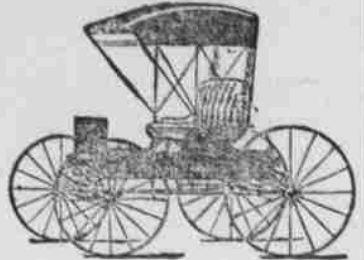


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 Mr. Jollyman—No, and I'm not obliged to be, either. My time is my own, madam.
 Mrs. Jollyman—I guess that's so, John. I know it's your time you give when you come home from the club, for it never agrees with the clock by several hours.—Boston Courier.

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 England was first divided into shires during the seventh century, A. D.
 Of the 5,000,000 farms in the United States, 3,000,000 produce corn. The average cost of growing an acre of corn in America is \$5.
 The most valuable medal in existence is the Blake victory medal, struck in 1881. It is of gold, oval in shape, and its original cost was \$1,500.
 Wax is not gathered from flowers nor from any other source, but is a natural secretion of the bees and is only produced by them during heavy honey flows.
 Umbrella bearers are shown in ancient sculptures at Persepolis, where a king is depicted in royal state attended by a fly flapper and an umbrella man. In Persia the umbrella is still an appendage of royalty.
 Probably the oldest team of horses in the world is owned by a farmer in Kansas. The combined age of the two is 70 years, one being 37 and the other 33 years of age. The horses were reared on the farm where they still live. Notwithstanding their extreme age they are still doing farm work, looking well, and taking three meals a day.
 The council of the Cherokee Nation has decided to erect a monument to mark the grave of George Lowrey, who played an important part in the affairs of the nation from 1790 to 1850, or thereabouts. Lowrey served as captain of horse under Andrew Jackson through out the war of 1812, and he and his Cherokees fought for the government in subsequent Indian wars.
 Frank M. Chapman believes concerning the migration of birds that migration began in the South, rather than the North, as the tropical region was the place where the primitive birds and their reptilian ancestors originated and developed. In his opinion there was crowding near the center of the food supply, which resulted in some of the primitive creatures seeking sustenance at the edges of their zone of existence. These venturesome ones probably died before the primitive birds could fly, but as flying became more and more natural they were able to migrate farther and farther with safety, so that they were able to easily find a nesting-place, to which they annually returned, and could later return to their normal zone.
 There are now estimated to be about 120,000,000 stars in the visible heavens, but the ratio of fainter ones is not what might be expected were the universe unlimited, so that, after all, the universe may have really definite limits. This is a question that we would like to have some evidence wherewith to found a definite belief. Then, are there other universes far larger than our own? We have the barest hint that there are. A single star in the heavens of the Southern hemisphere, the "run-away star," is moving with a velocity of 200 miles a second. This is a greater speed than all the attractions of all the known stars could give it, and the question is, is there a larger universe which is drawing it away from us? This is a question for the new century to study.

