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For all round meanness the members of the Italian criminals colony in this city are the blue ribbon. In the King's County Hospital are two women who were driven into hopeless insanity by the persecution of their families by the Black Hand. The misdeeds of the Black Hand are outrageous and it is a disgrace to the city that the blackmailers, murderers, thieves and robbers carrying on their nefarious business under the name of the Black Hand, are allowed to continue their work. It is true, a few of these criminals have been caught and punished, but there are hundreds more, as dangerous as the others, still committing crimes of every kind without fear of detection by the police.

With a large, an overwhelming majority, the stalwart burghers of Hoboken have declared themselves against the Commission form of government. They do not believe in this new fangled system and put down their ponderous feet upon the proposition of the "reformers."

A young man, elegantly dressed, attracted considerable attention the other evening by stopping in front of one of the big stores in the shopping district and beating with his cane upon one of the big plate glass windows until the latter broke and jingled upon the sidewalk. The store was closed at the time and the action of the young swell seemed to be prompted merely by a desire to find amusement. He was arrested and taken to the nearest police station, where he intimated that he was the son of an English Lord, whose name, however, he would not divulge. The police officials are of the opinion that the young man is merely "nutty" which, however, would by no means preclude his being a member of the English aristocracy.

The notions some people have concerning the duties of the police are rather amusing at times. The other day a woman sent a complaint to the police department that some-

body had stolen her evening paper, for which she had paid one whole penny. She demanded that the detective force of the city be sent out to investigate the case and to trace the thief. However, neither the detective force nor the police reserves of the precinct were sent out on the case.

An Italian girl had a serious quarrel with her Italian beau the other day. The case was really aggravated and, according to Italian notions, called for shedding of blood. The girl had a revolver, every chamber of which was loaded. She pulled the weapon from beneath her skirt and pointed the gun at her untrue lover. For a moment, but only for a moment, there was a happy prospect that the Italian colony would be reduced by one bad member. But it was not to be. The man took to his heels and the girl, pursuing him, began to shoot. Unfortunately not one of the bullets hit the sprinting miscreant, but when the smoke had cleared away, three innocent passers-by, who had been hit by as many of the bullets, were scattered along the road and had to be taken to the hospital for repairs.

Of all the pupils graduated this year from Public School 110, Broome and Cannon Streets, a blind boy, Benjamin Appicello, carried off the highest honors. His general average was close to 97. What makes the success of the boy even more remarkable is the fact that he could speak but little English when he entered the school two years ago and that he completed the work of four years within less than a year and a half. It is the boy's ambition to become a lawyer. In the fall he will enter the De Witt Clinton High School. Senator Gore, the blind member of the United States Senate, is taking great interest in the boy. The boy has a letter from Senator Gore, in which the latter advises young Appicello to study law. The boy treasures that letter and is determined to win success at the bar.

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Paris, July 7.—The condition of John W. Gates is extremely serious, he passed yesterday in a comatose condition and it seems likely now that his son Charles who is on board the Mauretania hurrying to Europe will not reach Paris in time to find him alive. Mr. Gates went to London to put through a deal with Coudray with regard to the Pearson interests in New York at a time when he should have remained in Paris for the operation that he was told was necessary for the removal of a tumor.

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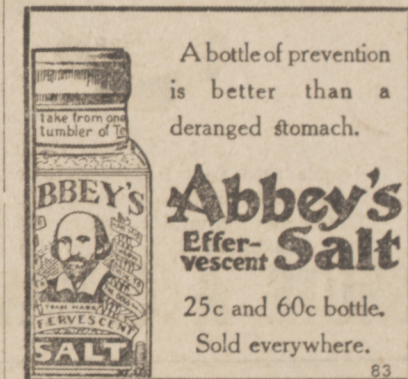
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WARM WEATHER HELPS RECIPROCITY

Washington, July 6.—A more general sentiment for expeditious action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement, wool revision and free list bills was apparent today after informal conferences among various groups of senators and six hours of continuous debate in the superheated chamber of the senate.

It was the first of the longer sessions under the decision of the senate to meet one hour earlier than usual in order to hasten action on the legislative programme. The informal discussions among senators indicated that the present feeling, doubtless influenced to some extent by the existing hot wave, is that debate may be brought to an end within ten days or a fortnight and that when the reciprocity bill is passed the Democrats will be willing to vote on the wool and free list bills without any extended debate and adjourn almost immediately. The insurgent Republicans are still holding out, however, far other legislation.

Washington, July 6.—Appreciating the necessity of maintaining a momentum for the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill, Senators Cullom and Martin, chairmen respectively, of the Republican and Democratic caucuses of the senate, today sent out notices requesting the constant attendance of all senators. The opponents of the bill have let it be known that they will demand the presence of a majority of the senate as a prerequisite to proceeding with business.



JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN IS 75

London, July 8.—Joseph Chamberlain, who a few years ago was the most conspicuous man in British political life, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary today, having been born July 8, 1836. In honor of the occasion meetings were held throughout the country by the various branches and federations of the Tariff Reform League. At his home in Birmingham Mr. Chamberlain received a veritable flood of congratulatory messages from all parts of the empire. His home city was profusely decorated in honor of the occasion and a great public demonstration was held. Though Mr. Chamberlain's health has shown some signs of improvement the past year it is not believed he will ever be in condition to again take an active part in public affairs.

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