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Thrown to the Wolves.

A story of a father's desperate act in throwing his child to the wolves is related by the Astrakhan correspondent of the *Viedomosti*. A peasant named Grusneloff, accompanied by his wife and four-year-old child, it is stated, was traveling by sleigh to Volchinsk. Toward dusk, when only a few miles from the town, he suddenly came out a pack of wolves. Grusneloff's wife in her terror suggested that he should appease the beasts by flinging them the child. This the man at first refused to do, continuing to belabor his horses. At length, seeing that the wolves were gaining on the sleigh, he flung the child into the road. His sacrifice was in vain, for the wolves, discarding the living bundle, flew to the attack with renewed fury and at length dragged the peasant from the sleigh. When the horses arrived in the town the woman was found lying unconscious in the sleigh. The child, which had not suffered the slightest injury, was found sleeping on the road.

When Photography Was New.

When photography first began they used wet plates and a sitting required eight or nine minutes. A man once went to be taken, and the photographer put in his wet plate, demanded perfect immobility and took off the cap. During the long exposure the photographer left the room a moment. On his return everything seemed to be going all right. But when the exposure ended and he rushed to his closet to develop the wet plate there was nothing on it but a blur. "You must have moved," he said. "The sitter looked at the spotted plate and laughed in amazement. 'Well, I declare,' he said, 'who'd have thought that just running over to the window for a minute to see a drunken man would have done all that? I sat right down again.'"—*Minneapolis Journal*.

Baldness.

Men get bald more frequently than women, according to Dr. Guelpa of Paris, because they wear hard, heavy hats, they cut their hair too short and they eat more than women. Dr. Guelpa says the scalp is like soil and the hair like the vegetation that grows upon it. When the scalp is neglected the hair does not grow and its roots die. Just as grass dies when the soil is poor. A heavy, hard hat constricts the blood vessels that nourish the scalp. Clipping the hair short leaves its tender roots at the mercy of cold, heat and dust. The oil that exudes from around the roots of the hairs and keeps them nourished is congealed by the cold and chokes up the matrix in which the hair is formed.—*New York World*.

Cautious Courtship.

A Scottish farmer's son had the misfortune to fall in love with two young ladies at once. The one was a tall, strapping girl, while the other was small and slim. The puzzled lover at last asked his father's advice. "Well," said his father, "there's one muckle machinery used in farmin' nowadays that a big, active wife is no' o' muckle use, so I advise ye to tak' the little one. She'll eat less, anyway!"

A Restful Fall.

"I had a fall last night which rendered me unconscious for six hours." "Really? Where did you fall?" "I fell asleep."

The Distinctive Garment Store

A Genuine Sensation!

Our January Mark-Down Sale of Women's, Misses' and Children's Garments.

Hundreds of Garments—All Different Styles—All Newest Models.

A wonderful opportunity to secure the finest garments at the price of the cloth alone.

Winter Coats.

Your choice of \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00 coats

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Coats for street, coats for evening dress, for travel, motor, storm coats for every purpose or occasion in every color, every popular fabric, every style that is new and correct, coats for big women, coats for small women.

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Your choice of \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$45.00 suits

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Never such remarkable reductions; never so many pretty styles; never such exquisite fabrics; every suit represents the newest and cleverest conception. In this assortment are plain or semi-tailored styles, smart cutaways, new semi-blouse effects and model suits.

The Distinctive Garment Store

Henry J. McCarty,

111 CENTRE ST., OIL CITY, PA.

Rough on Jerusalem.

Because his wife sent him as a Christmas present a comb and brush, Jeremiah Schiester, 407 1/2 Midway (Pa.), merchant, sued for divorce on the grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment. Schiester's head is bald and hairless as a Mexican dog, yet his wife, with an odd sort of humor, according to the aggrieved man, sent him a comb and a stiff haired brush by parcel post, failing to insert the name of the donor.

Mothers' Pension Payment Made.

The first payment of money in Pennsylvania under the appropriation for mothers' pensions has been made to the Allegheny county board and the test of the law will probably follow it. The money paid is \$500 for general administrative purposes and it is understood that injunction proceedings will be started so that the opinion of the supreme court may be obtained.

Child Saves Burning Woman.

Lavinia Klugh, aged ten, saved her grandmother, Mrs. William McKelvey, aged seventy-one, from burning to death in the Klugh home at Kittanning, Pa. Mrs. McKelvey was standing with her back to a coal fire when her skirts caught fire. She was enveloped in flames. The child ran to a bedroom, got a blanket and threw it over the aged woman, smothering the flames.

Son Is Shot by Father.

George Cook, aged twenty, son of H. J. Cook of Kane, Pa., is in a serious condition as a result of a bullet wound alleged to have been inflicted by his father. Returning home the young man says he found his father abusing Mrs. Cook and that when he interceded the father shot him. The older man then knocked his wife down, the son says, and escaped. He is sought by police.

Express Business For Town Cut Off.