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 Good Animals, but He Had Not Stated What They Cost Him.
 They were all gathered around the stove in the deacon's store when Abram Howland entered, and was greeted with inquisitive nods and glances. Abram was a man of affairs, and in his cattle-buying expeditions sometimes traveled far. This brushing up against the world, says a writer in the Boston Herald, gave him an air of shrewd ability, and his neighbors were evidently anxious to hear of his latest purchase.
 "That was a fine pair of steers I saw ye toting up the road t'-day, Ab'm," suggested the deacon.
 "Fine a pair as I ever picked up," Abram Howland replied, easily. "Well matched, I s'pose ye noticed?" he continued.
 "Should say's much," replied the deacon, admiringly. "How much did they set ye back, I wonder?"
 This was what everybody wanted to know, and the audience turned interestedly for Abram's reply.
 "Oh, I got 'em back here quite a piece. That aigh one, he come off old man Tolles' place, up Gosben way. He's a pretty good match but not quite so good's t'other one. He come from—"
 "What did ye pay for 'em?" repeated the deacon, raising his voice slightly. Abram kept on in his established monotone. Apparently he had not heard the deacon's question.
 "You know that Swede, the one that took up the old Haskins farm, all run down to wreck and up to brush? Well, he had t'other one. I see by my eye there wa'n't an ounce difference in their hefts, so I made a dicker t' get 'em both. Glad ye all like 'em."
 "Yes, but how much did they tax ye for 'em?" shouted the deacon. And 'Bije Stiles added, "Bet ye, now, the Swede taxed ye more'n Tolles did, if truth was known."
 "I didn't consider that any defect," replied Abram, gayly. "A star more or less don't make any difference, and that's as nigh alike as ye can expect t' pick 'em up, fur apart's their wax."
 The deacon got down to Abram's ear and shouted, "Abram, I asked ye what ye paid for the pair?"
 "Well, the Swede's hair may be a little finer, but what of it?" demanded Abram.
 "I never see him deaf like this before," apologized the deacon. "Abram, what—did ye pay—for—the steers?"
 "Oh, they are yearlings all right. I got their pedigree down fine. And I callate that if I don't dispose of 'em for driving, I can fat 'em up good for market. Now Western beef's getting so high we Eastern fellers can work in a fat critter once in a while without losing anything."
 By a simultaneous movement the gathering forced Abram's attention from the high joint of stavepipe where his eye had been fixed, and shouted at him in desperate unison:
 "What did them steers cost ye?"
 "Did I hear ye ask what they cost?" queried Abram, with a twinkle in his eye. "Now I can't recollect just this minute whether I told anybody yet what they cost. No, I don't think I have. But I'll think it over, and if I remember telling anybody I'll come back an' let ye know who it was." And so saying, Abram struggled to his feet and stalked out.
The Happy Microbe.
 I'd like to be a microbe,
 And with the microbes play,
 Without a task to fret me
 Through all the livelong day.
 I'd like to give up striving
 To make ends meet, and fare
 Wherever fancy led me,
 Without a worldly care.
 I'd like the independence
 To freely come and go,
 As does the happy microbe,
 With none to say me no.
 The microbe serves no master,
 He never has to sigh
 O'er chances that escaped him
 Or joys he let go by.
 His loving wife ne'er dopes him
 Because his feet get wet,
 He needn't go in springtime
 To look for homes "To Let."
 At night his mate ne'er greets him
 By running out to say:
 "I hope you've had your dinner,
 For Hannah quit to-day."
 His baby never tumbles
 Out of the little bed,
 Or crawls beneath the table
 To bump its little head.
 House cleaning has no terrors
 That he must ever face;
 He never is besmirched by
 A relative's disgrace.
 Oh, happy, happy microbe,
 Without a task or care,
 I wonder if you have the happy
 Some smaller mile somewhere?
 —Chicago Record-Herald.
Valuable Railroad Track.
 The most valuable piece of railroad track in the country lies in the yards at St. Louis. The Iron Mountain and the Missouri Pacific are Gould properties, but at only one point are they connected, and that is by a stretch of track less than two miles long. When Jay Gould died he willed this little track to his daughter Helen, and she owns every rail and spike in it. The transfer charges between the two roads over this track pay her \$25,000 a year. Miss Gould does not have to keep up the track, furnish cars, men or anything else. All that is done by the roads using the track and they must also keep the track in repair. It is said to be the best piece of paying track in the world.
In Argentina.
 Machinery has been ordered for the Argentine Republic to turn out 250 tons a week of "Molascut," the new cattle food made from molasses and sugar-cane fiber.
 In the old days of barbarism, men were divided into factions, as at present. When two factions disagreed, they collected their spears, and bows and arrows, and went to war. In these civilized times, the members of different factions "talk about" each other, and invent all sorts of impropriae s.o.c.r.i.e.s. Half the charges against humanity are pure fiction.

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 Of the balance, one is a civil engineer, two are doctors, three are newspaper men and the others are bankers, miners, business men and politicians. The average age is found to be 56, with Senator Pettus of Alabama the oldest (62), and Bailey of Texas the youngest (40). Senator Pettus is a survivor of the Mexican War, while twenty-five members fought in the Civil War. Of college graduates there are fifty-five and seven of the members are foreign born. Kearns of Utah, Millard of Nebraska and Gallinger of New Hampshire were born in Canada and Nelson of Minnesota was born in Norway. Senator Patterson of Colorado is Irish, Jones of Nevada English and Wetmore of Rhode Island was born in England of American parents, residing there at the time. Twenty-eight Senators were born within the borders of the States they represent.
Incident.
 "Anything important going on at the theaters?"
 "I should say so. The plays aren't so very interesting, but the controversy among managers as to who shall have control of the box-office receipts is becoming very exciting."—Washington Star.
 The record yield of timber from one tree is 80,000 feet, from a redwood 20 feet in diameter, cut last year in California.
 If some pieces of art work were a antique, they would be ugly.

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 "My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color."—Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.
 There's a pleasure in offering such a preparation as Ayer's Hair Vigor. It gives to all who use it such satisfaction. The hair becomes thicker, longer, softer, and more glossy. And you feel so secure in using such an old and reliable preparation.
 If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.
 Sidlights on History.
 Yeast—When did the custom originate of putting the music in the rear of the troops during a battle?
 Crimsoebak—Why the Scotch started it.
 "Indeed!"
 "Yes; they used the bagpipes, you know, and a fellow would rather run into the very face of the enemy than go back where that music was.—Yonkers Statesman.
 Pisto's Cure is a good cough medicine. It has cured coughs and colds for forty years. At druggists, 25 cents.
 Nature's Provision.
 Doctors tell us that the skull is so constructed that it can expand without causing death; a provision of nature for people who get their heads swelled.—Acheson Globe.
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