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## Improved Postal Service

The post office department has been under  
severe criticism for many months. The attack  
is not directed against the employees, but against  
the mistaken theory of the postmaster general,  
who has permitted the system to deteriorate in  
order, as some critics allege, to make a good fin-  
ancial showing.In support of this contention they assert that  
mail trains have been taken off in such large  
numbers that it takes as long, if not longer, to  
move a letter from New York to Kansas City to-  
day than it did many years ago. Cities along  
branch railroads have been hit hard, because in  
many instances only one mail train in either di-  
rection is operated.The Indianapolis Star, editorially says that  
the small pay of employees in the service is re-  
sponsible for the breakdown. Others believe this  
is only one of the many factors responsible. The  
Star says:Those employed in the postal service have  
been granted increases in pay in recent years,  
but those have not been proportionate to the ad-  
vance in the cost of living nor have they keptToday's Talk  
By George Matthew AdamsFACTS TO BE FACED  
IN CHURCH MEETING**"I AM SO LITTLE."**  
I once received a letter that read  
like this: "I would like to do so many  
things, but I am so little. I want to  
help, but I don't know the way."All things are big or little, but re-  
lative. The Earth is very big—but  
there are thousands of other bodies  
like the Earth that are so much bigger.  
The Sun is a giant beside the Earth.It isn't the bigness of things or of  
people that counts, but the way in  
which the best use of one's ability fits  
into the scheme of the world.And as to helping, that is a task  
that may be done at any time and in  
any place.There is so much to do. That's  
about the only discouraging thing  
about a brief life in the body—there is  
so little time in which to do so many  
things. But if we do all that we are  
able in the time allotted to us there  
need be nothing to worry us.You can be quite big—right where  
you are!The piccolo is the smallest instru-  
ment played in a band—but just let its  
player get on the wrong key once and  
note the expression on the band-  
master's face!It's the way we play the game that  
counts.Do many little things and you will  
be growing into big things. For that is  
the way he biggest things come about.  
Infinite pains great patience, long and  
difficult work—these are the roads  
which genius walks.It is quite wonderful the way big  
things open up to one who keeps clean-  
ing his way as he goes by doing the  
little things well.You are so little? Well, size isn't  
the thing. It's what you do with ALL  
that you are.Memories of Old Days  
In This Paper Ten Years  
Ago TodayThe tentative program for the state  
women's building at the county infir-  
mary.Thomas McCarthy and Miss Marion  
Martin, both of this city, were quietly  
convention of Easies, scheduled for  
Richmond, June 15, 16 and 17, was an-  
nounced.The Rev. David Huntington, rector  
of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and  
one of the most prominent ministers  
in the city, has accepted the pasto-  
rato at Watertown, N. Y.County Health Officer J. E. King an-  
nounced that he would condemn the  
married by the Rev. Father Welland  
at St. Andrew's church.

## Dinner Stories

Mrs. Koppikat was a hypochondriac  
and whatever complaint another had,  
she always had, or had had it quite  
frequently.The other day a friend of hers  
dropped in, and in the course of her  
conversation, remarked:"I've been suffering terribly of late  
with insomnia."Mrs. Koppikat hadn't the slightest  
idea what insomnia was, but she was  
not to be outdone."So have I," she answered, "some-  
thing dreadful.""And what did you do for it?" in-  
quired the friend eagerly."Why, my dear, I find the only  
thing that does me any real good is  
to go to bed and sleep it off."Industrial workers in Philadelphia  
suffered 20,222 accidents during the  
last year. Of that number 255 were  
fatal, 5,297 were serious and 14,670  
were of a minor nature.

## Eyes Inflamed?

If your eyes are inflamed, weak-  
tired or overworked; if they ache, if  
picture shows make them feel dry  
and strained, get a bottle of Bon-  
Opto, tablets in a fourth of a glass of  
water and use as an eye bath from  
two to four times a day. Bon-Opto  
alleviates inflammation, invigorates,  
tones up the eyes.Note: Doctors say Bon-Opto strengthens eye  
sight 50% in a week's time in many instancespace with the higher prices paid to workers in  
industry. The result has been that the young  
and desirable men who might be induced to enter  
the service are going into factories. Many who  
had passed the civil service examination and tak-  
en places in the postoffices are leaving to get  
more money elsewhere.The result of that policy has been that the  
postoffices of the country are now manned by  
old employees, many of whom should be on pen-  
sions and others of whom feel that they have  
been too long in the government employment to  
change, neither competent nor dependable. The  
helpers who do take the examinations remain  
only a short while, as a rule, and there is a con-  
stant procession of new men passing in and out  
of the postoffices.The news reports from Chicago a few days  
ago explained that college students are employed  
to work at odd times getting out the accumula-  
tion of mail in that city. It is not generally  
known that much mail collected in Chicago is  
shipped to Indianapolis to be sorted and started  
on its way. Such are conditions in Chicago com-  
pared with those in Indianapolis, which are bad  
enough. Detroit is said to be in worse condition  
than Chicago even, all due to inability to get  
enough competent help.The problem is a serious one and should not  
be neglected. Its solution lies in making the postal  
service sufficiently remunerative to attract and  
hold a high-grade quality of helpers. A few  
years ago a mail carrier or clerk got better pay  
than was received in the various industries. The  
result was keen competition for places in the  
service with corresponding benefit to the per-  
sonnel of the department. Similar conditions should  
be restored in justice to the men in the service  
and in the interest of the public dependent upon  
the postoffice.Good Evening  
By Roy K. Moulton

