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ed in several large cities during  
past year because rotten pipes  
burst at the critical moment and the  
firemen were suddenly left without  
water. In such places the work of  
patching is continual, but there is never  
any telling when the trouble will break  
out in a new spot.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

**NOT ALWAYS WELL BESTOWED**

**Age Degrees Were Once Honorable, But Are Now Falling Into Disrepute.**

The actual meaning of a word is not elute and unchangeable. It is sim- that for which it generally stands ay. In the drift of usage—stands ays downward—English words have etimes got their value quite re- sed, and so long as the drift is going there is an unfortunate confusion of as, and in this chaotic period no n can be quite sure when his neigh- r speaks what he is at. It seems a y not to clear the air and get down a definition which defines. For ex- ample, the general demand to be called gentleman" or "lady" has almost iped out the meaning of words which e had a sufficiently positive one. he fact still exists of that differentia- on between persons which was de- scribed by the old use of the words. ut we have no longer a name for the ossessors of the attribute once indi- ted by them, and are obliged to com- municate the idea by adjectives or para- phrases.

What is the meaning of a college "de- gree?" It was once a certificate of ood scholarship in the "humanities," xtended quite legitimately to include roficiency in arts and science. The alue of it was soon found to vary with the character of the collegiate institu- tion granting it. There was a vast flex- ibility introduced in the meaning of "degree." Waiving the criminal abuse of the purchasable article (which has robably been largely eliminated) we v the same word for the n college as for that . And now, as the sons go by the " is increasingly nual investment of sons with it, whose nnection whatever he results of schol- script.

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arises in. Women who life have a slow ch ally a bad digestion, an are fertile causes of a muddy-appearing skin. Ex- ercise gives rapidity to the movement of the blood, stimulates digestion and calms the nerves, and is frequently more beneficial than any sort of medi- cine, although it should not be indulged in immediately after meals. Physicians are beginning to recognize the fact that drugs are not the most potent restora- tives, and that exercise, peace of mind, congenial society and recreation are not merely luxuries, but necessities if good health is to be preserved. Chapped and rough lips are not only painful, but dis- figuring, and it is advisable never to go into the open air without previously using a little glycerin or vaseline upon the mouth. To moisten the lips with the tongue has a drying effect upon the skin ultimately, and the habit is one to be rigorously avoided. Toilet soap of inferior quality is extremely injurious to the complexion. Only the best soap should be employed, and that does not necessarily mean the soap most ex- pensively gotten up with lace and ribbons. Pure glycerin or olive oil soap, unperfumed, is very good and not special- ly costly.—Cincinnati Commercial Trib- une.

**Tinsel Fabrics for Summer.**  
This is a glittering season. Summer dress goods continue to be woven with tinsel threads and very pretty are the effects thus obtained. In the dark diaphanous materials the gleaming suggestive of tinsel is most effective. The newest gauze used, either as a trimming or for entire evening gowns comes traced in swirling design in gold and silver threads, and the latest mous- seline de soie is embroidered with glit- tering threads. To the English is due the praise for the luminous powder which when applied to fabrics gives them the brilliant, scintillating color- ing of the opal by day and render them phosphorescent by night.

**Hints to Wheelwomen.**  
Lady cyclists should always be pro- vided with a needle and thread in case the dress comes to grief. A stitch in time saves nine, and sometimes a nas- fall. Matches are another thing that should not be forgotten, and also an ad- dressed luggage label, and sufficient cash in case rain comes on or one wishes to return by rail. If going for a long ride, a small waterproof cape should always be carried.

**An Unsuccessful Ruse.**  
A Philadelphia grocer persuaded a patron to take a barrel of flour differ- ent from the kind she usually bought. After two bakings she returned the flour, as it was unsatisfactory. The grocer, after filling the returned bar- rel out in a new head and again sent it,



Napoleon Jackson—Is de ole woman werry sick, Bass?  
Bass Jones—Yis; terrible gnawin' pain in de stumjack!  
Napoleon Jackson—Wha's de causa- tion?  
Bass Jones—She jist swallud her false teeth!—Harlem Life.

**Synonymous.**  
Fogg—For heaven's sake, how much more are you going to eat of that salad? You've put away a half-gallon of it already.  
Fenderson — Nonsense. I've only eaten a mouthful.  
Fogg—That's what I said. — Harlem Life.

**He Had.**  
"Have you 'Married in Haste?'" she asked of the young man behind the counter in the bookstore.  
"I have," he replied, "but it's all right now. I was divorced at leisure."—Chicago Post.

**The Better-Half.**  
Jaggles—Marriage is the one union where a man should never go on a strike.  
Waggles—That's so. If he does he will find himself locked out by his wife.  
—Judge.

**Special Rates.**  
"Do you make special terms to bridal parties?" asked the innocent-looking bridegroom.  
"Yes," replied the honest hotel clerk, "we always charge 'em double rates."—Ohio State Journal.

**She Merely Asked.**  
Mr. Branscombe—I see there are over 50 different secret societies in the United States.  
Mrs. Branscombe—Which five don't you belong to?—Chicago Daily News.

**Valuable Advice.**  
"My wife always consults me about every article of attire she buys—frocks, hats, shoes, gloves—everything."  
"My wife does, too; that is, she asks me for the money."—Brooklyn Life.

**Political Caution.**  
"Mary, how do you feel about this open-door idea?"  
"Well, the open door is all right, but I think we ought to have a fly-screen door, too."—Chicago Record.

**A Cause for Surprise.**  
Miss Passe (in confidence)—Do you know, my dear, I am 26 to-day?

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