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Business Proposition.

"Your honor," said the convicted beggar, "can't you change my sentence of imprisonment to a fine?"

"Suppose I did," said the judge, "where would you get the money to pay it?"

"Oh," replied the c. b., "I could beg a little every day till I had enough."

Cosmopolitan.

Confused Young Man—Why, Miss Bella, I—I scarcely expected to meet you at a roller skating rink.

Self-Possessed Young Woman—I'm not at all astonished at meeting you, Mr. Smiley. All sorts of people come here—Chicago Tribune.

Couldn't Fool Johnny.

Widow Jones—How would my little Johnny like a new papa?

Johnny (aged 5)—Oh, you needn't above the responsibility on me, ma! It isn't a new papa for me, but a new husband for yourself, that you are thinking of.—Boston Transcript.

FITS Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Sufferers from fits, epilepsy, and nervous debility should use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Dr. B. H. Kline, L. D. S., Philadelphia, Pa.

Among the Ultra Set.

Mrs. Hignuppe—Uncle Henry is so stupidly plebeian. Really, I am exasperated every time he calls.

Mr. Hignuppe—In what way, my dear?

Mrs. Hignuppe—Why he always asks if our baby cries. As if we had one of those old-fashioned babies!

Why There is So Much Crime.

"Hello!"

"Hello!"

"Say, central, you gave me the wrong number. I didn't want Lawsonwood 1 double 8 double 7. I wanted Woodken 1 double 7 double 7."

"All right; I'll ring 'em again."

No Exact Equivalent.

"It would be correct to say, then, that you are on the water wagon, wouldn't it?" asked the reporter.

"No," said the distinguished actor; "that hardly expresses it. I have merely quit drinking coffee and taken to more wholesome beverages. You might say, perhaps, that I am on the milk wagon."

Mothers Will Find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the Best Remedy to Use for Their Children During the Teething Period.

The era of universal peace had dawned. "How delightful!" exclaimed the suffragettes. "There will be no opposition now to our demands for the ballot!"

Instantly universal war broke loose again.

Not a Regular Nimrod.

Employer—You'd like to go and spend a week with friends in the country, would you, Roger?

Office Boy—Yes, sir.

Employer—What's your little game now, Roger?

Office Boy—Rabbit, sir.

Amplified Qualified.

Farmer Honk—Hear ye are goin' to send your son to college, Eben?

Farmer Bonkicker—Don't see any reason why I shouldn't—he's too dumb lazy to work, has too much hair, and can yell so's you can hear him 'most a mile.—The Circle.

SORE EYES. weak, inflamed, red, watery and swollen eyes, use POTTIT'S EYE SALVE. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Any Change an Improvement.

Photographer—Is that the most pleasing expression you can assume?

Sitter—Yes, sir.

Photographer—Then, for heaven's sake, glare ferociously at me!

Preliminary.

"Mrs. McGoozie, your husband is a singularly gifted man. It's a wonder to me that he isn't on the lecture platform."

"I think he contemplates talking to that some day. In fact, he has been lecturing in a desultory sort of way, just for practice, for the last ten years."

"Why, where, Mrs. McGoozie?"

"At home. I'm the audience."

Restorative Recipe for Men

This will prove a welcome bit of information for all those who are overworked, gloomy, dependent, nervous, and have trembling limbs, heart palpitation, dizziness, cold extremities, insomnia, fear without cause, timidity in venturing and general inability to act naturally and rationally as others do, because the treatment can be prepared secretly at home and taken without anyone's knowledge.

If the reader decides to try it, get three ounces of ordinary syrup sarsaparilla, compound and one ounce compound fluid balsam; mix, and stand two hours; then get one ounce compound essence cod liver oil and one ounce tincture cadomone compound (not cadomone); mix all together, shake well and take a teaspoonful after each meal and one when retiring.

Inside History.

Indignant Wife—What's the use of my saying anything to you, John? It goes in at one ear and out at the other!

Provoking Husband—Not always, Maria. When you say anything wrong-minded I stop it on the way through.

Waited.

"So you want to earn enough to buy you a dinner, eh?"

"Yes, boss."

"I wish you had come around here half an hour ago."

"I did, boss."

"Well, there was a ton of coal to be carried in then; why didn't you knock?"

