mendation and that it lay on the table, was 40 to 75. Reed (from his seat) suggested that evidently there was no quorum present.

The Chairman (dearly)—If the gentleman from Maine will rise to his place and address the Chair and make that statement to the Chair the Chair will answer.

Mr. Reed (rising smilingly)—If I felt entire confidence in the Chair, I should not hesitate to do so.

The motion was lost—yeas 68, nays 116—and the bill was laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

The committee rose and the House adjourned.

The London Coal Strike Ended.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The strike of the coal porters is ended. The trouble was caused by a dispute with one firm in regard to the wages to be paid to the employes, and 800 men went out. The result of the deliberations has been that the merchants agree to withdraw the circular boycotting the labor union, and leave the firm that got into trouble to fight their own battle. The strikers have gained a complete victory and are rejoicing.

Anarchists in London.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A sensation was caused in this city by the explosion of a dynamite bomb in front of the Spanish consulate here. The noise of the explosion was terrific, but no damage was done, beyond smashing the windows in the consulate and in a few houses near by. Nobody was injured. The police are searching for the author of the outrage, who is supposed to be an anarchist.

THE READING COMBINATION.

It is Said to Be an Impudent Defiance of Law.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Mr. Cassatt, one of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, speaking of the new Reading combination today, said that he thought it the most audacious and impudent defiance of the law and constitution of the State ever attempted in Pennsylvania. Here is an attempt at a great monopoly of almost the entire anthracite coal output of the State, and the entire output, in fact, except the very small part controlled by the Pennsylvania railway.

Mr. Cassatt did not think the projectors of the combination could have forgotten the result of the litigation growing out of the proposed purchase by the Pennsylvania company of the South Pennsylvania road a few years ago. He thinks that the governor of the State, being the same one who took action against the Pennsylvania, will take legal steps against this monopoly.

Mr. Johnson, of counsel for the Reading, said this evening that there was no comparison between the Reading deal and the projected Pennsylvania deal mentioned by Cassatt. The Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central are in no sense parallel or actually competing lines with the Reading, therefore the same rule will not apply.

THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

A Heavy Revenue Tax to be Imposed on the Beastly Weed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The ways and means committee of the House will be petitioned to prepare a bill invoking the paternal condemnation of the government upon the cigarette habit. Representatives Cockran, Cummins and Sloatsbecker of New York all have in their possession bills which they have been petitioned to introduce providing for the suppression of cigarette manufacture by imposing an internal revenue tax of $10 per 1000 on all imported or domestic cigarettes sold in this country. Accompanying the memorial is a statement to the effect that throughout the United States during the past year there have been about one hundred deaths of young men, mostly under 16 years of age, from the effects of smoking paper-wrapped cigarettes, and about one hundred men have been consigned to insane asylums during the same time from the same cause. There has never yet been a chemist of any responsibility who has examined the paper-wrapped cigarettes who has not most decidedly pronounced them injurious. The internal revenue is now fifty cents per thousand on them. The proposed tax would place them at a price that children could not pay, and go further than any State legislation could go and meet with the approval of nearly every man and woman in the country. Representative Cockran will file his bill with the ways and means committee.

The World's Fair Dispute.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The board of control of the World's Fair commission propose to have the respective powers of the commission and local directory definitely outlined. At a meeting of the board of control this morning, Director-General Davis sent in a communication, saying that the White Star line of steamers had applied for space for an exhibit, that, on his assurance that space would be granted, the company had gone to considerable expense, when the grounds and building committee refused to grant the necessary space. The director-general desired the board to act in the matter. Messengers were sent to members of the grounds and buildings committee, but as they could not be got together today, the board appointed a committee of three to meet them tomorrow to define the relative powers of the national and local bodies on the subject.

Ohio Club.

A large number of former Ohioans met in the Crane block on Main street last night for the purpose of organizing an Ohio social club.

A temporary organization was effected with J. C. Taylor as president and Dr. H. S. Hicks as secretary and treasurer.

A committee consisting of Colonel Donnellan, Dr. Thorn, Professor W. E. Mahon, J. C. Taylor and Dr. H. S. Hicks was appointed to perfect the arrangements and to form a permanent organization. The committee is to report next Tuesday evening. The meeting will be held at the Continental hotel parlors.

Police Pickings.

Cecil Cooper, the juvenile thief who stole $62 from the pockets of a Warm Springs bather, has been held by Justice Ure, to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $500. In default of sureties he languishes in jail awaiting the disposition of his case by that body.

