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## THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS, LITTLE ONE.

Christmas has slipped away into the past again with its attendant joys and pleasures. The annual question of Santa Claus has been brought up and disputed and a number of otherwise loving and adoring parents have done all in their power to crush the faith of their little ones in Santa Claus. A little girl named Virginia wrote to an editor and informed him that she was told there was no Santa. She asked the moulder of public opinion if it was true. He said:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

## HIS NEWSPAPER FAULTS.

President Roosevelt's critics continue to spend their time in presenting their compliments to him in a way that no other president has ever been presented. Mr. Roosevelt is a favorite subject with editorial writers, who handle him without gloves. The editor of Harpers Weekly speaks of the president in the following novel way:

"It is interesting to notice the close analogy between President Roosevelt's standard and recognized faults and those of live and able newspapers such as at times he fights. He is rash, inaccurate, belligerent, a great blunderer, and hates to own up when he is beaten. So it is with most of the able papers. Some of them are not so honest as he is, but most of them are almost if not quite his equals in verbal accuracy. The reason of the likeness between him and them is very simple, and lies in the similarity between the life they lead and the life that he leads. The life of a live newspaper is a tremendous rush. So is his. The newspaper usually has more events and facts to handle and serve hot than it can more than imperfectly attend to before it goes to press. An honest newspaper does its best to handle them honestly, and often does wonders at it. So with the president. He goes to press nearly every night after a day packed full of decisions, discourses and deliverances. What he puts out is for better or worse and he can't get it back. A newspaper's life is like a football game. It follows the ball with all its energy until time is called. Sometimes it plays clean; sometimes not. It makes rapid decisions in the heat of conflict, and then stands by them the best it can. That is very like the president's life, too. He follows the ball for all he is worth, and when another player gets in his way there is a bouncing concussion. When he fights a team of newspapers, as he is doing just now, there ought to be a squad of umpires and referees to see fair play and impose fines when the rules are broken.

## HOLDUP MEN IN THE CALUMET REGION.

That lusty champion of justice and order, that good right arm of the law in Whiting, Chief Patrick Lawler, is responsible for strange tidings which come from the Standard Oil city. The gist of them is that Mr. Lawler was rudely approached by bold highwaymen on Saturday night and held up. He waged spectacular battle with a trio of bandits, who fled after encountering his good right arm and now he knows that the stories of midnight robberies in Whiting, that have been appearing in these columns of late, are no myth. One citizen who saw the tussle between the chief and his assailants, did not exactly redound to Whiting's glory, by fleeing ignominiously without going to Chief Lawler's assistance. The Whiting holdups in themselves are of course inconsequential, but they point out the fact that this is the time of the year when the Chicago toughs and vagabonds are driven out of the city and infest the Calumet region. The cities of Gary, East Chicago, Indiana Harbor and Hammond should be prepared for an invasion. It may come any night. It will be well to get out the old shot gun and the revolver and be ready for the midnight thug. A good dose of lead is the thing for what ails him.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION blames hard times for wife desertions. Nonsense, wives are necessities not luxuries.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 29.  
1734—Robert MacGregor Campbell ("Rob Roy"), a famous Scottish outlaw, died. Born March 6, 1711.  
1817—American colonization society, which aimed to return free negroes to Africa, formed in Washington, D. C.  
1829—Georgia refused to permit the Indians to set up an independent government in that state.  
1835—Patent for revolving firearm issued to Samuel Colt.  
1837—Steamer "Caroline" captured and destroyed at Niagara Falls.  
1862—Federal force captured Fort Van Buren, Ark.  
1871—Great fire in Little Rock, Ark.  
1889—Charles I proclaimed king of Portugal.

## Portugal.

1907—Alexander J. Cassatt, president of Pennsylvania Railroad company, died in Philadelphia. Born in Pittsburgh, Dec. 8, 1839.

## THIS IS MY 73D BIRTHDAY.

William E. Chandler.

