

**Mark Twain Liked Girls.**  
Mark Twain, although the creator of the most lovable boy in literature, Tom Sawyer, was really more interested in little girls, says Marion Schuyler Allen in the Strand Magazine, and it was through his interest and affection for my little daughter Helen that we came to know him so well and to share the last months of his life. He used to pretend that only girls were interesting; that boys ought not to exist until they were men. The fact was he really was interested in any young creature. In one of the books he gave Helen he wrote, "It is better to be a young June beetle than an old bird of paradise."

**Standing by His Colors.**  
The box office man in a Broadway theater was called away for ten minutes and had to leave things in charge of a greenhorn. Before departing he explained in detail the prices of the various tickets, and the new man said he understood.

No sooner was the novice left alone than a woman appeared at the window.

"How much are the tickets here?" she inquired.

"Well," said the greenhorn, remembering his instructions, "the blue ones are \$2, the red ones are \$1.50 and the yellow ones are only \$1."—New York Tribune.

**Got the Candy.**  
"Sis, gimme some o' that candy o' yours?"

"No, Bobbie, I won't. That's my best candy, and it was given to me, and you shan't have a bite of it."

"If you don't gimme some I'll tell on you."

"What do you mean? What have you got to tell on me, silly boy?"

"That Mr. Humber, that mother don't like, called on you last night, didn't he? An' you sat in the den, where there's only two chairs, didn't you? Well, I put a bunk of chewing gum on one of the chairs, and it's there yet this morning. Do I get a piece of candy? Thanks, sis!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Looking For Publicity.**  
"George," she said, "before we go any further I must insist that the word obey be dropped from the marriage service."

"Oh, pshaw!" he replied. "Why bother over that. It's a mere formality. Nobody expects it to be binding any more."

"That's all very well. But if we have it dropped the papers will give us a much more extended notice than they would otherwise."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Beards and Armies.**  
The German emperor is not the only tyrant in the matter of whiskers. A British army regulation reads: "The hair of the head is to be kept short. The upper lip is not to be shaved, and the chin and under lip are to be shaved." Marbot tells in his reminiscences how when he joined the First Hussars at Nice a false mustache had to be painted on his upper lip with shoe blacking before he dared to appear before the regiment.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Thoughtful and Saving.**  
When a well known comedian was appearing at a music hall in one of the Scottish cities the prices were put up. A man explained to a friend that he had gone to the hall with his wife intending to go into the pit and had found that 18 pence was being charged instead of a shilling. "Of course you didn't go in," said the friend. "Oh, yes; I went in, but I paid them out for their greed. I sent my wife home, so they lost sixpence by it."—London Mail.

**Stale Bread.**  
To freshen stale bread just twist the bread or rolls up tightly in a paper bag and lay the bag in the oven, and you will not know them from the fresh article. The oven should be a moderate one.

**A Substitute.**  
"Have you a stove lifter I could borrow?" asked the woman who had just moved in.

"No, but my husband is a piano mover," suggested the woman next door.—Philadelphia Record.

**Counts Up.**  
"My dear," he said in a mildly reproachful tone, "I have no doubt at all that you are a good bargain hunter and that you always get really excellent bargains, but you get too many of them."—Chicago Post.

**A Noisy Caucus.**  
"Papa, will you tell me one thing?"  
"Yes, my son."  
"If a lot of crows were to hold a meeting and swear at one another would that be what they call a caucus?"—Exchange.

**Seeing Rome.**  
"Papa certainly didn't manage this European trip very well. He said we'd be in Rome two days, but he made a mistake, and it's three, and now we've seen everything, and there's absolutely nothing to do for a whole day."—Life.

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**Reynard the Fox.**  
Renard, or, as it is more usually written, Reynard, is the name given to the fox in a famous German epic of the fourteenth century called "Reynard the Fox." The book is really a satire on the state of Germany in the middle ages, the different animals, each of which are given a special name, typifying different institutions. Thus Reynard the Fox stands for the church, Isengrim the Wolf for the barons and Nodel the Lion for the emperor. Other characters are Tibert the Cat and Bruin the Bear. Both in the last named case and that of Reynard the personal name given by the author has passed into common speech.

**East African Highlands.**  
The young Englishman, be he officer or settler in the east African highlands, cuts a hardy figure. His clothes are few and far between. A sun hat, a brown flannel shirt with sleeves cut above the elbow and open to the chest, a pair of thin khaki knickerbockers cut short five inches at least above the knee, boots and a pair of puttees comprise the whole attire. Nothing else is worn. The skin, exposed to sun, thorns and insects, becomes almost as dark as that of the natives and so hardened that it is nothing to ride all day with bare knees on the saddle—a truly Spartan discipline from which at least the visitor may be excused.—Strand Magazine.

**A Mountain of Alum.**  
In China, twelve and a half miles from the village of Lionchek, there is a mountain of alum which in addition to being a natural curiosity is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it yearly tons of alum. The mountain is not less than ten miles in circumference at its base and has a height of 1,940 feet. The alum is obtained by quarrying large blocks of stone, which are first heated in great furnaces and then in vats filled with boiling water. The alum crystallizes out and forms a layer about six inches in thickness. This layer is subsequently broken up into blocks weighing about ten pounds each.

