

FRANCIS SPEER'S

### Breezy "That" Column

THAT some young men of Bellefonte, have found out that the mother-in-law is no joke when the baby is sick.

THAT if a man in Bellefonte drops soot on the carpet he can take it off quicker with salt than saying damn it.

THAT when a Bellefonte young lady begins to like the boys too much she is treading on mighty dangerous ground.

THAT no home in Bellefonte is complete without a wife any more than it is without a cuckoo clock or a cat—Ralph Spigelmyer.

THAT John Smith, the enterprising furniture dealer of Spring Mills, says that the people he knows to be square are the ones he likes round.

THAT there is a man in Bellefonte who is now trying to keep up appearances who may find it necessary some day to keep up disappearances.

THAT the Merry Widow hat is nothing but a nuisance and the girl who wears it is not much better. The persons who sell them ought to have about thirty days.

THAT the other day the Bellefonte baseball club went to Milesburg to play ball. They returned minus their scalps. The fellows down there administered bad medicine.

THAT since Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, of Bellefonte, has moved to the country he would make money by trading his automobile on a Jersey cow, as the cow would cost him nothing for repairs.

THAT many a girl in Bellefonte, before being married, thought that her beau was simply grand, when she discovered afterwards that he was nothing more or less than a polite liar.

THAT Henry Grimm, the merchant tailor at State College, says that if a frock coat is all right for a wedding a cut-away would be about the proper style for a divorce. Henry is all right.

THAT the girl in Bellefonte who, for the sake of style and appearance, is brought up in the home without any knowledge of how to bake or sew, is about as much use in the world as the fifth wheel to a wagon.

THAT Rev. A. A. Black, the efficient pastor of the Reformed church, would, no doubt, tell you that there is no satisfactory that the woman who is always "harping" will make a good angel.

THAT the young lady in Bellefonte who froze one of our young men out the other evening because she was harboring a student of State College behind the parlor door was cutting her nose off to spite her face.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a gang of fellows who will rip a man up from A to Z behind his back, but they will like a set of measly cowards when they come face to face with him. They lack the manhood to stand by principle.

THAT every man in Bellefonte makes mistakes but the only difference between the mistakes of a doctor and an editor is the former gets paid half a penny for his while the latter is not paid at all.

THAT about a year ago a young lady in Bellefonte froze a young man's love out and it was thought it was all over between them. Don't worry, the colder the wind blows upon love the higher you fan the flames, which you will find will come true in the case on Thomas street.

THAT the young Bellefonte sport who had that girl down at the lime kilns, along the pike, the other evening, is quite well known. It was a young lady with whom he wouldn't take a \$50 bill to be seen with in broad day light. The next time they should go further into the quarries. If they are afraid, they should get a burglar's lantern.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a young man who has been flying his kite pretty high during the last year and as a consequence it is claimed he's gotten it where the chicken got the axe. He is beginning to realize that the way of the transgressor is truly hard. He has but two things to do which are too delicate a question to go into details here.

THAT deep down in her heart every girl in Bellefonte believes that every young man in this community worships beauty and cares for no other quality in a wife provided she is fairly respectable. That's the reason Green, Parrish, Krumping and Zeller, the local druggists, have a dead cinch on selling face powder and paint.

THAT the fountains in front of the court house are now sending forth their spray, creating new life all around them. As usual a large number of "posies" or human ornaments (?) are found seated on the curb of the Soldiers' monument rubber-necking every lady who comes along and filling the pavement with tobacco spit.

THAT the other day a certain young lady brought a New Yorker to Bellefonte and sported him around in great shape. This completely knocked the sand out of the gizzard of one of our bright young men and for two weeks he hasn't been worth his salt. He is getting to look more and more like a split rail than anything we can compare him to. When a young man gets it that bad it indicates that he needs to take something for his liver.

THAT if the public finds out what has been going on between a certain young single man in Bellefonte and a woman they will be placed among the toughs of the town, where they rightly belong. Fine hats and dresses cover a multitude of sins. Often a woman is called "society" when the secret deeds of her life are black as iron. Her conscience is seared as with a hot iron, making herself a nuisance to those who are trying to live a respectable life. To make matters worse, some of these persons occupy the best pews in the church.

THAT Bellefonte has in it a young man who puts on more lug than a government mule. The other day he invited a young lady to go with him to Yarnell. Naturally she expected a square deal but he managed to show the white feather. He took her to Milesburg in the train and instead of patronizing a livery he allowed her to walk the entire distance of six miles in the rain. Of course she must have been over head and heels in love with the sport or she would have told him to go to the place where a small hunk of ice is more valuable than several tons of gold. However, the trick was anything but manly.

