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It will take more than 30 years to complete the Panama Canal if all of the work has to be done in Washington.

Speaker Cannon says it will "take a search warrant a hundred years hence to find out who was Vice-President in the year of our Lord 1906."

A man of millions in the West says that millionaires can be happy though rich. He will find a few millions of his fellow-citizens anxious to test the case practically, so as to decide between the two opposing views as to the happiness conferred by money.

Some of the life insurance companies prided themselves so much on teaching a policy holder habits of economy that they held on to his dividends for fear he might send them. The directors who were thus tempted into habits of extravagance are, presumably, to be regarded as martyrs.

So long as the newspapers merely alleged that members of Congress franked pianos, beds, dining-room furniture and carriages through the mails there was no protest, but when one said that a cow had been sent in that way the House Committee on Postoffices called the editor up to explain that there ARE limits.

Philadelphia women have started a crusade against fox hunts as a cruel sport. The cruelty is not always apparent. The sport gives pleasure to the hunters, needed healthful exercise to the fox and hurts nothing. Of course, when by accidents, which will happen, the fox is overtaken and killed the matter is different.

Corporations have no souls, but they have heads, and every time a corporation shows its head it gets a metaphoric legislative brick. By the end of the season the various states will be counting up their hits and comparing notes for the championship as the best corporation "potter." There was a time when the public was the target, but the whirligig of time is bringing in its revenges.

A town in New Jersey is preparing to rid itself of mosquitoes. As most of these movements begin when the mosquito season is over and the pernicious little pests have gone into safe hibernation, this town is to be congratulated on its wisdom in beginning the battle before the mosquitoes have had a chance to wake up and get their stings in first. Its experiments will be watched with interest, as if New Jersey solves the mosquito problem it means it is solved for the nation.

The serious and astounding charge is brought against the midshipmen at Annapolis that they deliberately plotted to prevent a high standard of scholarship, the idea being to escape the hard work which such study would necessitate. The circumstances of the hazing practice, however, inferentially corroborates this charge. Young men seriously in earnest about their study and their standing would not waste the time that it is proved this practice of hazing cost. The demoralization it entailed inevitably reflected on the standard of scholarship, and obscured to the cadets' view the grievous injustice they were doing themselves and their country in not giving the public service to which they were destined the best in their power.

A New Yorker proposes that each of the great powers—the United States, England, France, Germany and Russia—give a billion dollars to pay the cost of inaugurating a spelling reform. Enthusiasm for reform will be general, it is thought, when every reformer will get a handsome whack out of the fund of $5,000,000,000. The publishers are to get bounties aggregating two billions for printing their books in the new lingo; teachers are to get one billion, libraries one billion, and so on. The year 1908 is to restrict itself to dropping silent vowels, as a in head, e in sieve, o in young and u in guard. The following year will dispense with useless consonants, as one g in egg, gh in through, use t for ed in wished and put f for ph in phonetics and gh in laugh. The year 1910 will see front spelled frunt, choze for chose, and so on. To adopt the reform in characterizing it, one might say, "The skem is enuf to make a dog laf."

There can be a constitutional amendment for the regulation of divorce, but no constitutional amendment can prevent foolish marriages.

Uncle Sam's economy is something marvelous. He throws away millions of dollars on useless printing and postal franks, yet stops the elevators in public buildings on the score of economy.

The President of the Massachusetts State Senate declares there never was a time when the legislators of the Old Bay State were more honest than they are now. They were probably never watched as closely.

A great mind has just figured out that many of the great American hens don't get enough fresh air. Guess that's right. Frequently find eggs that suggest somebody is running a chicken farm in the cellar.

Useful and scientific experiments should be encouraged by the Government, but "not a cent for tribute" to Congressmen should be appropriated. They might as well ask money for free hay or free barbed wire or free brooms.

The New York coal dealers hold that there is sure to be a strike in the anthracite field, and they are busy making preparations. As the preparations involve putting up the price, their alarm over the situation may be said to have a business basis.

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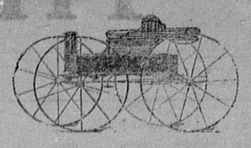

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