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**Wedding Tours.**  
The custom of taking wedding tours is a remnant of the ancient times when men got their wives by capture, said a professor to a class in Roman history recently. "As soon as a man captured the woman he wanted to marry," continued the professor, "the young couple ran away to avoid the wrath of the bride's relatives. Men don't get their wives by capture now, but the custom of taking wedding tours still survives, a remnant of the ancient times." The professor was led to make these remarks while discussing the legend of the capture of the Sabine women.

**How Cossacks Catch Fish.**  
The Cossacks on some of the rivers in Russia have a singular method of catching the finny tribe in winter. They cut a long trench across a river when frozen and run a net from one bank to the other, riding several miles up the stream, they form a line across the frozen surface and gallop their horses down toward the nets. The fish, hearing the noise and clatter of hoofs, become frightened, dart with a rush down stream and are thus entangled in the net.

**The Cause, Not the Effect.**  
Little Lucy Brown, while running in the yard one day, suddenly tripped and fell. Her mother, being attracted by the child's screams, rushed out, crying: "Why, Lucy, what's the matter? Was it an accident?" "No," replied Lucy, between her sobs, "it was a brick."—Little Chronicle.

**Rivers in Korea.**  
On the western coast of Korea the tides of the Yellow sea are higher than anywhere in the world outside the bay of Fundy, and while the rivers of eastern Korea are clear streams, that run swiftly from the mountains, those on the western side are great brown, muddy rivers, up which the thirty foot ocean tides surge many miles.

**Unlucky.**  
The burglar noiselessly opened the jewel case and examined the contents. "Ah," he said to himself, "madam ought to have known better than to invest anything in opals. They are unlucky." And he transferred them to his pocket and quietly eluded out of the window again.

**Pity the Poor Bachelor.**  
Laying all jokes aside, what excuse has an old bachelor for living? Possibly the better one is that he can't help it or that it is no fault of his that he is or that he continues to exist. These observations are made from the old maid's point of view, which seems to be the point from which the old bachelor is viewed. There are other viewpoints from which he appears to better advantage, particularly at first glance, but when the halo of sentiment which he has gathered around him has been blown away even these points do not offer entrancing views. The fact remains, however, that he still exists and still has natural force enough to develop a halo of sentiment that is more or less attractive to the opposite sex. If not really magnetic, and strong enough to draw attention to him, and respectful attention too. The bachelor ought to know why he is as he is, and to doubt he does, but for some reason or other he has not been entirely successful in satisfying the public that his reasons are good and sufficient. It is up to him, therefore, to set public opinion right concerning himself.—Pittsburg Gazette.

**An Eccentric Lord.**  
Matthew Robinson (Lord Hokeby), a prominent but eccentric Englishman of the eighteenth century, became famous for his long beard and his pronounced hatred of medical practitioners. In regard to the former it is said that upon one occasion when going to an election he stopped at an inn where the country people, who had assembled from miles around, took him for a Turk and through this mistaken idea almost worried "me lord" to death. His dislike for physicians was carried to such an extreme that he left a codicil to his will which was to the effect that a favorite nephew was to be disinherited should he (the nephew) in the last illness of the lord let his sympathies cause him to send for a doctor. This having been made known to the nephew when his uncle, the lord, was in good health, it is needless to add he allowed that person's spirit to take its flight without calling in any of the "infernal surgical fraternity."

Some people want you to give them everything for nothing, including your life, your liberty (your labor) and your pursuit of happiness.—Schoolmaster.

**A Thall Wedding.**  
In many parts of India Hindoo girls are wedded not with a ring, but with a necklace or thall. At the wedding of the daughter of a leading native, Moumein there were present among the numerous guests a Hindoo maiden and her lover, whose suit had not so far progressed to his satisfaction. While the wedding ceremony was in progress the young man suddenly went up to her and before any one suspected what his object was pulled out a thall from his pocket and quietly tied it round her neck. Of course there was a hubbub as well as parental lamentations over this dramatic episode, but so great is the veneration for the thall among Hindoos that no one dared to remove it from the neck of the astonished maiden. All concerned, therefore, repaired to the Marriamne temple, where the act was ratified, and the maid who went to the wedding of her friend fancy free left the scene as the legal wife of a bold and successful husband.—London Telegraph.

