

SMALL SHOT.
A maid I knew had lovers two,
And both were quite respected;
But to decide to be the bride
Of one, she left the other.
And so she hung, her doubts among,
Until she gave up.
"There's John," she said, "has got a head,
That's not to be denied;
But he is slow, has heavy eyes,
And is so well contented.
I love him too, of course I do;
And he shall be selected."
How James would start! He has a heart,
So easily affected.
He's fond and fair, I wonder where
Such grace he got?
Such grace he got, I cannot tell,
Why he should be rejected.

SCIENCE VS. BULL DOG.
A New Invention for Getting Rid of Poets, Cantonniers, and the Like.
Every reader of the comic newspaper must have seen the illustration of a man in a top hat, with a long nose, and a very large head, looking at a small dog. The man is the poet, and the dog is the science. The poet is always in the wrong, and the science is always in the right. The poet is always in the wrong, and the science is always in the right. The poet is always in the wrong, and the science is always in the right.

Private residences even are to be protected, and the apparition of a tramp at night is declared to be especially efficacious against lousy menials. The invention can scarcely fail to net its owner a large fortune, and it is now to be hoped that the reader of the comic newspaper will no longer be shocked by reading of poets being buried through trap doors, or of their being buried through the cruel fangs of the editorial bulldog.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Farm Notes.
The only remedy for rusts on blackberries is to dig and burn all affected plants at once, and to renew the same from some young plantation not affected.
The watering-troughs are liable to get full of filth and rubbish, and will need attention every day. The water for horses should be as pure as can be secured.
It costs just as much to make poor butter as to make a good article, hence a little care and patience during the process will give better results with increased profit.
The whitish scurf on the shanks of fowls is a skin affection known to poultry men as "scaly leg." It is due to a parasite which multiplies, and increases as they multiply.
A handful of linseed meal fed to each cow or horse at least three times a week will not only regulate the bowels and promote health but also loosen the skin and prevent hide-bounds.
Winter wheat does better on a strong freshly plowed soil. It does not do so well on hard and old soil, and allows more drainage, so that the water cannot rot and destroy the roots of the wheat.
The south-down sheep are somewhat small, but have a great proportion of meat to offal. They are brown and grappled, no horns, thick close wool between the ears, with fine form, and are very hardy.
Hogs give returns so quickly that even if small profit is made on each lot, these profits can be made so often and so quickly that the rearing and feeding of hogs is one of the most paying occupations on the farm.
Although the dairymen complain that the manufacture of butterline cripples their industry, the reports from Chicago show that the shipments of butter from that point still exceed the receipts by several million pounds a year.
Reports from dairy factories in Australia show that their operations are being carried on with encouraging success. Eight cents per gallon is paid for milk during the spring, raised to 10 cents in the summer when grass becomes scarce.
Now, it is desirable trying to be almost daily brought in contact with haggard and lank young men—for as such is the poet always pictured by the comic editor—who are addicted to such habits as making "seamy" rhymes with "parley" who, with a monetary that is unduly mild in its provisions, and who are unable to give up their "angel forms" and "sunder daffodils" and the flowers that bloom in the spring. Still the sanguinary methods confessedly adopted by the comic editor are not to be deprecated by all true Christians and peace-loving persons; and it would seem that some means by which he might rid himself of his persecutors could surely be devised without resorting back to murder, homicide, and kindred crimes.
Such a means has been afforded by the recent invention of Prof. Grimkopf, of Boston. For a long time past, it appears, the professor has had the eye of science, so to speak, turned upon the poet and others of his race, and to enlighten and mend the bulldog and the trap door have seemed but crude and brutal methods unworthy of the age. One day he came across the story in a local newspaper of a merchant who had succeeded in ridding himself of the importunate importunities of a swarm of female book conversers by a somewhat novel and ingenious method. The merchant in question heard a female voice behind him exclaiming in dulcet strains: "Won't you please look at this beautiful illustration of a woman in ninety-nine parts, only 25 cents a part?" He would surreptitiously lose a number of mice off the desk of the poet, and the success of the scheme, it was recorded, even surpassed expectation. Liking the idea with the scarerow of the rural districts, Prof. Grimkopf arrived at the decision that the poet could be disposed of by a moral instead of a physical shock a decided step in advance would have been attained. Following out this train of thought, he was inspired to an invention which will indubitably prove of the highest value.
This invention consists of an apparatus capable of evicting an apparition somewhat similar to that which might be produced by means of a magic lantern and a canvas. Its workings are described as follows: A poet enters the editor's sanctum. The latter, conscious of his triumph, softly, almost anxiously, remarks: "Poet, sir? Ah, poet, sir? You are married or single, sir?" "If the poet murmurs that he is single the comic editor forthwith sets in motion an attachment on the right hand side of his desk, and immediately there appears on the wall facing the poet a picture of Mr. John L. Sullivan, in alarmingly pugilistic attitude, with the words emblazoned above his head: "The fighting editor is in." The terror inspired by this apparition has been demonstrated to be fully as effective as the poet's disappearance as if a trap-door were actually opened beneath his feet.
The comic editor's end is thus attained without any approach to battery or bloodshed. If, on the other hand, the poet replies that he is married, the comic editor applies himself to an attachment to the left of his desk, and instantly there is an apparition of a fierce mother-in-law, with a wintry and sarcastic smile, from whose ghostly mouth are to be seen issuing the words: "I have come to pay a nice little visit to you, dear." This apparition is declared to be even more effective than the preceding one. In one instance in which the test was applied, it was attended by striking results. The victim, casting one horrified glance at the apparition, rushed precipitately toward the stairs, and, clearing them at a bound, disappeared, and, strange to say, has never been heard of since.
Prof. Grimkopf's invention, it is understood, is capable of being applied to other branches of life besides the comic newspaper offices. Apparitions suitable to protecting the head of a public department against the pertinacious office-seeker and the merchant against the wiles of the crafty woman can, it is announced, be furnished on applica-

