

**SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES**

**Obadiah Gardner, New Senator From Maine.**

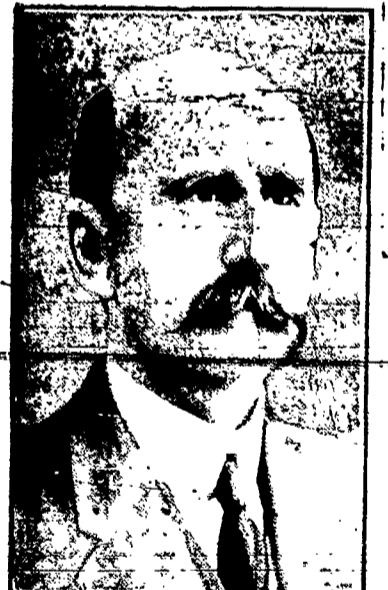


For the first time in its history Maine is represented in the United States senate by a farmer. Obadiah Gardner, who is serving the unexpired term of the late William P. Frye. Gardner, not since 1831 has this Pine Tree State had two Democrats in the upper house of congress. The new senator has been a prominent figure in Maine for many years. The owner of a large farm in Rockland, he has taken an active part in all matters pertaining to agriculture and has served several times as master of the state grange. In 1908 he was the Democratic nominee for governor and, with one exception, polled the largest vote ever given a Democrat in the state.

Senator Gardner is a native of Port Huron, Mich., and is sixty-one years old. He was educated at Froughkeepsie, N. Y., and thirty-six years ago removed to Rockland, where he has since resided.

His term of office expires March, 1913, and his successor will be nominated at the primaries next June.

**Governor of New Mexico.**  
Governor W. C. McDonald of New Mexico, the first chief executive to be elected by the people of the new state, is an easterner by birth and a Democrat in politics. In a recent speech the new governor said "In the discharge of my duties none will be too poor and none too rich to receive consideration in the executive office, and I will heartily join hands with any man who has the interests of our



commonwealth at heart and will work with him for the greater glory of New Mexico.

The new governor of New Mexico is a native of New York, fifty-three years of age and in his youth studied law. Thirty years ago he went to the territory, in which he has since made his home, and engaged in mining and civil engineering. Later he became manager of a big cattle company, a position in which he demonstrated keen business judgment and executive ability. Except for one term in the territorial legislature, Mr. McDonald has never before held public office.

**Mr. Townsend's Expense Account.**  
Edward M. Townsend, who was elected "Chimnie Faddler" but who later fell to be a congressman from Mendocino, N. J., and makes the roof of the house of representatives rattle with the disgrace of a government which makes the rich richer and the poor poorer, was once a reporter highly considered by his employers.

One day he was sent out of town to report a scandal in a distant city which promised at space rates to be good for at least \$75 or \$80 a week. It was a fizzle. By working all day and nearly all night he could not scare up news enough to pay better than \$20 or \$25 a week.

When he returned to his office and got in his expense bill the last item read thus:  
No Man-is-Not-Made-of-Stone..... \$80  
And he got it.

**FOR THE CHILDREN**

**A Game For New Year's.**

When your friends come, play "Want a day's work?" This is a capital game when well played, and the antics and grimaces of boys who are good mimics cause great merriment. The game begins thus, and it matters not how many boys are engaged in it. A line is drawn, within that line is the shop, and when a bad workman is discharged he is pushed across the line. The employer, or master, should be a very sharp lad. A boy comes up and the master asks him if he wants a day's work, the boy says he does. He is then asked what trade he is, if he says a tailor, a coat is supposed to be given him to make; if a shoemaker a pair of shoes, if a tinker a sun-pan to bottom, if a stone-mason, a stone to cut or saw, and every boy must imitate the actions of the tailor, shoemaker, etc., while at work whatever the trades may be. Then the master looks over the work, finds fault gets in a rage, discharges the workman and, if he can, turns him out of the shop. But if in the struggle the boy turns the employer out he then becomes master and the other is set to work. So that, after a few good natured trials of strength, each boy in turn generally becomes master. Philadelphia Ledger

**National Greetings.**  
"How is your stomach?" That's Chinese.  
"Be under the guard of God." That's the Ottoman's.  
"How do you do?" That's English and American.  
"How do you carry yourself?" That's French.  
"May thy shadow never grow less." That's Persian.  
"Thank God, how are you?" That's Arabian.  
"How do you find yourself?" That's German.  
"How do you have yourself?" That's Polish.  
"How do you perspire?" That's Egyptian.  
"How do you live on?" That's Russian.  
"Go with God, senior." That's Spanish.  
"How do you stand?" That's Italian.  
"How do you fare?" That's Dutch.

**Conundrums.**  
Why was Shakespeare a good broker? Because he furnished many stock quotations.  
What instrument of war does an angry lover resemble? A crossbow (bear).  
What is majesty deprived of its external? Majesty.  
What animals are admitted to the opera? Ermines, beavers, raccoons and white kids.  
Why is it vulgar to sing and play by yourself? Because it is solo (so low).  
Why is a child like flannel? Because it shrinks from washing.  
Why is the root of the tongue like a dejected man? Because it is down in the mouth.  
Who was Jonah's tutor? The whale, because it brought him up.  
What trade does the sun follow in the month of May? Mason (May-sun).  
—Philadelphia Ledger

**Take Care of the Teeth.**  
Proper care of the teeth is probably one of the most important duties of the girl to herself in the morning. One of the surest ways to keep the teeth free from decay and consequent trouble is conscientious cleaning every single day, even twice or three times, if necessary, but disregard of the teeth will soon bring its own consequences. And indeed good teeth are one of the most valuable possessions of the girl who desires to be as pretty as possible. And that is usually the ambition of nearly every girl. Another important precaution is to be careful of the teeth by avoiding any hard substances or too great an indulgence in candies and sweetmeats.  
—Berklyn Eagle

**Japanese New Year's.**  
In Japan New Year's day is king of holidays. It takes all of December to get ready for it. From beginning to end it means a good time for the children. If you live in Japan you would get up on New Year's morning in time to see the sun rise, for this is the way that you would gain good luck for the year to come. And when New Year's evening came you would hope to dream a happy dream, either about Fuji, "The Matchless Mountain" or about a falcon, an eagle, or the sky, for any of these dreams would bring happiness.

**A Whistling Tree.**  
A species of acacia, which grows very abundantly in Nuzia and the Sudan, is called the whistling tree by the natives. Its shoots are frequently, by the action of the larvae of insects, distorted in shape and swollen into a ball from one to two inches in diameter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole in the side of this swelling, the opening played upon by the wind becomes a musical instrument, nearly equal in sound to a sweet-toned flute.

**New Year's Greeting.**  
So may each year be happier than the last, and not one meanest brother or sister debarred of his share of the great Creator's good gifts. — "The Chimes," Dickens.

**The Peepers.**  
Little folks should be asleep. And, of course, should never peep. When Santa climbs the chimney through, But, then, of course, you never do. He never leaves nice games and toys For peeping little girls and boys.



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**The Rochester Medical Relief Association**

While trying to save the furniture of St. Patrick's Church and parsonage, Denison, Texas, which were recently burned to the ground, Tim Corcoran lost his life. He was carrying furniture out of the parsonage, when the walls fell on him. The total loss, including the pipe organ, was \$35,000. The pastor, Rev. P. M. Donohoe, had a narrow escape from falling walls.



THE HOLY NIGHT

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