William E. Chandler of New Hampshire, for many years one of the most important members of the United States senate, was born in Concord, N. H., Dec. 28, 1835, and was graduated from the Harvard law school and admitted to the bar in 1855. He was a member of the New Hampshire legislature from 1862 to 1864, and in the following year became solicitor and judge advocate of the navy. In the same year he was

# Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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## THE CHILDREN OF BELGRADE.

Modern history has its "children's crusade"—the crusade of the children of Belgrade.  
The children's crusade of the middle ages was warlike for the recovery of the holy sepulcher; the children's crusade at Belgrade was against war. Recently Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina. The jingo patriots of Serbia sent up a howl for war. Such a war meant the ruin of Serbia. The crown prince, the most dissolute prince in Europe, celebrated the war spirit by getting drunk and lashing people in the streets with his whip. A hideous blood demand filled Belgrade.

The people there have learned they have little to gain by political changes, and they are tired of being killed to please princes.

It was the women who acted. They would not let their husbands be butchered without protest, but knew the swashbucklers would not hesitate to kill them also if they marched.

But the children! Soldiers would not dare slaughter the children. And so the boys and girls were organized and drilled. Banners were made and lines of march outlined.

On the very day when the crown prince made his grand stand ultimatum, saying to the minister, "Remember you speak from 300,000 bayonets"—on that very day the children of Belgrade marched.

They came from all directions into the great square, singing and carrying banners bearing the legend:

Please Save Our Paps For Their Homes.

When the great palace square was full the singing ceased, and at a signal the shrill voices of the children shouted in unison:

"O king, let us have peace! Do not send our fathers to war!"

King Peter, who favors peace, but struggled with the hot passions of the war party, appeared at an upper window and graciously greeted the children.

The result? In that hour THE WAR SPIRIT OF SERBIA WAS CRUSHED. It has not been able to raise its head again.

All of which truth and pretty story illustrates the Scripture that "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings is ordained the strength to still the avenger."

appointed first assistant secretary of the treasury, and resigned from that office in November, 1887. In President Arthur's administration Mr. Chandler was secretary of the navy. He was elected to the senate in 1887 to fill an unexpired term, and was re-elected in 1889 and 1895. After his retirement from the senate he served as president of the Spanish treaty claims commission. Mr. Chandler is best known, perhaps, for the part he played in the presidential campaign of 1876, when, as was claimed, he went to Florida and seized that state from the democrats, thus securing the election of Mr. Hayes.

# RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

My Word, what a chance for "grapevine" specials when those aerograms begin to come to Hammond.

ALL A MAN HAS TO DO TO MAKE HIS CONVERSATION INTERESTING TO A WOMAN IS TO TALK LOVE TO HER ALL THE TIME.

Mr. Roosevelt would make himself stronger in the hearts of a great many people if he would extend executive clemency to Messrs. Gompers and Mitchell, but whether it would be proper or not is another thing.

All the world is ready to admire the taste of a man who fell in love with a young woman and married her because she thanked him when he gave her his seat and when she turned around there was no "gap in her plaque."

"Congress is setting," declares a country contemporary. Setting sun or setting eggs or just sitting?

Always  
Let your wife  
Have her own way.  
She is sure to be more amiable  
When she don't have  
To take it.

Frank Parenthesis.  
Frank long often gave wistfully toward Jasper, and his sighs are really pitiful. Hope she will be good to Frank for, besides being a first class machinist, he is a real good boy. (When he is asleep.)—Marble Hill Cor. Pickens County (Ga.) Progress.

Women will give up wearing birds on their hats just as soon as the stores begin

# UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

## PIONEER MINISTER DIES.

The Rev. George W. Bloette, of Anderson, 83 years old, died of heart failure at his home in Meridian street after a brief illness. The death of Mr. Bloette marks the passing of one of the pioneer ministers of the Eastern Indiana Conference of the Christian church.

## BANKS ARE BULGING.

Deposits at the Fort Wayne banks were heavy last week, reflecting the big holiday business enjoyed by the retailers. Although there were two bank holidays in the week the clearances totaled \$544,847.82. For the corresponding week of last year the clearances were \$506,160.84.

