Humorous.

A credit table affair—the dinner that isn't paid for.

Going out with the tied—a newly-married couple.

How to acquire a short hand—fool around a buzz saw.

This is a glorious and a favored land for the fellows who don't get left.

Charity may cover a multitude of sins, but that is not its regular business.

When is a dog most like a human being? When he is between a man and a boy.

Many a girl who is anxious to get into print has been contented with getting into a calico wrapper.

We never saw a youngster, no matter how tender-hearted he was, that would not beat a drum and lick a sugar spoon.

"Who is that across the street?" "Oh, that is a very close friend of mine." "Indeed." "Yes, he never lends a cent."

The big snake seems to be rather late making his appearance this year—or the the snake liar has become conscience stricken.

A Philadelphia school girl, upon being asked by the teacher to define a hollow mockery, promptly replied, "A bustle."

Hallow Eve is an ancient institution. In the garden of Eden, when Adam wanted his wife, he used to say, "Hallo, Eve."

There is a Gaelic proverb: "If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hat over his eyes.

There is one admirable feature about a wire fence. The patent medicine man can't paint a legend on it in regard to his liver cure.

A book agent was knocked down by a street car the other day and two wheels passed over his cheek. The car is laid up pending repairs.

A pension is claimed by a Little Rock woman on the ground of nervous debility produced by seeing a wounded Federal soldier's leg amputated.

An Australian doctor eases up on the bereaved family by advertising that he will pay half the funeral expenses in cases where he is not successful.

The best way to get along in hot weather is to believe every sort of fish story that is told. If one is improbable it can be disposed later in the season.

A man may be brave enough to walk up to the cannon's mouth, and yet not have the courage to hand his wife a letter that he carried in his jacket for a week.

A Sing Sing convict concealed himself in a box of shirts, was flung into a freight car, kicked the end out of the box and escaped. He should have been ironed.

From the May salary of a New York City school teacher who receives $700 a year, there was deducted one cent because she had one day been tardy two minutes.

A merchant asked his Sabbath school class the other Sunday, "What is solitude?" and was answered by a boy that reads papers: "The store that don't advertise."

A man may be willing to admit that what he calls good luck comes through his shrewdness, but he does not promise to say that his misfortunes come through stupidity.

A Concord philosopher wants to know if a higher type of man can be expected. No. So long as pretty girls appear satisfied with man as he is, there will be no further evolution.

An old lady who imagined that the sea must be very dirty because so many people bathed in it, was consoled on being informed that it washed upon the beach every morning.

"Did you dust the furniture this morning, Mary?" asked the mistress. "No, ma'am," replied Mary, it didn't need it; it had all the dust on it that could easily be'd."

"If you wish to have a shoe of durable material," exclaimed a facetious secretator, "you should make the upper leather of the the mouth of a drinker, for that never lets in water.

"Going down to hear the prohibition lecturer to-night, Jackson?" "No indeed. I'm sick of prohibition lectures; my wife has been delivering them to me ever since we've been married.

A Delaware man rolled off the veranda to the ground, a distance of twenty inches, to make fun for the baby, and the third time he tried it he broke his neck and left the baby fatherless.

Young penny-wait—Oh, Ethel! I love the very ground you walk on.

Ethel (aside)—Dare say. Corner lot, worth $75,000.

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A party of female mutes are occupying a cottage at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., and the place is known as "The Dumb Belles' Retreat." It is not a good place to exercise the vocal organs.

Mistress to new servant: "Bridget, where is the desert?" Bridget (glowing with pride)—"Ther desert, mum? It's in Africky or Agypt. The teacher alwus called me a foine jump of a scholar."

The Empress of China has presented six hundred stanzas of poetry of her own composition to a native college. The great disadvantage of a college as compared with a newspaper office is that the former has no waste basket.

Boston girl (to Uncle James): I suppose it is nice enough in the glad summer time to live on a farm, but to go out in the cold and snow and gather winter apples and harvest the wheat I imagine might be unpleasant."

