# Weak?

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## WHERE HE GOT OFF.

**Bad Omens Were Too Much for the Philadelphia Darkey.**

Detective George Fall of the city hall force was riding up town in a Thirteenth street trolley car last week when a colored man of his acquaintance came in and sat down in the next seat. After a brief chat the detective said: "Are you superstitious, Sam?" "No, suh," said Sam. "Well, it's a good thing you're not," said Fall. "There's a cross-eyed woman sitting opposite." "Ya-as, suh, dat's right," chuckled Sam. "And up in the corner is a hunchback." "Yas, suh, I sees him." "See the number of the car up there? It's 313." "Yas, sah." "And this is Thirteenth street we're on, you know." "You go long, suh." "The cash register, as you may observe, shows the figures 1313." "Ya-as, suh." "And this is Friday." "Ya-as." "Also it is the thirteenth day of the month." "Quit yo foolin', man." "It is now," said the detective, pulling out his watch, "just exactly thirteen minutes past——" The colored man had risen to his feet. "I ain't supahstitious, Misah Fall," he said, "but heah's where I gits off. You do make a man mighty uncomfable."—Philadelphia Record.

**Too Little for Too Much.**

When the late ameer of Afghanistan was troubled with a bad toothache he sent for his European dentist in open court. The dentist examined the tooth, which was nothing more than an old stump, and advised that the ameer should take laughing-gas and have it out. The ameer inquired into the effect of the gas and replied:

"I can not risk being a dead man for five seconds, much less five minutes."

So, while the whole Afghan court surveyed the operation, the dentist struggled with the tooth, and the stout old ameer never moved a muscle.

The quality of common sense which characterized this ruler once averted a war between England and Russia. A representative of the ameer told him that the Russians had taken Afghan territory, but as England had guaranteed him against aggression he could easily depend on England to go to war if he said the word.

The ameer sat quietly for a few minutes, stroking his beard, and then called for a map of Afghanistan. When it was brought he asked the representative to show him the territory that had been seized. Then tracing the little fringe of country, and sweeping with his finger the great space that stood for the rest of his kingdom, he said:

"It is so little that it is not worth making a great war about."—Youth's Companion.

**Solving It.**

Patrick, a thrifty tradesman in the neighborhood of the Dublin docks, was, the story goes in Tit-Bits, a man who never spent a penny more than he needed to spend; but he was, nevertheless, as good a man at the making of an Irish bull as any who lived between Bantry and Ballycastle.

Having one day occasion to send a letter to a place at some distance, Patrick called a messenger and asked him his price for going such a distance.

"It'll be a shillin'," said the man.

"Twice two much!" said Patrick. "Let it be sixpence."

"Nivver," answered the messenger. "The way ist that lonely that I'd nivver go it under a shillin'."

"Lonely, is it?" said Patrick, scratching his head. "Faith, an' ye're roight. Now, man, I'll tell ye what we'll do; make it sixpence, and I'll go wid ye to kape ye company!"


# TO YOUNG LADIES.

From the Treasurer of the Young People's Christian Temperance Association, Elizabeth Caine, Pond du Lac, Wis.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I want to tell you and all the young ladies of the country, how grateful I am to you for all the benefits I have received from using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered for

MISS ELIZABETH CAINE.

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# NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN

**Alice Roosevelt Rose.**

One of the most popular roses of the season in Washington is the "Alice Roosevelt," a delicately tinted flower with heavy leaves, which was grown first in the White House conservatory and named for the President's daughter.

**A Pleated Dress.**

A very charming and in reality simple way to make a mousseline dress is to pleat the skirt, a row of insertion running down each pleat. All this ends to give place to a graduated flounce, which is covered with lace ruffles. The pleats make it possible to fit the upper part of the skirt perfectly as they do the pretty blouse.

**Luxurious Stockings.**

When lovely woman puts her best foot forward this spring it will be covered in a stocking of especial elaboration. The new styles show appliques or inserts of fine white lace on a foundation of black lisle thread or silk, lace-like drawn work or intricate embroidery. A pair of strikingly handsome stockings just imported is embroidered in gold baskets of flowers in natural colors.

**A Child Naturally Good.**

There is something in the heart of every natural child that aspires toward goodness, toward beauty, toward that which is ever fresh, pure and wholesome. Give him the whole earth and withhold the one drop of nourishment on which the health of his heart depends and you leave him unsatisfied. It is not pleasure merely, it is something deeper, more extensive than this which hallows within his memory the rill that is to run with sweet waters all his after-life. Into the joy of the moment must enter some tincture of virtue, some hint of enduring purpose, a suggestion of intimacy toward larger life, toward which his own is to grow.—Woman's Home Companion.

