



FLASHES OF FUN

Mrs. Knicker—Does Bridget know her place? Mrs. Bocker—Yes, she knows one that pays a dollar more.—Hagers' Bazaar.

"How shall we announce our engagement?" "Tell a couple of your girl friends and make them promise not to tell."—Houston Post.

The Post—To be a poet one must be poor. The Editor—Congratulations. You are the poorest poet I ever met.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Briggs—I hear you've been speculating in Wall street. Griggs—There was no speculating about it. I was a dead sure thing from the start.—Life.

She—Don't you think he's clever? He—Well, he seems to make people think so. She—Well, don't you consider that clever?—Youkers Statesman.

Grocery Clerk—And how do you girls round at 1219 like your new mistress? The Waitress—Shure an' she's a perfect lady—just like wan or ourselves.—Brooklyn Life.

Minster—My dear little boy, why don't you get an umbrella? Jakey—Since pa has quit going to church he never brings home any more umbrellas.—The Jewish Ledger.

First Mother (reading letter from son at college)—Henry's letters always send me to the dictionary. Second Mother (reasonably)—That's nothing; Jack's always send me to the bank.—Puck.

"Now," said the physician, "you will have to eat plain food and not stay out late at night." "Yes," replied the patient, "that is what I have been thinking ever since you sent in your bill."—The Catholic News.

"Literature is very trying. Isn't it?" said one woman. "Yes," answered the other. "If your book doesn't sell, you are disappointed, and if it does it has to be so shocking that you are embarrassed."—Washington Herald.

"Your son," said the professor, "has been laboring under a misapprehension." "What?" exclaimed the humble but honest parent, with joy in his voice. "Ye don't mean it?" "Mean what?" "That Joslar has been workin'!"

Musical Manager—Now, candidly, talking of the performance of Wagnerian opera, what do you think of our company's execution? Candid Critic—It is not execution, my friend; it is assassination.—Baltimore American.

"You're rather a young man to be left in charge of a drug store," said the fussy old gentleman. "Have you a diploma?" "Why—er—no, sir," replied the drug clerk, "but we have a preparation of our own that's just as good."—Philadelphia Press.

Wife—I came across a bundle of your old love letters to-day. Husband—Did you read them over? Wife—Yes. Husband—And what was the effect of that perusal? Wife—I wondered which was the bigger fool—you for writing them or I for marrying you after receiving them.

"I received your majesty's message," said the new missionary. "Did I understand you would do me the honor to call upon me and dine to-morrow?" "Almost correct," replied the cannibal chief, "I said I would call and dine upon you to-morrow."—Philadelphia Press.

Towne—There was a spelling bee down at our church the other night. The pastor gave out the words. Did you hear about it? Browne—No; was it interesting? Towne—Rather. The first three words he gave out were "In-trease," "pastor," "salary."—Philadelphia Press.

O'Hagan—Ol have found the man that hit me wid a brick as Ol was passin' the alley. Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy—And what did you do with him? O'Hagan—Nothin'. 'Twas all a mistake—the man was only doing his duty. He thought Ol was a policeman in plain clothes.—Smiles.

A government inspector, entering a rural postoffice, expressed surprise upon seeing a woman at the delivery window. "I was under the impression," said he, "that a man was in charge of this office." "And so he was," replied the woman sharply, "but I married him."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Dora, would you be willing to marry a young man who has to make his own way in the world and who has nothing but his love for you to recommend him?" "Certainly, Gerald, if I cared enough for him, but at present I don't know of any such young man. Frosty weather, isn't it?"—Chicago Tribune.

Buncum—I see by the papers that you have made an assignment for the benefit of your creditors? Skinner—Yes; my affairs are in a bad shape. I won't be able to pay 10 cents on the dollar. Buncum—You're a lucky dog. Why, when I failed two years ago I had so much property left that I had to pay 50 cents on the dollar.—Chicago News.

FORM BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Marks Important Step in Livestock Industry of Northwest.

By J. L. Ashlock, Washington State College, Pullman.

President E. A. Bryan, of the Washington State college, has just received notice of his appointment as temporary president of the State Berkshire association, which is affiliated with the American Berkshire congress. President Bryan's appointment is the beginning of the organization of the Berkshire association in the state of Washington. This association reaches through nearly all the states of the union, and in the opinion of President Bryan, its coming into the state of Washington marks an important step in the livestock industry of the Northwest. Discussing the matter President Bryan said:

"I believe the Berkshire association is one of the most active and successful livestock associations in the United States, and that its work in the Northwest cannot fail to produce good results. The Berkshire is favored by many of the most prominent stock-raisers in America, among whom I might mention Nick Gentry, of Sedalia, Missouri, who is the greatest breeder of Berkshire hogs in the country; Reuten Gentry, of Kentucky; Mr. Hood, of 'Hood's Sarsaparilla' fame; and George Vanderbilt, of Asheville, Tennessee. Among the most prominent breeders of Berkshires in the Northwest are the Ladd estate, of Portland, and Mr. Paul Cragstone, of Spokane. I have raised Berkshire hogs on my Pussay Willow ranch near Pullman for the past ten years, and am thoroughly convinced of the desirable qualities of this breed.