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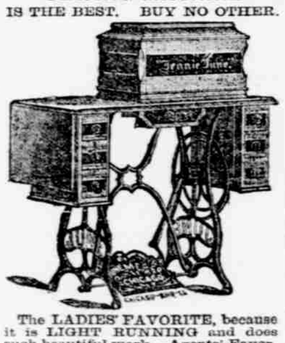

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The majority of ornithologists agree in ascribing an erotic character to the songs of birds; not only the melting melodies, but also those of their tones that are discordant to the human ear, are regarded as love-notes. Darwin finally, saving some reverses, came to accept this view. To be able to speak critically of the love-song, one should pay especial regard to the love-life of birds. It would be to throw water into the sea to add to what ornithological writers have advanced concerning the exceeding vital worth and cosmical significance of love. Nevertheless, I venture the opinion that the origin of the song-habit is to be found in other sources as well as in this important factor, among which is the joy of life, manifested in an irresistible determination to announce itself in melody; and that the song is more perfectly brought out in proportion as this feeling is more highly developed in the organization. Birds in freedom begin to sing long before pairing, and continue it, subject to interruptions, long afterward, though all passion has been extinguished; and domesticated birds sing through the whole year without regard to breeding-time, though no female or companion ever be in sight. Such birds, born in captivity, never feel the loss of freedom, and, if they are well taken care of, are always hearty and in good spirits. The bird sings, to a large extent, for his own pleasure; for he frequently lets himself out lustily when he is all alone. In the spring-time of love, when all life is invigorated, and the effort to win a mate by ardent wooing is crowned with the joy of triumph, the song reaches its highest perfection. But the male bird also sings to entertain his mate during the arduous nest-building and hatching, to cheer the young, and if he be a domesticated bird, to give pleasure to his lord and the providence that takes care of him, and in doing so to please himself. Lastly, the bird sings—by habit, as we call it—because the tendency is innate in the organs of song to exercise themselves.

Advice to Husbands.

Never talk in your sleep unless you are sure what you are going to say.

Don't be discontented. It is much easier to make your wife feel that way.

Never tell your wife that she is a charming singer unless you happen to be deaf.

Don't flatter yourself that you know more than your wife until you have got home from her funeral.

Don't be too friendly with your prospective son-in-law. He may think you intend to live with him after he is married.

Don't try and fool your wife about drinking unless you happen to marry an idiot. Then it isn't worth while to do so.

Never tell your your wife how much better some other women dress unless you have more money than you know what to do with.

Never boast to your wife about the value of your past experience. Your mother-in-law may settle herself down on you next week.

Never find fault with the quality of your wife's cooking. You may possibly drive her to join some cooking club, which would be much worse.

Keep A Cash Book.

Every farmer should keep a cash book. Let it be known that a merchant keeps no books, and a wholesale dealer would at once refuse to credit him. I know that some farmers think that a piece of chalk and the back of a cellar door is all that is necessary in the way of farm accounts, but they are greatly mistaken, and it is useless to say that they are not acquainted with book-keeping. Any man who can write can keep a cash book, any cheap memoranda book will answer. On one page of the book set down the amount of cash on hand, and follow with everything sold, the date of the sale and the sum received for it. On the other side, put down all the out-going or expenditures. At any time by adding up the two pages, you can tell what cash you have in your pocket-book, and if there is any disagreement, there must be an error somewhere. On other pages of the book could be recorded the contracts for labor with workmen and any articles sold on credit. A farmer who keeps a book of this description will always know his financial latitude, as the captain of a vessel does when at sea, and he will be less likely to run on shoals or get involved among the breakers.

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Don'ts Worth Remembering.

Don't say "You're a liar," unless you are talking to a sick woman or a cripple.

Don't say "I'll see your bet and go you ten better," unless you dealt the hand yourself.

Don't say "I will kick your lung in," because not being an acrobat you are likely to fail.

Don't begin a story, "I heard a good story the other day," unless you have a strong grip on your victim's coat collar.

Don't say "I've sworn off and never will take another drink," unless you are talking to a man that doesn't know you.

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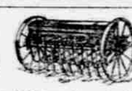
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Invasion of the Sea.

