CAUGHT BY A TOY TRUNK.

Notorious "Collection Agency" Swindler Behind the Bars at Last.

HOW HE DID UP ST. CATHARINES.

Mr. John A. Ward, of Buffalo, bought a toy trunk for 50 cents at a recent sale of unclaimed packages by the American Express Company, and on opening it found that it contained indorsed notes aggregating in value $800 and also a bundle of old letters. The romance was in the old letters, for they told of the love adventures of C. W. McAllister, formerly of St. Catharines, his runaway marriage at Reading, Pa., with Ida Milley, a girl he had met but twenty-four hours before, his sharp financial practices, his flight from justice, his wanderings about while his faithful wife, true to her husband in spite of all, sent him under his many aliases words of cheer and love, and kept him posted on the movements of the police. Finally, as shown by the letters, she was to join him. She packed up valuable papers in a child's trunk, including the $800 worth of notes that subsequently came into Mr. Ward's possession and also the pictures of herself, husband and baby. The trunk was addressed "Mrs. C. W. Merrilla, Corning, hotel opposite depot." From its contents the trunk was undeniably the property of Mrs. C. W. McAllister, and whether it was misdirected to throw the police off the scent, or whether a stranger had directed it at the request of the owner is not known. If it was the intention to throw the police off the scent the scheme failed, for C. W. McAllister has been arrested, and all through that little trunk falling into Mr. Ward's hands. The letters showed that Mrs. McAllister came of a good family near Lebanon, Pa. Some threads in the story that could not be found in the letters are now revealed by letters since received by Mrs. Ward, and also tell of McAllister's subsequent doings. A few days after the story was printed Mr. Ward received the following from Louis H. Myers, a detective of Cairo, Ill.:

I saw in Sunday's *Globe* an account of C. W. McAllister's trunk being sold by an express company and some letters being found from his wife. The gentleman, Mr. C. W. McAllister, is a travelling swindler. He did up the people in Memphis last August. From there he went to Toledo, coming then to Cairo, Ill. Here he worked under the name of C. W. Miller, Principal of the Home Law Protection and Collection Agency of the United States and Canada. The lady with him is of fine family and her mother lives at Mt. Nebo, within ten miles of Lebanon, Pa. She has an uncle living in Lebanon, Pa. Her mother's name, I think, is Mrs. Milly. He did up Lebanon county in the same way, took the young lady without the consent of her parents—stole her. I want McAllister alias Miller, and I will give $50 reward to locate him. They both joined the Methodist Church here, and bought coal and turkeys for the preacher, all on credit, but left without paying for them.

Last week Mr. Ward received a postal card from Detective Myers, of Cairo, Ill., posted at Buffalo while the detective was taking a flying trip from west to east. It explains itself:

Passed through your city to-day en route for Boston, Mass., where I had C. W. McAllister arrested, and will return him to Cairo, Ill. He has been doing business in New York city, Camden, N. J., and rounded up at Boston.

By this time the slick swindler is undoubtedly languishing in an Illinois jail and Mrs. McAllister is with her friends in Pennsylvania. So ends the romance of the toy trunk. McAllister carried on his collection agency business in St. Catharines a little over a year ago and left the town suddenly, leaving a number of creditors and patrons in the lurch.

Latest News Jottings.

In Newmarket dog tags cost $2.50 each.

A fire at Renton Falls, Que., on Saturday caused $100,000 damages.

Dr. McPhatter, of Guelph, has gone to Cleveland, O., to practice.

A 9-year old lad named Milligan was drowned in the Don, at Toronto, on Saturday.

A school for the art of restoring pictures (the first of its kind) is about to be founded by the Prince Regent of Bavaria.

Mr. Wm. H. May, a well-known druggist, died at Toronto on Saturday after a very brief illness, from blood poisoning, arising out of a throat affection.

Dominion Inspector Cowan reports that there is no danger from hog cholera at Tilbury West, that the only cases are very light, and are the result of last year's epidemic.

Mr. David McHardy, of Nichol, went in about a mare and young foal in his stable on Tuesday afternoon, when the mare seized him by the cheek and tore it so badly that a doctor in fixing up the wound had to put in seven stitches.

Rev. Mr. Hannington, of St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, in his sermon yesterday forenoon defended his position in regard to the alleged ritualistic practices in the church. He maintained that the principal matters to which objections were taken were in accordance with the Rubric, and have been followed in the church ever since he came into the parish.