**Woman Suffrage in Other Countries.**

In all European countries, except Greece, Spain, Portugal, Holland and some German provinces, women have some form of suffrage. Even Asia has responded to the appeal, and women possess limited suffrage in all Russian provinces and in the English colonies of India. In England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales women vote for all officers except members of Parliament, and in South and West Australia, New Zealand and the Isle of Man women vote on equal terms with men.

In England the limited suffrage enjoyed may soon be extended. The first petition for woman suffrage presented to Parliament in 1867 was signed by only 1499 women. The petition of 1873 was signed by 11,000 women. The petition presented to the members of the last Parliament was signed by 257,000 women.—Washington Star.

**The Ubiquitous Collar.**

If the little turn-over collar that adorns the neck of women of all classes weathers its popularity it has more merit than appears on its limited surface. It is a neat, dainty, feminine bit, but just why it should appeal to universal womanhood so strongly is a little difficult to understand. However, it is ubiquitous. The retail shopkeepers find it difficult to keep up with the demand. "Just out," is the reply made in stores that last week had thousands in stock. The rage for them has caused a revival of embroidery. Women seldom seen with needles in their hands are buttonholing and outlining on every occasion. Fairs and bazaars have found a bonanza in these collars. Other tables, growing envious of the prosperity of the collar table, have added them to the candy, flower, kitchen apron and other tables which primarily have no connection with the collar.—New York Press.

**An Artistic Made-Over.**

Petticoat prettiness has been managed by one young woman successfully and cheaply. If you happen to possess the same sort of left-overs you may care to read about it. The materials were these: A few dozen yards of black Chantilly insertion ripped from a worn-out last summer's organdie dress; a pink taffeta lining to a cloth suit, which had been ripped up and dyed, and an all-over old "front" of imitation point de Venise, from which many cream roses were cut. Four of the nine skirt gores were cut up into strips and gores, the latter being five inches wide at the foot and pointed at the top. These alternated with the three-inch strips, all being set together with the insertion to form a knee-deep flounce. The remaining five gores were enough for the skirt. The insertion edged the flounce, as well as the narrow under-ruffle, which was made from the coat lining. The roses were an applique at the foot of the three-cornered pieces. It really looked like a pattern petticoat from Paris, the slight soiled silk having been cleaned.

**Ambles Among the Jewelers.**

Noting first the wide diamond collar which remains one of the most handsome features of evening dress, writes Elsie Bee in the Jewelers' Circular, the colored stones, rubies, emeralds, and turquoises, separately used, are found conspicuous in it. A broad collar of brilliants is punctuated, for instance, with five fine cabochon rubies at regular intervals. In another collar of equal width emeralds take the place of the rubies. Cabochon turquoises in much greater number are very popular stones when color is to be introduced into the throat ornament.

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A magnificent long chain for evening wear is of brilliants of different shapes and sizes, set in platinum, divided into sections by fifteen large, smooth pearls drilled through and strung, some of the pearls being pear shaped, others round. Variety abounds in long chains of l'art nouveau order in colored enamels and gems.

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Handsome corsage ornaments of costliest fashion furnish some of the most beautiful objects of the jewelers' displays.

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Shirt-waist sets figure among very taking things of the season and baroque pearls are made the latest feature in these. A set may consist of three or four buttons in small, perfect or irregular smooth pearls, with cuff buttons of rough pearl formation which fascinates with its fantastic fashioning. The variety obtainable in these sets of baroques makes them most interesting.

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Round buttons of green or blue enamel with a brilliant in the centre appear among very novel shirt-waist sets.

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Jeweled cuff buttons are more than ever seen, the stone being often a raised high-topped one set in a plain gold rim.

# BOUDOIR CHAT:

Women of the British royal family are showing much energy in arranging details of the coronation.

Mrs. McKinley will not permit the blinds to be raised in the room formerly occupied by her husband at their Canton (Ohio) home.

Mrs. Mark Guy Pearse, wife of the noted English pulpit orator, is one of the most faithful workers in the cause of charity in England.

The new Marchioness of Dufferin, a daughter of Mr. Davis, of New York City, is not only an accomplished pianist, but a thorough connoisseur on China.

Miss Beatrice Goelet, although not seventeen years old when she died, left an estate of more than $1,000,000. Had she lived to attain her majority she would have been one of the wealthiest young women in the United States.

