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The Hard Part.
 It's hard to live within one's salary, but there's one consolation—it's harder to live without it.—Herald and Presbyterian.

The Boy and the Book.
 "The late Edward Everett Hale," said a Boston magazine editor, "was a great student of child life."
 "Dr. Hale once dilated to me on the incorrigibly bad taste in books that children have. He instanced the case of his own son, now a famous architect, whose taste he had a hard time forming."
 "The little boy, it seemed, cared only for the sensational in literature. Jack Harkaway and Deadwood Dick seemed to him the very topmost pinnacle of literary excellence. He yawned over the splendid historical works his father read to him."
 "One day, however, Dr. Hale had a gleam of hope. The little boy brought him a volume of English history and said:
 "'Will you read me some more out of this, please?'
 "'Why, certainly, my boy,' the father answered cordially. 'What part would you like to have?'
 "'Read me,' said the little boy, 'about Mary, queen of Scots, getting her head cut off and the blood all running down her back.'"
 Division.
 The new teacher glanced smilingly over the school and was delighted to see so many bright young faces among her new charges.
 "Now, children," she said, "so that I may find out what you know I will test you on arithmetic. Maggie Wilkins, if I were to divide three bananas among seventeen boys what would be the result?"
 "A riot," said Maggie, speaking up like a little drum major.
 "Possibly," said the teacher, "but that is not what I mean. Tommy, you may take the question. Three bananas among three boys—that would be one banana apiece for each boy. Now, three bananas among seventeen boys would be what?"
 "Three bananas, mhm," answered Tommy.
 "I know, but three into seventeen is"—said the teacher.
 "Three bananas would go into seventeen boys once and none over," said Tommy confidently.
 It was then that the new teacher resigned.—Harper's Weekly.

STATE CAMPAIGN WELL UNDER WAY
Republicans Making an Aggressive Canvass.
STRONG TICKET WELL BACKED

Rank and File of the Party Throughout Pennsylvania Appreciate the Importance of the Coming Election and Its Bearing Upon Local and National Conditions.
 [Special Correspondence.]
 Philadelphia, Sept. 21.
 With the reopening of activities this week the campaign for the election of the Republican ticket in Pennsylvania can be said to be well under way.
 Having an exceptionally strong ticket in Judge Robert von Moschizsker for justice of the supreme court, Senator A. E. Sisson for auditor general and former Senator Jeremiah A. Stober for state treasurer, and with every department of the state government under Republican control and administered with exceptional fidelity to public interest, and after the splendid record made in the successful fight for a protective tariff by Pennsylvania's Republican representatives in congress, the Republican party managers look with confidence for a great popular victory at the polls in November.
 While every issue and every condition should forebode a large majority at the election, Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, has sounded a warning against the dangers of overconfidence. He is urging each committeeman to work as though success depended upon the polling of every vote in his election district.
 Judge von Moschizsker is taking no part in the campaign, as he holds that a nominee for the supreme bench should not participate in a political canvass, and he is continuing to discharge his duties as a judge in the common pleas court.
 His colleagues on the state ticket, however, are out meeting the people face to face and discussing the issues.
State League Convention.
 Candidates Sisson and Stober were yesterday in Erie, today they are due in Meadville in the morning and Franklin in the afternoon; tomorrow they are scheduled to visit Mercer in the forenoon and Newcastle later in the day, and on Thursday they are booked to address a mass meeting to be held in Altoona under the auspices of the State League of Republican Clubs, which will hold its convention there on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.
 United States Senators Penrose and Oliver and practically all of the Republican congressmen from Pennsylvania are expected at this convention, which it is predicted will be one of the most important gatherings in the history of the league.
 Besides the two United States senators, among the speakers at the mass meeting will be former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw.
 If his duties as chairman shall not interfere, Colonel Andrews will also attend the convention.
 Various organizations have met recently, among them the War Veterans' club, of Philadelphia, and cordially endorsed the full Republican ticket and resolved to work industriously to get out the vote.
 The influence of a large Republican majority at the coming election in Pennsylvania, both upon national and local conditions, will be far-reaching.
 Should Pennsylvania falter, it would be heralded from one end of the Union to the other that "Protection Pennsylvania" had repudiated the tariff bill, which would mean a calamitous condition for industrial and trade conditions possible until after the congressional elections next year.