Betrayed by a Cigar Stub.

A Pittsburg despatch says: H. J. Cook, formerly of Allegheny City, who was arrested in London, Ont., yesterday, for robbing the Potersville Savings Bank in Mercer county, this State, of $2,000 two weeks ago, was formerly employed in the bank building. He was an inveterate smoker, and had the habit of chewing the end of his cigar. The morning after the robbery a stump of a cigar was found on the floor of the bank, and it gave evidence of having been in Cook's mouth from the peculiarity mentioned. He was arrested yesterday and made a confession implicating others.

DR. R. A. GUNN, M.D., Prof. of Surgery of the United States Medical College, editor of "Medical Tribune," author of "Gunn's New Improved Hand-book of Hygiene and Domestic Medicine," over his own signature said, in referring to and prescribing Warner's Safe Cure: "I was greatly surprised to observe a decided improvement within a month. Within four months, no tube casts could be found and only a trace of albumen, and as the patient expressed it, he felt perfectly well."

—Black is now stylish worn with any color, from the palest to the deepest.

A BLOODY SCHOOL ELECTION.

Prominent Citizens Shot Down and Murdered—A Coroner Invited to Leave Town.

A last (Saturday) night's Forest City, Ark., despatch says: This city was horrified at 2.10 o'clock this afternoon by the most terrible tragedy in the history of the county. For several days excitement has been high over the school election, and A. M. Neely and G. W. Ingram (both colored) have been making incendiary speeches, advocating the ousting of the whites from the control of school affairs. Neely has been a disturbing element in the politics of this county for some time, having almost absolute control of the negroes. To-day a large crowd assembled at the junction of Washington and Front streets, in the vicinity of the polls. The exact origin of the trouble cannot, in consequence of the terrible excitement, be ascertained. It seems Neely had a fight with a white man and was knocked down by a bystander. He then ran to Captain John Parham for protection. Marshal M. Folbre interfered and commanded the peace. Thomas Parham, son of John Parham, heard the disturbance and came running downstairs from the County Clerk's office, where he is employed as a deputy, with a pistol in his hand. He saw the Marshal and his father close together talking excitedly, and raised the pistol and fired, the ball striking Folbre in the back of the head. In falling Folbre raised his pistol and fired two shots. Tom Parham fell mortally wounded and died in a short time. Sheriff D. M. Wilson came running to the scene, when a stray ball struck him, piercing his heart and killing him instantly. His only words were, "I am a dead man." It is supposed a ball from Neely's pistol killed the sheriff. Captain John Parham is thought to be wounded, but he refuses to allow the wound to be examined. Wilson and Parham are what is known as Fusionists. Three of the best men in the county were seen lying murdered upon the street at the same time. The cries of the afflicted families were heartrending, women from every part of the town rushed through the streets, searching for husbands and brothers. G. W. Ingram, who is coroner of the county, was waited on by the citizens this afternoon and invited to leave town, which he did on the 6 o'clock train.

AN AWFUL POSSIBILITY.

Was Mind Reader Bishop Dead Before He Was Carved?

A New York despatch says: The wife and mother of Washington Irving Bishop, the mind reader, have arrived in this city, and both claim that Bishop was not dead, but merely in a trance when the physicians made their post-mortem examination, and that his death was caused by the surgical instruments. It seems that but four hours elapsed from the time of his reported death until Drs. Irwin, Ferguson and House were making a post-mortem examination of the body. The widow of the mind reader states that he has suffered several times from cataleptic attacks, and has lain in a trance, apparently dead, for periods varying from six to fifty-two hours. On one occasion in Malta, she says, physicians pronounced him dead, and advised preparations for his interment. His friends held a different belief, and in a little over two days he recovered. About two years ago Bishop, while suffering with a dangerous illness, was treated by Dr. Thomas S. Robertson, of No. 28 east Twentieth street, this city. While at the doctor's house he had a cataleptic attack, and remained in a trance-like condition for two days. The physicians who performed the autopsy, however, say there can be no doubt of Bishop's death before the autopsy was decided upon.

Boy Burned to a Crisp.