**Sterling Coin.**  
The origin of "sterling" as applied to coined money is thus given in "A Short Treatise Touching Sheriffs' Accounts," by Sir Matthew Hale, 1683: "Current coin of the realm is of gold or silver, with an alloy of copper, at least from the time of Henry I., and this alloy gave the denomination of Sterling to those coins. "Spelman supposeth it to take that name from the Esterlings, who came over and reformed our coin, to that alloy—of this opinion was Camden. Possibly in those times a Penny was called a Sterling, without any other reason than the use of the times, as other names grow, for the old Act of Henry III. tells us that Denarius Anglice Sterlings dicitur (a denarius, or penny, is called in English a Sterling), and because this was the root of the measure of silver coin; therefore all our coin of the same alloy was also called Sterling."

**The Old Time Skipper.**  
Inmates of the wardrobe on an American man-of-war often allude to the captain as the old man or the skipper. The latter is not, as many suppose, a slang term, but a sound word, of excellent etymology and valuable as carrying within itself an interesting bit of commercial history. Skipper is simply skipper, and it comes down from a time when every commander was as well part owner of vessel and cargo, or, literally, the skipper. There are still scores of local shippers along the Atlantic coast, some of them the outgrowth of private yards where the "vessel owners" of years ago built their own ships to carry their own and their neighbors' crops to market.

**The Greek Year.**  
The Greek year consisted of three seasons only. Prometheus enumerates them. "They had no sign," says he "of winter, of flowery spring, of fruitful summer." In ancient Germany a similar division of the year prevailed for Tacitus makes the caustic remark that among the Germans winter, spring and summer have a meaning and a name, but to that people the name and blessings of autumn are alike unknown. It is not likely, then, that our Saxon forefathers were acquainted with the last named season, and our very term autumn is an echo of the Roman tongue.—Gentleman's Magazine.

**Velocity of Raindrops.**  
Of course we all know that it would be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it not for the forty odd miles of atmosphere that rises above our heads. But, supposing it were possible for human beings to exist in an atmosphere that only rose to a level with their mouths, and that storm clouds could form in the region outside such a low grade atmosphere, then every raindrop would prove as fatal to earthly creatures as if it were a steel bullet fired from a dynamite gun.—London Nature.

**Comfort For the Sheep Stealer.**  
The prisoner sensibly observed, "I have only this to say, my lord—that it seems rather hard that I should lose my life merely for stealing a sheep." "Prisoner at the bar," replied the judge, "pray understand, you are not going to be hung for stealing a sheep. You are to be hung in order that others may be deterred from stealing sheep."—A. C. Plowden's "Autobiography of a Police Magistrate."

**Japanese Applause.**  
The Japanese show their appreciation of an actor's playing in a more substantial manner than by merely applauding. They throw various portions of their dress on the stage, and at the end of the performance the favored person claims the money that the donors repurchase these with, the price for the various articles being fixed rates.

**All Things Fitting.**  
"No," said the lumber dealer, "we don't sell all woods here—only the parts cut directly from the trunk." "And what," asked the customer, "do you do with the limbs?" "Oh," replied the cheerful dealer, "we send them all to the branch of fee."—Baltimore News.

**She Knew the Reason.**  
At the dinner table one evening some one remarked that a certain lady had a fine, falsetto voice. Little Maudie was acquainted with the person referred to and she cried out abruptly: "Oh, I know why! Because she's got a false set of teeth!"

**Wise.**  
"Did Jerrald get anything out of his rich uncle's estate?" "Well, rather he married the daughter of the attorney for the estate."—Puck.

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Jerseys at the World's Fair Are Expected to Show That They Are Superior to All Other Breeds.

The herd of Jersey cows assembled at the World's Fair at St. Louis to represent the Jersey breed in the universal dairy test has been inspected and has been pronounced in perfect condition and ready to start upon their six months' grind on a day's notice.

W. R. Spann of the Burr Oak Jersey farm, Dallas, Tex., was the inspector, and he was thorough in his work. He passed a week on the Exposition grounds, and much of the time was spent in and around the Jersey cattle barn, and the condition of each individual of the herd of forty cows was definitely ascertained.