## FARMERS LOSE IN FIRE.

The plant of the Milan Milling company at Milan burned to the ground Saturday morning. The loss falls upon the owner, John Heimath of Napoleon, and a large number of farmers, who had wheat there. The loss is \$10,000, with no insurance.

## XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS TABOOED.

On account of an epidemic of scarlet fever in Warsaw, municipal authorities refused to allow any public Christmas entertainments here. Sunday school sessions also are barred next Sunday.

## AGAR CORDIALLY WELCOMED.

Henry E. Agar, believed dead for two years since his supposed drowning in the Wabash river, returned to Princeton Saturday morning to receive a cordial welcome by his former acquaintances and friends.

## MISS TARGET, HITS BOY.

While shooting at a mark on a stump at the home of Dan Catt, eight miles west of Petersburg, Will Catt, 11 years old, son of Piad Catt, shot Lloyd, his cousin, also 11 years old, son of Dan Catt, in the back, mortally wounding him. The shot was fired from a rifle and penetrated the body.

## FEARS OPTION; SELLS OUT.

Fearing that the county local option law or one that he passed covering less territory may be felt in Shelby county within the next few months, John Thompson of Shelbyville, one of the two saloonkeepers in Shelby town,

selling more expensive trimming.

There is no fear that the three year old emp. of China will do too much talking. But he may do considerable crying, however.

THE WEST SEEMS TO BE JUST AS POOR A PLACE FOR THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO WISHES TO WED AS IT IS FOR THE ONE WHO WANTS TO GET A DIVORCE.

A Chicago burglar broke into a hospital and took everything he could lay his hands on. He failed to take the patients' temperatures, however.

The only henpecked man whose home seems to be happy is the chap who can't keep away when his wife is talking.

We have just run across a story entitled the "Folly of Extravagant Giving," but have decided to pack it up nicely in the morgue for use next year.

Some men's idea of a happy marriage is to pick out the richest girl they can get and let it go at that.

President Castro seems to have done all his shopping early.

Yo, heave, ho! The rumble of the water wagon.

# LABOR NEWS

New York has the greatest number of wage-earners of any state in the Union. Pennsylvania is second.

The Union Labor Advocate will be published in Greater New York some time about the first of the new year.

Scottish coal masters have intimated a claim for further reduction to the extent of 6 1/2 per cent in the miners' wages.

A considerable improvement is reported in the manufacturing department of the linen trade of Lurgan, one of the chief centers of the Irish linen trade.

Minneapolis Typographical union will make an effort to get the annual convention of the International Typographical union to be held in August, 1910.

The movement to establish a retreat for aged, sick and infirm members of the painters, decorators and paper-hangers of America receiving the hearty endorsement of the craft.

The appeal court of Great Britain handed down a decision that a trades union cannot levy compulsorily on its members to maintain the labor re-education in parliament.

Considering all the important strikes of record in this country of those for increase of wages alone, 49.95 per cent were successful, 18.69 per cent partially successful, and 21.36 per cent failed.

The Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs will attempt to have passed at the coming legislature a bill fixing the minimum wage which department stores and factories shall be allowed to pay their girl employees.

In 1901 the sum of \$27,608,000 was expended by employers in Germany for the direct aid of their employees. More than two-thirds of this was given as voluntary contributions by private firms and individuals.

If you can truthfully say that THE TIMES is a good newspaper, please say so to a friend and get him to subscribe.

ship, has sold his place of business and residence property in Prescott to Martin Zinner, Jr., for \$2,100. Zinner owns the other saloon.

## REPORT SENT TO HANLY.

Tastefully printed and bound, with an attractive design of red and black on a brown ground, sixty-nine pages of the annual report of the Indiana reformatory at Jeffersonville, have been forwarded to Governor Hanly for his perusal. The report is from Sept. 30, 1907, to Oct. 1, 1908.

## COAL DEALERS TO MEET.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Coal Dealers' association of Michigan and Indiana will be held in Fort Wayne in the near future, to arrange for the big coal men's convention, which will be held here shortly after the completion of the new Hotel Anthony.