One of the Klumpke sisters, Dorthea, who has for a dozen years or more been connected with the Paris Observatory, has married Dr. Isaac Roberts and moved to England. Miss Klumpke was born in San Francisco, but has lived in Paris since early childhood.

Countess Cromer has already achieved great popularity in Cairo, and the dances which she gives every Wednesday are the feature of a season which is very gay in spite of the demands South Africa has made on the garrison.

The "nom de plume" under which women writers were once wont to hide their identity are said to have been used because in old times it was considered by many people scarcely respectable for a woman to earn her living by writing.

Miss Abbie Chopin, an American missionary in China, has had conferred upon her the Royal Red Cross, bestowed by the King of England through the British Minister. It was given her for services rendered during the siege of Pekin.

# Pretty Things to Wear

Linen lace has raised, puffed flowers in colored silks upon it.

An attractive parasol of white is covered with black point d'esprit, stretched plain over the white.

Gun metal and cut steel make an attractive combination in hat ornaments, and sometimes rhinestones are combined with these.

Some of the spring hats will show soft silk scarfs of a contrasting color to the straw threaded through interstices cut in the shape, the flat designs especially admitting of this sort of trimmings.

Pongee parasols have inserts of lace after the fashion of so many others. These inserts are in separate figures, and are set at intervals around the edge. A flower effect is given to part of the lace by raised lace petals.

There were never more pearl ornaments for hats. There are buckles of pearls, cabochons of them, two of these cabochons with drooping strings of pearls connecting them and hat pins with heads nearly as large as golf ball of pearls. There are pearl ornaments set with rhinestones, but these are not as common.

Very dainty is a child's frock made of a pink-striped material in wash goods, the stripes narrow and formed on lines of pink dots. The yoke of this frock is made of the material with the lines running across. Below the yoke there is a ruffle showing row upon row of narrow white lace. The lower part of the dress hangs straight from this yoke.

Here is a sleeve seen one one of the new waists, which is very pretty. The upper part is tucked to fit the arm about half the length between the shoulder and elbow. From there it falls out into a large puff, and gradually shapes in again near the wrist, where the remaining fullness is held by three rows of shirring, set a little way apart. Below the shirring is a cuff some two inches in width.

## SURPRISES IN SIBERIA.

**The People Prosperous and the Country Beautiful.**

I had thought of Siberia as a convict settlement only, with a small population composed largely of criminal and political exiles. I found it a country of nearly nine million people, 97 per cent. of whom were either native or voluntary immigrants, with the exile system discontinued or transferred to the Island of Sakhalin, and all, as a rule, earning better wages, living in better houses, having better food and clothing, and enjoying much more political and religious liberty and personal freedom than in European Russia, and indeed in some other European countries in whose behalf our sympathies have not been evoked.

I had believed it to be a frozen wilderness and a desert waste. The portion through which I traveled was a land like Minnesota, the Dakotas and the foothills of the Rockies, where wheat and rye and vegetables matured; where strawberries, currants and raspberries abound; where sheep horses and cattle graze unsheltered throughout the year, and where a greater extent of virgin forest of splendid birch and pine is found than the whole area of the United States.

I was told, and I believe it is true that straight through from the Kingar Mountains to the Urals for about 400 miles north of the Trans-Siberian road like conditions prevail, and north of this tillable land was four hundred miles more of unbroken forest before the frozen tundra of Arctic waste was reached.—Correspondence of the National Geographical Magazine.

**A Colored Knight.**

The death of Sir William Conrac Reeves is recorded. He was the first gentleman of color to receive the distinction of knighthood and to occupy the position of a British Chief Justice He was, according to "Whitaker's Peerage," born in 1841, and married in 1868, Margaret, nee Rudder. In early life he came from the Barbadoes to England, entered the Middle Temple, was called in 1862, and after returning to the West Indies, practiced for some time at the bar. He became Attorney-General in St. Vincent in 1867, was appointed Q. C. in 1883, in 1886 was made Chief Justice of Barbadoes, and in 1889 received the honor of knighthood.—Notes and Queries

# HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

**Pretty Window Shades.**

The manufacturers of window shades are beginning to fall in line with the general liking for decorative effects, and the housekeeper who dislikes perfectly plain shades now can find them adorned with Arab and other lace insertions.

**Steaming Veils.**

Steaming is the best process for cleaning veils. Wind the veil carefully, with even edges, around a piece of broom handle, lay across a boiler or saucepan of water and steam for about three-quarters of an hour. Leave on the broom handle until dry and all the dirt and dust will be gone, giving it a new stiffness.