Robert Adams was convicted of stealing a watch, chain and charm, and sentenced to forty-five days' imprisonment in the city jail.

Henry Eller, an alleged deserter from the United States army was arrested by the police last night and turned over to the authorities today.

HE UNDERTOOK A BIG JOB.

Miscalculation of a Passenger Who Tried to Quiet a Crying Baby.

As the Michigan Central train was coming to Detroit there was a baby on board who cried for two straight hours. It was not a cry of nothing ce rolic, but just the winning spell of an infant vixen that wasn't going to be coaxed anything.

The passengers on 47 of our could neither sleep nor read, and at last a red faced old gentleman turned to the mother and said:

"Madam, if you would stop trotting the life out of that young 'un it would let up sooner."

"I guess I know more about babies than you do," snapped the mother.

"Well, all I've got to say is, I've raised eight and the whole caboodle of them never made such a noise as that one," he retorted.

"Perhaps you would like to try your hand on the one I have?" and she stop him. It's more than I can do."

"Give him to me, madam, and in ten minutes he'll be as quiet as a lamb. I've seen worse children many a time."

He winked at the other passengers as he reached out his hands for the baby.

"Tootsey wootsey tum," he urged, and the infant opened one eye to look at him while it stiffened like a poker and roared louder than ever.

"If you will step into the next car so that it won't see you," said the obliging traveler, "I can hush him sooner. He'll be all right, ma'am; don't you worry."

"I won't," said the woman thankfully, as she resigned the squaller and disappeared into the next car.

"There, there, stop now, little fellow; ride a horse to Banbury cross, there was an old woman, she shook—let go of my hair, you little wretch!"

The baby had tangled the fingers in the chin whiskers of its new friend and was pulling them out by the roots.

"Stop that noise," howled the passengers in chorus, "or give that kid back to its mother."

He would have been very glad to have accorded to either of these requests, but the mother was gone and the baby was increasing its music every minute.

"Walky walky, pet," he asked in a voice like a calliope, "hush, my dear, he still and—murder! Won't some body go after its mother?"

But nobody would stir. They all wanted to see him manage that baby.

When the conductor called "Detroit," and the train slowed into the depot a wild eyed man, coatless and bareheaded, was leaning from one end of the train to the other, while the baby screamed over his shoulder.

"I'll take him now," said a mild voice, and as its mother appeared that child stopped howling, a cheerful smile dimpled its face and it looked as if it had never shed a tear in its life. But its volunteer nurse was a complete wreck.—Detroit Free Press.

A Household Economist.

The official report of the English postoffice for the year gives a curious instance of feminine economy. A lady residing in Siam forwarded to London several parcels declared to contain walking sticks and stationery to the value of £7 10s. The custom house officials, however, discovered that the packets contained a collection of diamonds and jewelry worth upward of £25,000. The postage at the registered letter rate would have amounted to about thirty pounds, and the "walking stick" dodge was no doubt prompted by the desire to save the difference between the ordinary parcel rate and the amount. The lady residing in Siam was no doubt an excellent household economist, but could not understand that there are some risks which it is not worth running even to save thirty pounds.—London Spectator.

Stuck Him for Half a Dollar.

"I was walking down a wild ravine in West Virginia," said Will Paine, "looking after the operations of a railroad company in which I was interested, and I suddenly came across a curious specimen of tramp. He stopped me and began to work me for a quarter. In the conversation that followed I asked him what his profession was before he took to the woods. He said he was a lawyer. I didn't believe it and began at once to catechise him. I was pretty fresh from a district attorney's office and began to anticipate fun. Well, that fellow had all the rudiments of law put. He knew more than I did, in terms and phrases than any man I ever saw. In the middle of this he looked at me curiously and finally broke in:

"'Your name is Paine—Will Paine,' he said.

"I was somewhat taken aback, but admitted the soft impeachment.

"'Your name is Paine, he went on. 'You are from Wilkesbarre, Pa.; you went to Lehigh university; you were in the district attorney's office; you are rich and speculating around here with a railroad.'

"He poured out other information and at such a rate that I could scarcely gasp breath to ask him who he was and how he came to know so much.

"'I was in the same class with you at Lehigh—never mind the rest. Make it half a dollar. Thanks. Good-by.'"—New York Herald.

Brothers with Different Names.

It will be news to many people that Sir Charles Dalrymple, the member for Ipswich, is a brother of Sir James Ferguson. The change of name has come about in connection with the succession to property. This is the second pair of Scotch brothers in parliament under different names. Mr. James Campbell, the Dundee Liberal member for Glasgow university, is brother to Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal.—London Tit-Bits.

