized army was moonshine.

It will take months to draw the new Adriatic. Her boundary is likely to be not far from the Maritza-Ergene map of the Balkans, but in general terms Media line described in the World on Nov. 25. This leaves her a strip of the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island, about one-thirtieth of her nominal area in Europe in 1876. She may also retain some of the Aegean Island's nearest the Dardanelles and the Asian coast.

Servia abandons an Adriatic port. Greece gets Janina, which she is still besieging. A new State, Albania, is to be created, but its boundaries not settled. Austria insists that it shall include Scutari, which the Montenegrins failed to capture.

Roumania will doubtless get a triangular strip of the Bulgarian Dobruja for being "good." The people in this strip are principally Bulgarians in the western end, Turkish in the East, on the sea. To include them in Roumania because there are Roumanians scattered elsewhere through Macedonia is illogical but in a country where nationalities are so mixed such cases cannot be avoided in drawing the new frontiers. Those who have been living under Turkish rule will be better off with a new flag, whether that of a brother or merely a neighbor. New York World.

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New York, Jan. 25.—Charles E. Finlay, president of the Aetna National Bank, states that he is ready to pay \$1,000,000 to bring to America the tuberculosis serum discovered by Dr. F. F. Friedmann, of Berlin, if it can be demonstrated in New York that the treatment will cure ninety-five out of a hundred cases.

To test the cure, Mr. Finlay proposes to hire a sanatorium in New York possibly the Old Polyclinic Hospital in Thirty-fourth Street, and treat 100 tuberculosis patients free of charge. The first of these patients will be his son-in-law, Rex Lee Paris, a Princeton athlete of the class of 1908, who married his daughter, Neva Estelle Finlay, and subsequently developed tuberculosis. Mr. Finlay said that his interest in the cure had its origin in his consideration for his son-in-law.

About three weeks ago Mr. Finlay read of Dr. Friedmann's success with the serum and wrote to him. Dr. Friedmann's brother, Dr. Arthur Friedmann, of Colorado Springs, took the matter up with Mr. Finlay, and there was a conference at the Aetna Bank, at which Dr. Laureson Brown, of Saratoga, was present. Mr. Finlay received a cablegram from Dr. Friedmann in Berlin saying the offer looked more reasonable than any previously received. Mr. Finlay expects to get a definite response from him within forty-eight hours.

Mr. Finlay said that he had offered to pay Dr. Friedmann's expenses to this country and also the cost of a test on a hundred patients, which will amount to nearly \$40,000.

It is his hope, he said, to discover whether the serum is effective and to that end he intends to give patients every possible auxiliary treatment and care. He intends to leave the selection of patients to New York physicians, and no charge will be made.

He said that he had been told that Dr. Friedmann has presented his cure to the Imperial Board of Health of Germany, and that the rights to it for the British empire and Russia have been sold for \$1,000,000 each.

"We intend to make a through test of this serum," Mr. Finlay said. "If ninety-five of the 100 patients are cured the public will be informed, and in the event of its failure that also will be made known. We intend to test the serum on tubercular cases in the primary, secondary and literally stages. We will give it a fair trial. We want to find out also whether the after-effects are injurious—worse than the disease itself.

"If the cure does prove efficacious we shall establish a sanatorium near New York, and perhaps a half dozen throughout the country. The poor will be treated free, and the wealthy will pay us what they see fit. I cannot say whether the treatment will be made public then, because Dr. Friedmann tells me that in the hands of a burglar it is as dangerous as a knife in the hands of a maniac.

"No one knows how earnestly I hope that Dr. Friedmann's cure will prove absolute. I am not a rich man, and \$1,000,000 will take practically all I have. But I shall consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to help humanity. There are 12,000,000 people with tuberculosis in the United States, and of these 600,000 die a year, 28,000 in New York alone. And the majority of them are young men. It is a young man's disease. I have great faith in Dr. Friedmann."

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