

## WOMEN'S HATS STUMP COMMITTEE

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The Subject.

### HIGH DUTY IS PROPOSED.

**COST TO BUYERS WOULD INCREASE IF SUCH ACTION WERE TAKEN—CHAMP CLARK HAS A PECULIAR IDEA OF WOMEN.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The ways and means committee today got tangled up by the subject of women's hats and displayed a lack of information on this subject. Peter Zucker, representing millinery importers of New York and large millinery manufacturers, appeared to oppose the proposal of New York manufacturers of artificial feathers and flowers to increase the ad valorem duty from 50 to 70 per cent.

Mr. Zucker urged that the duty remain as it is.

"If there is any article in the world," said he, "in which the question of the consumer comes in it is a woman's hat." He argued that the styles of decorations of hats were set in Paris and that the average woman insisted on having her hats trimmed with imported feathers. He said that the proper trimmings were made here, but were used only on cheap hats.

Consumer Must Pay.  
A higher duty would not keep out a single imported feather," declared Mr. Zucker, "and the consumer would have to pay the additional duty."

Mr. Zucker further urged that it was not the ultra rich that were effected alone by the plan for an increased duty, but that the great middle class would have to pay more for hats.

"If a woman wants to buy a bonnet," said Champ Clark, "she don't care a snap how much she pays for it." He added that if a reduction of the tariff would make bonnets cheaper, he was for it. It was brought out that the government gets \$3,000,000 out of revenues for imported hat trimmings.

### PREPARE FOR 70,000 MILE AUTO TRIP

Man and Wife Return in the Year 1912.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Hover, members of the Spokane Motor Club, who completed in New York, Nov., the first leg of which is conceded to be the longest automobile trip ever attempted, are in Spokane making ready for a journey of 70,000 miles through Europe, Asia and Africa. They will sail from New York January 22, going to Algiers, passing the winter in Algeria, Tunis and Egypt and penetrating the Sahara desert as far as Biskra. Crossing to Italy in the spring, the next three years will be devoted to crossing every country in Europe at least one way, with some touring in Western Siberia.

The homeward trip will begin in 1911 by crossing from Turkey to Palestine, where the car will be driven to Jerusalem and back to the coast, and thence to India, China and Japan, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii, autoing in each as much as feasible. From Honolulu they will sail for San Francisco, in the winter of 1912, driving thence to Spokane, and by that time they expect to have covered on their way more than 75,000 miles, some of which in districts where an automobile has never before been seen.

#### FOUND DRUNK.

Oscar Frame was found drunk on the streets last evening and was taken to jail.

## LIFE IS THREATENED

Illinois Jurist Is Saved by a Court Clerk Who Snuffs Bomb's Fuse.

### MATTER INVESTIGATED.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—An attempt was made to assassinate Judge Slusher, of the Kane County Circuit today with a bomb at Elgin. The infernal machine, filled with giant powder, and with a fuse attached, sputtering and timed to the moment when the judge should return from luncheon, was found under the jurist's desk in his office by Deputy Court Clerk McNeerney, who snuffed out the spark at the risk of his own life.

State's attorney Tyers and Sheriff Richardson are investigating in an effort to capture the assassin. The motive for the attempted assassination is a mystery. Judge Slusher passes lightly over the affair.

### REUF NOT GIVEN SENTEACE BY COURT

His Punishment to Be Meted Out Next Saturday.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The pronouncing of sentence on Abraham Ruef, convicted of bribery, was postponed by Superior Judge Lauter, today, until next Saturday, December 19.

### A LIVE COAL TRICK.

Teaches Natural Law, Yet Has All the Appearance of Magic.

No one would suppose that it is possible to hold a glowing coal on a piece of linen or cotton without burning the cloth, but that such can be done is easy for any one to prove, and at the same time the experiment teaches an important natural law. Every child knows that the telephone and telegraph wires are made of copper because that metal is a good conductor of heat and electricity, which is only another form of heat. If a poker is heated in the fire you pick up a cloth to hold the outer end, although it has not been in the fire, because experience has taught you that the heat is connected through the metal from the fire to the outer end.

This experiment with the flaming coal is based upon this principle and the additional one that linen and cotton are poor conductors of heat. Take a globe of copper and draw a piece of cloth tightly over it so that there is not a wrinkle at the top. If the linen or cotton is closely woven the trick is all the more certain. Then holding the cloth tightly in place, you can safely put a glowing coal on top of the cloth, and, while it burns fiercely, the cloth will not even be scorched.

