

**Big Harvesting Records of the West.**  
The farmers of the San Joaquin valley, in California, utilize the largest machines in the world for harvesting and threshing their wheat crops. These machines are combined harvesters, that cut, thresh, clean, sack and dump the grain on the ground ready to be stored. The traction engines which operate them are of 50-horse power. Last season some great records for harvesting were made. A twenty-foot sickle harvester, with what is termed a four-foot extension cut, threshed, cleaned and sacked 1,772 bags of wheat, or over 3,000 bushels a day.

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Straight and strong is the virtue when the twists and curvatures of

**Lumbago**  
are cured and straightened out by

**St. Jacobs Oil**

Marconi's Great Task.  
In his Dorsetshire laboratory, week in and week out, works Marconi, the magician of wireless telegraphy. He only visits London to attend meetings of the board of directors, and, thrice happy, he is spared the reading of all save the most pressing business letters. His discovery has been patented in every civilized county, yet Marconi is aware that competitors are running him hard in the race for improvements and consequently he is never content with what has already been done.  
"We have proved the efficiency of Marconi's invention for a distance of 98 miles," said Major Flood Page, the secretary of the Marconi Company, "and I wish you could tell us how to cross the Atlantic."  
It is the solution of this distance difficulty which is now taxing the ingenious brain of the tireless Marconi. The curvature of the earth over so many miles of sea causes the trouble. To speak to Osgood, over forty miles, of water, necessitates the erection of a mast of communication 40 feet high, which is at the rate of a foot of mast per mile of distance. By this calculation, wireless telegraphy between Southampton and New York would require on either side a mast measuring about three thousand feet in height—nearly as high as Snowdon and 10 times the height of the Nelson Column. But Marconi is sanguine of his ability to solve the most problem, though it will, of course, take some high thinking and deep reflection.  
—London Express.

**Best For the Bowels.**  
No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascara helps nature, cures you without a gripe or pain, produces easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your bowels back. Cascara Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has U.C.C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

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**Garfield Headache Powders Cure.**  
One woman writes: "Periodical headaches from which I suffered have been entirely cured. Am now selling Powders to my friends." Send to Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., for free samples.

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Cures a cough or cold at once. Conquers croup, bronchitis, grippe and consumption. 25c.

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**For the Woman Who Sees.**  
The deft-fingered woman who evolves smart creations in her own sewing room should make a note of the fact that a big bow or chou of silk or gauze to fasten the bolero in the centre of the front is the smartest caprice of the moment. Even the little corsage coats sent out with the tailor frocks are finished in this way. She might also make a memo. of the fact that the skirt and bolero effects that are so attractive in cloth and spotted silk are made in one piece. Swathed corselets are also arranged upon a foundation, which in some cases also serves to keep the little vest and collar in place.

**Spinster Marks.**  
Every one has had difficulty at one time or another in distinguishing married from single women. In European capitals hereafter a distinction is to be made, to the end that embarrassing mistakes may be avoided. Hitherto the only distinguishing mark between the married and the unmarried woman has been the wedding ring, of no particular consequence at evening functions, where, with the exception of dinners, a woman's hands are never uncovered.  
Now all is changed. Coiffeurs insist that madam must wear her hair on the right side of her head, mademoiselle on the left. If mademoiselle desires to enhance her beauty by a flower instead of an aigrette, let her have it by all means, tucked in with seeming artless grace, but let her make sure it is the left side of her profile she studies while arranging the effect, lest later on she be accused of endeavoring to seem that which she is not.—Philadelphia Press.

**Oratory for Women.**  
The establishment at the Syracuse university of an additional prize for excellence in oratory, in the contents for which women alone shall be eligible, is a departure, and, it seems to us, a wise one. Critics of our modern methods of education for women are pointing out that so long as the lives of women must be different from the lives of men, it seems plausible that their training for life should permit differences; and if this is true increased opportunities in coeducational colleges for development of the two classes of students in the lines most suitable to each are to be welcomed.  
The women's oratorical prize, the first institution of the sort at the university, is a step in this direction, and it is a particularly significant step, because in oratory, above all other forms of competition outside of athletics, the talent of a man and the talent of a woman are difficult of comparison.  
Perhaps this may be lead to further variations of the sort. To some laymen interested in pedagogical matters it appears that the law of evolution points distinctly in that direction.—Syracuse (N. Y.) Standard.