**A Practical Laundress Says:**

That all towels should be thoroughly dried before they are put in the hamper.

That clothespins are made much more white by the use of a little refined borax in the water, instead of using a washing fluid.

The blankets should be washed in moderately warm water, in which a teaspoonful of ammonia has been put to each gallon of water.

That wash fabrics that are inclined to fade should be soaked and rinsed in very salt water, to set the color, before washing in the suds.

That calicoes, ginghams and chintzes should be ironed on the wrong side.

That a very hot iron should never be used for flannels or woollens.

That napkins should always be folded with the selvage toward the front.

That embroideries should be ironed on a thin, smooth surface over thick flannel, and only on the wrong side.

That table linen should be ironed when quite damp, and ironed with a very hot and very heavy iron.

That care must be taken to test the iron to avoid scorching, but that a scorch mark may be removed by wetting and hanging where the hot sun will shine upon it.—Philadelphia Record.

**Bric-a-Brac and China.**

The rage for the colonial has created a corresponding fad for anything that holds a candle. Sconces are, therefore, redivivous, and the new ideas are varied and handsome.

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The new green Japanese ware, Rakee, comes in most attractive bowl and pitcher shapes. It is of an exceedingly strong deep green that makes it very ornamental.

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A copper or brass waste basket is considered an improvement over the usual kind and is always found in smartly furnished halls, living rooms or libraries when furnished in dark oak.

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Large, deep blue jars and pitchers—pitchers that are really jug-shaped—are much favored pieces of home adornment. These jug-like pitchers are fine in shape and add a very attractive bit of coloring to any room.

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Blue or yellow china bowls are most effective for flower holders for the table if care is exercised in choosing flowers that harmonize with them. Nothing is prettier than a blue bowl of Marechal Niel or Perle des Jardin roses and a back-ground of rich yellow is very effective for Liberty or Jacqueminot roses.

# HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

Washington Puffs—Stir a cupful of sifted flour into one cupful of water and one-half cupful of butter boiling together; remove from the fire and stir in an ounce of melted chocolate. Let cool, then beat in, one at a time, three eggs. Shape with a forcing bag and rose tube. Bake in moderate oven thirty minutes. Cut off the top and put into each cake a teaspoonful of cherry jam. Cover with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with almond.

New Mexico Pudding—Make a paste in this wise: Take a pint of flour sifted with a teaspoon of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Rub in a tablespoon of shortening, mix up with water until a soft dough that you can just handle. Line a small baking pan about half way to the top with a part of this, leaving just enough for the top crust. Fill pan half full of canned fruit, strained from juice, or preserves—raspberries are nice—and put on the top crust. Lay a folded cloth over the top of the pan, put in a steamer and steam steadily for two hours. Serve with a sauce.

Omelet Puff—Make a sauce of one-half tablespoonful each of butter and flour cooked till smooth, then one-half cup of sweet milk added, stirring continually until thick. Beat the whites to a very dry froth; add the yolks to the white sauce, season with one-quarter teaspoonful of salt, and pepper if liked; then fold in the beaten whites. Pour into a hot, well-buttered omelet pan and cook carefully over the fire till set, shaking gently occasionally to prevent burning. As soon as set remove the pan to the oven and cook about three minutes. It will be very light and puffy and tender. Five eggs required.

**Courtesy.**

Many years ago two men entered the largest locomotive workshops in Philadelphia. They were treated in a very indifferent way, and were allowed to depart without any show of courtesy. They went into other shops, and no special attention was given them. After a while the two men entered a smaller shop, and the overseer took great pains in showing them everything, and how they wrought and on what plan the shops were run. The two visiters were agents of the Czar of Russia, and those shops were transferred to St. Petersburg, and the polite man that bestowed such attention was called to build the locomotives for all the railroads of Russia, and had fortune after fortune roll in upon him. Courtesy is a mighty force.

**Motor Ash Wagon.**

A gasoline motor ash wagon is to be tried by the Department of Street Cleaning of the city of New York. The wagon will have a capacity of about six cubic yards and will be tested in a district where the hauls are long. The wagon is not yet built.

# MERRY SIDE OF LIFE

"Go forth," she said, "win wealth and fame,
And I will wait for thee;
When all the world has heard your name
Then—then come back to me."

With high resolves he went away
And 'round the corner met
Another girl, whose laugh was gay—
The first one's waiting yet.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

**A Raging Belle.**

Dolly—"Polly, how many men have you been engaged to?"

