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### HISTORY:

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## Washington Whisperings

Interesting Bits of News Gathered at the National Capital.

### Popular Misconception of the Cloakroom



WASHINGTON.—Every now and then there's a paragraph in a local paper, or perhaps in a dispatch sent out from here, that has to do with things political, mention of "cloakroom gossip" at the capitol. To tell the truth, it is doubtful whether half a dozen people, outside of those who live in Washington or who have been here in a more or less intimate capacity at one time or another, know what the capitol cloakrooms are like. In fact, from a remark innocently dropped by a friend of mine from Egypt, Ill., once upon a time—and who may be taken as fairly representative at least of several million ordinarily intelligent folks—I'm quite sure they haven't an idea.

"I never could understand," said this simple-minded person, apropos of a comment of mine on some cloakroom brilliancy, "how it was this great government couldn't provide something better than cloakrooms for senators and representatives to use when they are not working, but have to be there just the same."

I have no doubt that this modern Egyptian had pictured in his mind's eye a cloakroom all cluttered up with assorted garments in even the best of weather, and made uninhabitable by soggy, mud-splattered goloshes

and dank, smelly raincoats on wet days—as the only place to which patriotic but pestered statesmen might resort when fagged or in need of a smoke.

The reality is so different, as most of us who live here are well aware, for the Republican and Democratic cloakrooms of the house, for instance, are furnished with such attention to solid comfort—not to speak of luxury—as to make the lounging room of the ordinary club look like a parlor in Thrums by comparison. There's a scrumptiously thick carpet, a perfect flock of astonishingly comfortable chairs and half a dozen leather-covered davenport of remarkably form-fitting qualities.

It is in the cloak-room that the legislative back unbends and the brow unwrinkles. Atlas, having a temporary respite, unstraps his world burden, dumps it in the nearest corner, slaps brother Atlas on the back and borrows a cigar. Relieved from a pose that is oftentimes physical as well as mental, Atlas becomes human. He listens, he tells a story, he sometimes laughs. And in the intervals of reminiscence and such—and sometimes there are no intervals—he broods a turn, with language comprehensive and ornate, every person and thing connected with the government, from the president and the constitution down to the messenger to the eighteenth assistant secretary of state who does not know his place, and the wearing flight of steps to the second floor of the census office. And oftentimes they put each other on the pan.

### Women Involved in the Hill Imbroglia



ALTHOUGH the Hill affair is apparently settled it is still the paramount subject of gossip in diplomatic society circles. Two theories are advanced to explain the opposition to Dr. Hill as American ambassador to Berlin, and both have to do with women and high society.

In some quarters wise ones profess to have seen in the entire affair the desire of Mrs. Charlemagne Tower to continue in the German capital, where she conducted a most successful campaign. She is an especial favorite of the emperor, and is welcomed in court circles. For this reason, it was pointed out, a clever woman would find it an

easy matter to have a hint dropped that a continuation of Ambassador Tower's term would please every one concerned. The trouble consisted in the hint's being dropped in the wrong quarter.

Another supposition that seems tenable is that hinted at by a former Washington society woman, now a resident of Paris. She intimated that social, not political, enemies were responsible for the supposed turnover. She is thoroughly conversant with the secret diplomatic history of Europe, and asserted emphatically that the whole imbroglia was social.

According to this authority, there has been strong feeling in the diplomatic set against Mrs. Hill ever since she became the wife of the then assistant secretary of state. Washington social enemies made then, she declared, are striving now to accomplish her husband's downfall, although every one, even her enemies, is fond of him.

### Truants Worry of "Uncle Joe" Cannon



SPEAKER CANNON and other leaders in the house are concerned over the growing practice of representatives in being away from the chamber during the consideration of important business. It always has been difficult to keep the members present during the daily sessions, but absenteeism has become a positive evil this year.

This is due to the fact that the house now owns a large office building, put up at a cost of several millions of dollars and containing fine quarters for every member. In the seclusion of the office building a member who is not burdened with any responsibility other than to cast his vote when a signal for him to do so is given spends his time sending out seeds and writing to the folks back home.

If present plans are carried out another excuse for members who are not disposed to attend the daily proceedings will be provided. What Representative Tawney of Minnesota calls

a "plot" to retard business in the house is in process of being hatched.

When the office building was completed members made complaint that they were so far removed from the chamber they had no way of finding out what was going on except by means of a telephone. This was unsatisfactory. It was then suggested that a ticker, such as is used in transmitting stock quotations, be installed, but the scheme was discarded. Then the house officials discovered a device that it is believed will fill the bill. If put into use this device will communicate over the wires to rooms in the office building every sound and syllable uttered on the house floor.

"Why not connect the wires with Washington homes of congressmen?" said a house leader. "And then probably in the process of development the time will come when measures will be adopted making it unnecessary for the members to come to Washington at all."

"First thing we know the house will rejoice in the possession of an up-to-date signal service, including a wireless outfit. From his home in Honolulu the delegate from Hawaii, by merely touching a button or sending a message by wireless, will be able to register his vote on a given measure. "Where is it all going to end? "Darned if I know."

### Adulteration of Seeds to Be Stopped



THERE will be no more mixing of cheap, inferior or old seeds in the packages which will be sold by dealers after Representative Mann's bill becomes a law. The measure is to prevent the misbranding and adulteration of seeds, and it has been favorably acted upon by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The prospects for the passage of the bill are good.

Some interesting statements are made in the report on the bill, which has been presented to the house. It asserts that "the frightful extent to which the adulteration of seeds has grown in our country is a menace to

the interests of the farmer, gardener, horticulturist and honest seedman. The United States has become the dumping ground for the poor seed of the world, which can be and is used by unscrupulous dealers for adulteration purposes. Seed that is held over until the germ is dead and the vital force is entirely gone, is mixed with fresh seed of the same kind. The mixed article is sold as fresh seed. In buying seed it is usually impossible for the purchaser to tell the true character or quality of the seed. It is impossible for the ordinary purchaser to see any difference in appearance between turnip seed worth 40 cents a pound, cabbage seed worth \$2 a pound, and cauliflower seed worth \$40 a pound."

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