**Tips for Girls.**  
Never allow men to hear you malign your own sex. They never trust a woman who does it; they suspect her of envy and of bearing false witness.  
Be a bit blind when "not seeing" will save some one humiliation.  
Don't affect cynicism. Woman is the daughter of Smiles—not of sneers. Be a joy maker—in a quiet way.  
Don't be afraid to show appreciation of what your male relations do for you.  
Remember men are natural beauty worshippers. Be careful to look as well as possible, and above all be neat.  
Cultivate housewifely talents. They are not spectacular, but they make man's life worth living, and he knows it.  
Get rid of your mannerisms. Some women "sniffle," some giggle, others interrupt, and a vast number nag. The last habit as a home-wrecker is supreme.  
Whatever else you lack, you need a well trained voice. Loud-speaking, loud-laughing women are repulsive to all sorts and conditions of men. Cultivate low tones.—Philadelphia Record.

**Two Winter Frocks.**  
Sharp contrasts are to be seen in the fashionable shops these days. The airiest of frocks are exhibited for midwinter wear, too, and the furriest, costliest of wraps and suits are shown in the same rooms. As for the furs—they were never more luxurious, and let us hope will never be more expensive than they are this year.  
Two frocks shown in a Fifth avenue shop are typical of the season's extremes in fabrics and fashions. The first was an airy affair of mauve taffetas; the skirt was tight fitting over the hips and fell in a double flounce. It was trimmed with several rows of very narrow Irish lace inserting. The bodice had a deep centre of black velvet brought through a fantastically chiselled gold buckle. There was a bolero arrangement of Irish guipure over mauve gauze, and a waistcoat of antique cream silk fastened with big gold buttons.  
The near neighbor of this dainty creation was a gown of gray frisee (and the customer called it "frisee,"

as the Irish do). The short coat was heavily braided, military style, and had a dark gray velvet collar. The skirt opened at the side over an underkirt of gray velvet. The original feature of this gown was the enamelled buttons, squares, reproducing the kings, queens and knaves of playing cards. The price of these buttons alone would buy a fairly good dress from a fairly good dressmaker.  
—New York Commercial Advertiser.

**Acts and Crafts for Country Women.**  
The women of the historic town of Deerfield, Mass., have been busily at work several years, in their spare time, learning the secrets of the famous and beautiful blue-and-white embroidery, the knack of weaving marketable rugs, and of fashioning useful and dainty baskets from palm leaf. An exhibition of the fruits of their labor is held every year, and a market is found thereby among summer visitors and people of the cities for the product.  
The workers, many of them, naturally have their eye upon the cash returns—which, by the way, make a pretty showing. But to the outside observer this is recognized as one of the minor blessings. The woman who loves beautiful things and is interested in the world's progress, but is kept closely at home by the daily routine, finds in this work not merely pin money, but an outlet for her tastes and aspirations. She lives out her larger self, artistically and socially. How few people in the world, country or city, have their eye trained to beauty and their hand to deftness, as God intended they should be trained. Fortunate indeed is the community which develops the latent skill and taste of its women and girls in useful arts and crafts. There is a town in New York state where Elbert Hubbard, humorist and sage, keeps scores of women and girls busy decorating and binding books and weaving rugs. A young woman in a New Hampshire village is building up a lace industry, if we remember rightly, which promises to be extensive.  
What can be done in these places can be done in others. On the economic side of the question, let us drop a hint right here—there is a growing demand in the cities and large towns for the best hand work in various lines, as an escape from the cheapness and the monotonous uniformity of machine-made things. This is true of preserved fruits and vegetables, as well as of fancy work, furniture, and a score of other things. The time and the ability to supply the demand often belong to the farmer's wife and daughters. But it is the other side of the problem we would emphasize—the immense value of such occupation in enabling women to live out their natural selves, and be that part of the world of art and industry which nature intended them to be, while fulfilling their duties as home-makers.—American Agriculturist.

