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**Lords and Commons.**  
An ancient English custom forbids the participation of a peer in the election of a commoner, so that when a general election is actually in progress the lords are oratorically muzzled by a fiction that supposes them to be quite indifferent to the composition of the lower house, but until the candidates have been actually nominated the peers may use all the eloquence with which nature has endowed them for or against the issue involved in the approaching election.

**The Human Face.**  
Rosa Bonheur, the great painter of animals, had a system of mnemonics which was exceedingly quaint. She could trace in the faces of those people who visited her a resemblance to some sort of animal. For instance, if some one reminded her of a certain lady she would probably hesitate for a moment and then say, "Oh, yes, the lady with the camel face!" or, "Oh, I remember—she had a cow face!" This memory system was not flattering to her friends, but it showed how saturated she was with a knowledge of animals and their characteristics. On every human face she found a likeness to some animal she had studied and delineated.

**Eye Strain.**  
There are two common kinds of eye strain. It is a strain for a person who is farsighted to do close work, and it is a strain for one who is nearsighted to use the eyes for distances. Both kinds of eye strain produce the same symptoms—headache—and both require that the eyes be examined and glasses be provided.

**Cynical.**  
He—Men are what they eat.  
She—I've noticed you're fond of calves' brains.—Baltimore American.

**In Sympathy.**  
The two men had met at a dinner party and were talking in a corner by themselves.  
"You see that tall woman with the sharp nose and the critical eye?" asked one of them.  
"Yes," said the other quietly.  
"Well, I've watched her for quite awhile. She's always got her nose into somebody's business. She's the last woman I'd marry."  
"Which shows how strangely in sympathy we are," said the other without resentment. "She's the last woman I did marry."—Exchange.

**The Lacking Stroke.**  
"Do you think it would improve my style," inquired the varsity man who had got into the crew through favoritism, "if I were to acquire a faster stroke?"  
"It would improve the crew," replied the candid trainer, "if you got a paralytic stroke."—London Tit-Bits.

**The Senate Barber Shop.**  
Here's an odd thing about the United States senate barber shop: Although the number of senators has hardly increased at all, the number of shaves has increased at a surprising rate in recent years. The reason is simply that the senate is now inhabited largely by comparatively young men with smooth faces or wearing mustaches at most, and they are obliged to get shaved every little while, whereas the old style senator with a riot of whiskers never had occasion to visit a barber shop except every few months to get his hair trimmed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**A Risky Study.**  
"Why have you dropped your popular astronomy?" asked the visitor.  
"Cause I got too many lickings," confided Tommy. "The other night I told pa that Mars' face was ever changing, and ma heard me and thought I meant her face. Next thing I didn't get any supper and got a licking besides."—Chicago News.

**Morning.**  
A perfume of flowers is wafted gently from the mountains. The sun is new risen, and the dew still glistens on the leaves of trees and the petals of flowers. A road like a gray ribbon thrusts into the quiet mountain gorge—a stone paved road which yet looks as soft as velvet, so that one almost has a desire to stroke it.—Maxim Gorky.

**Uncle Sam's Forests.**  
Publicly owned forests of the United States contain more than one-fifth of the country's timber.

**Fulfilled.**  
Mrs. Gnags—Before we were married you used to say you could listen to my sweet voice all night. Mr. Gnags—Well, at that time I had no idea I'd ever have to do it.—Judge.

**Not a Bout Winner.**  
Tramp—Once I was well known as a wrestler. mum. Lady—And do you wrestle now? Tramp—Only wid poverty. mum.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

## Questions that a Good Citizen Should Know.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
- R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
- R. Republic.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
- R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
- R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
- R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
- R. President.
- D. How long is the President of the United States elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
- R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
- R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
- R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the state of Pennsylvania.
- R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
- R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. How many State in the union?
- R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
- R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
- R. Washington.
- D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania.
- R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each state in the United States Senate?
- R. Two.
- D. By whom are they elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
- R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there? ..
- R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- D. For how long are they elected?
- R. 2 years.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. 38.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
- R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
- R. Brumbaugh.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
- R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
- R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
- R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
- R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
- R. The board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
- R. Yes.

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**CARLYLE'S FIRST LOVE.**  
She May Have Been the Blumline of "Sartor Resartus."  
During the year 1818 Thomas Carlyle, the Scotch philosopher, was living at Kirkcaldy, and he seems then for the first time to have fallen in love. The lady appears not to have returned the attachment, although she, with great insight, at the age of twenty-two, perceived the genius of her suitor of twenty-five.  
In the letter in which she took leave of her admirer she used these significant expressions: "Cultivate the milder dispositions of your heart, subdue the more extravagant visions of the brain. \* \* \* Genius will render you great. May virtue render you beloved! Let your light shine before men, and think them not unworthy this trouble."  
Many years after, when Carlyle wrote his reminiscences, he described the episode. He says that Margaret Gordon "continued for, perhaps, some three years a figure hanging more or less in my fancy, on the usual romantic and latterly quite elegiac and silent terms."  
The real interest of the story is: Was Margaret Gordon the original of the Blumline of "Sartor Resartus"? One critic would have us answer that, although Jane Welsh might have inspired some of the details, it was Margaret Gordon who was the true original.—New York Telegram.

**Smokeless Powder.**  
Some smokeless powders decompose after awhile, and as a result of such deterioration they are likely to explode spontaneously. The destruction of the French warship *Liberte*, which blew up in 1911, is thought to have been caused by such an accident. As a precaution against such tragic happenings all the powder of that kind used by our own navy is put through a process of remanufacture every five years, and there is a regular fortnightly inspection of the stuff on hand on every battleship and cruiser. When it decomposes it gives out reddish, acrid fumes, which should give ample warning of the threatened danger.—Youth's Companion.

**Clever.**  
Fond Mother—Improvise? Why, my daughter can improvise any piece of music put before her!—Judge.

**In Half Mourning.**  
"I don't understand you, Linda. One day you're bright and jolly and the next depressed and sad."  
"Well, I'm in half mourning; that's why."—Fliegende Blatter.

**Kin and King.**  
Kings in the earliest days were merely the "fathers of families," and the word is derived from the same source as "kin."  
Every man will get his rights when every man does his duties and not before.