Residents of Sharpville, near Sharon, Pa., are puzzled over the action of the Adams Express company, which notified its agent, E. A. Allen, that after Jan. 1 no express will be delivered to consignees in that town. No reason was given for the action. It is believed by business men that the parcel post system is responsible.

Reunion Balance \$37,000.

The report of the Gettysburg Fiftieth Anniversary Commission was transmitted to Governor Tamm by Colonel Lewis E. Bettler, secretary. The legislature appropriated \$450,000 for Pennsylvania's share of the expense of the big reunion last July. The commission reports an unexpended balance of about \$37,000.

Horse Thieves About.

Mercer county (Pa.) farmers in the vicinity of Venango are aroused over the activity of horse thieves in that section. Some time ago the thieves became so bold that a farmers' vigilance association was organized and war was declared on the practice with the result that the thievery subsided for a time.

Worse Still.

Mother (to wriggling son across her knees)—I'll teach you to be saucy to dogs' tails. "But, mother, it isn't our dog." "No, I don't know our dog. But it's my saucypan, you young rascal."—*London Mail*.

His Definition.

A boy who was asked to describe a kitten said, "A kitten is remarkable for rushing like mad at nothing whatever and stopping before it gets there."

Life is altogether too short to dwell on failures. Push on to a new success.

Oyster Liquid.

Only one oyster opener in fifty seems to know that the best thing by far about an oyster is the liquid in its shell. Watch the other forty-nine and you will see them wantonly wasting this precious, fragrant liquid, and in many cases they will serve the oyster on the flat shell, so that you get no juice at all. Always ask for them on the shell, and don't be afraid after you have transferred the morsel to your mouth to drink the liquid from the shell. It may not look elegant, but elegance be hanged!—*Henry T. Fink's 'Food and Flavor.'*

Alpine Egg Dance.

A curious eastern custom has been observed for many centuries in the western Alps. One hundred eggs are distributed over a level space covered with sand and the young men and women perform a dance around them. If a couple are fortunate enough to finish the dance without breaking an egg it is taken as a token of the compatibility of their temperaments and they are betrothed.

Causes of Cancer.

"Constant irritation," says a cancer hospital physician, "is one of the principal causes of cancer, and if a person has a wart or lump on his skin which is constantly scratched, it is likely to be converted into a cancer. If there is a tear which is not attended to and causes irritation, it may give rise to a cancerous growth. The sharp edge of a tooth or an injury to the internal organs may also give rise to cancerous tissues."

The doctor emphasized the remarkable vitality of cancer tissue and its power of growth. He said he had in his laboratory a mouse on which are growing cancer cells that were alive in another mouse thirteen years ago.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

The English Yeoman.

"Yeoman" is a good old English word, the meaning of which should be carefully cherished. Any country laborer or farmer is not a yeoman. A yeoman is a man who cultivates his own freehold, who farms his own land. He is no man's servant and may hold his head as high as the squire. There are still yeomen of ancient blood in England who would sniff at the offer of a title. One of the finest men I ever knew was a Dorset yeoman, and his ancestors had farmed the same land for three centuries.—*London Globe*.

The Boy and the Bee.

Bee Master to pupil who has just brushed off a bee which stung him—Ah, you shouldn't do that! The bee will die now. You should have helped her to extract her sting, which is spirally barbed, by gently turning her round and round. Pupil—All very well for you, but how do I know which way she unscrews?—*London Punch*.

Music Without Sound.

The fundamental evil in music is the necessity of reproduction of its artistic creations by performance. Were it as easy to learn to read music as words the sonatas of Beethoven would have the popularity of the poems of Schiller.—*F. Hiller*.

Inclined, but Declined.

Miss A.—I thought Mr. Homeleigh was matrimonially inclined. Miss B.—He was, but he's been declined so often, poor man, that he's got over it.—*Boston Transcript*.

Paradoxical.

While ready for school—Mamma, they are holding up a safe down the street. Mother—Well, be careful not to walk on the safe side.—*Boston Transcript*.

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Suits made to order \$15.00 and upward.



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Uncrowned Queens.

There have been seven uncrowned queens of England. The first was Margaret of France, the second wife of Edward I. Money was scarce in the government coffers at the time, and Edward could not afford the expense of a coronation. The four later wives of Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn's successors—Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr—were never publicly crowned as queen consorts. Perhaps it was because Henry thought it would cause ridicule to have coronations over as frequently as his marriages. Henrietta Maria, the wife of Charles I., being a strict Catholic, refused to take part in a state function which would compel her to partake of the Sacrament, according to the rites of the Church of England. Sophia Dorothea, the wife of George I. and mother of George II., was never recognized as queen of England and therefore cannot be classed as one of Britain's uncrowned queens. Caroline of Brunswick, the wife of George IV., was not permitted to be present in Westminster hall at his coronation.—*London Mail*.

Artificial Ears.