Stonewall Jackson's Pillage of Manassas Junction.
Allen C. Redwood, the artist, was "With Jackson's Foot Cavalry at the Second Manassas"; and from his account in the February Century we quote as follows: "All this time we had the vaguest notions as to our objective; at first we had expected to strike the enemy's flank, but as the march prolonged itself, a theory obtained that we were going to the Valley. But we treaded Thoroughfare Gap, heading eastward, and in the morning of the third day (Aug. 27) struck a railroad running north and south—Rose's line of communication and supply. Manassas was ours!"
"What a prize it was! Here were long warehouses full of stores; cars loaded with boxes of new clothing; a route to General Pope, but destined to adorn the 'backs of his enemies'; camps, sutlers' shops—'no eating up of good things. In view of the abundance of stores, the matter to determine what we should eat and drink and where withal we should be clothed; one was limited in his choice to only so much as he could personally transport, and the one thing needed in each individual case was not always readily found. However, the day wore on, an equitable distribution of our wealth was effected by barter, upon a crude and irregular tariff in which the rule of supply and demand was somewhat complicated by fluctuating estimates of the fitness of merchandise. A mounted man would offer a large odds in shirts or blankets for a pair of spurs or a bridle; and while in anxious quest of a pair of shoes I fell heir to a case of gaily half-boots which I would gladly have exchanged for the object of my quest. For a change of under-clothing and a pot of French mustard I owe grateful thanks to the major of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry, with regrets that I could not use his library. Whisky was of course, at a high premium, but a keg of lager—a drink less popular than then now—went begging in our company."
"But our brief holiday was drawing to a close, for by this time General Pope had some inkling of the disaster which lurked in his rear. When, some time after dark, having set fire to the remains of the stores, we fled toward Centerville, our mystification of Jackson's plans was complete. Could he actually be moving on Washington with his small force, or was he only seeking escape to the mountains? The glare of our big bonfire lighted up the country for miles, and we justly, when we reached Centerville."

He Knew the Story.
A business man on the third floor of a building on Griswold street had bought a new suit the other day, and when a boy came up to ask him for the job of elevating the chestnut he asked the youth to take a chair, and then said:
"My boy, you should start right in entering upon the path of life."
"Yes, sir—that's what maw says."
"I was a poor boy—a very poor boy myself at your age."
"Yes, sir—I don't doubt it; you were ragged clothes, and didn't have half enough to eat."
"Ah, maw, I felt that I would have to make my own fortune, and I decided to start out right. In the town where I lived there was a five-story building."
"Yes, sir, and there was offices way up on the top floor, and no elevator."
"And a man who had an office on the top floor bought a ton of coal, and you asked him for the job of backing it up."
"Exactly."
"It was worth fifty cents, but he offered you a quarter, and rather than lose the job, you accepted it. The man took a notion to you, secured you a place in an office, and you are to-day rich, respected, and likely to be sent to Washington as a United States Senator. I know the story like a book."
"You do! Why, where did you ever hear it before?"
"Twenty times over, right on this very street. I tumbled to it after carrying up two tons, and you fellows can't walk me again!"
"So all right, mister, but my terms are fifty cents, spot cash, or no logging. Powerful funny thing that all you chaps who have bin poor and worked up to riches, want a penniless cub to work for half cash and not a cent!"
The occupant of the office said that he would reserve the job for some boy with a meek and humble disposition.
Apple Pritters.
The batter for frying any kind of fruit fritters is made in the following manner: Put a quarter of a pound of flour into a bowl, with a salt-spoonful of salt. Mix this very smoothly with half a pint of lukewarm water, and then add a tablespoonful of salad oil, and two well-beaten eggs. Beat the batter well, until it looks light and frothy. When the batter is ready, peel and cut into thin slices some good cooking apples, stamp the core out of the center of each, breaking the slices, and then throw them into the batter. Have ready in the frying-pan plenty of boiling fat. Take each slice of apple out of the batter with a tablespoon, and dip it into the fat, with all the batter clinging about it. Fry the cook sufficiently in two or three minutes. They should be nice and crisp, and of a pretty brown color. Carefully remove all the fat, and pile the fritters up high on a very hot dish; dust fine white sugar over and serve.
He Saw the Sign.
It was on the piazza of a Tucson hotel. Three men sat there in the warm and drowsy afternoon. They had uncovered their heads for comfort, and they were all bald. A little streak of sunlight gilded the skulls, and as they sat there another came up and looked at them. Then he slowly took out his revolver. A simultaneous movement took place on the part of the three men but the stranger waved his hand for peace, and, holding up his weapon, asked the middle man:
"How much will you give me on it?"
"What do you mean?"
"How much will you give me on it?"
"Well, I don't know. I see the sign there—three balls," and every man put on his hat as he took in the situation.

He Got His Case.
A good story is told of a celebrated lawyer of Massachusetts. He had a client who had patented a process for preserving meats, and another party outside the State had counterfeited the process for infringement. All the courts had decided against the lawyer but the Supreme Court of the United States, and before the case reached the court the lawyer was searching for somebody who had used the process before, and after much time and money had been spent in traveling around the country they found a man in Philadelphia who, it was said, had a process of similar nature. The attorney was not long in reaching that city and finding the man, who proved to be an undertaker and a German. The interview took place just as the German had had his dinner. He was asked if he preserved the bodies in his business, and making a favorable reply, was asked what he used for the purpose. 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