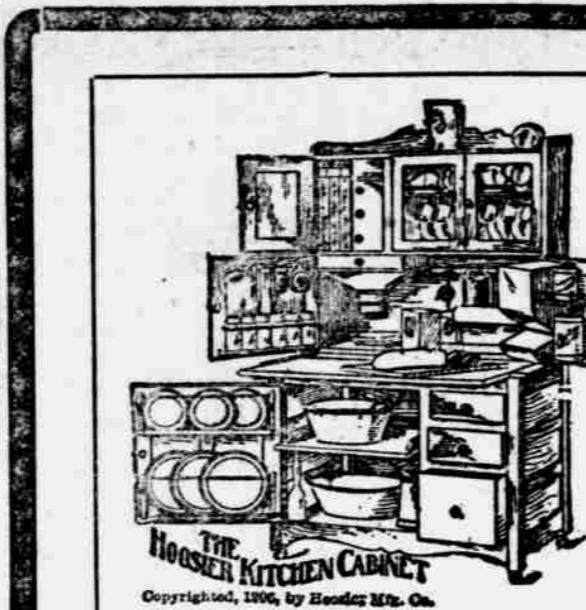
The reason is that the great conductor of the copper draws the heat of the coal before it can burn the cloth. Do not make this experiment with a good handkerchief first, for if the cloth is not tightly drawn it may burn, but take some worthless piece of linen or muslin, and after you are certain of your experience you can astonish your friends who do not know the secret.—Washington Post.

### CASH IN STOVE; WIFE LIGHTS A FIRE.

York, Pa., Dec. 12.—Nelson Ness, of this city, yesterday used his cook stove for a safety bank. This morning he has a number of charred notes and some mutilated silver. The roll was placed in the oven while Mrs. Ness was absent from the home and the stove was cold.

When the wife returned she kindled a fire. Soon after she noticed the smoke coming from the oven. Upon investigating she found the charred notes.

Calvin T. Kraft, cashier of the City Bank, will do what he can to replace them.



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We are already placing many aside for Xmas delivery.

Prices from:

**\$16.50      \$22.00**

**\$25.00**

and upward.

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<b>Pictures,</b>	<b>Davenports</b>
<b>Fancy Rockers</b>	<b>Parlor Suits</b>
<b>Library Tables</b>	<b>Dressing and</b>
<b>Leather Cushions, and</b>	<b>Smoking Tables,</b>
<b>Table Covers</b>	<b>Music Cabinets, etc.</b>
	<b>Foot Rests.</b>

You're Always Welcome

### Santa Claus' Cor. Ninth and Main Headquarters

### CONGRESS WORRIED

Solons Speculate on Nature of Threatened Roosevelt Disclosures.

### WHAT WILL BE RESULT?

Washington, Dec. 12.—There is much speculation in congressional circles as to the ultimate result of the pending controversy between congress and President Roosevelt over the uses of the secret service agents. There is no doubt of the depth of feeling that has been aroused over the president's ironical suggestion that congressmen do not wish themselves and their actions watched, but there is still greater irritation over the knowledge that secret service detectives have been on the trail of congressmen and that the president evidently intends to continue that practice.

Members of both the house and the senate are wondering what the president has up his sleeve. They do not believe he would have said what he did in his message without appreciating that it would be resented, and they hear that he is prepared to come back with disclosures of an unpleasant nature to some gentlemen in case congress becomes rude to him in its treatment of the subject.

Just what these disclosures will be is what is causing most of the speculation and perhaps wortiment on the part of some.

"I never knew until I attended the horse show what an absurd term 'horse laugh' was."

"What impressed you?"

"Why, there's no such thing as a horse laugh. The horses looked right at the ladies' hats and didn't even smile."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It is proved by ancient carvings unearthed in Egypt that the bellows were in use for forcing fire in the fifteenth century B. C.

### QUEER DEFINITIONS.

An Early Eighteenth Century Interpreter of Hard Words.

Bailey's Universal Etymological Dictionary, with the subtitle, "An Interpreter of Hard Words," was first published in London in 1721. Most of its definitions are eccentric, and some of them incredibly so. Here are specimens plucked at random:

Man—A creature endowed with reason.

Thunder—A noise known by persons not deaf.

Lightning—A meteor.

Rainbow—A meteor of divers colors.

Weapon Salve—A sort of ointment which is said to cure a wound by being applied to the sword or other weapon that made the wound.

Balloon—A football; also a great ball.

With which noblemen and princes use to play.

Cow—A beast well known.

Peacock—A fine bird.

Elephant—The biggest, strongest and most intelligent of all four footed beasts.

Medlar—A fruit which is grateful to the stomach, but is not ripe till it is rotten.