## MISS ADAMS SELECTED.

Miss Mabel Adams of Chicago has been elected superintendent of Hope hospital at Fort Wayne, succeeding Mrs. E. Gertrude Fournier, who tendered her resignation some weeks ago. Miss Adams has been assistant superintendent of the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago.

## SHOPLIFTERS ARRESTED.

One of the largest thefts of the Indianapolis Christmas shopping season has been cleared up in the arrest of two young men giving the names of Ben Akerman and Harold Chase at Lebanon, Ind., on charges of shoplifting. The two, who say they have recently been Northwestern university students, were brought to Indianapolis and their photographs added to the rogues' gallery here.

## SEARCH FOR MRS. STONE.

The police at Logansport began to search Saturday night for Mrs. Bertha May Stone, wife of W. A. Stone, a millionaire coal operator of Uniontown, Pa. She is believed to be in Indiana and a woman answering her description applied to local department stores for a position as clerk two days ago. Her manifest unfamiliarity with work and her costly dress and jewels prevented her from obtaining employment.

# THE CREAM OF THE Morning News

Tumultuous throng, crying "Down with the czar!" hears prominent Chicagoans plead Christian Rudovitz's claim to the right of asylum in America.

United States will resume packers' inquiry today with double plan of attack.

Seven thousand poor Chicagoans are given Christmas dinners by Volunteers of America.

Reports from Nyack, N. Y., are that the world did not come to end but that the career of Lee J. Spangler as a prophet did and that he fled town.

Washington, Pa., produces a family so mixed up that its members cannot tell what kin they are to each other. Confirmation of the appointment of Bishop D. J. O'Donnell, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, as auxiliary bishop of San Francisco is received from Rome.

Governor Deneen will come to Chicago today and is expected to urge his friends in the legislature to stand for a joint republican caucus on the United States senatorship.

Great pressure is being exerted upon the members of congress for the passage of a postal savings bank law.

Canada and Mexico are invited by President Roosevelt to take part in a conference on the conservation of the natural resources of North America, to be held in the White House on Feb. 18.

W. I. Buchanan, United States commissioner, is off the coast of Venezuela, according to wireless dispatches received in Curacao.

Wheat market receives attention of influential speculators who hold radically different views. Corn trade is disappointing, but receipts limited.

Week in Wall street opens with a big decline in prices, but ends with a sharp rally.

Promoter H. D. McIntosh will ask Jim Jeffries to re-enter ring and box Jack Johnson.

Turfmen in California fear adverse legislation on racing question.

## DR. HIRSCH IN SERMON PRAISES THE NEWSPAPERS.

Commends Exposure of Evil and Says World Is Growing Better.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago, in a sermon at Sinai congregation yesterday praised the newspapers for exposing crime, vice, divorces, and putting the people on their guard.