A Moncton, N.B., special says: A child, 5 years old, son of a shoemaker named McGeary, was burned to death here at noon yesterday. The attic of the two-story tenement in which McGeary lived was found to be on fire. When the firemen reached the scene, Mrs. McGeary, crazed with grief, was shouting that her child was in the attic. The place was filled with fire and smoke and a search was unavailable. Shortly afterward, the flames being partly subdued, the child was found under the attic, where the fire evidently had its origin in a pile of straw. The child was burned almost to a crisp and presented a dreadful appearance. It was with difficulty that Mrs. McGeary was got away from the burning building. It is supposed the child set fire to the straw while playing with matches. There was not much damage to the building.

An Eloping Rector's Honeymoon.

A Syracuse despatch says: Rev. Charles Kimball, rector of the Episcopal Church at Oriskany Falls, N.Y., and Mrs. Kimball are stopping at the Empire House here on their honeymoon. Mrs. Kimball was Miss Fannie Putnam, of Oriskany Falls, and she eloped with the rector last Saturday night, her friends being opposed to the match. She was the belle of the town, 19 years old, and is wealthy. Mr. Kimball is to be ordained a priest at St. Paul's Cathedral here on May 29th.

Queer Antics of a Condemned Man.

Kemmler, who has just been sentenced at Buffalo to death by electricity, is reported to be taking matters very coolly. He is heartily in favor of electricity and thinks such a death preferable to hanging. The man is quite jovial, and sings and dances occasionally, the songs being his own composition and the jig-steps decidedly eccentric. He is not a successful converser, and has said but little since the sentence.

Is This Sin on Her Soul? Oh, No; Not So.

The girl of the period is responsible for the dude. This conclusion may not be disputed, for it cannot be denied that if the girl of the period were to insist upon something better than small talk, were to discountenance the cigarette school of philosophy, the dude would no longer exist, for the instinct of self-preservation would lead him to kill himself off.—*Muncy's Weekly.*

—Fasting for health is a modern invention. As old as the hills is the Arab saying, "A good appetite"—and, presumably, indulgence in it—"is a sign of long life." Exercise out of doors, lead a godly life and eat your regular rations; so shall your days be long in the land

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The German Emperor will be present at the Goodwood races at least on two days.

The Eiffel Tower at Paris was opened yesterday and was thronged with visitors.

Halifax has sent a shipment of thirty cats to Sable Island to destroy the rabbits which are too prolific in that place.

At the meeting of the Kingston Board of Trade on Tuesday night attention was called to the reckless destruction of timber in Frontenac.

The official returns of the recent vote on the Scott Act repeal in Middlesex county show 2,892 for the Act and 5,430 for the repeal. Majority against the Act, 2,538.

There are a great many men at Sudbury at present looking for work, but there is none offering, as the mines have been supplied for some time past, and the drives are about out of the small creeks.

At a meeting of L.O.L., No. 6, in Kingston on Tuesday night, the Chairman refused to toast the Dominion Parliament, as it had forfeited public confidence by its vote on the Jesuit question.

The indefatigable Princess Clementine of Orleans has been endeavoring to arrange for a marriage between her youngest and favorite son, Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, and the Princess Helene d'Orleans, the second daughter of the Comte de Paris.

War is reported to have broken out again between the Dutch and Malays in Sumatra. Immense numbers of natives attacked the port of Atchen, but were repulsed with a loss of 160 killed. The garrison lost five men killed and 25 wounded. Reinforcements have been sent.

The ferry-boat Peerless, plying between Philadelphia and Gloucester, N.J., collided with the Philadelphia & Reading ferry-boat J. S. Schultz yesterday, badly injuring five young women, passengers on the Schultz, and carrying away a portion of the ladies' cabin. Flora Jackson and Annie Quinby are badly injured, and will probably die.

Mr. D. Cameron, freight conductor on the C.P.R., was hurt yesterday at the Sudbury station. While trying to jump on a car he missed and was knocked down between the train and station platform, where he had to lie until the train went by. He was struck in falling, his leg was broken and he was hurt inwardly, but the doctors say he will recover.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter have completed their evangelistic labors in Woodstock and left for St. Thomas yesterday morning. There they will rest for a few days and then proceed to Exeter. Their farewell meeting was attended Tuesday night by about 1,500 people. They point to between 300 and 500 converts in various stages of advancement as the result of their visit.

Five brigands were hanged in the court yard of the prison at Sofia yesterday. They were led separately to the scaffold and were hanged in succession. Each was enveloped in a bag passed over his head and reaching to the waist. Their struggles were prolonged several minutes. A mob broke the cordon surrounding the jail and the gendarmes had great difficulty in keeping them from the scaffold.

