

**The Angler of the Seine.**  
The old type of angler, according to Balzac, was silent, meditative and crusty. His descendant is, on the contrary, loquacious, closely observant of everything but his fly and line and carelessly amiable. Who would have dared address the hoary and respected Pierre when in the act of landing—for he really used to land something else besides tadpoles and old boots—or when cajoling with a fish from his time honored corner beneath the Pont Royal? No one, I venture to say, but the sharp tongued gutter urchin may challenge the steady yet imperturbable individual who has succeeded him, and, what is more, he receives a return volley of repartee garnished with puns.

Old Pierre, who was perhaps one of the best known figures of years back on the quays, breakfasted, dined and supped off his takes of Seine fish, which were mostly dace, carp, barbel and tench. He had a vast assortment of recipes in his possession, and many a cordon bleu has received a hint for cooking the limy trille from this ancient fisherman. No one knew exactly where or how he lived or how he managed to obtain funds for the purchase of bait, yet he was always well supplied with the most expensive kind of gentles, greaves and paste, where his successor contents himself with roe and ill made flies.—Westminster Review.

**Wall Papers.**  
Wall papers were little used in Europe before the eighteenth century, though they had been long before that applied to house decoration by the Chinese. Those that were first manufactured in the west were adaptations of design from Italian brocades, and at first they were used in an unobjectionable manner, just as hangings of the costlier material were employed—namely, to fill spaces between obvious structural lines—and so applied no objection could be made to their use. On the contrary, the invention brought it within the means of almost every household to fill blank wall spaces with agreeable tracery and harmonious color.

The cornice, frieze and dado remained intact. Colors were protected with molding or plaster work, and the inmate might feel that he was living in a built room and not in a huddle. But gradually the wall features disappeared, paper crept over everything except window and door openings, even into the very angles of the walls, and it is nothing uncommon now on entering a saloon of considerable pretension and proportions to find the walls closely covered with paper from floor to ceiling, save a narrow skirting board to protect the plaster from the housemaid's broom and a cornice reduced to a meager molding.—Blackwood's Magazine.

**Sentenced to Matrimony.**  
A young man and a young woman were contesting possession of a piece of property, the one claiming under an old lease, the other under an old will.

"It strikes me," said the justice, "that there is a pleasant and easy way to terminate this lawsuit. The plaintiff seems to be a respectable young man, and this is a very nice young woman. They can both get married and live upon the farm. If they go on with the law proceedings, the property will all be frittered away among the lawyers, who, I am sure, are not ungallant enough to wish the marriage to come off."

The lady blushed, and the young man stammered that they "liked each other a little bit," so a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff on the condition of his promise to marry the defendant within two months, a stay of execution being put to the verdict till the marriage ceremony should be completed.

This is about the first couple ever sentenced to matrimony in a court of law.—Gripsack.

**A Woman Superintendent.**  
The momentous question whether it should be a lady superintendent or woman superintendent has been decided by the trustees of the normal college. The executive committee had recommended that the bylaws of the college be amended by designating one of the professors woman superintendent.

Commissioner Lummis said he preferred lady superintendent. While there was no doubt that woman superintendent was correct, still he thought the term was not generally applied in institutions of as much dignity as the normal college. He made an amendment that lady be inserted instead of woman.

Commissioner Hubbell said woman was better form than lady. Mr. Lummis withdrew his amendment, and it is now woman superintendent.—New York Sun.

**Rather Uninviting.**  
A hungry looking countryman was leisurely exploring one of the quiet lanes in the city in order to comfort the inner man, when his ears were suddenly saluted by a shrill voice, which uttered in rapid tones the following incomprehensible jargon: "Biledamncapers—Rose-becrosgoosrosmuttonantaters—Biledamancabbagevegetable—Wallinsirtakascant."

The astonished man hastened his pace in order to find a house where they spoke English.—London Tit-Bits.

**An Example of Resignation.**  
M. Pastour is devoted to his studies and to his family. It was a terrible blow to him when his daughter married and left for her new home, but he could console himself after a fashion of his own.

