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Down in Washington they have installed a machine for smoking cigars. What is the matter with Uncle Joe Cannon? Has he quit the fragrant weed.

Secretary Shaw deploras the scarcity of five dollar bank notes. We confess our ignorance concerning these rare documents, and have written the worthy secretary, asking him to send us one, that we may recognize the article, if ever one should drift around our way.

So young Mr. Upton Sinclair, who, by the way, is unmarried, wants to establish a colony for the cooperative raising of children. Now, you people with family cares, what do you think of that?

London *Punch* informs us that a new attraction is being featured in the Music Hall of that city. A man calling himself Human Ostrich II, devours a quantity of American tinned meat in full view of the audience.

A Brief Statement

EDITOR NEWS LETTER:

There appeared in your issue of 14th inst., an article entitled "Report of Finance Committee" of the City Council, on the general conduct and conditions of the Public Library Board and its President in particular. In the opening of this report the Committee say—"We have investigated the affairs of the Library Board to a considerable extent." I wish to notice two of their statements, the balance will be taken up later.

1. They have investigated to a considerable extent. What did they examine? The Secretary's book and then abused that official, as estimable a lady as there is in Highland Park. So much for good breeding.

The President is, by virtue of his office, the treasurer of the board, and his books contain a full and complete account of all moneys received and disbursed. But this Committee never saw my books, not a single item therein, and yet they talk about a thorough investigation of the finances and other features of the board. They read the Secretary's brief records and guessed at the rest, and then published those guesses as the result of a thorough business men's investigation, and ask their clear-headed, honest fellow citizens to believe their surprising charges. Rot!

2. They say the President—"By his own admission deposited \$7,500 of the Carnegie fund to his own credit in the bank," etc. That statement is absolutely and unqualifiedly,—well, it aint true. I never deposited one dollar of that money in the bank to my own credit, a fact which they could have learned had they come to me or gone to the bank. In my further review I will explain the whole transaction in full. The one and the only one man and one set of books which could have given them the exact fact in the case they utterly ignored. To use their own language, "A most

astonishing way to conduct public business." They make another statement about the Carnegie fund,—"The President had no right to deposit \$7,500 of the Carnegie fund, to his own credit in the bank." &c. This Committee and some others seem to labor under the impression that Mr. Carnegie gave the Library or the City the \$10,000. He gave \$10,000 towards paying for a new building and for some reason in these days of graft, preferred to pay the bills himself, and sent the money to Lewis B. Hibbard, every check so drawn, to pay those bills only on the architect's orders, and all bills have been so paid. Now if this Committee had wanted the facts, in respect of this much mooted question, I would most cheerfully have given them, but they never said a word in person, by letter, postal card or phone they just guessed. Old Cicero, or some other good old Roman, once said, "*ab uno disce omnes*" which translated freely means this one sample is a fair specimen of the whole report. That such men as Messrs. Leaming and Shields should publish such a document as a correct, fair and impartial report passes my comprehension. When I get a new nib on my pen, made for the occasion, I will prepare my review of this report in full, till then I remain

Lewis B. Hibbard,
President.

Gad's Hill Benefit

The Gad's Hill Benefit at Ravinia Park on last Saturday was a success in every way. The proceeds will mount up over \$4000, it is thought. The Programme, both of the afternoon and evening concerts was very fine, being made up of a large number of the general favorites among Mr. Damrosch's repertoire. During the interval between the two concerts the crowd wandered through the grounds or took the bus over to the encampment on the lake.

The girls in the Casino, dressed as French maids, attracted much attention, as did the young ladies who sold refreshments in the pavilion during the intermission. Special mention should be made of Mrs. George Allen Mason and Miss Constance Shields who were in the Gypsy Fortunetelling camp. Both made the most picturesque and realistic gypsies that could be imagined.

The girls in the candy-booth were very attractive in simple white gowns and large hats tied under the chin in a Frenchy little bow.

Everyone entered into the spirit of charity and some payed exorbitant prices for things and no one expected change. Mrs. Carry, who has charge of the funds, expects to have raised enough money to run the camp the better part of the summer.

Over 600 people partook of the delectable hospitality of the Casino after the Gads Hill Benefit last Saturday evening. Among those who gave dinners were: Mrs. Frank R. McMullin, 6; E. F. Carry, 6; W. T. Chandler, 6; James W. Watson, 9; Mrs. A. C. Frost, 14; John F. L. Curtis, 4; Mrs. F. J. Dennis, 6; Hobart Chatfield-Chatfield Taylor, 7; Miss Julie Cummins, 8; Mrs. B. F. Cummins, 4; Mrs. M. E. Sampson, 8; F. R. Partridge, 6; Mrs. Pettitt, 6; J. L. Houghteling, 10; A. B. Scully, 6; Frank Parmalee, 8; E. C. Walker, 9; Mrs. George Merryweather, 4; Harry Black, 6.

How can I catch the sunlight
And wear it in my hair?
Is there a golden apple
Whose core is not despair?
How can I suck the honey,
Unless I kill the flower?
How can I be happy,
Yet keep the happy hour?

George E. Woods,
In Watson's Magazine.

Ravinia Park

Today Mr. Damrosch begins the last two week of his engagement at Ravinia Park, where for the last four weeks he has refreshed thousands of Chicago music lovers with his splendid Symphony Concerts in the big pavilion.

Since Mr. Damrosch gave his initiative concert at Ravinia Park last season, he has greatly enlarged his own field of popularity and expresses himself much pleased with the high order of enthusiasm with which his class of concerts have been greeted by Chicagoans.

To attend a brilliant entertainment at Ravinia Park is certainly a pleasing departure from the brass band and noisy clash of the conventional summer places of amusement. The park undoubtedly fills a long felt need in providing a luxurious play ground and rendezvous for people who want what is best in elevating and diverting entertainment.

The program to night is as follows:

Saturday, July 21st, 1906

EVENING PROGRAM

PART I.

1. Overture, "Rienzi".....Wagner
2. Waltz from "Coppelia".....Delibes
3. Allegro con grazia from the "Pathetic" Symphony No. 6.....Tschaiikowsky
4. Flute solo
a. Madrigal, from "L'Enfant Prodigue".....Wormser
b. Scherzo.....Andersen
Monsieur George Barrere.
5. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1.....Liszt

PART II.

6. Norwegian Rhapsody.....Lalo
7. Prize Song from "Die Meistersinger".....Wagner
8. Two Hungarian Dances.....Brahms
9. a. "Rigaudon".....Dubois
b. "Aubade Printaniere".....Lacombe
10. Waltz, "Vienna blood".....Strauss

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