### Tobacco Tags Bring Presents.

According to reports from the local dealers in tobacco more people are saving tobacco tags than ever before in the history of the giving of presents in exchange for tobacco tags. This tremendous increase in tag saving is due to the action of the American Tobacco Company in offering a remarkable list of valuable presents in return for tags from various popular tobaccos.

Such brands as Master Workman, Bridge Bit, Tinsley's Natural Leaf, Town Talk, Spear Head, Standard Navy, Jolly Tar, and about dozen others, bear tags which can be exchanged for presents. An idea of what can be accomplished by so far-reaching a co-operative system is gathered from such sample offers as the giving of an English Steel Razor for only 50 tags.

In places where the dealers are not supplied with presents, the American Tobacco Company is redeeming by mail—tag-savers selecting the presents they wish from a free catalog.

### Her Hat too Large.

A dashing young lady wearing a Merry Widow hat, came to greet and suffered much embarrassment at the Laurel Line station at Wilksbarre. She had purchased a ticket for Scranton and was almost the last to board the express, which was about to start. She rushed to the car, stepped on the first step and then back again, hesitated a second, tilted her head to one side at so coquettish an angle that she attracted the attention of all in the car, and then carefully and calmly mounted the steps. In the vestibule she was again stalled. This was too much. She turned, descended the steps, once more tilted her head sideways, reached the platform and disappeared.

The entrances to the car are a fraction over twenty-four inches wide.

### Fire Destroys Repair Shop.

The repair shops of the Phillipsburg Railroad company at Ramey were destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon, 22 entailing a loss of \$5,000 and throwing 25 men out of work. The fire is believed to have originated from a spark from a locomotive falling on the roof of the shops. The building, a frame structure, was totally destroyed, together with the machinery, and several freight cars. Much of the machinery was new, having just been installed, giving the company the best equipment in its history. The loss of the cars and machinery will not be less than \$3,500, and with the building will aggregate \$5,000 on which there is a partial insurance.

### Widows' Pension.

Under date of April 20, 1908, Capt. D. Ashworth, the U. S. pension agent in Pittsburg, Pa., received instructions from the Pension Bureau relative to the Act of April 19, 1908, granting an increase of pension to \$12.00 per month to all widows, minors and helpless children now on the rolls at a less rate. No application is required from the pensioners now on the rolls to obtain the increased rate, but the same will be paid by Capt. Ashworth July 4, 1908, upon receipt of the voucher properly executed which is now in possession of the pensioner. The present pension certificate should be retained until its return shall have been requested by the pension agent from whom the pension is received.

### The Editor's Heaven.

The editor sat in his office whence all but him had fled, and he wished that every deadbeat was in his grave—stone dead. His mind then wandered far away to the time when he should die and his royal editorial soul go scotching to the sky, when he'd roam the fields of paradise and sail o'er jasper seas and all things glorious would combine his every sense to please.

He thought how then he'd look across the great gulf of dark and drear that'll yaw between his happy soul and those who swindle here and when for water they would call and in agony they'd caper he'd shout to them, "Just quench your thirst with the dew that's on your paper."—Aroostook Republican.

### Hard to Close This Saloon.

Last week's local option elections have disclosed an interesting situation in the village of Wexford, which is at the junction of four counties. Benzie and Manistee counties did not vote on local option, but Grand Traverse and Wexford counties did, the latter going "dry" and Grand Traverse "wet." Willis Sanford, the village saloonkeeper, will have to move his place of business a few rods to leave Wexford for Grand Traverse. And if Grand Traverse had also gone "dry" Sanford could have moved into either Manistee or Benzie without leaving the village.

### Get the Right Meaning.

The good book says, "Give to everyone that asketh thee," but that doesn't mean to give drunkards money to buy whiskey; it doesn't mean to give the baby a hammer and looking glass because he asks for it, and it doesn't mean that we should give to professional beggars who travel from town. The Bible doesn't always mean what it says, but it always means what it means.

### Rather Old Copper.

A large copper cent swallowed 60 years ago caused the death of James Hucksins, 67 years old, a farmer of LaPorte, Ind. The coin became encased in the lining of the stomach at the time it was swallowed and remained there until recently, when an abscess formed and acids in the stomach began to dissolve the coin. Poisoning ensued causing death.

### Don't Spray Trees.

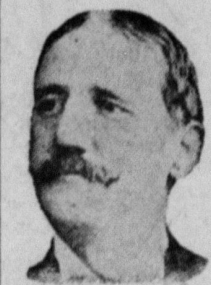
State Zoologist issued a warning to farmers and fruit growers not to spray their fruit trees for San Jose scale when the trees are in blossom. It will injure the fruit, he declared.