Very Misleading.
 Battersby came across this interesting item in the household department: "If men would answer their wives kindly and courteously when asked for money it is undoubtedly true that the amount requested would not be half as much as it would be if the husband's reply was surly and antagonistic."
 Battersby read this item over twice to make sure he grasped its meaning, and just then his wife entered the room.
 "George," she said, "I want some money."
 Battersby smiled affably.
 "Yes, my dear," he pleasantly remarked, "and how much do you want?"
 Mrs. Battersby stared at him in amazement.
 "I said I wanted some money."
 This time she spoke with much distinctness.
 "And I asked you how much you wanted," Battersby merrily reminded her.
 "Fifty dollars!" she snapped.
 Battersby almost fainted. He had imagined she was after \$5 and that his genial tone would cut the amount to \$2.50.
 But he handed over the fifty without further ado—and then there the misleading item into infinitesimal fragments.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Panthers as Household Pets.
 "A British official in an out of the way Persian district invited me to stay at his house for a night," narrates a globe trotter. "I was comfortably settled upon a sofa just before dinner when my rest was suddenly disturbed by a loud bang at the sitting room door, which, flying open, admitted two enormous animals, which I at first took for dogs.
 "Both of them made at once for my sofa, and, while the larger one curled comfortably round my feet and composed itself to sleep, the smaller one seated itself on the floor and commenced licking my face and hands, an operation which had I dared I should strongly have resented.
 "But those white, gleaming teeth and flashing green eyes filled me with something akin to terror. To my relief, my host entered at this juncture.
 "'Making friends with the panthers, I see,' he remarked pleasantly. 'They are nice, companionable beasts.'
 "That may have been true at the time. The fact remains, however, that three months afterward one of them devoured a native child."—London Telegraph.

Cockades and Buttons.
 The cockade originated simply in the knot of ribbons or strings by which the broad flaps of the seventeenth century round hat were "cocked" or drawn up to the brim in fine weather, and thus originated the three-cornered hat as well as the cocked hat of later times. There was nothing specially military about the usage, as the ignorant assert. The same strings survive in the loops of the hats of bishops and other ecclesiastical dignitaries in Great Britain, in the strings of the hats worn by French curés and Spanish and Italian padres and in the cords which are still seen on the hats of some livery servants.
 It naturally became the custom for military men to "cock" their hats with the livery color of the prince they served, and as the Hanoverian color was the convenient one of black the "black cockade" became associated in the minds of the people with military uniform. In an old Scotch song of Sherramuir, citing "Woodward's Heraldry," we read of "the red coat lads with black cockades," and a knot of white ribbons was naturally chosen as the badge of their opponents. When the old use of the strings was forgotten the knot, in the form of a rosette of ribbon, survived, just as did the buttons on the backs of our coats, which were intended to fasten back the flaps in riding or marching.—Justice of the Peace.

Striking a Comet.
 If we ask the effect of a comet's striking the earth we will readily see that if the head of the comet were composed of boulders a collision would have disastrous consequences. A rain of millions of great meteoric stones would, of course, bring catastrophe. If, however, it were merely a rain of small particles or dust we might never become conscious of it, for the particles would never reach us. They would be fused into gas through friction with our atmosphere many miles before reaching the surface. If the gases liberated by friction were in excessive volume we might suffer discomfort or even disaster. It is estimated that hundreds of millions of meteoric particles strike our atmosphere every day. This would be a serious matter if we were not protected by our great sheltering envelope of air. Occasionally meteoric boulder is large enough to resist the heat generated by this friction and reaches the surface. This is called a meteorite. The now established connection between comets and meteors is a matter of great interest. Ralph B. Larkin in North America Review.