Artificial ears are so skillfully made that they may with difficulty be distinguished from natural ones. It is said. When the person who has lost an ear applies to the manufacturer for a substitute there is made a mold of the remaining ear. If there be left any part of the other a mold of that part also must be taken to assist in the fitting of the artificial. Manufacturers assert that no two ears are alike and that it takes a skillful workman to prepare an ear from the mold or molds. When finished, says *Harper's Weekly*, the new ear is pasted on the stump or simply set in the position of the lost ear. It is really only the first artificial ear that is expensive, the chief cost pertaining to the making of the mold. Vulcanized rubber, which can be bent and twisted, has been found to constitute the best material for the making of artificial ears.

The Two Fine Things of Life.

Because it is an elementary thing to do it requires courage to buy or build a house. Buy? Build? The universal head becomes a pendulum of warning. There are just two fine things open to most of us between the cradle and the grave. One is to marry and the other is to acquire a home, and the modern answer to both proposals is the same. "Don't," so greatly do men fear life, so exorbitantly do they purport to enjoy it. Philip Gilbert Hamerton, in "The Intellectual Life," pointed out that the invention of railways had resulted in a return to one of the most marked phases of barbarism, a nomadic life. Since he wrote we have invented the motorcar and the flat, and fixity of residence, which is a distinctive mark of civilization, has become its derision or despair.—*London T. P's Weekly*.

A Coaxer For Recruits.

Nowadays the anti-recruiters do not advertise so alluringly for recruits as they did in the past. A notice issued in 1801 by British authorities calls on men to join the light dragoons. In which regiment they are informed, "you will be mounted on the finest horses in the world, with superb clothing and the richest accoutrements; your pay and privileges are equal to 2 guineas a week; your society is courted; you are admired by the fair, which, combined with the chance of getting swished to a buxom widow or brushing with a rich heiress, renders the situation truly enviable and desirable. Young men out of employment or otherwise uncomfortable, there is a distance in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads to fortune. Nick it!"

Some Talkers.

A man once visited Niagara Falls, taking with him his wife and his wife's sister. Immediately on arriving and securing hotel quarters the party set out to see the wonderful sight, and the wife's sister talking as they walked along on a million interesting subjects.

"Say, John," said wife, turning to the old man after they had gone quite a distance, "aren't we getting near the falls?" "Yes," was the prompt reply of John. "If you will stop talking a minute you will hear the thunder of the water quite plainly."—*Philadelphia Telegraph*.

Reason and Instinct.

Inquiring Son—Papa, what is reason? Fond Parent—Reason, my boy, is that which enables a man to determine what is right. Inquiring Son—And what is instinct? Fond Parent—Instinct is that which tells a woman she is right whether she is or not.—*London Tit-Bits*.



January Clearance Sale

Started Friday, Jan. 2d,

Continues Throughout the Month.

Each day a different department and but one day to each department. With this exception—when Tailored Suits, Coats and Dresses have once been placed on sale—sale price will be continued 'till cabinets have been entirely emptied.

This is to be a thorough, systematic clearance of shelves, racks, drawers and boxes throughout the entire store. And to do it thoroughly, systematically and forcibly, we will take one department at a time. Some of the less important departments will be grouped together.

In the Second Floor Garment Section a \$10,000 stock, every garment of which must be sold by February 1. This calls for the most drastic price reduction ever resorted to in this department. By reference to the calendar it will be noted that the first sale in that department occurs January 8.

The calendar we have arranged shows the following events for the next week:

Thursday, January 8—Ladies' Tailored Suits, Furs, Silk Petticoats.

Friday, January 9—Rain Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Children's Coats.

Saturday, January 10—Ladies' Coats, Tailored Skirts, Silk Waists, Lace and Chiffon Waists.

Monday, January 12—Dress Goods, Buttons, Knit Hoods, Aviation Caps.

Tuesday, January 13—Bed Comforts, Flannelettes, Robe Blankets, Silk Hand Bags.

Wednesday, January 14—Silks, Dress Trimmings, Fancy Jewelry.



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On What Happiness Depends. A little thought will show you how vastly your own happiness depends on the way other people bear themselves toward you. The looks and tones at your breakfast table, the conduct of your fellow workers or employers, the faithful or unreliable men you deal with, what people say to you on the street, the way your cook and housemaid do their work, the letters you get, the friends or foes you meet—these things make up very much of the pleasure or misery of your day. Turn the idea around and remember that just so much are you adding to the pleasure or misery of other people's days. And this is the half of the matter which you can control. Whether any particular day shall bring to you more of happiness or of suffering is largely beyond your power to determine. Whether each day of your life shall give happiness or suffering rests with yourself.—*George S. Merriam*.

After the Storm. "Daughter and her beau must have had a terrible quarrel." "Why so, ma?" "Five pounds of candy, a bunch of roses and two mittens tickets have just arrived."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

Her Rival. Jess—"They went to the lake district on their wedding trip, and Ethel was wretched. Jess went in love with the secretary."—*Cleveland Leader*.

About the Last. Blobs: When the time comes there are mighty few men who want to die. Blobs: Yes; I guess it's about the last thing a man wants to do. Philadelphia Record.

Either I will find a way or I will make one.—*Sir Philip Sidney*.



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