John Shroder, a grocer and saloon-keeper, of Indianapolis, yesterday morning walked up behind his wife as she was standing with their 9 months' old infant in her arms, and cut her throat from ear to ear with a razor, killing her. The baby was seriously injured by the mother falling upon it. Shroder then walked across the street to a vacant lot, where he cut his own throat and died in a few minutes. He was suffering from an insane freak, and imagined his family would come to want, though he was in comfortable circumstances.

There was no plenary sitting at the Samoa Conference yesterday owing to the unanimous objections of the German delegates to transact business on a day of humiliation. Sir Edward and Lady Ermyntrude Malet entertained the delegates at dinner in the evening, thirty covers being laid. Lady Ermyntrude sat between Count Bismarck and Mr. Kasson. Sir Edward sat between the Countess Bernstorff and Madame de Benevendorff. The wives of the delegates. Colonel and Mrs. Russell, the whole of the staff of the Embassy, Count Bismarck's Private Secretary, Herr Von Bulow and the secretaries of the conference were among the guests.

Lord Stanley and party will go to Cascapedia on Thursday for a fishing holiday.

Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, a prominent resident of Winnipeg, died at St. Paul on Saturday.

The will of the late Sir Thomas Gladstone, brother of the ex-Premier, bequeaths an estate valued at £254,079.

The remains of the late Major Short were conveyed from Quebec to Kingston, where they were buried to-day.

Contracts for fifty miles of the Morris-Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Road have been awarded.

The Quebec outlaw, Morrison, who is recovering, states that he did not fire, as is alleged, on the occasion of his arrest.

The military tribunal at Metz has imposed a fine of 600 marks each upon 37 young men for evading military duty.

The Executive Council of the Swiss Confederation at Berne has promulgated an order forbidding exhibitions of hypnotism.

Bishop Cleary's visit to Gananoque last week resulted in the raising of $5,000 for church building, and his visit to Odessa in the raising of $1,000.

The 2-year-old son of P. O. Carnovsky, of Kingston, drank a quantity of brandy, purchased for medical purposes, and died in twenty-four hours.

Besides the naval review at Spithead, a grand military review is in preparation at Aldershot in honor of the coming visit of the German Emperor.

The general lines of the settlement of the Samoan difficulty having been agreed upon, it is expected that the Conference will soon close its labors.

The annual inspection of the 3rd Battalion Victoria Rifles of Canada took place in Montreal on Saturday. The bicycle corps attached to it was much admired.

Disastrous storms swept over Austria on Saturday. Three persons were killed near Vienna. Fearful catastrophes occurred near Pilsor. Houses collapsed at Rechowitz and Bieckowitz, killing nine children, and at Zino, where thirty persons were killed.

While some boys were bathing yesterday morning in the river at Wingham, one of them, Arthur Long, a tinsmith, aged 19, took a cramp and was drowned before assistance could be called.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will go on board the royal yacht Osborne at Holyhead on Monday and proceed to Belfast. Mr. William H. Fisher, M.P. for Fulham, will accompany His Royal Highness on behalf of Mr. Balfour.

Upon inquiry at the Vatican on Saturday it was learned that the report that the Pope had been taken suddenly ill was not well-founded. It was stated that His Holiness is in good health, and that he gives daily audiences.

In the Montreal Court of Appeal on Saturday, in the libel suit of the Jesuits vs. the *Mail*, Chief Justice Dorion granted the defendants an appeal from the judgment of Judge Loranger setting aside part of the allegations in the exception to the form.

Violent hurricanes, accompanied by heavy rainfalls, have prevailed in the Evelengeberge district of Moravia, destroying the crops and doing immense damage to other property. The villages of Kaschbach, Schmiedegrund and Stiersenfersdorf are completely inundated, and many of their inhabitants with great difficulty escaped to the hills with their lives.

The Archduchess Stephanie, widow of Crown Prince Rudolph, has returned to Luxemburg, near Vienna, where she occupies the Imperial summer palace. Emperor Francis Joseph paid a visit to her on Thursday and remained in conversation with her for several hours.

Near the foot of West Pass, Miss., yesterday, a party of negroes were returning in two skiffs from a trip to the Louisiana shore. The wind and waves were high, and the people in one of the boats became frightened and capsized the boat. Nine out of the ten passengers were drowned, a little girl being the only one saved.

