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## AMERICAN SILK GOWNS.

**THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE HAS IN-  
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Secretary Wilson believes that many portions of the country, particularly in the West, are capable of producing silk. He has been endeavoring to interest the Japanese in the raising of silkworms and the raising of mulberry trees. The Japanese have a class of laborers who work for their board and keep along. All they want is a place to live and plenty of food in the shape of leaves from a particular kind of tree, and they are willing to turn millions of dollars into the pockets of their employers. In fact, Japan sent to the United States \$32,000,000 worth of silk products during the last year, and they never received one cent of this vast sum. France, Italy, China and various other countries, too, have laborers of this kind, but in the

bar for the silk worm recently sent him. Life in the silk worm country of a silk worm. The various stages in the life of a silk worm are interesting, and the eggs which hatch into silkworms are very interesting. The silkworms are reared in a warm place, and the cocoons are spun in a warm place. The cocoons are spun in a warm place, and the cocoons are spun in a warm place.

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## EDDIES OF PERRY'S FIGHT.

**SHIPS SUNK BY AMERICAN FORCES RECENTLY DISCOVERED.**

They will be raised from beds of mud and preserved as records of war of 1812.

Following Commodore Perry's crushing of the British fleet in his great Lake Erie fight, three of the British war boats were sunk in the Thames River, near Lake St. Clair. The question has arisen to whom do these vessels belong? After lying forgotten, covered with mud and water, for nearly a century, they have been discovered and it is proposed to raise them. Over this, and their removal to Detroit, an international controversy is threatened.

## A MAN WITHOUT A HILL.

Rapid Rise of Frank H. Hitchcock—Now First Assistant Postmaster General.

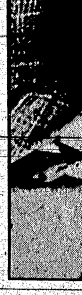
Several accounts have appeared in the papers and magazines descriptive of the rapid rise of First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock. Starting with a subordinate clerkship in the Department of Agriculture some 15 years ago where his duties consisted mainly in labeling and storing away the skins and skulls of mice, rats, and other mammals collected by the animal and bird division of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Hitchcock has risen to the position of first assistant postmaster general. It was thus apparent that there could have been no trifling back and forth in the career of the man who has now become a member of the cabinet.

## ANTI-PASS SENTIMENT.

IT IS GROWING IN CONGRESS AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Mary Legislators Have Already Set Their Faces Against the Acceptance of Half-Breed and Telegraphic Favors.

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former Department which occurred all his spare evenings for months. Upon Secretary Corbett's resignation from the Department of Commerce and Labor to engage in the work of electing Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Hitchcock went with him as his principal assistant his uncompleted duties. However, still following him as they had previously and were not even contemplated upon his appointment. It is not known to date.

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It is a promising sign that a number of national legislators of their own persuasion are demanding that consistency demands that they withdraw from the popular feeling throughout the country against the practice.

It is a fair sized business in itself which provides the issuance of railroad and telegraphic "contracts" to legislators. The practice is, of course,

## Did Not Say It.

At the time he desires Andrew Carnegie to do as he pleases, that to die of the same disease which killed the late Mr. Carnegie.

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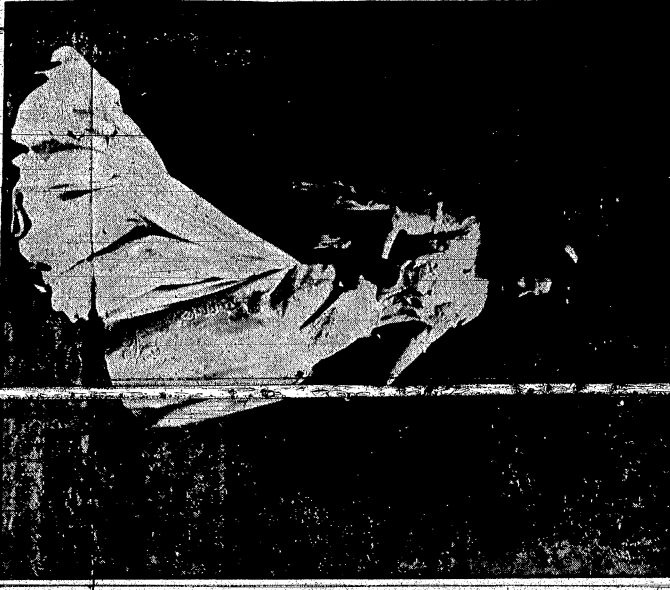
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