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ATTRACT

ATTENTION

St. Louis will have a gathering on September 30 and October 1, which the Globe-Democrat thinks ought to attract fully as much attention throughout the country as will be excited by President Roosevelt's visit to that city a day later, and possibly it will have still more important consequences. This will be the meeting of the attorneys general of the various states to consider the general issue of the trusts in all the phases which have thus far revealed themselves. According to Missouri's attorney general Hadley, who was one of the promoters of this gathering, fully two-thirds of the states will be represented at the St. Louis meeting by their law officers. Attorney General Bonaparte and one or two of his leading assistants are expected to attend. The program covers a wide range of subjects bearing on the general tendency toward combination among the great agencies of production and transportation, and among employees as well as among employers. Among the subjects which are booked for discussion are the Standard Oil trust, railroad rate regulation, state regulation of public utilities, the Sherman anti-trust act, and the trust laws of the various states.

Now, just for instance, what would Decatur do for sensations if the all-star ball club should dash in the pan, and it were not for Billy Fronenfield?—Willshire Herald.

Should Decatur lose these star actors we would be compelled to ask the Herald to bring over a few of its choice cow stories. Talk about high life, they have it in Willshire any old time, in any old way.

An American girl is to wed an Italian duke, who, according to her father, has no bad habits and no debts. This sounds too good to be true, and we cannot help suspecting that there is a bogus phase to the title somewhere. For an American heiress to marry an estimable nobleman would be breaking all precedents.—Baltimore American.

Bryan's Commoner says: "Texas has just stacked up \$35,000 she raked in as a fine from the harvester trusts. The trust feels pretty well thrashed and is not chaffing about it."

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My light four-passenger touring car. Car is in good condition. Price \$350. Inquire of Dr. C. B. Wilcox, Decatur, Ind.

We take pleasure in extending to you an invitation to our millinery opening, Thursday, Sept. 26, 1907. Burd's Millinery. 229-51

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Curran's Retort.
Justice Robinson's encounter with John Philip Curran has been stated by Lord Brougham to have been the most successful instance of repartee on record. Judge Robinson was known to be the author of some anonymous pamphlets, a circumstance which gave Curran an opportunity to retort when the judge made a brutal attempt to crush him when a young and inexperienced man at the bar.

"I have searched all my lawbooks," said Curran, "and I can find no precedent on the point."

"Your law library," said the judge, "is rather contracted."

"My books," replied Curran, "may be few, but the title pages give me the writers' names. My shelf is not disgraced by any of such rank absurdity that their very authors are ashamed to own them."

"If you say another word, sir," said the judge, "I'll vomit you."

"Then, my lord," replied Curran, "it will be the best thing you have committed this term."

The judge endeavored to get Curran disbarred, but failed.

Not the Store He Meant.
Crumpled in his hand was a batch of shopping bills, whose intermittent rustling, as the clutch of their possessor relaxed and again tightened, afforded ample testimony to the cause of his lordship's displeasure.

Gently and with all her wool arts evidently in hair trigger readiness the young wife approached the offended one and began:

"Lovey, now don't sit here pouting all by yourself like a bad natured little boy. Such actions, as you very well know, if you'll only stop to think it over, will not at all contribute to the making of that blissful home you were so prone to picture to me during our courting days. Don't you recall it, dearie, and how eloquent you used to grow over the happiness the future had in store for us?"

With the spell of his displeasure partly broken by her persuasive manner, and yet with some touch of tartness in his tone, he turned and replied:

"Yes, I do, but I assure you, madam, that in that remark there was not even a remote hint of a department store."

—Boston Courier.

The "Letter G."

The leader of psalmody, or psaltery, in the Church of Scotland used to read from his desk in front of the pulpit the successive lines for congregational singing. He was the "letter g"—i.e., he that let go or started the psalm—and his desk was called the "letterbox" (lectern).

Pitching his voice to the first note of each line, he proceeded to chant the words in a slow, drawing monotone, prolonging the last syllable for a little and then breaking at the head of the congregation into the music set to the words thus delivered.

The effect of this would no doubt be frequently more curious and entertaining than edifying and solemn, and strange developments must occasionally have occurred.

The position tested not only the musical qualifications, but also the literary attainments, of the leader, and there are passages in the metrical version of the Psalms as used in Scotland which must have put rural preachers on their mettle.—London Notes and Queries.

When to Shoot a Critic.

At a supper party at the Garrick club in London some years ago a theatrical manager wound up a humorous speech by declaring his conviction that it would be to the advantage of the drama if a master were made of all the theatrical critics and they were shot offhand. Joseph Knight, the critic, called upon to reply to this playful striptease, rose and in his richest tones spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen, I have not the faintest objection, understand me, to the course

proposed by Mr. X. provided that in

mercy we are shot before being invited

to witness such entertainments as

our dear friend has recently produced at his theater."

The Federal Convention.

There were sixty-two members of

the convention that framed the con-

stitution of the United States. Of

these the men who wielded the greatest

influence were Washington, Franklin, Hamilton and Madison. Washington's devoted patriotism, Franklin's unfailing common sense, Hamilton's passion for nationality and Madison's unconquerable democracy, fused at last to form what Mr. Gladstone called "the greatest piece of work that ever

spoke from the human mind."

The Valuable Book.

"I never met a more ignorant man

than Nuritch," said Mugley. "What

he doesn't know would fill a good

many books."

"Yes," replied Wise. "But what he

does know seems to have filled one

pocketbook at least"—Philadelphia Press.

Hopeful.

Granger—How are you getting along

at your house? Timson—Pretty well,

on the whole. We are nearly out of

everything but debt, and in time, if

things go on as they have been goin',

we ought to be out of that.—Boston Transcript.

Safe Scheme.

Mr. Phoxy—Did you send the Borens

a card for our "at home?" Mrs. Phoxy

—Yes. How could I get out of it? Mr.

Phoxy—I'll tell Borens that Jenks is

coming. Borens owes him money.—

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"You don't"—Houston Post.

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