The German Government has ordered Lieut. Francois, a brother of the noted explorer of that name, to organize an armed force to operate in the southwest African German protectorate. Preliminary to the execution of this order, Lieut. Francois had hired the nucleus of his force, comprising 30 picked men, in Bremen, and will take his departure for the scene of action at as early a day as possible.

In the German Reichstag on Saturday Prince Bismarck expressed doubt whether the Freisinnige party had not supported the Army Bill from necessity rather than from patriotism. "Fie," exclaimed Herr Richter, resenting the imputation. "Whoever says fie to me," warmly retorted the Chancellor, "is impudent." Herr Bamberger declared that the Chancellor's action could only produce personal hatred. Prince Bismarck abruptly left the Chamber.

No. 20 Michigan Central Railway express, which struck and killed Jacob Bechard and his horse at Buxton on Wednesday night, on Saturday struck the team and waggon of Jas. Holden, near Pelton, killing both horses, smashing the waggon to splinters, and left Holden lying unconscious between the rails of the track until Conductor Powers discovered and picked him up, carrying him to Windsor, where it was found no bones were broken, and he will recover.

A 10-year-old girl named Myra Hannah lost her life at Ottawa on Saturday. She was playing on some logs on what is known as Rochester's bay, when she lost her balance and was swept into the river. No one was at hand to give her succor. She was a daughter of the foreman of Barnes' box shook factory. Her father is at present at Oswego, at which place the family formerly lived. She was a pretty child, and the occurrence causes great regret in the city.

Russia was *en fete* on Saturday in honor of the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Czarewitch Nikolai Alexandrowitch, Grand Duke of Russia, and heir apparent to the throne. He is still a boy in appearance. He is betrothed to Princess Alice Victoria of Hesse, daughter of the late Grand Duchess Alice Maud Mary, and a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria. The marriage will take place next autumn. The Czarovitch has been appointed a member of the Council of the Empire and of the Committee of Imperial Ministers.

While Henri Rochefort, accompanied by friends, was walking in Regent street, London, on Saturday night, he met M. Pilotel. Angry words were exchanged and Pilotel threatened to strike Rochefort unless he assented to a duel. Rochefort drew a revolver and was about to fire at Pilotel, when a bystander seized the weapon. A policeman arrested the men and took them to the station, where Pilotel charged Rochefort with assault. The revolver was found fully charged. Rochefort was bailed.

Barry Koehler, while crazed with drink, ran amuck through the streets of Joliet, Ill., on Friday night and shot and seriously wounded a young lady, Delia Hart. A crowd gathered and began to search for him among some freight cars. A freight train moved past, and at the open door of one of the cars a man was seen. The crowd called out that it was Koehler, and an excited policeman fired at him, inflicting a fatal wound in the head. Then it was discovered that the wounded man was Wm. Hanson, of Chicago, who was on his way to Oklahoma. Koehler was captured next morning.

The autopsy on the body of Washington Irving Bishop was made on Saturday by Deputy Coroner Jenkins. There were also present Deputy Coroner Weston, Dr. Biggs and Dr. Ferguson, who made the original autopsy. The examination, so far as was possible to be made that day, did not reveal the cause of death. Dr. Jenkins, however, removed various particles of the vital organs, a microscopical examination of which is expected to settle the matter of whether or not the mind reader died under the post-mortem knife. Drs. Hamilton, Janeway and Spitzka, who were expected to be present, did not attend the autopsy. The last-named physician is said to have declared that it is impossible to solve the mystery at this late time.

General Boulanger quite well in London, in spite of reports from Paris to the contrary. He is making his way in society, but has not yet dined with a Cabinet Minister. The smaller fry of the Government, Mr. Yaikes, Mr. Marriott and Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, may sit down with him, but when Lord Cross found the General at the Baroness Burdett-Coutts' table, Lord Cross rose and fled, so powerful is the frown of the French Embassy. People ask why the Baroness took up the General and launched him after he had been in association with the Irish Left at the House of Commons. It is whispered in reply that the Baroness hates the Republic. General Boulanger has the rare knack of fascinating all the women with wealth.

The Earl of Malmesbury is dead.

The Kingsville natural gas well is stated to be now producing ten million feet of gas per day.

