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INFANTILE PARALYSIS SPREADS.
The increasing prevalence of in-
fantile paralysis in many parts of the
world is disgusting, and in England
some agitation has been caused by
Dr. Reece's theory that a recent epi-
demic in Devon and Cornwall was
caused by the dust raised by automo-
biles. Dust has been more of an in-
cense there than in this country, per-
haps because the country is more
densely occupied by motor vehicles.
There have been many complaints of
the depreciation of property because
of the incessant dust clouds raised by
the endless procession of automobiles
whirring past at high speed, and this
modern nuisance, combined with the
unprecedented epidemic of infantile
paralysis has naturally led many to
accept Dr. Reece's view. This theo-
ry has been received skeptically by
Dr. Herman Biggs, general medical di-
rector of the New York board of
health, observes that if Dr. Reece is
right there should be a continuous epi-
demic along the routes, which is
not the case. Yet in this sound logic,
Dust clouds might spread the disease
when it existed, and yet not carry it
to a considerable distance.

The way in which the Nobel prizes
have been bestowed since their found-
ing does not make good reading for
those who believe that America is at
the forefront in all forms of activity.
Our country, with only two prizes to
its credit, does not make a distin-
guished showing. At present Amer-
ica is decidedly in the "also-ran" class,
Germany has received 16 awards,
France has 10, England 7, Holland 5,
and Russia, Italy, Switzerland and
Sweden 4 each. The United States
lines up with Denmark, Spain, Bel-
gium and Austria, with two.

A woman in New York has solved
the wife-battering problem for the
abused sex. When her husband, whom
she supported, choked her because his
supper was not ready promptly, she
laid upon his scalp with a coal shovel,
had him arrested, was complimented
by the magistrate for her deft dealing
with the situation and was allowed
to select her recalcitrant spouse's sen-
tence for him. The hand which can
wield the coal shovel to such good
purpose need not wait for the ballot.

A man in Pennsylvania died from
the effects of smoking 150,000 cigar-
ettes in ten years. He probably beat
the record, but beyond that, did not
feel for himself and made his life of
little value except to help along the
cigarette business, which seems hard-
ly worth while as the end and aim of
one's existence.

The summer hotels and boarding
houses in New York state are to be
investigated. Still, the girls needn't
worry. It's hard to find a case in
the shadows on a moonlight night.

A Maryland legislator has intro-
duced a bill providing jail sentences
for gossip. How many jails are there
in Maryland?

At the time of year the average
citizen finds himself strongly in sym-
pathy with the doctrine of coal con-
servation.

Would it be irrelevant to suggest
that the Queen Mary, Great Britain's
largest "freight" ship is "appropriately
named"?

Boston citizen kissed a letter from
his girl and got the bumps. As a rule,
however, love letters cause heart fail-
ure.

Reverend, M. Y., has a citizen who
is the proud possessor of two hearts.
And this is no par, too!

It is a breach of the peace to utter
the "turkey" test in Connecticut, ac-
cording to a ruling of the state
supreme court.

A young woman of New York has
gone to Rome to be married. This
is the first time in the face of trans-
atlantic wireless telegraph
communications that the husband

NO LAWYER TO GUIDE
Illinois Went Through Civil War Without Legal Head.
History of State's Highest Office Reveals Interesting Facts and Its Origin in Ancient English Practice.

"Did you know that Illinois went through all the exciting days preceding and during the Civil war without an attorney general, although the constitution recognized that office?" asked an attaché of the department today. "I didn't know it either until I accidentally stumbled upon the fact while I was looking up some information the other day."
The truth of what the attaché had said was easily confirmed. The state was without an attorney general from 1848 to 1868, and passed through the long years before and during the war without the guidance of such an officer.
Other interesting facts developed in a quick inspection of the history of this essential department.
The Oldest Office in the State. It is the oldest office in the state. It existed when Illinois was only a Virginia county. It was recognized in a quick inspection of the history of the state constitution of 1818 under cer-
tain restrictions respecting it. It is the only executive office in our present form of government which lacks its origin directly to the ancient English government.
And it is also true it has come through to the present day without material changes in form, duty or power.
The constitution of 1818 disqualified the attorney general as a member of the general assembly by whom the office was to be filled.
Many Years Without an Officer. The constitution of 1848 recognized the office and prohibited its incumbent to hold a seat in the legislature, but from that date to 1857 the general assembly ignored the office and made no provision for filling it either by appointment or election. Hence the remark of the old attaché.
In 1857, two years after the close of the war, the legislature made the office elective, empowering however, the governor to appoint to fill out the time to the date of the next following general election.
Ingersoll Selected by Oglesey. Governor Oglesey selected Robert G. Ingersoll, who served for almost two years, as the first attorney general in the state.
Washington Bushnell of Ottawa was the first attorney general elected by popular vote. There is a vein of sentiment connecting and associating his administration with the office with that of William H. Stead, who now seeks re-nomination; for the two men bore the close relation to each other which has been mentioned.
Made Constitutional Office. The constitution of 1870 made it a constitutional elective office. James K. Edsall of Cook county was the first to be elected under its terms.
The Duties of the Officer. The ancient English attorney general was the chief law officer of the crown and its only legal representative in the courts.
His position in Illinois today is practically the same, except that his powers are limited to the people. His powers in England were never defined definitely. He performed such legal duty as he deemed necessary for the enforcement of the law, the preservation of order and the protection of public rights.
The Illinois legislature has never specifically enumerated his duties and the courts have undertaken to define their limitations or extent.
The supreme court has held that he is vested with all the powers of the English officer and, in addition, those imposed by statute.
His statutory duties fall under two heads, the advisory and the court.
Under the advisory duties, he is the attorney for the state in all matters. In the performance of these duties he touches every question affecting the government of the county and the state.
He is the legal adviser of the general assembly, governor, all state officers, state boards, commissions and institutions, seventy-five in number, all of whom have the right to ask his guidance through his written opinions, of the law under which they are operating and of the procedure they have outlined for their office.
In one way or another all the acts of all these governmental agencies which require his "advice" before any legal questions involved reach final adjudication in the courts.
Remarkable Number of Opinions. The record of this office during the past eight years has been remarkable for the number of opinions rendered in response to requests from these agencies and the general assembly, and for the freedom of opinion with which they have been sustained in all those instances in which the ques-
tions under consideration were submitted to the supreme court.
Teaches County Government. The attorney general is likewise the legal adviser of the state's attorneys of the 102 counties in Illinois.
This duty entails the discussion of government arising in the county.
Must Appear in Courts. The court work of the office requires its incumbent to represent the people or any other officers in all courts. He must represent them in all criminal cases which reach the supreme court, averaging fifteen per cent of the cases of those of favored status.

