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PRESIDENT AND PANIC

The Literary Digest has summed up press opinion on the effect the panic will have on the president's popularity.

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Paying For Magnificence.

The revelations exposing the greed and waste in the building up of New York's street transportation system show the evil which must be faced by communities aspiring to magnificence.

What is a Midshipman?

By luck I for the first time in my life have found a plausible derivation for midshipman. It would appear that in the days immediately after the flood the vessels were very high at the ends, between which there was a deep "waist."

Nothing Doing.

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Mary Knew All About It.

Little Mary's father had been teaching her to walk properly. "Walk slowly and turn out your toes," he admonished her.

His Poetic Imagination.

"Doesn't the delay at the telephone annoy you?" "No," said the slow spoken person. "I kind of like silence and solitude, and I never feel more alone than I do with the receiver at my ear and no sound save that of a low sad voice now and then in the dark distance that sighs, 'Waiting?'"

of smiles instead of traveling down the street of sighs. If business men cry panic and hard times they may expect the people to adopt the same methods.

Bryan has defined his position regarding the presidential nomination. He does not seek the honor and says the convention should select the man who can unite the party and carry the greatest strength for democratic principles.

The Idaho and eastern Washington lumber companies have started a suit to compel the railways to restore old freight rates on lumber.

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It is the fashion in great cities to think that strong names can do anything. Power is given to corporations because of the men who stand sponsor.

This "stealing electricity" from the lighting companies which we read about is not done by tapping the feed current, but by playing tricks to turn the meter backward.

All the popular novelists have discarded middle names for their heroes, while a few of them pay a deserved compliment to their readers by killing them off quicker than formerly.

To "make the punishment fit the crime" in that new and thriving industry of stealing pianos out of apartment houses the neighbors of the victims should be given a say.

As a thrifty brigand Ralsuli doubtless hopes the sultan of Morocco will have luck in his efforts to fill his coffers by a big foreign loan.

The girl who "married in haste" by telephone doesn't repent the marriage so much as she does the act of getting the wrong number.

Logically if there are "sinful rich" there must be righteous rich. So things are not hopeless after all.

October—month of brides—now has a record as the month of elopements.

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"I believe," said he, "in subtlety and restraint. A nod, a shake of the head, a silent pause—these things are often more effective than the most violent yelling and ranting.

"Life is like that, subtle and silent. What, for instance, could be more expressive than this scene, a scene without a spoken word, that I once witnessed in the country?"

"An undertaker stood on a corner near a noble mansion. He elevated his brows hopefully and inquiringly as a physician came from the house. The physician, compressing his lips, shook his head decidedly and hurried to his carriage. Then the undertaker, with a sigh, passed on."

While she was undergoing this teaching she attended Sunday school one day. The golden text was, "Teach me to walk honestly." After reciting it several times the teacher asked:

"Who knows what that means?" "I do," replied little Mary. "Walk slowly and turn out your toes."

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The best way to injure business and create a panic is for every one to begin to cry panic, panic. The facts are that there is no panic outside of Wall street and speculative circles. To frighten people by a cry of panic is just what will help it along and it is not business nor good policy to do so.

A SINGULAR DUEL.

How the Death Penalty Was Administered to Two Indians.

The following story illustrates very well one of the characteristics of the Indian, as it shows that Indians, as a rule, did not mind dying so much as they were particular about the method. It was a good many years ago at Pine Ridge, when there was trouble with the Cheyennes.

Word was sent to the two young Indians, Head Chief and Young Mule, who were out in the hills. They sent word back that they had no objection to dying if it would keep the rest of the tribe out of trouble, but that if they had to die they preferred to die fighting, and they wanted it distinctly understood that they would not be hanged.

The two young Indians galloped up to within shooting distance and commenced circling, hanging on the off side of their ponies and shooting under their necks and across their heads. The tacit understanding was that if they were killed it was all right, but if they got the agent they would pull out into the hills and wait for some other challenger.

Whatever the origin of his title, it well expressed the anomalous and undefined position of the midshipman. He belonged, so to say, to both ends of the ship as well as to the middle, and his duties and privileges alike fell within the broad saying that what was nobody's business was a midshipman's.

When appointed as such in later days he came in "with the hayseed in his hair" and went out fit for a lieutenant's charge, but from first to last, whatever his personal progress, he continued as a midshipman, a handily-billy.—Captain A. T. Mahan in Harper's.

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