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If one of Gladys Vanderbilt's big brothers had taken her fiance, Count Cz. 17A\$, and kicked him out of the house, unless the signs lie, it would have saved her happiness and spared the country another humiliation of another international marriage fiasco.

King Leopold of Belgium, says he does not want any profits from the Congo Free State, in his reply to the Congo commission. That cinches it. He's milked the poor country plumb dry and is now making a bid for grand stand applause.

If Uncle Sam and Japan keep on issuing conciliatory orders and "hot air" some of us will begin to believe that there is, after all, a troublesome "Ethiopian in the international wood pile."

President Roosevelt is going to put a curb on federal judges who are issuing unjust injunctions against labor unions. Why, we thought Wall street's "big guns" had squelched "Teddy" with the recent panic.

Congressmen shouldn't worry over "that homespun brigade," of Uncle Joe Cannon's. It is simply another manifestation of the "glad hand" and "Barney stone" method of getting votes.

Judge McEwen of Chicago, candidate for governor of Illinois, says that evil is a necessity. When is it, Judge, run or the criminal corporation?

Hum! Ex-presidents to get fat jobs. That will mean more incentive for our ex-presidents to remain a while longer on this side of the grave.

Indiana's supply of oil is showing a great decrease. Must you really be going, Johnstone?

And once more the pitcher went to the well too often.

Who said "possum?"

EMBROIDERED TRUTH.

Mark Twain on His Own Reputation For Veracity.

I am used to having my statements discounted. My mother began it before I was seven years old. Yet all through my life my facts have had a substratum of truth, and therefore they were not without preciousness. Any person who is familiar with me knows how to strike my average and therefore knows how to get at the level of any fact of mine and dig it out of its blue clay matrix. My mother knew that art. When I was seven or eight or ten or twelve years old—along there—neighbor said to her:

"Do you ever believe anything that boy says?"

My mother said:

"He is the wellspring of truth, but can't bring up the whole well with one bucket." And she added: "I know his average, therefore he never deceives me. I discount him 30 per cent for embroidery, and what is left is perfect and priceless truth without a flaw in it anywhere."—Mark Twain's Autobiography in North American Review.

The Fighting Lemming. If the lemming's powers were proportioned to his pluck, the lemming would make things lively for the hunter. It attacks with reckless fury the harmless passerby. One of these creatures, smaller than a rat, will assault without a second thought a couple of human beings weighing 150 pounds apiece. It will spring to one's knees, barking and biting, and in pulsing fury fall back "all ends up" to the earth, only to renew the attack again and again. One day while one lemming was flying at me another from beyond small stream joined in the demonstration and presently swam across to get in close quarters. I was not quite sure that the first fall into the water was not accidental, but hardly think so, since once there it came straight to the charge.—"Wild Norway."

Most Nearly Perfect Vacuum. It was Professor Dwyer's achievement in liquefying hydrogen that led to the discovery of an easy method of obtaining an almost perfect vacuum, and that in a single minute. When a glass tube filled with air and closed at one end has its open end dipped into a cup of liquid hydrogen, the intense cold condenses the air into a kind of snow that settles to the bottom. If, then, the upper part of the tube, from which the solidified air has fallen, is removed by heating and cooling it off it becomes a vacuum chamber so free from air that it is difficult to force an electric current through it.—New York Herald.

Postum is a rebuilding—made of wheat (no drug or medication) which contains the "vital phosphates" that repair the damage done by coffee.

What's the use to keep sick and miserable when a simple change of diet will bring back health and happiness. "There's a Reason."

It was 200 years ago that the society of Friends founded its church in Lynn, Mass.

INTRODUCES BILL OF INTEREST TO ALL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

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PHILANDER C. KNOX.

Washington, Jan. 27.—A bill of tremendous importance to hundreds of thousands of railway employees throughout the country, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, and is now under consideration by the Judiciary Committee of that body.

This bill is designed to take the place of the employers' liability law which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Knox bill makes all railroads engaged in interstate commerce liable to their employees for injury incurred in service, and to their heirs in the event of a fatal accident.

Under the terms of this bill no contract of employment, insurance, relief benefit, etc., can constitute a bar or defense to any action brought to recover damages for personal injuries or death.

The following doctrine is overturned

by the Knox bill and the rule of contributory negligence is greatly modified.

Under its terms the mere fact that an employee is injured or killed through the negligence of a fellow employee does not relieve the employer from responsibility.

Nor does contributory negligence bar an injured employee from claiming damages. It merely lessens the amount of damage in proportion to the percentage of negligence contributed.

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