Hon. P. E. Womelsdorff, of Phillipsburg went to Harrisburg Saturday evening as an expert witness for the Pennsylvania railroad company in connection with a mining case from this county which came up on Monday.

Many a man is considered lucky when the secret of his success is that he was born with common sense.

## People In Print.

The United States Minister to Venezuela, William W. Russell—Congressman Vreeland and His Bill—Dr. MacArthur.

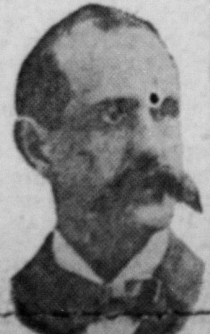


WILLIAM W. RUSSELL.

THE United States minister to Venezuela, William W. Russell, who figures prominently in the controversy between the state department and President Castro, succeeded Herbert W. Bowen at the Venezuelan capital. It will be three years in June since he assumed his present post. His immediate predecessors, Messrs. Bowen and Loomis, had each clashed with the Venezuelan executive, and it was realized at the time that Mr. Russell's path would not be strewn with roses. But he had served as secretary of legation at Caracas for eight years and had got along pretty amably with every one under both Mr. Loomis and Mr. Bowen despite the troubles these diplomats had with President Castro. It was thought that if anybody could keep on the good side of the latter Russell was the man to do it, so he was named for the place. But he, too, has found the complications of Venezuelan politics rather vexatious.

Minister Russell is a son of an admiral in the navy and is a graduate of the United States Naval academy at Annapolis. He left the naval service in 1883 and engaged in civil engineering. For several years he was assistant engineer in charge of the location of the railroad line from Merida to Santa Barbara, in the state of Los Andes, Venezuela. He was appointed secretary of legation at Caracas in 1895 and later served as charge d'affaires at Panama and as minister to Colombia, being transferred from the latter post to his present one.

Edward B. Vreeland of Salamanca, N. Y., author of the financial measure introduced in the house of representatives as a substitute for the Aldrich bill, is regarded as one of the coming men in congress on the Republican side. He is serving his fifth term and is fifty years of age and has in the last few years been connected with several important pieces of legislation. He never held any office before being sent to congress, but was for some years active in the affairs of his party. He is a lawyer, but for the past fifteen years has been engaged in banking, still being president of the Salamanca Trust company. Speaker Cannon early discovered his ability as a parliamentarian and often placed him in the chair to preside over the committee of the whole. As a member of the committee on naval affairs he has been the right hand man of Chairman Foss and has handled several important investigations.



EDWARD B. VREELAND.

The Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, who advocates isolating all anarchists on an island by themselves, has been for over thirty-five years pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York. He once told his congregation a very "touching" story of John Elliot, the famous missionary to the Indians, one of whose traits was his unbounded generosity.

"Out of his salary of \$50 a year he gave large sums to charity," said Dr. MacArthur. "On one occasion the secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel when paying Elliot his quarterly stipend sought to do him a service. He hit upon a plan of safeguarding the missionary's money, knowing that in all likelihood Elliot otherwise would give away every penny of it before he reached his home. The wily secretary took Elliot's handkerchief and tied up some of the money in one corner and some in another, and so on with the four corners. And firm, hard knots he made of them before handing the handkerchief over to its owner."



REV. DR. R. S. MACARTHUR.

"It chanced that Elliot on his way home fell in with a worthy woman whose appearance told of dire poverty and distress. He stopped to speak to her, and pretty soon, his heart being touched, he pulled out the handkerchief. He intended to give a sovereign to her. For some time he tugged and strained at the knots; but, try as he might, the corners refused to come untied. Then, calmly rolling the handkerchief up into a ball, the missionary placed it in the astonished woman's hands, saying, 'My good woman, I think the Lord meant you to have it all.'"

"The ushers," Dr. MacArthur added, "now will pass the baskets for collection, and you can imitate John Elliot's example—if you are so minded." And the congregation dug deep.

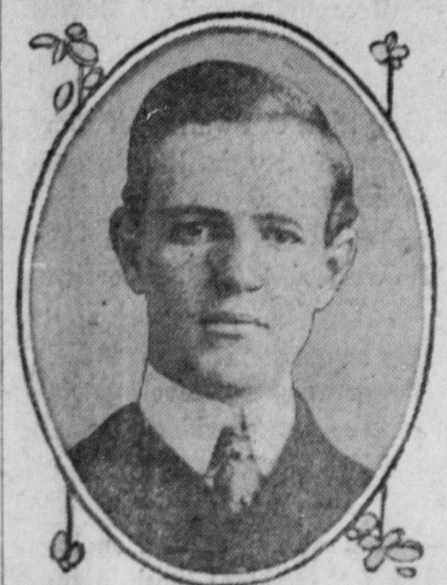
### Drastic Measures.