Polly—"Oh, Dolly, I've lost count."—Detroit Free Press.

**Husbandly Apprehension.**

Mrs. Jones—"They say capital is timid."

Mrs. Brown—"Yes; when my husband has any he grows pale every time I kiss him."—Puck.

**Harmless Deception.**

Dolly—"What do you do when you are writing a letter and make a blot?"

Madge—"If it's to Charlie I draw a ring around it and call it a kiss."—New York Sun.

**The Witness.**

Judge—"Do you think the fire was of incendiary origin?"

Witness—"I wouldn't like to say that, yer Honor. To tell you th' truth, I believe the building was set on fire."—Ohio State Journal

**To His Credit.**

Mashington—"What's the matter with your clock? It's stopped."

Tailor—"I never wind it up. I use it as a motto."

"What do you mean?"

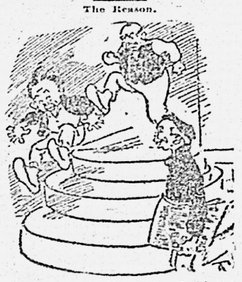
"No tick here."—Tit-Bits.

**Clearance.**

First Bulgarian Bandit—"The chief has cut the ransom to $1000."

Second Bulgarian Bandit—"Yes, his idea is to close out all the missionaries on hand, to make room for new stock, I'm told."—New York Sun.

**The Reason.**



"Hey, Jimmie, I've resigned this job of mine."—New York Journal.

**Fitting Name.**

"Why do they call them cross-examinations?" asked Mrs. Darley, who had been reading a report of court proceedings.

"They make the victim cross," explained Mr. Darley.—Detroit Free Press.

**A Preliminary Tip.**

Edgar—"Eleanor, dear, you are such a vivacious young woman that I'm afraid I shan't be able to make you obey."

Eleanor—"Well, Edgar, perhaps you would be wiser not to try."—Detroit Free Press.

**Merely a Phrase.**

"Of course you were given the freedom of the city."

"Yes," answered the distinguished visitor. "But I had to keep so close to a regular schedule under the strict surveillance of so many committees that it was hard to realize how free I was."—Washington Star.

**Computation.**

"Is that prisoner still complaining about the ransom?" exclaimed the European brigand.

"Incessantly."

"How unreasonable. It is very little more than the board bill would amount to for a sojourn of equal length at a fashionable health resort."—Washington Star.

**Domestic Trials.**

Mr. Nagget—"Oh, what's the matter with you? You're forever finding fault."

Mrs. Nagget (sweetly)—"Well, that equalizes things; you're forever losing one."

Mr. Nagget—"Losing one?"

Mrs. Nagget — "Yes, your temper. Surely that's a fault."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**An Inference.**

"I note," said the editor, "that you speak of Nero as running his hand through his long, flowing locks."

"Yes," answered the author. "There is nothing remarkable in that."

"How do you know that Nero had long hair?"

"My dear sir! Aren't you aware that Nero was one of the most celebrated fiddlers of his day?"—Washington Star.

**A Favor to the Public.**

"We have called," said the head of the deputation of citizens, "to protest against the street car service you are giving us. Why, some of us cannot even get a strap to hang on by."

"Very well, gentlemen, I shall at once increase the service," said the affable magnate, while the hearts of the deputation leaped with joy, "by putting in more straps."—Baltimore American.

**In the Light of Others.**

"How do you like my arrangement of the lights?" asked the hostess of a lady guest at the dinner table.

"You mean of having them of different colors?"

"Yes. I do it for a purpose. You see, some are blue, some red and some white. Well, you know, one has to invite people to one's house whom one perfectly detests. The other night I had to welcome the two Misses Carr. I perfectly detest them, in noblesse oblige. They are very pretty, but I put each of them under a pale blue light, and they looked perfectly ghastly. They spent a very bad quarter of an hour, and I was perfectly happy. Now——"

The hostess looked up and grew as red as the light above her.

The other lady looked up, too.

She was under a blue light!—New York Herald.

Zulu women always indicate by their head dress whether they are married or unmarried.

It doesn't take a particularly sharp person to make cutting remarks.

**The Wrong Funeral.**

"Look here, my dear," said the man to his wife as he glanced through the obituary notices in the paper, "here is poor Aunt Jane dead; she is going to be buried this evening, and I ought to go to the funeral."

"Of course you should," said Dear; "you must get ready at once and hurry off."