The St. Thomas Salvation Army intends testing in the Police Court the right of owners of vehicles to drive their horses through the ranks of the soldiers in parade.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* "pitches in" to the Imperial Government for the delay in fortifying Esquimault, and the Home authorities in turn blame the Canadian Government.

The Michigan Senate voted down the Bill to allow women to vote at school and municipal elections.

The House of Commons yesterday, by 201 to 160, rejected Mr. Labouchere's motion to abolish hereditary seating in the House of Lords.

A man named Crooks, who had opened a safe at Newcastle, Penn., and taken out of it $2,200 in jewellery and cash, was arrested yesterday in London, Ont., and taken back to Newcastle.

The hotel-keepers of Peterboro' are going to take action to quash the high license law on the ground that at the recent vote a large number of voters were improperly refused the privilege of voting.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York *Herald*, has left Paris for Khartoum, some say for a heavy wager and others to rescue Gen. Gordon, of whose existence as a prisoner of the Mahdi he has received information.

Diphtheria is very prevalent in the southern portion of Elgin county. The junior division of the Sparta school has been closed, owing to a member of the family of the teacher, Miss Jackson, being afflicted with the disease.

John S. Kelly was killed while working on board the steamship Buenos Ayrean at Montreal on Thursday night. A large package of merchandise was being hoisted when the sling broke and the goods fell against Kelly, knocking him into the hold head foremost.

Thomas Carfield, who eloped from Cato, N.Y., with the daughter of one Charles Forbes, is now in Adolphustown, Ont. He will try and seek reconciliation with his father-in-law, but if this fails he will stay in Canada. He stole the girl away while her parent was acting as a grand juror.

Gabriel Dumont, one of the leaders in the Riel rebellion four years ago, is visiting the half-breeds in Northern Montana. He says he is getting up a party of them to take to the Paris exposition, but the belief in the neighborhood is that he is organizing for another raid into the Northwest Territory.

The Court of Appeal has unanimously decided in the case of Lady Sandhurst that women cannot sit in the County Councils. The matter will be carried to Parliament. Although Lady Sandhurst was ejected from the London Council because the male candidate next to her claimed the seat, Miss Cobden sits on because no adverse claim has been made. Miss Cons also sits as alderman because no contest has been made.

A young man named Fletcher, in the employ of Andrew Dunn, was driving into Ingersoll with a load of cheese on Thursday, and while descending Sharp's hill, on the outskirts of the town, the load began to slip forward. The cheese falling under the horses' feet they became unmanageable, and the young man was thrown under the waggon and had his leg terribly mangled, producing compound fracture, besides internal injuries. His only relatives are in India. He has been in Canada about a year.

The little girls attending the third grade in the Jefferson Public School, Washington, were standing in the aisles yesterday afternoon preparing to go home, when their teacher, Mrs. Sarah E. Allen, was fatally shot in their presence by her worthless husband, who then killed himself. Allen had been supported by his wife until recently, when she left him on account of his dissipated habits and frequent abuse and violence. The uproar which followed the killing caused quite a panic in the other school-rooms. The children rushed downstairs pellmell, knocking over one another, but doing no injury. The fire engines were summoned by one pupil.

The Future of France.

Max O'Rell, in an interview on Saturday, said: The French are approaching one of their historical crises, which occur at intervals, but the new master will not be Boulanger. The Communists may triumph for a time. Then will follow a Cæsar, but he will not be Boulanger. The Comte de Paris is the man, even if he has to wait ten or twenty years. An English lady moving in the highest circles said Boulanger will never move in the best English society, quoting as an example the fact that three-fourths of those Lord Randolph Churchill invited to meet him at a dinner refused the invitation.

As to a Franco-German war, France will not take the initiative. Her millions of peasants know too well what war means. The real danger lies in the excitable and erratic character of the German Emperor. His violent nature at any moment may make Europe burst into war. France is far stronger and better prepared than is supposed, particularly in great artillery. Certainly no nation in Europe can command her financial resources.

Overwork.

Polite Doctor (cautiously)—Your husband is suffering from overwork or excessive indulgence in alcoholic stimulants—it is, ahem, a little difficult to tell which.

Anxious Wife—Oh, it's overwork. Why, he can't even go to the theatre without rushing out half a dozen times to see his business partners.

It isn't what a slugger does in this world that makes him great. It is what he says he is going to do.—*New Orleans Picayune.*