There are portions of the land along the sea coast weere the waves are always fighting for dominion. The wasting away of the earth is very rapid unless these places are protected by artificial dykes or by natural embankments of sand. On the east coast of England great changes have been wrought within a few hundred years. Where the old maps of that coast appear incorrect, showing capes where there are now bays, the want of accuracy to-day is not due to any fault of the maps. The shore line has greatly changed, and villages and churches have disappeared of are now to be seen under the waves.

The most wonderful thing about all this is the slender means by which the power of the sea is resisted. A layer of sand of only a few inches thickness, washed up upon the edge of a marsh, will bear all the pounding and beating of the sea in a storm, and be made all the firmer by what it has to endure. And yet the same sand, when it is dry, will drift before the wind like snow, and will seem as poorly fitted for a breakwater as would a snow bank.

All along our Atlantic coast are to be found beaches like those on the east coast of England, which rest upon soft mud. The means of preserving these are as simple as the nature of the beaches themselves. Grasses that will grow in the sand, and will grow nowhere else, give the only protection that can be found, and, in most instances, all the protection that is needed. The variety grown is called marum grass in England. The name evidently means sea grass.

This grass was constantly sown by the Dutch on the sand hills which line their sea shore; and it is altogether likely that the practice of sowing it was introduced into England from Holland in very early times.

There is said to be a widespread notion among the people of Norfolk that some penalty attaches to the gathering of marum grass for any purpose. This must be a tradition from times when such laws were in force, for there is no law providing a penalty at present. After a great storm, in 1608, commissioners were appointed to preserve the sea banks on the east coast, and it is likely they made local rules and regulations for the keeping of the grass.

As nature provided very simple means for holding the water and the sand, so the banks are threatened from a quarter from which danger would hardly be expected. When the water is low, the rats pierce the banks with their holes, and these quickly enlarge in the soft sand, so that a single rat hole may prove the destruction of miles of embankment.

One thing which is not sufficiently taken into account by those who are interested in dyking and reclaiming marshes is that the peaty soil, upon being drained, settles, and brings the surface much lower than before. Artificial dykes need to be made with this result in view.

A Clever Ruse to Catch a Thief.

A story, describing the unique plan by which a rogue was discovered among the native troops of British India, is told by a veteran English officer. A complaint was brought to him of theft which had just been committed in the barracks, to the perpetrator of which there was not the slightest clew.

The next morning, on parade, the colonel passed along the line, giving to each man in turn a thin strip of bamboo, and when they all were supplied, he said with solemn emphasis: "My men, there is a thief among you, and Brahma has revealed to me a way of detecting him. Come forward, one by one, and give to me your bamboo chips, and the guilty man, do what he may will have the longest."

The soldiers, not a little startled at this mysterious threat, obeyed without a word; but, before the first dozen had filed past, the colonel suddenly seized one of them by the throat, and shouted:

"You are the man!"

The Hindoo fell upon his knees and whined out a confession of the theft, while his terrified comrades salaamed to the ground before the dread Sahib to whom Brahma had given such a terrible power.

When they had dispersed, another officer, who had been looking on in silent amazement exclaimed: "I wish you would teach me that trick, colonel?"

"It is a very simple one," answered the colonel, with a smile. You see these bits of bamboo were all the same length, but the thief, fearing to get the longest piece, bit off the end of his, just as I expected he would, and that is how I knew him."

The Ladies Were Shocked.

A story is told in New York club circles of the losses suffered by two of the brethern in an up-town church congregation. One of them had lost his wife, the other a boat A delegation of sympathizing maids of the Bible class resolved to pay a visit to the widower to formally give expression to the sorrow and condolence. By the stupidity of the sexton, who got the sufferers mixed, the ladies called at the residence of loser of the boat instead of at the residence of the brother that had lost the dearly beloved partner of his joys and sorrows.

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'Oh, that's all right, ladies,' interrupted the brother, 'I don't feel as bad about it as you might suppose. She was an old thing, anyhow, and a bit cranky, and I long contemplated getting rid of her and securing the one I have in my eye. I once lost two at a time, but as there are plenty in the market such a little matter as you are here about don't give me an hour's concern!'

Tableau.

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