"Well," he said after she was gone, with a long sigh but with a gleam of contentment in his eyes, "at least I shall be able now to devote myself to typhoid fever."—Youth's Companion.

**A Matrimonial Suggestion.**  
Mr. Beenther—Why don't you get married?  
Mr. Oldbach—No use. There is no woman who will take me.  
Mr. Beenther—Of course not. With that cast of countenance you can hardly expect a woman to take you. You must take a woman.—Texas Sittings.

**Father and Son Reconciled.**  
The reconciliation of King Oscar of Sweden and his favorite son, Prince Oscar, has at length taken place. The king and the prince have hardly ever met since the latter's morganatic marriage to Miss Edna Munk, who was one of his mother's maids of honor. Miss Munk was not particularly pretty, but had somehow or other succeeded in winning the affections of Prince Oscar, who was infatuated with her to such a degree that, notwithstanding the opposition of his father and of all his relatives except his mother, he carried his way and married her, the ceremony taking place at Bornholm in England.

Before this however, Prince Oscar had renounced his claims to the succession to the throne, as well as all his privileges and prerogatives as a son of the king. He was deprived of the title of royal highness, of all precedences save that which he enjoyed as an officer in the navy, and was reduced in every particular to the rank of a mere nobleman. Moreover, he was practically banished to Carlskrona, the great naval arsenal of Sweden, where he lived quietly and unostentatiously in a small villa looking out onto the port, winning universal popularity by his unaffected and modest demeanor. While there, on one occasion he greatly distinguished himself by saving from drowning a sailor during a terrible hurricane.

Quite recently a reconciliation between father and son has taken place, and at the request of King Oscar the Count and Countess of Torboj have now left Carlskrona and taken up their abode at Stockholm, greatly to the satisfaction of the queen, who has all along endeavored to bring about a more pleasant state of affairs between her husband and her favorite son.—Boston Globe.

**Small Boys' Games.**  
"A sure sign of returning spring!" said a leading citizen in a contemptuous mood to a reporter as they watched a party of street urchins "plucking tops" near one of the big down town buildings.

"I often wonder how these 'kids' manage to change their games simultaneously with the season. Just as the birds begin to coo and twitter and mate for the nesting season, so the season of tops, marbles, stilts and kite flying are inaugurated among the young Americans of the male persuasion. Girls' skipping ropes and hoops are nothing to them."

"The epidemic of taking up a game when its season rolls around is as contagious as we are told the cholera microbes will be next summer. One day the kids all over the city may be doing just anything for amusement, and the next day every mother's son of them will have an old pecked up top and a piece of cord plucking away for dear life. It is instinct, I think, and nothing else that prompts them to take up certain games at certain seasons. Regarding the imitation theory, there never was a person who saw the first boy spin his top in any season, and, furthermore, no boy could start the epidemic by spinning his top in the fall of the year."—Kansas City Times.

**Anglomaniacs.**  
The appearance of those cheap imitations of the genus swell upon the fashionable thoroughfare on promenade is adding offensiveness to that which had already aroused regret.

These overdone parsonages were wearing trousers too long and going without topcoats during the cold weather. Others wore abnormal overcoats reaching almost to their ankles. Some of them wear russet shoes, giving rise to the suspicion that they have escaped from Boston. But all have a penchant for over large ill made bowties and those dreadful low crowned, cone shaped, extra wide brimmed derby hats that are a sight to behold.

They are the greatest set of guys ever let loose for the edification of an enlightened public. Where do they come from? They are like unto the English Johnnies that come over with the Gaiety skit dancers—the first of their kind—and perhaps they will disappear just as did their English prototypes.—Clothier and Furnisher.