Never was more intelligent and careful treatment lavished on animals. No athlete was ever better trained for a contest requiring the development of speed, skill and endurance than has been this herd of Jerseys. When it is known that this herd is to compete with selected herds of Holsteins, Short-horns, Brown Swisses and Devons, and the herd making the best score for the production of butter, milk and cheese is to establish the standing of the various breeds, the importance of the cows being in perfect condition may be understood.

For a solid year the Jerseys have been in constant training. Twenty-five cows will participate in the contest. Cows were selected from the best herds in the United States.

Dr. J. J. Richardson, president of the American Jersey Cattle Club, under whose auspices this entry is made, toured Europe and visited the famed Isle of Jersey, where the breed originated. He was seeking the best cows, but returned satisfied that Europe could show no cows that were better than those bred in America.

Though only twenty-five cows will participate in the test, forty cows were selected. They were assembled at Jerseyville, Ill., a year ago. This is near St. Louis, and the cattle have become acclimated. Last December they were removed to St. Louis. The cows are the property of individual members of the club and are loaned for the term of the test. C. T. Graves, a breeder at Maitland, Mo., was selected as the superintendent to have charge of the cattle, and he has been highly complimented by Dr. Richardson and Inspector Spann for the wonderfully fine condition in which he has placed the herd.

A series of model dairy barns have been built for the breeds competing in the test. The barns are octagonal in form, and are so arranged that the cows are in the center and a wide promenade permits visitors to pass around and view the cows as they stand in their stalls. The milking and feeding are to be done in plain view of the public, and representatives of the various herds will at all times have access to all the barns to see that no sharp practices are indulged in.

The test not only consists in showing the amount of butter, milk and cheese produced, but the cost of production is taken into consideration. Every ounce of food given each cow is weighed and carefully recorded. When the cows are milked, the milk is conveyed to a model creamery in the Agricultural building, where it is tested and made into butter and cheese, and where all records are carefully kept.

The Jersey cattle participated in a similar test at Chicago during the Columbian Exposition and carried off first honors.

Superintendent Graves is sanguine over the result of the present test. He says that the Jerseys have always demonstrated their superiority over all other breeds when placed in competition, and this time they will show to better advantage than ever. Not only is the Jersey milk richer in butter fat than the milk of any other breed, says Mr. Graves, but it can be produced at a less cost. The Jersey cows are the smallest of the standard breeds, and he asserts that they consume less feed. They assimilate their food, and it is converted into milk and butter and is not used in building up and sustaining a large carcass.

"We are going to make all other breeds take to the woods after this test," said Mr. Graves. "A few days ago I was testing some of our Jersey milk, and my hands were all sticky and greasy from the enormous amount of butter fat the milk contained. Mr. Von Heyne, who is in charge of the Holsteins, sent over a quantity of his milk for me to test. Of course, from a commercial standpoint, there was no comparison between the milk, but it was a pleasure to test his milk, for when I got through there was no grease on my hands. After this I will have a bucket of Holstein milk around handy to wash my hands in after testing our own rich Jersey milk." The test begins May 16 and continues 120 days.

**Unique California Map.**  
A unique exhibit at the World's Fair was prepared by the agricultural department of the University of California. It is a large map, so colored as to show the character of the various soils of the state. It gives a clear idea of the situation and the extent of the arable and unutilizable sections. In the localities that cannot be cultivated are shown the Sierras, the lava beds and the desert. The map indicates the location of the cultivable portions of the mountains and Mohave plateau and valleys of that wonderful state.

Tickets on sale via Nickel Plate Road, May 16th, 17th and 18th. One fare plus 25 cents for round trip. Good returning until May 28th. Limit extended on application. See nearest agent or address A. C. Showalter, D. P. A., 807 State street, Erie, Pa. 287m18

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**Shook It Down.**  
There is a strong man in a certain village in Hungary. Not long ago he was building a stable for a farmer. Just as he was about to put the culminating brick in its place he happened to fall out with his employer and by way of working off his superfluous energy went up to one of the pillars and shook it. The entire building came down with a run. This is the most notable case of "it came apart in my hands," as servants say, since Samson.—London Globe.

**Photograph Paste.**  
Dissolve half an ounce of hard gelatin in three ounces two drams of cold water until quite soft; then beat until melted. Now add one ounce six drams of glycerine. This will set hard and must be melted on the hob or in hot water for use. The advantage of this preparation is that there is no stickiness as with gum, nor does it leave a stain. It is excellent for mounting both photographs and scraps.

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