"I seen de coal!"—Houston Post.

REPORT ABDICATION

Abdul Hamid Said to Have Given Up Turkish Throne.

CAPITAL IS FULL OF RUMORS

Abdication of Sultan Cannot Be Affirmed, but Appears to Be Not Improbable.

Constantinople, April 20.—With the Constitutional army steadily enveloping his capital and demanding his head, with a garrison unwilling to defend him, and with a cabinet ready to surrender to the demands of the patriot army, Sultan Abdul Hamid is reported to have abdicated and fled on a warship or sought refuge in a foreign embassy.

The report that the sultan had abdicated caused the greatest excitement in the lobbies of parliament. A rumor of the flight of the sultan on a warship followed closely on that of his abdication, but neither could be confirmed.

Large crowds gathered at the British embassy, where other reports had it that the sultan had taken refuge, and there were scores of inquiries at the Russian embassy concerning the truth of the rumor that the sultan was under the protection of Russia on one of its guardships. At both of these embassies all knowledge of the sultan's movements was denied and the Turkish Foreign office gave a strong denial of the rumors.

The abdication of Abdul Hamid, however, appears to be not improbable, and it appears that within a day or two the Constitutionalists may accept as his successor Prince Yussef Izzedin, the eldest son of the late sultan, who is second in line, as they are strongly displeased with Abdul Hamid's attitude.

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A Handicap.
"My mamma's yardstick has three feet," said Willie, cute and cunning.
"I've only two, but I can beat my mamma's yardstick running."
—Judge.

Initiative.
"That statesman is a man of wonderful initiative."
"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "there is no doubt about his initiative. He starts things that nobody on earth could finish."—Washington Star.

Making Up for Lost Time.
Stranger (happening along)—What's all that loud wrangling about in there?
Sexton—The ladies, sir, are holding an adjourned meeting in the silence room—Chicago Tribune.

Different Strata.
The irresistible high handshake chance to meet the immovable low handshake. Whereupon they gave each other the cold shake and passed on.

Not Now.
Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, what is the "unwritten law?"
Mr. Chugwater—There isn't any. It's been written up in all the papers. I've told you that before.

Why They Don't.
Would some oracle might utter, Giving me the reason why Maidens in a constant flutter Never fly!
—Indianapolis News.

Fame.
Uncle Hiram—So you play base ball, do you, Dickey? Has your ball club got a name?
Five-Year-Old—Has it got a name! Gee! You've heard of the Rag Alley Yarnigans, haven't you, uncle? Well, I'm their regular shortstop. We're goin' to whale the overcastin' snuff out of the Mountview Billigants next Saturday!—Chicago Tribune.

The Qualifications.
"I want somebody to report a woman's congress," said the managing editor.
"Some one well versed in parliamentary language, I presume?"
"Nope. Some one who understands such terms as passementerie, algrette and the like."—Kansas City Journal.

Declines Offer of \$260,000 to Drop Government Inquiry.
New York, April 20.—The smuggling syndicate that first offered Collector of the Port Loeb \$100,000 to drop the government's investigation of the smuggling of "aleeper" trunks containing \$55,000 worth of Paris goods increased its offer today to \$260,000, according to Mr. Loeb.

More About Him.
Of gardening the city man Off little understands, Yet never fails to raise a crop Of blisters on his hands.
—Kansas City Times.

No Limit to His Ability.
"Now here," said the salesman, "is a cigar I can recommend."
"I know you can, young man," said the customer. "I tried one of them the other day on your recommendation. What I want is a brand you can recommend without lying."

A Righteous Judge.
One Sunday morning a minister's wife saw her son chasing the hens with a stick. She went to the door to investigate and heard him say: "I'll teach you to lay eggs in a minister's family on Sunday morning!"—Delaware.