**Kentucky's Unique Exhibit.**  
The proprietors of one of the large Louisville distilleries have secured the privilege of erecting within the World's fair grounds a log cabin "stillhouse," after the fashion of those found in Kentucky 50 years ago. The "stillhouse" will be 40 feet long, 35 feet wide and 40 feet high. A warehouse will also be built of logs, and between the two buildings will be an observation tower. The stills will be of highly polished brass, and five barrels a day will be produced. The distillery will be run on the old time plan by three graybeards from the mountains of Virginia. They are 80 years of age. All the metal work will be of highly polished brass, and the liquor will run through glass tubes, so that the process can be watched from beginning to end. Work has been begun already on the log cabins. It is said that the enterprise will require an outlay of \$40,000.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**A New Idea in Shipbuilding.**  
A new idea in shipbuilding has been developed at Belfast. There is an immense vessel on the stocks there which has no keel for about 120 feet from the sternpost, while six feet of the sternpost is cut away, the hull of the vessel sloping from the horizontal for the 120 feet until level with the cartailed sternpost. The bottom of the sternpost and the actual stern of the vessel are not connected in any way. The vessel is a twin screw, and the propellers will work through a small aperture, with nothing between them and the water beneath. They will therefore always be in unbroken water.—Boston Journal.

**Inauguration Extravagance.**  
Inauguration extravagance is still talked of.

"We paid \$80 a day for our two rooms," said one woman yesterday, "and could barely get enough to eat."

"Why, my dear," answered her companion, "we paid \$100 a day and starved—literally starved."—New York Times.

**Sentence of a German Usurer.**  
The judge of the Detmold court of justice had before him the other day the case of Moses Lipper of Blomberg on a charge of usury. Lipper had in one case for the use of 200 marks charged the borrower 12 marks interest, and for a further indulgence of three months 21 marks.

In another case Lipper, for a loan of 1,500 marks, had charged 945 marks for interest. A cow which Moses Lipper had sold for 180 marks, but which turned out to be an indifferent animal, was bought back for 100 marks. This cow proved a profitable investment for Lipper. The animal changed hands again and for payment a bill was tendered and accepted. For prolonging this bill five days a sum of 630 marks was charged and for 25 days longer the sum of 704 marks was deemed necessary for the cow's upkeep.

In another case Lipper had, according to the statement of his son, turned a bill of 10 thalers, by the addition of a rhiper into 100 thalers, and again another bill was transformed from 100 thalers into a debt of 1,000 thalers. The judge sentenced the defendant to one year's imprisonment, 3,000 marks fine and two years' loss of "civil rights."—Saale Zeitung.

**Embassador and Minister.**  
We do not see the need of giving the title of "embassador" to any of our ministers to foreign countries. They can all do their business in obedience to orders under the title of minister as well as under any other title. There is less fixity in the politics and diplomacy of our times than there was in the times of our respected progenitors. Truly embassador to the court of St. James has a higher sound than minister to England, but it is less descriptive. An embassador, according to modern usage, is the personal representative of his sovereign at the court of another sovereign. Our minister to England has no business dealings with the sovereign or at court; his proper business is at the foreign office. Guess it is likely that the title of minister will serve all useful purposes, and it is ornamental enough. Besides, an embassador would want to get a bigger salary than a minister gets. That is a serious thought for us.—New York Sun.

**Death of a Noted Bohemian Data Man.**  
Jay M. Orcutt, the widely known Michigan Bohemian out schemer, is dead. Orcutt operated in the country from 1881 to 1885. The scheme was to sell 50 bushels of seed oats to 15 farmers in each township at \$10 a bushel, taking one year 7 per cent notes in payment, the sellers bonding themselves to sell double that quantity from their crops at the same figures, keeping 35 per cent. It is estimated that the Bohemian out scheme netted \$100,000 profit, Orcutt's share being about \$25,000. He was extravagant and spent his money as fast as received.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

**A Hard Winter For Adirondack Deer.**  
Those who have recently visited the Adirondacks say the past winter has been a severe one for deer, owing to the heavy falls of snow, and that many have died in consequence. A gentleman who came from Harrisville on the railroad says he saw a large buck lying exhausted in the deep snow beside the railroad track. Deer are reported as in very poor flesh.—Utica Herald and Gazette.

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