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INVERES DISCUSSION.

Postmaster-general Gary expresses pleasure at the widespread comment upon his recommendation for the establishment of postal savings banks and invites further discussion of the subject. "If we all put our heads together," the postmaster-general says, "the right plan can be devised, and that is what the country wants."

It is not often that a cabinet officer manifests such a disposition to learn the desires of the people on matters of legislation connected with the development of his department. Postmaster-general Gary's request for a widespread popular expression of opinion on the subject should meet with hearty response on the part of the people. The newspapers have already performed their duty in the matter. Labor organizations, too, have very generally given consideration to the subject and with almost unanimous voice have asked for postal banks. It remains now for other bodies, especially those representing the commercial interests of the country, to give their approval to the agitation, in order that congress may be assured that the sentiment of all classes in the nation is virtually united in favor of the early establishment of these much-needed in stitutions for the safe-keeping of the savings of persons of moderate means. It may be true that the commercial and business classes of the country have not such an immediate personal interest in the establishment of postal savings banks as the wage-carners. But the commercial portion of the community cannot afford to manifest indifference to the well-being and contentment of the working population of the country. Let them do what they can to promote good feeling at least by giving consideration to propositions like that for the establishment of postal savings banks, the only object of which is to do something for the people, whose interests are only too rarely the subject of intelligent consideration by law-makers. - Chicago Rec-

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

What would you do if war should be de clared to-morrow with a European power? How would it change your bonse life, the lives of your brother and other relatives? How would it affect your business connectious and business? What changes would it make in fluencial, city, state and national affairs? It is these interesting problems which a a writer in the December Conmopolitan has undertaken to sketch under the heading of "A Brief History of Our Late War With Spain," at the same time vividly describing the exciting scenes which would attend the opening of hostilities. The same number of the Cosmo has an article on "The Well dressed Woman' by Elsie de Wolfe, a contrast of the characters of Henry George and Charles A. Dana by John Brisben Walker, in another place "The Laves Goethe," while Wella' story, "The War of the Worlda," which has been so wislely read, reaches its conclusion in an unex-

ANY COLOR SO ITS RED.

The cold wave which lately struck the village put a damper on outdoor sports, even sobering the football manlacs to a semblance of sanity. One game, however, and one that you would expect to be the first to retire before the approaching winter, rose triumphant above the mercury and resolutely held its own, bidding defiance to the chilling blasts which swirled around the stand-pipe and chased down the main street.

Had it not been for the intense rivalry engendered by a long summer of daily contests this sport, too, would have sought its winter quarters, but the excitement was so great that, instead of stopping the games, the managers of the Billingsville Quoit Club decided to hold a tournament on Thanksgiving day. The lists to be open to club members between the ages of fifty and ninety; each participant to have the privilege of distributing free admission tickets to five friends. The later announcement, that those who came early enough would be allowed to stand, free of charge, on the sidewalk which borders the club grounds opposite the blacksmith shop, at the corner of Main and Oak streets, added greatly to the interest taken in the event throughout the village.

The B. Q. C. is no mushroom growth. To be sligible for membership one must have thrown at least three "ringars" or five "leaners" in two successive ames, and must also be on the shady de of forty, the shadler the better, for sixty is considered by this c'ub to be about the correct age for a beginr. Mis rule obviates to a large degree the use of the black-ball and keeps ie memberal ip well within the limit, Thankstring morning dawned at at the usual time and several hours an unusual stir at the club ade told that the great contest was

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reached fever heat and several pounds of peanuts in five cent lots were recklessly wagered on the result by the enthusiastic octogenarians present,

Captain Osborne and Jerry Stubbs were the favorites among the younger spectators and the G. A. R. men present, for both "Cap" and Jerry have fought, bled, but not died on many a southern field. The old settlers to a man pinned their faith to Washington Spencer and his colored colleague, Sam Kurtz, knowingly observing that "Spence," though slow, was sure, and had pitched good quoits "nigh outo. sixty year." Sam they were a little doubtful about, but admitted that though somewhat dark on the outside, his heart was white enough, and he could pitch pretty well for one so young, (Sam is only lifty-eight, and to the old-timers seems terribly imma-

"Cap" and Sam took the south pin and Spencer and Stubbs held down the north pole. "Cap" led off with two beauties right next to the stake. Sam failed to break the combination, but Spencer with a couple of accurate shots tied the score and restored the good nature of the crestfallen Sam. The score swayed back and forth. First Sam would jump for joy and then the Captain would smother his hilarity with a phenomenal cast, till that emotional colored person scarcely knew whether he was afoot or horseback.

When his opponents were in the lead the Captain's language was something terribe in its weird intensity. The Captain commanded a company of green Missouri recruits in the late unpleasantness and has since drilled several generations of boys campaign marching clubs, but never before did he shower such torrents of derisive invective as decended upon the luckless head of the unfortunate Jerry, who invariably lost to the venerable Spencer.

That ancient patriarch, his snowy ing but sawed wood," whirling the IT IS TRUE quoits through the air slap up against the stake and piled up three "ringers" in the first ten throws. Each time the shoe settled over the stake the excited Sam would roll his eyes, execute a clumsy shuffle and exclaim, "Look at dat, chile! What I tole you! Takes Mistah Washington to roll 'em in!" And then the Captain would add another lurid extract to his vivid collection of biblical quotations.

The tournament closed with a hurrah, boys. The score was tied. Five points would take either side out. It was Jerry's turn. To the surprise of all, himself included, he threw a "ringer" and placed the other sloe within a hair's breadth of the stake. Sam's dusky countenance assumed an ashen hue. The Captain's anathemas quickly changed to a joyful "Te Deum Laudamus," but alas for his fond hopes, With a calm, unruffled front, Spencer prepared to throw. His first shoe described a graceful parabola and alighted squarely on Jerry's "ringer." Undisturbed by the shouts and wild gestionlations of his sable partner or the fervid oratory of his military opponent, "Spence" sent the second sine over the same course, winning the game und championship with an almost unprecedented play - a double "ringer."

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