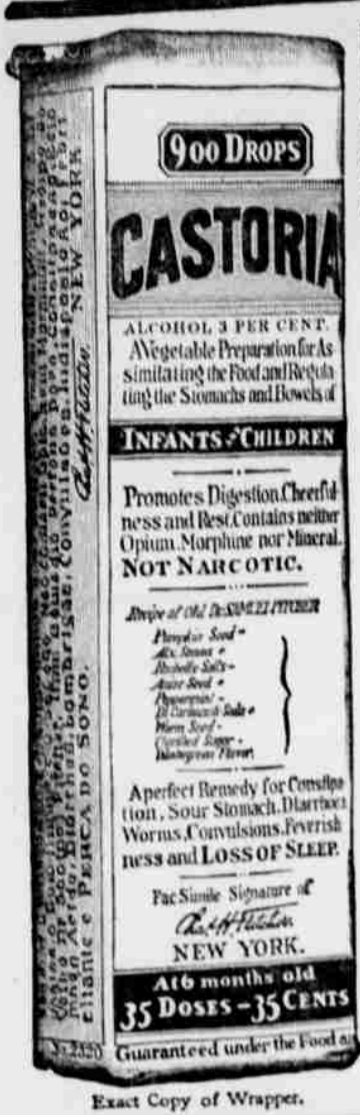
His Walking Papers.
"My sister'll be down in a minute," said little Clarence, who was entertaining the young man in the parlor. "I heard her tellin' maw a little while ago that she was goin' to give you your written permission to perambulate to-night. What do you reckon she meant by that?"

Arrogance of Wealth.
"What's them apples worth?" asked the farmer, stopping in front of a fruit stand.
"Is that pile?" said the proprietor of the stand. "Five cents apiece."
"So? Well, I guess I'll eat about a dime's worth."
Thereupon he took two big red apples out of a capacious pocket in his overcoat and strolled on, placidly munching one of them.—Chicago Tribune.

RIGID LAWS TO GOVERN AERONAUTS.
A. Leo Stevens, instructor of U. S. Army Balloon Corps, Advocates Government License and Examinations.

Every day I am firmly convinced that there should be government regulation on ballooning. I have held this theory for some time, but the experience of a certain California aeronaut a few days ago in the Sierra Madre mountains has brought the need home to me more strongly than ever. The government regulations should consist of licenses for balloon pilots, and laws within which the pilots should have to confine themselves.

While I do not wish to reflect on this aeronaut, I do wish to point out that he is only a case in point. Some people can never become successful balloon men any more than all men can become successful as artists or deep sea divers. There are some men who can make 20 ascensions and still be no better equipped as pilots than if they were going up for the second time. A person who is not skilled in aeronautics, knowing that



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This man has made say nine ascensions says, "Oh, I'll willingly go." If we had government regulation, where men skilled in aircraft should make the examinations as to whether or not the applicant was fitted to be a pilot, this obvious danger would be dispensed with.

The popular idea is that all one has to do to make an ascension is to jump into the balloon car, cut loose and when one is ready to ascend throw overboard the sand ballast. As a matter of fact that much is not even the alphabet of air riding.

When I heard that this experimenter was to make the trip with that number of passengers and with so small an amount of ballast in my old "America," I predicted failure. He should be thankful that the escape was so successful. There are some requirements and some theories controlling the ascent and descent of balloons just as fixed as those that govern temperature or that of gravitation. A certain sized air ship, with so many cubic feet of gas naturally can carry only so many passengers exclusive of its ballast.

There is a nicety in determining just how many it can carry successfully. To be specific, a balloon with 80,000 cubic feet of gas should start out with 35 bags of ballast and five passengers. Equipped in that manner the pilot need fear no storm, and have no worry. He is just as safe as if he were sitting at his own fireside. When a storm comes, by throwing overboard some ballast he can go above it. When the storm is over, by letting out a little gas through the escape valves he can descend safely to the earth. When a balloon of this size, that is 80,000 cubic feet, has thrown over all its ballast for one reason or another, except five bags, it should drop to earth at once. To do otherwise is to run a dangerous risk. A law making this necessary would be a great boon to the art and practice of ballooning. A bag carrying between 35,000 and 40,000 cubic feet of gas and two persons besides the pilot should drop to earth when the pilot has expended all the ballast save three bags. If he does not do so he is risking lives that he should not be allowed to jeopardize.

I am in favor of government regulation. At the present time licenses can be granted to pilots in this country by the Aero club of America. There are now 24 men holding these licenses. An applicant must make 10 successful ascensions before he is granted the license. These directions have to be made before he is granted the license, under the direction of other licensed pilots, or after the applicant has made four or five so that he can manage a balloon, he must keep data of his trips. This information has to be exact, and he filed away. For instance, when the applicant drops back to earth, say on a man's farm, he has to give the man's name and where he lives, and who hauled him back to town. This is so that at any future time the authorities may satisfy themselves that the trip was really made and that it was a successful one in every way.

