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**What He Really Said.**  
Mrs. Buffers—The teller at that bank says you are just the meanest, stingiest.  
Mr. Buffers—Great Scott! What—what is that? He says—  
Mrs. Buffers—Well, he didn't say it in so many words, but that is what he meant, of course.  
Mr. Buffers—See here! What did the fellow say?  
Mrs. Buffers—He asked me to inquire the check; and when I told him I hadn't the ghost of an idea of what he meant, he said he presumed I hadn't had much experience getting checks cashed—so there!—N. Y. Weekly.

**The Comment of Envy.**  
When men behold his air so bland  
While wearing his resplendent straw  
They say his money's talking and  
It's talking through his Panama.  
—Washington Star.

**FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS.**  
  
Housekeeper—One of these geese weighs 12 pounds and the other 15. Which shall I take?  
Employer—Take the 12-pounder. You know the doctor has told me I must adopt a lighter diet!—Heitere Welt.

**The Desire to Huddle.**  
The world is long and high and broad  
With riches everywhere,  
But the trouble is that when the proud  
And rich squat on a spot the crowd  
Insists on starving there.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Good Enough Law.**  
Policeman—Is that gun loaded?  
Citizen—Of course. I'm hunting for a young man who took my daughters out rowing, and tried to scare them by rocking the boat.  
Policeman—Um—I see. He's right over there. Be careful not to hit anybody else.—N. Y. Weekly.

**His Weakness.**  
Albert—Why, don't you recollect that girl? That's the girl you used to rave over last summer—call her a "poem" and all that.  
Edward—By Jove! So it is! I never could commit a "poem" to memory.—Harper's Bazar.

**Overdid It.**  
"You promised me before marriage that you would make every effort to make yourself worthy of me."  
"I know I did, and the result was that I overdid it, and made myself better than you deserve."—N. Y. Sun.

**A Prize Winner.**  
She (proudly)—Oh, Henry, I got the prize at our women's club!  
He—Good!  
She—Yes. I blackballed more members during the past year than any other member.—Ohio State Journal.

**His Plans Made.**  
"What do you intend to do for a living?" asked the old gentleman, in disgust.  
"I—aw—thought I'd marry," replied Percy, the shining light of society.—Chicago Post.

**GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA.**  
Col. Brodie, New Chief Executive of the Territory, Has Had an Interesting Career.



A. O. Brodie, the veteran rough rider, who has recently been appointed governor of Arizona territory, was graduated from West Point in 1870, and promoted to a second lieutenant in the same year. He served on frontier duty up to 1877, when he resigned from the service. In 1871 he was especially commended for gallantry in action with the Apaches, and was recommended for brevet by Gen. Crook for services against the same tribe in 1872-73. When the Spanish-American war broke out he organized the Arizona

**GEORGE P. WETMORE.**  
Rhode Island's Junior United States Senator is a Man of Great Wealth.  
Hon. George Peabody Wetmore is sure of a seat in the United States senate from Rhode Island until 1906. He happened to be born in England while his parents were there on a European trip. He was graduated from Yale in 1867, and from the Columbia law school two years later. He was



elected governor of his state in 1885, and served until his defeat by "Honest John" Davis in 1887. As a candidate for United States senator in 1889 he was defeated, but he tried again in 1894 and won. He is now serving his second term as a member of the upper branch of congress at Washington. The family fortune was established in the West Indies and China trade years ago. In reality he is more of a New Yorker than a Rhode Islander to-day.  
**How Music Affects Animals.**  
The effect of music on animals was recently tested by a violinist in a Berlin menagerie. The influence of the violin was greatest on the puma, which became much excited when quicksteps were played, but was soothed by slower measures. Wolves showed an appreciative interest, lions and hyenas were terrified, leopards were unconcerned, and monkeys stared in wonder at the performer.  
**Pigs as Farm Workers.**  
Pigs harnessed to little wagons, are made to do farm work in some of the agricultural districts of China.  
**Frigate Bird's Endurance.**  
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**CANALS IN THE NORTHWEST.**  
The Great Development and Increase of Traffic During the Last Few Years.

The first locks at St. Mary's falls were opened in 1855, in which year the registered tonnage was 106,296. The half-million mark was reached in 1863, and the 1,000,000 mark was passed in 1872. In 1881, exactly coincident with the opening of a new and much larger lock, the northwest began to grow by leaps and bounds, and the tonnage of the canal rose from 2,000,000 tons in 1882 to 9,000,000 in 1890 and to 16,000,000 in 1896. During the past five years, two more enormous locks have been in operation, one of them on the Canadian side of the river, and in this short time the tonnage of the canal has leaped up to nearly 28,500,000 tons. This colossal tonnage is impy a manifestation of the development which has taken place in the northwest, along with which has come the building of thousands of miles of railroad, including two lines from the head of Lake Superior to the Pacific coast, says the Engineering Magazine. If by some cataclysm of nature the great lakes should be dried up, the enormous traffic now carried on their waters would be divided among the railroads—it would simply cease to exist. The whole galaxy of cities from Buffalo to Chicago and Duluth would be overwhelmed in hopeless, irretrievable ruin and the railroads could in no wise escape the general disaster.