"It is proposed by the Berkshire association to conduct an active campaign in the state of Washington, in favor of this breed of hogs, prior to the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle. Then by the time of the exhibit, our state organization will be able to get up a splendid exhibit, and we will show the farmers of the state what sort of an animal the Berkshire is when proper attention is given him. Yes, it is very likely that the state experiment station will have a few Berkshires at the exhibit. At the present time we have some specimens of this breed that have been pronounced by the best Eastern experts as equal to anything in the United States."

President Bryan today announced his appointment of the officers and directors of the state association who will work with him in getting the Berkshire association established in Washington. They follow:

Vice president, Paul Cragstone, Spokane; secretary, J. H. Smith, Pullman; treasurer, W. D. Goodrich, Wauna. Directors: A. M. Stevens, Ellensburg; A. A. Somerville, Centralia; P. W. Shephardson, Castle Rock; W. W. Shields, Sprague; D. C. Dilworth, Spokane.

Of Interest to Farmers.

The following publications of interest to farmers and others have been issued by the Agricultural department of the Federal government and will be furnished free, so long as they are available, except where otherwise noted, upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.:

Bulletin No. 108.—Irrigation Practice Among Fruit Growers on the Pacific Coast. By E. J. Wickson, M. A., professor of agriculture practice, University of California, and horticulturist of the California agricultural experiment station. Pp. 54, pls. 10, figs. 7. Price 15 cents. This bulletin gives the results of a special investigation into the conditions, extent and methods of irrigation as practiced among fruit growers of the Pacific coast.

Bulletin No. 131.—Plans of Structures in Use on Irrigation Canals in the United States, prepared under the direction of Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation investigations, office of experiment stations. Pp. 51, pls. 22. Price 60 cents. This is an album of plans for irrigation structures, designed by leading irrigation engineers of the West, made from drawings exhibited at Paris in 1900 and at Buffalo in 1901.

Bulletin No. 158.—Annual Report of Irrigation and Drainage Investigations under the direction of Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation and drainage investigations, office of experiment stations. Pp. 755, pls. 12, figs. 129. This is the general report of irrigation and drainage investigations in 1904. The complete report was issued in limited edition, which is now exhausted, but it has been reprinted in form of nine separate for free distribution.

Bulletin No. 177.—Evaporation Losses in Irrigation and Water Requirements of crops. By S. Fortier. Pp. 64, pls. 2, figs. 19. Price 10 cents. This contains the results of tank experiments to determine the quantities of water evaporated from soils which receive various cultural treatments and to which the water was applied at different depths; it contains also a few experiments on the quantities of water consumed by plants.

Bulletin No. 188.—Irrigation in the Yakima Valley, Washington. By S. O. Jayne. Pp. 89, pls. 2, figs. 4. Price 15 cents. This bulletin describes the irrigation works in the Yakima valley, Washington, and discusses the water supply, water rights, crops, and opportunities for settlement.

Impossible.

"Do you find it difficult to dictate to your stenographer?"

"No, I find it impossible."

"Why, has she left you?"

"No, she has married me."—Houston Post.

His Great Opportunity.

"If Burbank wants to be a philanthropist as well as a wizard," said Rivers, making a wry face over his medicine, "why in thunder doesn't he evolve a cinchona tree that will produce a bark from which a tasteless quinine can be made!"

Their Real Handicap.

"Isn't it wonderful to note the progress the Japanese have made in acquiring our western civilization?"

"Yes—until you hear what a wretched botch they make of it when they try to swear."

Modesty.

Whispering Customer (producing watch)—I came here because I have been told that you are an honest pawnbroker.

Avuncular Patriarch (with a deprecatory smile)—My friend, somebody has been trying to have fun with you.

A Substitute.

Customer—Will you give me a copy of "The Art of Being Happy at Home?"

Librarian—I'm afraid it's out, but I have here a little treatise on Jiu Jitsu, which makes an excellent substitute for it.—Pelo Melo.

Emphatically.

"Does your husband hold any civic office, madam?" asked the canvasser.

"I should say he did!" answered the young matron. "He's the majestic grand high killemskaw of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Spizzierinctumbangs!"

Sure to Have Them.

Mitkins—It is said that aggressive, impulsive people usually have black eyes.

Bittkins—That's right. If they haven't got them at first they get them later.

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Skittleson—You won't mind this stock yards smell when you get used to it.

Beere—Oh, well, then I'll live in hope. You see, I've been breathing it only about nine or ten years.—Chicago Tribune.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

A Good Fisherman.

A small boy who lives near a lake was fishing and his mother had to call him five times to make him hear, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. Finally, she landed on him, and, shaking him in a terrible manner, wanted to know why he did not answer. This was the reply: "I didn't hear you for the first three times, and the last time I had a bite."

They have made bread from peanut meal for many years in Spain. The bread is light and porous, but rather unpalatable, and it is eaten only by the lower classes.

The jaws of a wasp are so powerful that the insect can cut its way through shells.

SKIN DISEASES

HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the Winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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