**Beauty of Carriage.**  
Writes Cousin Madge in London Truth: About a month ago some one wrote to Truth over the signature "A Lover of Beauty," drawing attention to—  
"Ungainly walk of nearly all those most beautiful and exquisitely-dressed ladies, as fair as can be, who frequent Hyde Park after church on Sundays. Beautiful as they are, it must be confessed that most of them waddle or slouch rather than walk. Few—alas, very few!—have that posture or bearing which is essential to gracefulness and far more attractive in woman than the costliest of dresses. The truth I find to be that they have never yet learned to walk. Would that they could see their sisters in Calle, Florida, Buenos Ayres! Then it would be realized by them that their gait is deformed in comparison to that of their Latin sisters."  
I am afraid there is considerable truth in this accusation. I have often noticed how very few English girls can manage to hold their heads up without looking self-assertive, keep their shoulders flat without looking stiff, or hold the chest well forward. And very, very few have a thoroughbred action about the knees. It is delightful when one comes across a girl who sails along with absolute grace, holding her shoulders back, her chin up but not out, and her elbows in their natural position; not squared back in the queer fashion of the hour. Look at the fashion plates! There you will see the elbow position that makes every woman look out of drawing. It is not pretty. Is it? The human elbow was never intended to project at the back of the waist in this curious way. Almost all the figures in fashion plates are drawn with the body, from the waist upward, at an angle of 45 with the line of the lower limbs.  
I fancy that much of the ungraceful walking is caused by tight lacing and tight boots. A girl we know, who used to stutter along in No. 4 shoes, was advised by her doctor to walk four hours a day in order to counteract the ill-effects of a sluggish liver. To manage so much pedestrianism she had to wear No. 5 shoes; but if this was a disadvantage it was amply atoned for by the improvement in her walk and carriage. She no longer stutters on her feet, but gets over the ground in splendid style, with "the gait of a goddess," like the heroine of a modern novel.  
Very Little Space.  
"My parents may come between us," she faltered.  
"If they do," he exclaimed, hotly, "they must be pretty small."  
And he pressed her still closer to his manly breast.—Philadelphia Record.

**THE DOCTOR.**  
The doctor tells you what to eat and likewise what to wear. He caresses each pleasure that you meet and says, "you do not dare."  
The doctor is a canny elf—He warns us 'gainst diseases, But wears his clothes to please himself And eats just what he pleases.  
HUMOROUS.  
"Tom, you are terribly lazy." "I'm not lazy at all; I simply don't like to work."  
D'Auber—But this drawing is not true to life. It is positively grotesque. Palette—Of course. He draws women's fashion plates.  
"You look pinched and drawn!" said he. "I've been pinched and photographed merely!" said the man behind the bars, genially.  
Ned—He thinks she's stuck on him. Fred—I guess that's right. I've noticed her trying her best, but all in vain, to get away from him.  
Mrs. Smith—So Hattie is going to marry Mr. Sticker after all? Mrs. Brown—Yes, she was forced to it. It was the only way of ever having an evening to herself.  
"What shall I do with this article on the milk supply?" asked the assistant editor. "Boil it down," replied his chief. And when he got through with it it was really a condensed milk article.  
Brown—I understand that Senator Green wanted you to act as his private secretary. Simmons—He did, but I wouldn't accept the position, because I should have to sign everything Green, per Simmons.  
Mrs. Partleigh—I ought to ask Titleton, I know; but I'm afraid if he comes here once he'll be coming all the time. Partleigh—We could ask him some evening when Bertha is doing her piano practices.  
"Don't you get tired," said the talkative customer, "standing there hour by hour ironing one stiff bosomed shirt after the other?" "No," answered the Chinese laundryman. "It rests me to think I don't have to wear them."  
Hoax—Do you believe in the Darwinian theory? Joax—Yes; in all but one particular. Hoax—What is that? Joax—I think Darwin should have based his deductions upon the lobster instead of the monkey.