The Hour of the Rose

By Dorothy Arthur

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"It's so dear to you, Aunt Rose, to come all this way up from Virginia, just for my wedding."
"Why, child, don't you know what romantic old maid I am at heart?" laughed Miss Carruthers, saying of her wraps, and sinking herself down in an easy chair before the fire. "I wouldn't have missed it for worlds. It needed the joy-bells of a wedding to rouse me from my sleepiness. I was turning into a regular Miss Van Winkle."
"The ideal. You don't look a day over 29, auntie." Bettina knelt down on a heap of cushions, and looked up adoringly at the face over which the twilight played. It was a piquant, thoughtful face, that time had been too much in love with to deface with many lines. The eyes were tender and endearing under their long lashes.
"I am 40, Bettie, and proud of it, proud to have attained such a dubious age and found life sweeter, richer with opportunities than ever. Why, I am just beginning to wake up to what a really splendid old world it is. When I was your age, dear, I felt a hundred years old, and was—"
The door opened hesitatingly. It was Bettina's younger sister, Grace.
"Bettie, the bishop's here," she said. "Don't you think you ought to greet him?" He asked for you the first thing."
"We'll be down in a minute," sang back the little bride-elect. "Aunt Rose, did I write you that I've been married by the bishop himself—dear, splendid bishop, that I am loved and cherished ever since I could toddle?"
Miss Carruthers looked attentively at Bettina.
"What bishop, child?"
"Hephzibah. Don't you know him, dear?" He used to be rector of St. James' oh, years and years ago."
Rose smiled. Fate had surely played a strange trick on her after 20 years. It was foolish, she told herself, that at 40 her pulses should play traitor and start to beat at the

is her room. She would not be missed in the wedding tussle of guests, she knew, and she wanted to look at the face the bishop had just seen raised the window shades, and threw back the softly tattered curtains. She moved the little dressing table before it to get a better view of the face before it. She had presently she put her head down on her arms and sobbed quietly, almost inactively, for the stupidity of that girl who had taught the roses how to grow 20 years before.



more sound of a voice, the sight of a form. Was it only 20 years ago, or 20,000, since the morning he had found her alone in the old rose garden at Twin Towers? He had been such an eager, boyish lover in spite of his sober clerical garb. And she, in her thin, girlish narrowness, had sent him from her. She did not care for the life of a clergyman's wife, she told him. She loved society and movement and action. She would share no dreamer's lot. She meant to travel and revel in variety. She had told him that a man who donned the cloak of the prophet in these days was a shirker of the real battle of life.

Now, they called him the fighting bishop. She had followed his career closely, tenderly, through the years. Wherever there had been a chance to raise the standard of the church militant, he had pressed forward. She who had loved action, had slipped into her serene, old-maidly life down at Twin Towers in Virginia, and he at whom she had laughed had become the fighter, the man of action.
Bettina, who usually introduced them in her eager, girlish fashion. The bishop's rich, deep voice broke in on her words.
"What was my old friend, are you not, Miss Carruthers? Do you still teach the roses how to grow?"
He had drawn her a little apart from the others. Tall, lean and clean shaven, with his keen, merry eyes, he made her think of the young rector. Most unaccountably, Miss Carruthers lost her sense of humor and her tender, beautiful life quivered.
"Paul, Paul, how I wronged you! Oh, don't be kind to me now and try to smooth it over. I was a selfish, ungrateful girl. I hope his hair is white, you is full measure all the happiness you deserve."
The bishop smiled down at her whimsically. "What sort of happiness, Rose?" I am a bachelor."
Here Bettina stepped down on them and spoke the bishop away to the table. "I am just beginning to wake up to what a really splendid old world it is. When I was your age, dear, I felt a hundred years old, and was—"

To destroy warts, make a strong solution of common washing soda and water. Soak the warts with this for a minute or two, and let the soda dry on them; repeat the bathing several times a day until the warts disappear. Or rub them night and morning with a moistened piece of muslin or flannel. They soften and unwind away, leaving no white marks and allowing their dispersion with lunar cause.

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