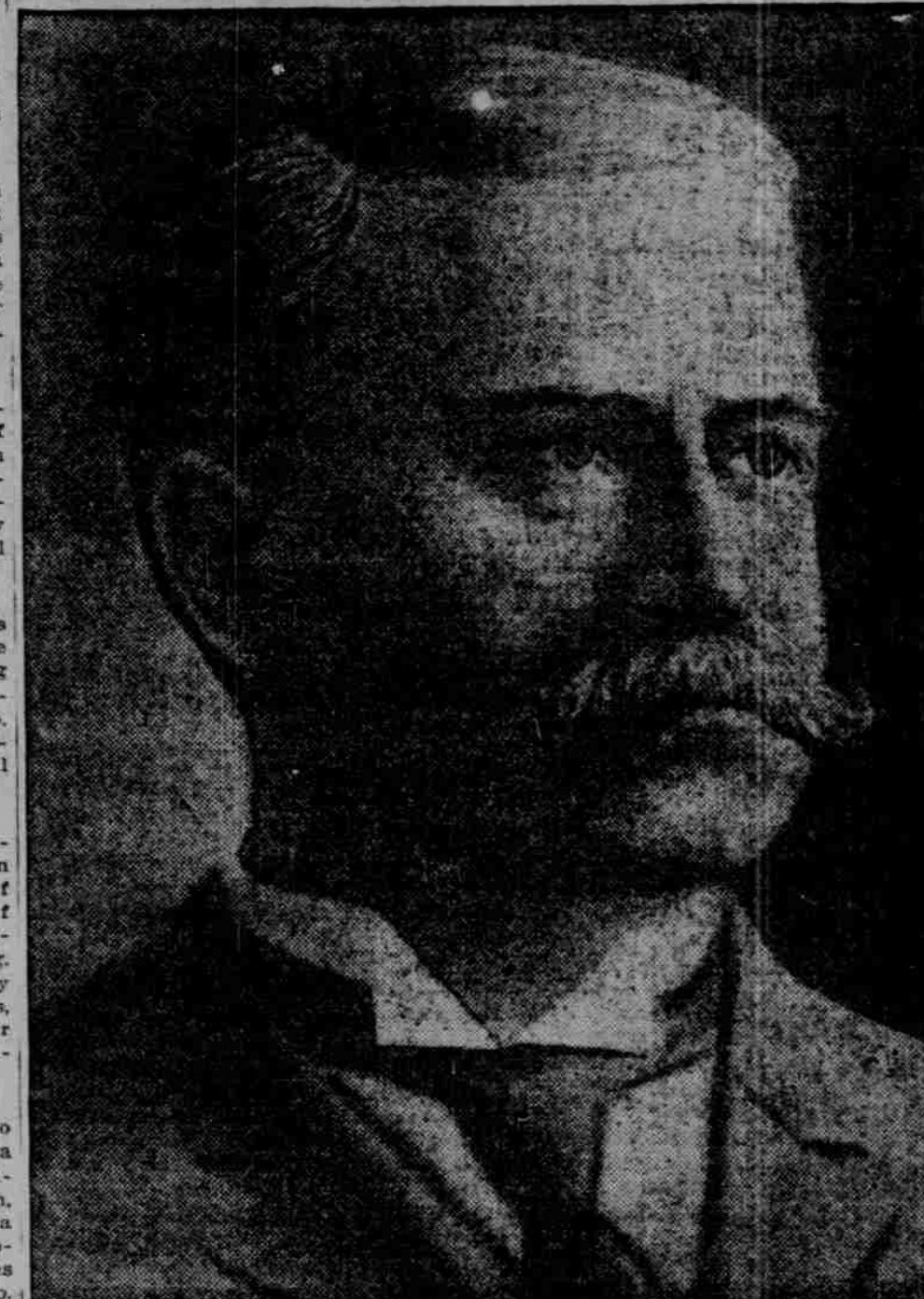
"The continued cry that conditions are getting worse leads one to believe that men in the early ages were perfect," he said. "We know that is not so. The Jewish religion teaches that the best times are to come. The people are developing better, morally, spiritually and are getting stronger all the while. The newspapers prove it. They print notices of murders, divorces and such and in the next columns make a fight for better air, for a tuberculosis cure. They strive for better schools, praise firemen and policemen who risk their lives to save those who risk."

## FAIR MANAGERS WILL MEET.

Northern Indiana Associations to Avoid Conflict in Racine.

LaPorte, Ind., Dec. 28.—A meeting of the representatives of fair associations in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Huntington, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaGrange, DeKalb and Whitley counties will be held at Kendall early in January to organize the Northern Indiana Short-Ship circuit to insure continuous racing and to avoid conflict of meetings.

# Millionaire Broker In Money Crash.



HENRY W. POOR.

New York, Dec. 28.—It was the general impression among both bankers and brokers here today that the assignment of Henry W. Poor would have no effect on the financial world. It was stated, however, that for the last six months and possibly a year, an assignment or some such action on Poor's part was to be expected and that any effect it might have had long ago been discounted. It was also the generally expressed opinion that the creditors, for the most part, were tradesmen and others in the commercial world. The Poor had borrowed in the street was of course likely, it was admitted, but it was argued that those who loaned the banker money had done so with full knowledge of the condition of his affairs and that none of his creditors was likely to push Poor, but probably would accord him all the time he desired to settle his affairs. Most of those seen today were of the opinion that, with time, Poor undoubtedly would be able to straighten out his affairs and get on his feet again. Much of Poor's trouble is attributed to his widespread connections with houses out of New York, where it is thought that Poor had to shoulder the financing of others in the past year and had in that manner crippled his own resources.