## PARLOUS TIMES.

So far as styles  
are concerned.  
These are parlorous times.  
For instance,

We witnessed an embarrassing

incident in a street car  
Yesterday.

A gentleman who

probably had the kindest

intentions in the world,

Saw a little girl

Standing up and offered

To take her on his lap.

She gave him a haughty stare

And what she said will not

Be published here.

She was not a little girl

At all, but a lady who

Was about the same age

As the kind gentleman.

You can not tell nowadays

By the skirts.

The greatest word in the English

language is "wonderful."

When used by the so-called weaker

sex it possesses a punch that is a

sure-fire knock-out. A man's lady

friend can tell him that he is hand-  
some and he perhaps does not believeher. She can tell him that he is hon-  
est and he experiences no thrill.

She can tell him that he is good and he

mildly agrees with her. But when she

gazes into his eyes, and with a trem-  
ble in her voice, pulls that ancient

wheeze: "Dear, you are wonderful."

He hits the ceiling with a crash, be-  
cause in nine cases out of ten, he

knows she is speaking the truth when

she says it.

"OUIJAMANIA."

It's Quija this and "Weejee" that—

When will it cease? Oh, Lord!

It's getting all my nerves on edge—

I'm truly Quija bored!

—Edward L. Klein

A friend of ours tells us that since

she has become accustomed to drink-

ing wood alcohol, nothing else seems

to have the desired "kick."

Reports say the country is suffer-  
ing from a shortage of school teachers.Judging by some of the magazine lit-  
erature we have read recently, this

shortage has been in vogue for several

years.

## The Beloved Cheater

Coming to The

Richmond Theatre

Easter for Three Days

Complexion Secrets  
Of An Actress

In a recently issued volume bearing

the above title, the author says: "Con-

tinuous use of grease paints, rouge

and the like had ruined my complexion.

My skin was colorless, wrinkled,

coarse and punctured with large pores.

In England I heard of the virtues of

mercerized wax; my first experience

with this marvelous substance con-

vinced me it was more valuable than

all cosmetics combined. Now when

ever my complexion begins to go

wrong I get an ounce of mercerized

wax at the nearest drug store, spread

on a thin layer of it before retiring,

washing it off next morning. The wax,

after a few such treatments, seems

literally to absorb the worn-out cu-

ticle, when a brighter, healthier,

younger-looking skin appears.

"For the wrinkles and enlarged

pores I began using a solution of pow-  
dered salsolite, one ounce, dissolved

in a half-pint of witch hazel. Bathing

the face in this every day for a while

soon relieved the condition most won-  
derfully."—Advertisement.

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## Answers to Questions

J. R.—Who wrote "About Ben Ad-

hem"? Leigh Hunt.

N. J.—What is the meaning of the

name Barzillai? It is a Hebrew name,

meaning iron of the Lord; firm, true.

Subscriber—Give a brief definition

of the Darwinian theory.—A theory

proposed by Charles Darwin in his

"Origin of Species," that different

species come from one or a few origi-

nal forms, present differences being the

result of evolution and natural selec-

tion.

Reader, Centerville—Where does the

quotation: "Be thou familiar, but by no

means vulgar"; occur?—See Shake-

speare's Hamlet. Good counsel of

Polonius to Laertes.

M. K.—What does de profundis

mean? The first two words of the

Latin version of the 130th Psalm,

which translated mean, "Out of the

depths."

H. F.—What states seceded in

1861?—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida,

Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North

Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee,

Texas, Virginia.

T. M.—How old is the former em-  
peror of Germany and when did he

begin to reign?—He was born in 1859

and became king of Prussia and Ger-  
man emperor June 15, 1888.

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