In ten minutes the man was on the street car and in half an hour in the church where the service was to be held. It was a long time since he had seen Aunt Jane (he was a busy man), and he had almost forgotten her existence. But as he sat there in the big bare church a feeling of sadness stole over him. He remembered the early days of his childhood, when Aunt Jane was a frequent visitor at the house, and the many little kindnesses she had done for him. His childhood seemed so far away; there had been so many changes since, so many of the people associated with it had passed away, and, as he thought of it all, the tears rose to his eyes. The ceremony proceeded and the mourners at last passed up to the front for a last look at the face of the dear one. The man, his eyes still moist, stopped suddenly for a second as he looked upon the quiet face, and then he looked again. He had not seen Aunt Jane for a long time, but he knew her well enough to know that while this was a woman of about the same age and evidently the same name, it was not Aunt Jane. He drew a long breath as he passed down the aisle and out into the street, and now he does not attend funerals without a previous investigation.

**The American Crowds.**

While he was still in this country Prince Henry was reported to have said handsome things about the American crowds. Now that he has arrived home they are still his theme. "Nowhere else in the world are the crowds so well behaved as in America, and they themselves are their own controllers." The point of the compliment to the German mind will be found in the last sentence. No crowd in Germany, on an occasion similar to the demonstrations which attended Prince Henry here, would be suffered to be its own controller. Soldiers by the thousand would control it. It would not be safe to let a crowd be uncontrolled, not safe for the guests, the people gathered to see, not safe for the people themselves. There are many other things besides German crowds that have to be controlled by show of force. A people which governs itself, choosing the administrators of the laws, from highest to lowest, gets a training in self-control that serves upon all occasions of ordinary excitement.

**Who's Who in Fiction.**

"George Douglas," author of "The House with the Green Shutters," lets it be known that he is really G. B. Brown. "Anthony Hope" does not try to conceal the fact that he is actually a Hawkins. "Ralph Connor" is Rev. Charles W. Gordon. "Pierre Loti" is L. M. J. Viaud. One might wonder what shyness or other cause induces the use of a nom de plume which in no degree hides the real identity. "Basil King" is really Rev. William B. King; "Maarten Maartens" is J. H. W. Van der Porten; "Benjamin Swift" is Wm. R. Patterson; "Octave Thanet" is Miss Alice French; "Lucas Malet" is Mrs. Mary St. Leger Harrison; "Max Adeler" is Charles Heber Clark; "John Oliver Hobbes" is Mrs. Pearl M. T. Craigie; "Ian Maclaren" is Rev. John Watson; "E. Nesbit" is Mrs. Hubert Bland; "Max O'Rell" is Paul Blouet; "Mark Rutherford" is William Hale White; "John Strange Winter" is Mrs. Arthur Stannard; "Mark Twain" is Samuel L. Clemens; "Henry Seton Merriman" is H. S. Scott.

**Saved by the Signal Service.**

Longleigh—Then you didn't propose to Miss Gotrox after all?

Shortleigh—No. My knowledge of the signal-service code saved me from making a fool of myself.

Longleigh—Well, put me on.

Shortleigh—Just as I was about to commit myself she hoisted the cold-wave flag.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An electric carriage call has been devised, which is to be adopted at London theatres and other public buildings.

**A Nasty Practice.**

A nasty practice is what the Chicago Inter Ocean calls the pasting of repeated layers of wall paper, one upon another, thus covering up the filth and germs of disease that may be propagated in the very absorbent and decaying mass of flour paste, paper, animal glue, colors, etc.

They give opinions of eminent health officers and sanitarians, urging that such practice should be stopped by legal enactment, and also take occasion to say that these sanitarians recommend Alabastine as a durable, pure and sanitary coating for walls.

The Inter Ocean says: "This is a very important question, and, as it costs nothing to avoid this danger, why take any chances?"

How much of the alarming spread of smallpox and other diseases may be due to unsanitary wall coverings?

The planetoids, of which there are over 300 known, have all been discovered since January 1, 1891.


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**---DAN. A. GROSVENOR.**

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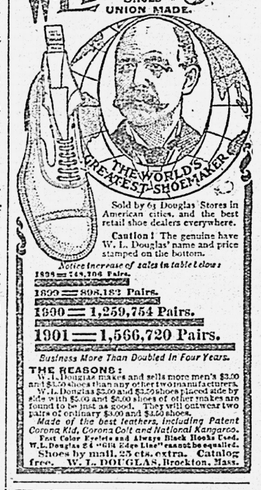


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