# LOOKING ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

## A Running Broad Jump.

"One day," related Denny to his friend Jerry, "when Ol had wandered too far inland on my shore, Ol suddenly found that there was a great big haythen, tin feet tall, chasin' me along the road we had it nip an' tuck. Thin Ol turned into the woods an' we ran for one hundred an' twenty miles or more, wid him galin' on me steadily, owin' to his knowledge of the country. Finally, just as Ol could feel his hot breath burnin' on the back of my neck, we came to a big lake. Wid one great leap Ol landed safe on the opposite shore, leavin' me pursuer confounded and impotent wid rage."

"Faith an' that was no great jump," commented Jerry, "considerin' the running sthary ye had."—Everybody's Magazine.

## A Domestic Bellman.

A Philadelphia woman whose given name is Mary, as is also the name of her daughter, had recently engaged a domestic, when, to her embarrassment, she discovered that the servant's name, too, was Mary.

Whereupon there ensued a struggle to induce the applicant to relinquish her idea that she must be addressed by her Christian name. For some time she was rigidly uncompromising.

"Under the circumstances," said the lady of the house, "there is nothing to do but to follow the English custom and call you by your last name. By the way, what is it?"

"Well, mum," answered the girl, dubiously, "it's Darling."—Harper's Weekly.

## Family Discipline.

"So you are going to send your youngest boy to college?" "Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel, "He's too big for me to handle in the woodshed, and I guess I'll have to have him hazed."—Washington Star.

## A Time Limit.

A New England man tells of an elderly citizen in a New Hampshire town who long bore the reputation of being the meanest man in the country. This old chap was proprietor of a hotel, the rules whereof provided that everything should be kept under lock and key, the result of which was that no hanger-on could get his hands on a newspaper, a bit of hotel stationery, a free wash, or, in fact, anything free at all. To cap the climax, the old man one day came in and posted the following notice above the only clock in the place:

"This clock is for the use of hotel guests only."—Harper's Weekly.

## Misplaced Sympathy.

A traveler passing through a mountain district in northern Pennsylvania last summer came across a lad of sixteen cultivating a patch of miserable potatoes. He remarked upon their unpromising appearance, and expressed pity for any one that had to dig a living out of such soil.

"I don't need no pity," said the boy, resentfully.

The traveler hastened to soothe his wounded pride. But in the offended

tone of one who had been misjudged, the boy added: "I ain't as poor as you think. I'm only working here. I don't own this place."—Everybody's Magazine.

## Free Advice.

A man sat for some time in a restaurant looking thoughtfully at his saucer of melting ice cream. At last he left his chair and made his way to the proprietor.

"I see you advertise that you make your own ice cream," he said, in a confidential manner.

"I do, sir," said the proprietor.

"Well," said the man, "would you permit me to give you a little pointer? I won't charge you a cent, and it'll be money in your pocket."

"Glad to hear it, I'm sure," said the proprietor.

"Get somebody else to make it," said the man in a horse whisper.—Youth's Companion.

## Overtaken.

A wizened little man charged his wife with cruel and abusive treatment. His better half, or in this case, better two-thirds, was a big, square-jawed woman with a determined eye.

The judge listened to the plaintiff's recital of wrongs with interest.

"Where did you meet this woman, who, according to your story, has treated you so dreadfully?" his honor asked.

"Well, judge," replied the little man, making a brave attempt to glare defiantly at his wife, "I never did meet her. She just kind of overtook me."—Everybody's Magazine.

## The Poetic Temperament.

Goodart—"You didn't actually tell him that didn't think him much of a poet?"

Wiseman—Sure.

Goodart—"Oh! I wouldn't have had you do that for the world."

Wiseman—Nonsense! That doesn't hurt him. It only makes him pity you.

—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Diplomacy.

It was at a well known sanitarium. A number of frivolously disposed young women convalescents were taking their ease on couches on one of the commodious sun-balconies of the establishment, and