Snow—A meteor well known in north-erly and southerly climates, especially beyond the tropics.

Mouth—Part of the body of a living creature.

Eye—An instrument of death.

### HELPED THE BOYS.

A Letter That Aroused King Christian of Denmark.

King Christian of Denmark once found in his morning mail a letter which moved him more than did most matters of state. The letter was in a boyish scrawl and read as follows:

Dear King—We are four boys at Flakkeberg school, and the master whips us daily with a piece of steel rope he found in the harbor. If he doesn't stop there will be a fire.

The name of the teacher being given, the king ordered him to report at once to the minister of justice, while he took the next train for Flakkeberg and examined the class in the teacher's absence. The children, unawed by the presence of the cruel teacher, told their grievance to the kindly old king, who promised in immediate relief, closed the school for the day and ordered that the boys be treated to chocolate and cakes at his expense "to remember him by."

But he did more than that. On returning to Copenhagen he dismissed the cruel teacher without pension, at the same time giving a general warning to all teachers to be wary of corporal punishment. "If boys cannot be trained without cruel beatings" this wise king said, "then there must be something the matter with those who train them. The coming generation must not be made ruffians by ruffian teachers."

Isle of Wight.  
The Isle of Wight inhabitants are not alone in speaking of "going to England" when they leave their own fragment of the kingdom. A patriotic Cornishman also "goes to England" when he crosses the Tamar. Similarly inhabitants of the Balkan peninsula talk of "going to Europe" when they leave their own corner of the continent—in curious contrast with the people of our own island. We regard ourselves as both of and in "Europe," and accordingly it is only "the continent" that we visit. The record in the splendid isolation line is probably held by that minister of the Cumbrass, in the Clyde, who prayed for a blessing upon "the inhabitants of Great and Little Cumbrass and the adjacent islands of Great Britain and Ireland."—London Graphic.

Kulcker—You know that speech is given to man to conceal his thoughts.

Broker—Well, penmanship does it even better.—New York Sun.

### BROODS THREE YEARS; AT LAST SUICIDES

New York Contractor Grieved Over Death of Wife.

How Congress Spring Was Named.

When John Taylor Gilman, a member of congress, visited the log houses which chiefly constituted Saratoga in its early history, he was accompanied one day on a hunting ramble by a young son of the woodsman with whom he boarded. When they returned to the cabin the boy enthusiastically shouted, "Oh, ma, we've found a new spring!"

"Who found it?" he was asked.

"Turning to the distinguished law- maker, the little fellow admiringly exclaimed, "Why, the congress!"

And to this day the name has clung to one of the most celebrated of the springs which made the place a sanitary resort long before it became the seat of summer fashion.

**Kodol For Indigestion.**  
Relieves sour stomach palpitation of the heart. Digests what you eat.

### Eternal Fitness.

"Women are wonders," said a man at the quick lunch counter. "A friend of mine sent me an invitation to the funeral services over her pet Angora cat that died in a fit. Now, I had never been invited to a cat funeral before, and I had no more idea than a rabbit what was expected of me. I was in a rush and stopped in at an Italian florist's and told him to fix up a suitable design for me. He sent up a cat, life size, made of white immortelle, with a huge purple bow dangling from the end of its tail. The maid said my friend regarded it as a deadly insult to her feelings, and I wasn't even handed a rain check when I called."—New York Times.

There is no medicine so safe and of the same so pleasant to take as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup of Senna to relieve cure for all diseases arising from stomach trouble. The price is very reasonable—50c and \$1.



### JEWELRY

### FOR Christmas

There is nothing given for Christmas that excites so much pleasure and shows as much real value as a gift from a good reliable jewelry store.

Never before in our history have we had such an array of really good, new and appreciable gifts for Xmas. Here are a few suggestions:

#### For Ladies

- Diamond Ring
- Diamond Brooch
- Bracelet
- Bar Pin
- Barrette
- Belt Pin
- Back Comb
- Cuff Pins
- Hat Pin
- Le Valliere
- Purse
- Ring
- Watch
- Spoon

#### For Gentlemen

- Signet Ring
- Scarf Pin
- Cuff Buttons
- Shirt Buttons
- Collar Buttons
- Cloth Brush
- Military Brushes
- Fob
- Charm
- Watch Chain
- Whisk Broom
- Key Ring
- Match Box
- Smoking Set

#### For the Home

- Mantle Clock
- Hall Clock
- Alarm Clock
- Gold Clock
- Candelabra
- Baking Dish
- Bread Tray
- Knives and Forks
- Berry Spoon
- Gravy Ladle
- Cold Meat For
- Set of Spoons
- Cut Glass
- Carving Set

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