**AN ADJUSTABLE HAND.**  
The waiter tells of one time when he was shocked.  
The waiter said you might have kicked him over by waving a palm-leaf fan at him, and that ever since he has been avoiding men who come in wearing gloves, being of a nervous and excitable temperament with a weak heart action.  
The man who shocked him entered the restaurant at midday carrying a light overcoat on his arm and wearing one kid glove. "I took the coat," said the waiter, "and was going to hang it up, when he stopped me and took a small, oblong leather case from his pocket and laid it on the table. Then he goes to work and gives the hand that wore the glove a kind of a jerk and a twist and turned it clear around twice. Then he stopped a minute to look at the card and then gave his hand another turn. Before he had given his order he had got that hand clear screwed off.  
"Certainly it was artificial. All the same it made an old gentleman at the next table get up half way through his dinner and go out. To see a person come in where you are feeding and take his hand off and lay it down by the side of his plate ain't what you might call appetizing.  
"But that ain't all of it. He opens the case and takes out a spoon with a screw shank to it and screws it into his wrist and begins to eat his soup, as his son as he had got through that he takes out the spoon and puts in a fork. I'm a liar if he didn't make eight changes before he got through his meal, and when he finished he had me take his outfit into the kitchen and get them washed. He gave me a good tip, but it wasn't any more than I ought to have had, considering.  
"I've been working in hotels and restaurants in this town eighteen years next June, but this was the first time I ever seen anything like that."—Chicago Record.

**Jews and the Number Thirteen.**  
The Jewish people are exempt from any taint of superstition relative to the number 13. They believe with the orientals that it has something divine in its juxtaposition of figures, and they derive their knowledge from their men of biblical culture. Thirteen cities were dedicated to their ancient priesthood; 13 high priests descended from Aaron; 13 kings sat in the council of the ancients; on the 13th day of the month Nisan, the sacred and imposing rites of Passover occur.  
Edward Everett Hale gives the following three good rules for life: First, live as much as possible in the open air; second, touch elbows with the rank and file; third, talk every day with a man you know to be your superior.  
It is confidently asserted that the large decrease in infant mortality in this country during the past decade has been brought about in no small measure by the universal use of Castoria—it being in almost every home.  
New York city owes more by \$60,000,000 than all the 45 States in the Union together.  
Carter's Ink has a good deep color and it does not strain the eyes. Carter's doesn't fade.  
Merchandise exports from France in October increased \$1,300,000 over 1899, and imports increased \$4,000,000.  
The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TARTARUM URIC TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.  
It is estimated that it costs \$550,000,000 every week to run the railways of the world.  
Pico's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.  
An estimate of the rice acreage in Eastern Texas this year places it at 30,000,000.  
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Dikes of Japan cost in the aggregate more money than those of the Netherlands.  
Frey's Vermifuge, 25 Cts. Eradicates worms. Children made well and mothers happy. Druggists and country stores.  
Cincinnati is enjoying a street-car-line boom. Eight lines are to be extended.  
To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. All cases relieved the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 50c.

**European Nations Careful of Horses.**  
In France there is a rule by which horses and mules in excess of needs are handed over to be fed and cared for, at a price, to farmers, who agree to reproduce them in good condition or pay for deterioration. In Germany, where horses are bought between three and six years of age, they are kept at remount depots till matured. Italy has two horse-training establishments where new purchases are handled and developed till fit for cavalry service.  
In 24 hours nearly 700 trains pass in and out of New Street station, Birmingham.  
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Garfield Headache Powders relieve mental exhaustion.  
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**Cultivating a Freak Nut.**  
Efforts are being made, through cultivation, to increase the size of various native American nuts, and notable success in this line has been obtained with the "shagbark" and the chestnut. A new kind of black walnut has been found out in Ohio, which is a veritable freak, one-half of the shell being not developed, nor yet the kernel on that side, so that the pear-shaped nut contains only a single "meat." Ordinary black walnuts have a partition dividing them into two compartments so that it is almost impossible to get the kernels out whole—a point which militates against the usefulness of the nut for market purposes. The freak nut is being tried in cultivation, and it may prove valuable some day.  
"Literally Hypnotized."  
Here is a Paris item: A respectable-looking Italian named Domenico Pegoraro was arrested by one of the guardians in the exhibition for stealing the portrait of a beautiful woman.  
He was observed to remain long in contemplation before the picture, and, finally thinking he was unobserved, he wrenched it from its place and hid it under his coat.  
When taken into custody he said: "I was literally hypnotized by her, and he could not resist the temptation to possess such a beautiful woman."—Philadelphia Record.

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