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Mr. Carnegie predicts that England and America will eventually be one nation, but fails to tell us which one.

A skillful mechanic who has had troubles of his own with the gas monopoly, finding it impossible to obtain redress by ordinary means, has invented a small device which, when attached to a meter, absolutely controls the register, reports the New York Press. It can be so set as to show any percentage of the consumption from five to 100. He can make his bills as small as he pleases, or as large, and any other person having a like device can do the same. It can be applied or removed in the fraction of a minute, does not injure or deface the meter in any way (except to make it lie for the consumer rather than for the company), and can demoralize a water meter with equal facility. Unfortunately for the inventor it cannot be patented.

Senator Quay and a friend were discussing the rather rackety life which is being led by a young man of their acquaintance. The senator insisted that the boy was all right at heart, "and I have no doubt," he added, "that Tom will pull up when he reaches the age of discretion." Yes," rejoined Mr. Quay's friend, "but what would you call the age of discretion?" "As a rule," answered the senator, "I should say that a young fellow has reached the age of discretion when he removes from his walls the pictures of actresses and substitutes therefor a portrait of his wealthy bachelor uncle."

It was recently noted that New Brunswick has few divorces, and the reason, says the Kennebec Journal, is not far to seek. In Aroostook county 57 divorces were granted in 1903, and a large percentage of these were of parties married in New Brunswick. The law requires that parties married in New Brunswick, not having a residence in this state, must reside here in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of proceedings before they can procure a divorce. Every year a number move here from New Brunswick and take advantage of the

Bob Burdette has some advice for young men. He says, according to the Troy Times: "Re-A Little Father-

member, son, that ly Advice. this world is older than you are by several years; that for thousands of years it has been so full of smarter and better young men than yourself that their feet stuck out of the dormer windows; that when they died the old globe went whirring on, and not one man in 10,000,000 went to the funeral. Don't be too sorry for your father because he knows so much less than you do. Remember the reply of Dr. Wayland to the student of Brown university, who said it was an easy enough thing to make proverbs such as Solomon wrote. 'Make a few,' tersely replied the old man. The world has greater need of young men, but no greater need than the young men have for it. Your clothes fit better than your father's fit him; they cost more money and they are more stylish; your mustache is neater; the cut of your hair is better. But, young man, the old gentleman gets the biggest salary, and his honestly scrambling signature on the business end of a check will drain more money out of a bank in five minutes than you could get out with a ream of paper and a copper plate signature in six months."

There appears to be a methodical and recurring character in the manner in which the "under-

Queer Notion of taker joke" is praca Joke. . ticed on unsuspecting St. Louis families that displays a cunning monomania, says the Globe-Democrat. There must be a "Jack the Telephoner," who telephones to mortuary concerns calling embalmers or coffin measurers to certain houses where there is no one dead. The frequency of this hoax shows that its perpetrator is extraordinarily active, and that the edge of its humor in his contorted imagination never wears off. What can be more ludicrous than the backing up of an undertaker's wagon at a house where every one is in good health, unless it would be the bringing of a dummy figure up the front steps on a shutter? You can feel the amusement of it clear down to your heels. It is an irresistible spur to chuckling.

Mark McTigue has been sexton of Crown Point cemetery, Kokomo, Ind., for 35 years and has dug over 4,000 graves in his time. Mark says that the only time he ever felt creepy in a gravejard was once a good many years ago when he buried a victim of smallpox at midnight.

A tramp smoking in a granary at Zsarnoe, Hungary, set fire to the place. The inhabitants, unable to extinguish it, threw the tramp into the flames, whence he was rescued by the police in a dying condition.

Here is how a Kansas paper identifies a multimillionaire railroad magnate: "George Gould, who is a brother of Helen Gould, passed through here yesterday or his special car."

Life in the country is the ideal of the man who has seen too much life.

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