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We wonder what would have happened to Mr. Taft and his speech on the panic had some one asked him questions as cert. men did of the Independence speaker who usurped the Republican platform after Taft left. Questions touching the issues are very embarrassing to Taft these days when he can talk of nothing but his fear of Bryan. This fear is becoming a very nightmare at the white house—and it is to be noted that it is not a fear that the people will suffer, but that the Republican party will be turned out. It is a great fear.

This is the day of street arguments on politics, something that is altogether a waste of breath and labor. No one was ever convinced by such methods. They usually result, not in changed politics, but in loss of dignity and sometimes in a broken head.

New York Evening Post.—It has been shown that the Democratic committee got not a cent and that Mr. Roosevelt gave currency to a false charge. He admitted that Harriman raised \$240,000 for the Republican campaign fund in 1904. Then they were both "practical men" and were working together.

They are "all" for Taft. Who? Every trust magnate in America. "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib."

Bees Laxative Syrup always brings quick relief to coughs, colds, hoarseness, whooping-cough and all bronchial and throat trouble. Mothers especially recommend it for children. Pleasant to take, gently laxative. Sold by Badger & Green.

The New York World says that Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan "have assisted in hastening the day of honest publicity," and regrets that President Roosevelt has never shown an equal interest in divorcing corrupt politics and corrupt business.

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DEMOCRATIC NEWS

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So enthusiastic have the insiders of the steel trust become on their stock that the estimates of net earnings for the third quarter, which will be made public next Tuesday, continue to grow. Starting at \$25,000,000 about two weeks ago, they have had to be raised to \$26,000,000, and now it looks as though they might do half a million better. Orders are on the books to assure at least \$30,000,000 for the last quarter of the year. The fact that the trust is able to earn above \$95,000,000 for the worst year in its history is significant.

It is indeed very significant. There are many individuals and enterprises who have failed to realize anything like this rate on their capital or industry. But the steel trust has been able in this year of depression to earn almost \$100,000,000 on a capitalization of a little more than a billion dollars, and on an actual valuation of its original investment of \$500,000,000. It owes no small portion of its success to the power which we have given to it to lay taxes on the people of this country.

Michelot was by no means disconcerted. Giving the servant a couple of blows on the ear, not included in the part, he extemporized as follows:

"You'll scamp of a varlet, there is nothing you think of! There you stand quietly listening to the vermin squeaking in the house and never trouble yourself to get the rat poison!"

The effect of this scamp was striking. The audience broke out in loud applause, and no subsequent attempt was made to kiss the actor.

Equal to the Occasion.

Michelot, the famous comedian, suffered a great deal from the spite of his colleagues and found it necessary to be on the alert at every performance.

On a certain occasion he had to scold a servant in one of Moliere's plays, when the "claque," which had been bribed by his rivals, began to hiss.

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"Japan does an immense trade with China in cocoons, and the first time I carried such a cargo they were packed in sacks. When we got to Hongkong we found that the rats had discovered that part of a cocoon was good to eat, and the bill for their board came to \$5,000. The shipowners were sued for that amount; but, the packing being considered faulty, the claim was disallowed. It was the first and last cocoon feast the rats had, for ever since Japan has packed cocoons in zinc lined cases.

"Every time a ship gets back to Liverpool a rat catcher is set to clearing out the rats, but by the time we have loaded up again the rodents are every bit as numerous. In some ports we use rat guards on the ropes, and the ship is always fumigated before taking a cargo of fruit or tea. But there is no getting rid of them entirely."—London Graphic.

Helping Him On.

The somewhat elderly but still handsome and well preserved bachelor had long been an admirer of the young lady, but never had dared to tell her so. At last, however, he mustered courage to say:

"Miss Jessie, I wish I were twenty years younger."

"Why so?" she asked.

"Because then I should be bold enough perhaps to ask you to marry me."

With a charming smile she shook her head.

"I should have to tell you no, Mr. Baxter," she said. "If you were twenty years younger you would be—er—a great deal too young for me."

He took the hint—and a little while later the young lady too.

Missed the Combination.

He is one of those gushing old beaus who think flattery the key to favor with the gentler sex. The other evening he was at a reception with his wife, and they met the handsome Miss Blank, at whom he fired a whole battery of compliments. Then, turning to his wife, he said, "It's a good thing I didn't meet her before I married you, my dear."

"Indeed it is," she smiled sweetly—for her. I congratulate Miss Blank."—Exchange.

Art of "Dressing."

The art of consummate dress is not the gift of all or even the majority of mankind. One who possesses this gift knows all the subtle effects on angles, from the style and tilt of his hat to the exact width of the point of his shoe—Outfitter.

At the Foot.

Pater (sadly)—I don't know what to do with that boy of mine. He's been two years at the medical school and still keeps at the foot of his class.

Perrins (promptly)—Make a chiropodist of him.

Out of the shadows of night the world rolls into light.—Longfellow.

To those afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble, backache, rheumatism, Pineules for the Kidneys brings relief in the first dose. Hundreds of people today testify to their remarkable healing and tonic properties. 30 day's trial \$1.00. They purify the blood. Sold by Badger & Green.

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has assisted by contributing to the political history of the United States the statement of a candidate for the high office of President that to publish the sources and amounts of contributions to his campaign fund would reduce his chances of victory at the polls. If we admit that Mr. Taft has helped to hasten the day we must credit President Roosevelt with having aided. He was the first to admit that Mr. Taft could not risk publishing the lists.

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