Springtime Bard—Ah, Miss Rose, what should a young man do when he is kept up to write spring poetry? Heartless Maid—He should be locked up.—Houston Post.

## CONSUL GENERAL STRAIGHT.

American Representative at Mukden Who Was Attacked by Japanese.

The attack on Willard Dickerman Straight, the American consul general at Mukden, Manchuria, by Japanese rowdies has given another tinge to the clouds on the international horizon. It is Japan instead of America now which has to look around for some pleasing and agreeable method of making an apology for the acts of persons more or less animated by race prejudice. The attack on the American consul general and his servants is regarded as a more serious affair than appears on the surface on account of the supposed ambitions of Japan respect-



CONSUL GENERAL WILLARD DICKERMAN STRAIGHT.

ing Manchuria and their effect on the question of the open door in that country in the matter of trade. There has been talk to the effect that Japan and Russia practically have seized Manchuria for trade purposes, ignoring the rights of China and not permitting the Chinese government to shape an open door policy in accordance with its agreements. Because of the action of Japan and Russia, it is said, American manufacturers are being crowded out of the positions they have won in the markets of southern Manchuria. It is believed that President Roosevelt's desire for a naval bill providing for four new battleships was in part due to the Manchurian situation and his belief that peace in the orient would be promoted by keeping a strong force of battleships in Asiatic waters.

Consul Straight is a young man for one who has seen so much diplomatic service. He was born in 1880 at Oswego, N. Y., and graduated from Cornell university in 1901. For the two following years he was in the Chinese imperial maritime customs service at Nanking and Peking. For a time he was correspondent of the Associated Press and Reuter's agency in Seoul, Tokyo and Manchuria. In 1905 he became vice consul general and private secretary to the American minister to Korea and the following year was appointed private secretary to the American minister to Cuba. He became consul general at Mukden two years ago.

### He Knew What He Wanted.

The family were gathered in the library, one of the windows of which was open.

"That air"—the father began.

"Father, dear, don't say 'that air.' Say 'that there,'" the daughter admonished.

"Well, this air"—he again attempted.

"Nor 'this 'ere.' 'This here' is correct," he was told.

The old gentleman rose, with an angry snort. "Look here, Mary," he said, "of course I know you have been to school and all that, but I reckon I know what I want to say, and I am going to say it. I believe I feel cold in this ear from that air, and I'm going to shut the window!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

### A Hurry Order.

As she examined her Thanksgiving turkey she asked her little son:

"Did the butcher tell you this turkey was quite fresh?"

"No'm. He just said to hurry home with it as fast as I could."

### A Definite Date.

During the money stringency lately a certain real estate man, having nothing else for his clerk to do, sent him out to collect some rent that was overdue.

The clerk, being of Swedish nationality, had their peculiar twang in his speech.

Returning from his trip, the Swede seemed very jubilant.

The proprietor, noticing his smile, said, "Well, what luck did you have?" and the clerk answered, "Purty good."

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## The Cause of Gas

Gas on the stomach indicates that food has fermented. The food is usually starch.

It ferments because it doesn't digest. The food was not properly cooked. The particles of starch have not been so separated that the digestive juices can get to them.

The remedy is not an artificial digester—nor a pre-digested food.

The remedy is to supply the starch in shape to be digested. Then let the stomach do the work for which it is intended.

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"Well, did anybody pay you?"

"Yaas, Smith he pay, and Yones he make he pay in January."

"Are you sure Jones said he would pay in January? He never before has made any such promises."

"Vell, I tank so. He say it bane a dam col' day when you get dot money, and I tank dat bane in January."

Judge's Library.

The Play Went On.

In the early days of the last century Thomas Hill, a great-uncle of the late Thomas Hill, president of Harvard university, was occupying an end seat in a theater at Jersey City. Directly in front of him sat a diminutive Frenchman, who found his enjoyment of the play greatly diminished by the fact that an overgrown man in front of him persisted in wearing a tall silk hat. He tried to look around the hat and over the burly shoulders, but only to his discomfort. Finally he tapped

Poor Seed Corn.

The experiment station at state College has been testing the corn raised in

central Pennsylvania and, find that a great deal of it, by far the larger proportion, is unfit for seed by reason of its not being fully matured. It behooves every farmer to give the matter of seed corn his careful attention, for poor seed means a poor crop, and a big financial loss to him.

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