Nature Sometimes Makes Mummies.
 Natural mummification, the changing of the human body into a dried condition without artificial treatment, is an extremely rare phenomenon. In a case reported by Hon. S. Wolfsohn of British Honduras, a middle aged cooly who disappeared between January and March, 1907, was found more than a year afterward, on May 6, 1908, in a corrugated iron hut as a perfectly preserved mummy. The hut, in a somewhat isolated spot at Sibun, was raised on blocks four or five feet above the ground and had a door and three shutters, one shutter being open, while one had fallen out. The body was clothed in a cotton undershirt, dark jersey and duck trousers, two pieces of rope around the neck proving self strangulation. The desiccation seemed to have been favored by a combination of conditions, the season having been extraordinarily dry and the small iron house excessively hot, though well ventilated, while the body was thin and attenuated as a result of mental disorder.

Turn About.
 A young English student late one cold and wintry night found the door of his college locked against him. The young man outside argued with the doorkeeper inside, cajoled and entreated, but to no avail. Eventually he slipped half a sovereign under the door and was admitted. It was a financial deal wisely thought out on strict business lines. Once inside, he informed the janitor (falsely) that, unfortunately, after taking the half sovereign out of his purse he had dropped the purse itself on the doorstep. The attendant went out to secure it, but once on the chilly, wet doorstep the door was slammed. Then the deal was repeated, for the shivering mercenary was not allowed into his warm abode until he had slipped the half sovereign back again.

Thoroughly Prepared.
 At a religious service in Scotland the late Lord Kelvin noticed a youngster accompanying his grandparents and sitting wise as a young owl through the sermon.
 At the close of the service Lord Kelvin congratulated the grandfathers upon the excellence of the young man's behavior.
 "Och, aye," returned the veteran. "Duncan's weel threatened afore he gangs in."

Beauty and Brains.
 This slab of soil they call Kansas has more prosperity, health and happiness, more sweet girls and sweeter mothers-in-law and more gimlet faced, flab faced, mushroom footed men who make up in brains what they lack in looks than any other place on top of earth. Mizpah!—Hutchinson (Kan.) Gazette.

Of Course.
 "New York is a big city."
 "And if everybody lived in New York that registers from New York New York would be twice as big."—Louisville Courier-Journal.
 Trust not too much in an enchanting face.—Virgil.

"Choir."
 Churchgoers who follow the servile in their prayer books would certainly miss the "dear old phrase" concerning "quires and places where they sing; and in time the old fashioned quire may be made new fashioned again: the coming of rationalized spellings "Choir" was a most unnecessary orange upon the language. The old English "quer" or "quere" became qu naturally "quyer" or "quire," and it remained until the end of the seventeenth century, when somebody saw to have introduced "choir" because looked more like the French "choeur" as if that were a valid reason. The could have been no danger of confusing a church "quire" and a "quire" paper, which is a different word, a French "cabier," probably from Latin "quaternarium," a collection of leaves.—London Standard.

Locked Shah In House of Commons.
 A shah of Persia, who made a visit to England in 1873, had a curious experience in the distinguished strangers' gallery of the house of commons. He soon got tired of watching the legislators at work, but when made a move to go he was told could not leave the gallery. It happened at that moment that a divil was called, and in accordance with practice which then prevailed all doors of the house were locked and the vote was taken. Mr. Gladstone made an interesting comment on incident. "It is," he wrote in his journal, "probably, or possibly, the time for more than 500 years that foreign sovereign has been under some restraint of any kind in land."—Westminster Gazette.

The Entire Trouble.
 "Don't take it so hard," said sympathizing friend. "Remember though your daughter is married have not lost her."
 "I know," sobbed the bride's mother. "That's the trouble. Julia her husband have already picked the best room in the house for th—Chicago Record-Herald.

In Perfect Innocence.
 The Beauty (turning from a gaze in the mirror)—I do envy you Friend (pleased, but incredulous) envy me, my dear! I wonder The Beauty—Because you can see real me. I can never see anything the mere reflection.—London Punch

No Bones Broken.
 "It seems his uncle fell out of the window."
 "Gracious! Any bones broken?"
 "Not one."
 "No?"
 "No. He was merely drowned happened in Venice."

Her Reason.
 "It is awfully good of you to have a dance," a young man reekingly to his partner. "I think what made you so kind."
 "No?" the girl rejoined. "Why, you know that it's a charity ball."
 He gives twice who gives for he is sure to be asked again den Punch.

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Bobby—Mr. Updyke, what do you suppose Clara said about you just before you came in?
 Mr. Updyke—I haven't an idea in the world, Robert.
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