THE BEAUTY OF APOLOGY.

A Quality Which Is Too Seldom Taken Advantage of in Our Daily Life.

Scarcely a day passes but each one of us is guilty, through carelessness, ignorance or perhaps intention, of some unkind, hasty word or act against another. We magnify an others word or deed, and with angry motives we try to right ourselves and assert our injured dignity. When our better nature is restored we regret that we were not slow to anger. We are mortified that our own perceptions were not keen enough to see the motive or deed from an impartial point of view, and often we feel the reaction that we have cherished unjust suspicions and voiced our thoughts indiscreetly and unkindly.

There is an uneasy tugging of our conscience and a blot upon our self-esteem—two discords which we might have been harmonious. Or we are so busy with our affairs or wrapped up in our self-interests that we think that we have along enough shed over anything or person that checks our hasty pace. We are not neutral, but careless of another's cares in the daily drama. We are self-assertive, and we imagine every one else equally able to maintain himself. We are surprised to find ourselves charged with indifference and selfishness, and to see another indignant at our self centered course; or we are ignorant of the bruised spot the sensitive nerve in our neighbor's soul has kept strong nature, and with who or best intentioned chat we pass closely the place we should avoid.

All this is annoying, and we who conscientiously live to do good rather than evil feel discouraged with our tactless offices and often justly with those whose feelings are apparently always on draft. But how many of us are willing to apologize. How many cheerfully use this, the first means of righting wrongs? Just why should false pride succeed in convincing us that to assure another that we regret the wrong, and are minded not to repeat it, is humiliating?

The humiliating part of the matter is our own shortcoming in our own thoughtfulness, not the fact that we say we see our blunder. The offense is twofold—our part and our neighbor's—and it is not enough to be mentally resolved that the trouble shall not arise again. The neighbor should receive this motive, this manifest regret. Not that apology is the whole of repentance, genuine turning from past acts, but it is the first chord that leads quickly, naturally from from discordant keys to past or higher harmonies.

We know the beauty of apology in its fullness, it should be met in the same spirit of frankness. To receive an apology in a doubting, grudging, ungracious way is a disgrace. It is ill bred, ignoble, unchristian. We are all liable to prematurely offered at any moment, and when our brother says, "I was wrong; let me try again," let us accord his frankness its place. Let us add our share to the beauty of his apology by a trusting, hearty godspeed.—Harper's Bazar.

Tansy Pudding.

Tansy pudding is a dish sometimes sought for by the solitary stranger, but neither its name nor its nature is recognized in restaurants among things to be eaten. Several times it seemed to suggest tansy cheese and tansy biscuits, and these were ordered principally to Mame. Tansy is a herb of the family of the Compositae, and is native to Europe, Asia and Africa. The name for tansy suggested in this manner has given rise to tansy cheese, which is similar to sage cheese, the tansy being used as a flavor.

Tansy puddings seem to have originated in the same manner. It has been traced as nearer this city than Ohio, in the state, where it was discovered by a member of a road company. It is a pudding of butter, in which tansy, chopped fine, is introduced. The tansy into an omelet.—New York Evening Sun.

The Horseshoe Superstition.

The horseshoe superstition still sticks, and jack dealers find it profitable to keep horseshoes in stock for sale by dealers in the Bowery, the Chinese region, where a horseshoe over the door is still not uncommon. If all the money discovers of small shops could be summoned among horseshoes could be found to supply half the equines in town. The superstition is that the shop will do a good business as long as the presence of the horseshoe is known only to the shop keeper. On a recent rainy afternoon a neatly dressed girl, dainty by picking her way across Park avenue at Twenty-eighth street, suddenly stopped, stooped, picked up a rusty and dirty horseshoe, tucked it away under her waterproof and went on to smiling anticipation of good luck.—New York Press.

Using the Sewers to Water.

As this is being the season of year fortunate is every householder who has the veranda, which, if inclosed with glass in the winter, forms the most delightful play room for the children, morning room for the men and sitting room in general for the house. Fillings plants will grow beautifully under this shelter and by fitting it up with lamps, tables, divans, a couple of small tables and a few comfortable chairs you have quite an ideal little winter resort under your own roof—a place wherein you can take your friends everywhere and that Monday delights to shine.—New York Tribune.

"Why is it you merely said the sad news concerning an unknown to you to you?" asks the New York sun. "Because, on account, Sir, the sufferers marry again.

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