France has a very creditable method of licensing its balloon men. The licenses are not governmental, though. Each pilot, who is going to make an ascent, carries in his pocket a little book with his number and his photograph in it. If any one questions his identity or his ability as a navigator he simply shows the book with his photo behind the lens.

I am in favor of government licensing and government regulations, rather than that of state jurisdiction. In this way the laws would be uniform, and all the air sailers of something near equal ability. An applicant would not have to go to Washington to make an ascent by any means. He may make the trip at any place under the guidance of an accredited pilot.

Ballooning is becoming more and more popular. It is now more than a craze. Its possibilities are attracting a great many reckless people to have the experience of seeing the earth slip out from under them. Here is where the trouble comes. I will not say that it is not right for a man to go up in a balloon by himself. I think that is more a matter of ethics. A person may walk on a railroad where there is a third rail. He does it knowing that he is taking his life in his hands, but when he persuades other people to go along with him, he risks their lives without enough experience to get them out of danger should anything happen. When five people go up in a balloon in addition to the pilot, the unskilled

pilot is risking five lives in addition to his own.

Throwing overboard ballast is a science. Ballast is to a balloon what steam is to an engine. And just as steam once gone can never be recovered, just so ballast thrown overboard is lost. One man can get along, make a whole trip without losing more than five bags of ballast while another spends twenty. The latter spends all his time in traveling up and down, making saw teeth, while the other sails along in a comparatively straight line. The pilot who is out with the beginner makes careful notes and gives a full report to the members of the Aero club. He takes into consideration just how much fluctuating the learner does. He assists the new man, but watches him carefully to find out how much grip he has on the science.

The dilettante in search of new sensation is as dangerous as an automobilist with the speed mania. I hesitate to make a trip with a beginner who says the danger is nothing, with the man who says "Oh, I'm not afraid. I've got the nerve." As a matter of fact when good sense is used, there is no more danger than there is in an automobile trip. But there is much potential danger. I am willing to make the trip with a beginner who says: "Now I'm new at this, and want you to take the rudder. I don't know it all."

Another thing, balloons and all air crafts will soon be equipped with wireless telephones. An air craft in distress can send a C. Q. D. message to earth just like a vessel at sea. It should be compulsory that equipment for communications with the earth or airships be installed. A balloon in trouble would simply telephone its location or general direction and rescue balloons or automobiles could be sent to the rescue.

The U. S. army corps with which I have been connected has successfully experimented with a DeForest instrument, weighing less than 100 pounds. However, there is a new sparkless and wireless telephone of the radio variety which weighs only 10 pounds and which any balloonist can safely carry. The radio sparkless attachment does away with the danger of setting the gas bag on fire. The weight of the telephone is so small that when the balloon lands out in the country the operator can put it under his arm and take it with him. An old fashioned wireless telegraph is impractical for the reason that it makes a spark that may ignite the gas bag.

Ballooning has advanced so far now that it is no longer experimental, but is a science. The throwing out of ballast is a science. It takes a long time to learn to handle a balloon properly. Why, in the fitness of things, should a beginner, one who has nothing to urge him on except curiosity and daredeviltry, be allowed to risk other lives?

I think the license to beginners should be made reasonably hard to obtain. And further, the laws regulating the ballooning should be severe. Ballooning is a matter of public concern, and when licenses are first issued I hope that they will not be given so promiscuously as licenses were given at first to auto drivers.

Letting an outsider take up a balloon is exactly like running a railroad engine. A railroad train is half way between stations when its engineer dies. The train is stopped. Somebody asks, "Can anybody here run an engine?" "Yes, I can." He takes the engine and may draw the train ten miles without an accident and he may get it safely into the station. But is he a worthy engineer? No. On the following day this same young man might wreck the train before he got out of the switch yards.

Her Own Cook.
"You say your wife quarrels with your physician every time he calls?"
"Every time he calls?"
"What's the trouble?"
"She swears I've got gout and the doctor says it's indigestion."—Houston Post.

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