**Wolsey and His Orange.**  
Oranges were first brought to England about the middle of the sixteenth century and found ready favor with those who could afford them. Curious use was sometimes made of the fruit soon after its introduction. Cavendish describes Cardinal Wolsey as entering a crowded chamber "holding in his hand a very fair orange, whereof the meat or substance within was taken out and filled up again with the part of a sponge, wherein was vinegar and other confections against the pestilential airs, the which he commonly smelt unto passing among the people or else when he was pestered with many suitors."—London Globe.

**Nature and the Prairies.**  
Long and lovingly did brooding nature cover over the western prairies. Long ages ago she planned off the angles of them. While the Pharaohs built pyramids the prairies yet bided their time. Robed in thick carpets of grass and flowers, they gathered year by year their riches of vegetable mold. Richly brown is the good earth of the prairies, yielding readily to plow and harrow. Now we see everywhere the snug homestead, tree embowered, and near by a red barn. Here on the prairies is found the true and ancient democracy of America, the aristocracy of worth, high appreciation of the nobility of earnest endeavor and great friendliness of men.—Breeder's Gazette.

**Too Commercial.**  
"This is indeed a very commercial age," said a senator. "Take this artist's experience. A picture dealer entered a well known artist's studio in Boston the other day and bargained for a large canvas—a landscape of meadowland and cattle. When the price was agreed on and paid, the dealer took out his knife and, to the artist's horror, with one sweep of the blade, cut the canvas in two."  
"There now," said the dealer complacently, "I have two pictures, one of beautiful meadowland and a lake, the other of an interesting group of cattle. I can get for each about what I paid you for the whole canvas. Now sign this half, too."—Washington Star.

**Frenchwomen in Business.**  
If the Englishwoman fails in business that proves her inferior in one respect at least to her sisters across the channel. Frenchwomen succeed as shopkeepers, and many large businesses are entirely under feminine control. The difference between the two nationalities in this respect is indicated by the name above the shop doors. Who ever saw "Mr. and Mrs. —" above an English shop? In Paris, however, "M. and Mme. —" and even "M. — et femme" are quite common.—London Opinion.

**R. L. S. and Deroulede.**  
The critic who first introduced M. Deroulede to the English public as a poet was Robert Louis Stevenson. It was when stranded in a village inn in the course of his travels with a donkey in the Cevennes that Stevenson picked up a copy of his verses, and, after reading them, he delivered the verdict, "One feels that one would like to trust Paul Deroulede with something." His songs are of war and are inspired by his own experiences of the Franco-German campaign.—Westminster Gazette.

**Skin Came.**  
The taxidermist makes an honorable living at a skin game.—Philadelphia Record.

**Gastronomic Clock.**  
An ingenious Frenchman once devised a clock that would tell him the time in the dark, not through his eyes but through his mouth. Beside his bed he placed a large flat clock dial on which every hour was marked by a small cavity. In each of these he placed a different spice; the figure 12, for instance, held quique and the figure 6 cloves. To find the time he felt for the short hand with his fingers and dipped them into the cavity to which it pointed, then tasted his fingers. This gave him the hour. To get the minutes he felt for the long hand and tasted the spice to which it pointed. If he tasted pepper and then nutmeg, for instance, he knew it was half past 3.

**The Life of the Wasp.**  
With the coming of winter the life of the wasp ceases, but until that time they are most exemplary creatures. There are no lazy folk in waspland. They are most industrious and ambitious—quite as much so, in fact, as their more celebrated relatives the bees and the ants. Labor and effort are evenly divided in a nest of wasps. For instance, some of them assume the duty of plunderers, going out in search of food, while others act as policemen and stay at home and guard the place.

**A Force Proportioned to Its Frame.**  
The war of 1812 has proved that our free government, like other free governments, though slow in its early movements, acquires in its progress a force proportioned to its frame and that the union of these states, the guardian of the freedom and the safety of all and of each, is strengthened by every occasion that puts it to the test.—James Madison.

**Also Lid, Dicer, Etc.**  
Among the slang synonyms for "bat" is "cady," which is supposed to have a Hebrew origin, and has been long in use in Whitechapel in London, as witness a popular song of 1881, in which the refrain supplies one of the few rhymes to "lady": "Met a lady, raised my cady." It is doubtful whether any article of apparel has so many slang alternatives as a hat. A by no means exhaustive list would include "tile," "golgotha," "canister," "castor," "chimney," "colleger," "cock and pinch," "cow shooter," "david," "digget's delight," "fantail," "gomer," "goss," "mushroom," "pill box," "stove pipe," "thatch," "truck" and "weeje."—London Chronicle.

**A Neat Selection.**  
"That's a nice umbrella you have there."  
"Ain't it? Reflects credit on my taste, doesn't it?"  
"It certainly does. Where did you get it?"  
"Picked it out of a bunch of seven that were standing in the boarding house hall this morning."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Where the Shoe Pinched.**  
Young Girl (glancing at her pedal extremities)—Oh, dear! My feet are so awfully big! Practical Auntie—But you stand on them all right, don't you?  
Young Girl—Oh, yes, but so do other folks too.—New York Tribune.

**Spiteful.**  
Ragged Rogers—De lady in de next house give me a piece of homemade cake. Won't you give me somethin', too? Mrs. Spiteful—Certainly, I'll give you a pepsin tablet.—Boston Transcript.



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