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## BY THE WAY

**W**HAT is the smallest coin issued from the United States Mint—the smallest, we mean, in value, not in size? Few people would guess. An exchange tells us that it is the *centavo*, in value worth about half a cent or an English farthing. Probably few of our readers ever saw one, but it is coined in millions. It is made solely for circulation in the Philippines and its size is large because the Filipinos under the Spanish rule were accustomed to use large coppers.

The altitude record in unveiling monuments is to be broken, it is said, when a monument is erected next September over the grave of Dr. James Orton on an island in Lake Titicaca, in Peru. The height is over 12,000 feet above the level of the sea, and Lake Titicaca is the highest steam-navigated lake in the world. Professor Orton was one of the greatest of American naturalists and had remarkable experiences as an explorer in South America. He was a professor at Vassar College, and was away on leave for purposes of exploration and study of natural history at the time of his death in 1877. The Vassar alumni have raised a fund for the Memorial in Dr. Orton's honor. It has been designed by a New York sculptor, Mr. John Ettl. It has the special quality of following the architectural style used by the ancient Incas. The Peruvian Government will be represented officially at the unveiling.

A hundred years ago a wealthy bachelor, named Paige, who lived near Albion, Rhode Island, gave a party; one of the young ladies left a glove. Mr. Paige returned it with the following note: "If from your glove you take the letter G, that glove is love and that I have for thee." The young lady replied: "If from your name you take the letter P, that Paige is age and that won't do for me." The story is vouched for by a friend of The Outlook, whose grandmother had it at first hand.

A number of small towns of Massachusetts are offering special inducements in the way of a "cash bonus" in their efforts to attract young physicians to settle in their midst. More than seventy towns are without doctors, and these are "borrowing" doctors from adjoining communities.

Dr. Clara Barrus, literary executor and authoritative biographer of the late John Burroughs, asks that all persons owning interesting letters from Mr. Burroughs will communicate with her at Woodchuck Lodge, Roxbury, N. Y. All letters sent will be promptly copied, or extracted from, and returned to the owners.

A London newspaper trying to find the novel with the shortest chapter concluded that the prize went to Bulwer-Lytton, in whose "What Will He Do With It?" the chapter headed "Dénouement" consists of only one word, "Poodle;" but an English critic has hastened to announce that the shortest