**GATHERING OPIUM.**  
Cultivators Go Forth in the Evening with Lances and in the Early Morning with Pots.

It is a sort of garden cultivation, the poppy plant being grown in little squares or beds intersected by tiny water channels for irrigation wherever this is possible. The growth of the plants is carefully tended, and at length the time comes when they burst out into flower, and the fields look like a sheet of silver as the white petals of the flowers glisten in the morning dew. These beautiful petals are the first produce of the crop, for the women and children of the cultivators' families come forth and pick them off one by one and carefully dry them, so that they may serve afterward as the covering of the manufactured cakes of opium. Then the poppies, with their bare capsule heads, remain standing in the open field until it is considered that they are ripe for lancing. The cultivators then come forth in the evening, and, with an implement unlike the knives of a coupling instrument, they scarify the capsule on its sides with deep incisions, so that the juice may exude. In the early morning the cultivators reappear with a scraping knife and their earthenware pots, and they scrape off the exuded juice and collect it in their pots. And this is crude opium.

**MUST HAVE THE SWORD.**  
An Article That is Necessary to the Completeness of a Naval Surrender.

Naval red tape is as stringent as that existing in the army, and sometimes the enforcement of the regulations leads to ludicrous results. Some years ago, when the late Admiral Skerrett was a captain, an officer who had been charged with an offense and ordered under arrest presented himself to be arrested. The regulations provide that on such occasion the officer shall be in full dress and wear a sword. The officer wore his uniform, but had no sword.  
"I can't arrest you," said Capt. Skerrett, looking for the missing sword, "unless you come prepared to submit your sword to me."  
The officer explained that he had not received his sword from home, although it had been expressed to him. "Well, you'll have to get one," was the reply.  
So the officer skirmished about in the navy yard for someone who had a sword to lend. Finding one, the offender returned to Capt. Skerrett and was promptly and regularly put under arrest according to regulations.

**Unsafe.**  
"Why didn't you tell Toughboy that he lied?"  
"My telephone is out of order."  
—Norristown Herald.  
**An Opinion.**  
"You wouldn't take Buskins for an actor, would you?"  
"Well, you might when he's off the stage."  
—Puck.

**Summer complaint is usually prevalent among children this season. A well-developed case in the writer's family was cured last week by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—one of the best patent medicines manufactured and which is always kept on hand at the home of ye scribe. This is not intended as a free puff for the company, who do not advertise with us, but to benefit little sufferers who may not be within easy access of a physician. No family should be without a bottle of this medicine in the house, especially in summer-time.—Lansing, Iowa, Journal. For sale by the Middleburg Drug Store.**

**UNION OF TEACHERS.**  
In No Other Way, Says Miss Haley, Can They Expect to Secure Material Advancement.

In an article published in the Chicago Teachers' Federation Bulletin, Margaret A. Haley urges the teachers to organize and perfect the organizations which they already have. She says that the way to secure their material advancement is to work together. Miss Haley claims that the teachers have many things upon which it would be fitting for them to spend their energy in making better for the teacher. "Teachers need not be told to-day that they need better salaries, more



MARGARET A. HALEY.  
(Chicago Schoolma'am Who Wants to Unite Teachers into a Union.)

permanent tenure of office and provision for old age, before they can do their best work," reads the article. "Nor are arguments needed to convince every teacher of the power of organization in this day of combination and concentration."  
In speaking of the tendency to organize Miss Haley says that the need has been felt and is rapidly growing in the large cities. "But," she says, "teachers have been the last class to organize effectively for the purpose of bettering their material conditions. One of the greatest obstacles in the way of such organization has been the sentimental notion that teachers degrade themselves and their profession by working individually or collectively for 'mere material advancement.'"  
"What is needed now is some demonstration of the power of intelligent, well-directed organized effort among teachers to convince teachers and others, not that organization is professional, but that through organization alone can teachers rid themselves of the reactionary condition in and out of the schoolroom which are crushing out their lives, and those of the children, and counteracting the results of their best efforts."

**HOOKS FOR BABIES.**  
Barbarous Custom Which is Still in Vogue in Certain Districts of France.

It seems incredible that in the twentieth century women living in a civilized country should treat their infants in the manner in which they do in certain districts in France. When they are obliged to leave their infants alone for an hour or so they never fail to place them out of harm's way by hanging them either from the ceiling or from one of the walls of the room. They have a rope with a loop for this purpose, and all they



WHEN MAMMA GOES OUT.  
(Children Suspended from Ceiling or Wall by French Mothers.)

have to do is to fasten the rope to the cradle or clothes of the child and then place the loop over the hook, which is always fixed at a considerable distance from the ground.  
That infants in such a cramped position are not comfortable can readily be seen; indeed, it is said that many of these unfortunate little creatures are seriously injured through such treatment. Happily, this barbarous custom is not as much in vogue now as it was some years ago.  
**Marriage Premium Withdrawn.**  
To promote marriages in Servia all young persons having at least 2,000 dinars in the government savings bank receive a handsome premium from the bank on their wedding day. The consequence was that young folks rushed into matrimony to repent at leisure, and often, as soon as the money was spent, they sued for divorce. As the plan did not seem likely to bring an increase of population, the generous premium has been withdrawn.  
**Export of Frozen Salmon.**  
Fishermen in the Columbia river get about 25 cents each for all the salmon they catch. The average weight ranges from 15 to 20 pounds. Vast quantities of these are frozen by Oregon dealers, and shipped to Germany, where they sell for 35 cents a pound.

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