

Before and After Marriage.  
He settled back in his easy-chair, put his feet on a foot rest, lit a cigar, and for five minutes let the smoke curl up around his head. He was a picture of comfort.  
Then his wife interrupted his meditations.  
"George, you're getting lazy," she said. He shook his head.  
"But when we were engaged," she persisted, "you were as active as any man I ever saw. Why, you were always getting up excursions, and you were the life of every party."  
He puffed out a little whiff of smoke and nodded his acquiescence.  
"What's the matter?" she asked.  
He took another puff at his cigar, and then said:  
"Ever see a man try to catch a train?"  
"Why, yes," she replied in surprise.  
"Ever see one rush to the station platform just as the train seemed almost gone?"  
"Certainly I have."  
"Got a pretty lively move on him, didn't he?"  
"Why, yes; he ran the entire length of the platform as fast as he could. But, George—"  
"Caught the train, did he?" asked George.  
"Yes, he just barely caught it. He—"  
"But he caught it?"  
"Of course he did. But, George, you're straying—"  
"Did he keep right on running?" interrupted George.  
"Certainly not. He settled down in a seat, and made himself as comfortable as possible; got a palm-leaf fan, and five minutes later seemed perfectly contented and happy."  
"Well, what of it?"  
"Well, what of it?"  
"Do you expect me to keep on running?"  
Only Heated His Pants.  
Albert Shoen, one of our subscribers, who lives down below Keno, is a pale, thin, honest farmer, who has been working hard lately at chopping wood to keep his decent family in fuel during the winter. The other day Albert had been looking about as pale as usual, when a well-known quack doctor entered almost out of breath.  
"Hearin' that you had tuk to your bed, Albert," he said, "I rushed over to diagnose your case. You look awful pale. Stick out your tongue and gimme your pulse to feel."  
Albert quietly stuck out both tongue and wrist.  
"You're in a bad way, Albert," said the quack. "You've got the hypo-compo enticus mixed with Brights disease of the umbelical cord, and you'd better take a sweat the first thing. Then I'll go home and mix up some pills—"  
"I'm not sick at all," interrupted Albert.  
"Not sick at all? Yes, you be. What did you take your bed for?"  
"The fact is," said Albert, "I busted my workin' trousers choppin' wood, and as I don't want to wear my Sunday clothes in the woods I just went to bed while my wife sets over yonder patchin' my pants. You're the biggest fool doctor I ever did see!"—Peter the Poet.  
Goldendale Sentinel: No sooner has some enterprising person or company established a paper and built up a paying business, and have arrived at that point when the paper is in position to do the community good service, the idea prevails among certain characters in the community that there ought to be another paper in the town or county to "hold the thing level." How do they expect to compete against the already established paper? Arrangements are made with some foreign company to furnish a "patent" outside or inside, at apparently half the cost of running an all-home printed paper. It is not generally known that all the advertisements on the patent side go to the parties who furnish the ready-made paper. Those who are always kicking about having so much money exported out of the country should think about this feature of the "patent outside" business for a moment.  
Selling out in Georgia.  
A Georgia editor thus advertises his plant for sale:  
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One office towel, hard as rope;  
A sixteen-year-old cake of soap;  
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A \$4,000,000 Bridge.  
One of the longest and most costly railway bridges in the country is now being erected in the newest portion of the United States, almost at the extreme western boundary, the great steel bridge which the Union Pacific is building across the Columbia at Vancouver Washington. The length from the Washington to the Oregon shore will be 6000 feet and the draw pier will be over 400 feet long. The cost of the structure will be over \$4,000,000.—Detroit Free Press.  
Oregon On Wheels.  
The advertising car started East, Oct. 30, loaded with a choice selection of Oregon products. Jackson county was represented by a contribution from Messrs. Honeyman DeHart & Co. The car will be gone several months and will visit the Eastern, Middle, and Southern States. Oregon will be greatly benefited by this in receiving a desirable immigration.  
A Hyena's Sympathy.  
The Salem Statesman: Editor Bigelow, lately on the Oregonian, continues to slander the memory of the late Henry W. Grady in the columns of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, on which paper he is now employed as editorial writer. Grady was a broad man, with deep sympathies, and with great ability. Bigelow is a man with the sympathies of a hyena.

THE COTTON BLOSSOM.  
Description of Some of the Interesting Colored Members.  
The event of the week on Thompson street was the arrival from Detroit of Sir Isaac Walpole, Waydown Bebe, Givens Jones, Elder Funstock, Shindig Watkins and Samuel Shin, all old and prominent members of the Linnecolin club. All are married men and will be followed by their families in a few days. To avoid needless and the danger of falling into luxurious habits, they came through on freight trains, and thoroughly posted themselves on the geography of the country they passed over.  
Sir Isaac Walpole is, next to Brother Gardner, the best known colored man in the world. He is the man who made the discovery that "possum oil and green persimmons rubbed on the handle of the front door would keep a hoodoo away, and his answer to Bob Ingersoll is regarded as the greatest dressing down that celebrated orator ever got. Sir Isaac's motto is, "Nobody was ever made to change his opinions by belin' knocked down wid a squash."  
Waydown Bebe was for six years secretary of the Linnecolin club, and he was the first resident of Michigan to spell "sugar" with an "h" and make a go of it. His published instructions, entitled "How to Detect Gunpowder in a Stick of Firewood," have saved thousands of stoves in this country from being blown up and rendered worthless. His motto is, "Nobber lend money to a man who leaves his clothes on to row de week."  
Givens Jones is the individual who used to guard the outer portals, lead intrusive strangers down stairs, and take possession of chairs which branch clubs had forfeited but refused to give up. His looks are deceptive. He is not only naturally tender hearted, but has a mind which runs to the sciences. He is the man who discovered that children were the result of lying with the head covered up and the feet out of bed, and was the first man in this country to cure lopsidedness by fastening a weight to the other one and pulling it down on a level. His motto is, "Allus hev some of your own friends on do jury dat tries your case."  
Elder Penstock, Samuel Shin and Shindig Watkins are known as the trio who put in thirty-seven cents apiece and discovered the science of perpetual motion, but lost it a day or two later when the elder's barn was struck by lightning. They are men of strong individuality, and if there is such a thing as proving to the public that the sun moves around the world they will do it before the summer is over.  
When the regular meeting opened at Watermelon hall, Saturday evening, Judge Whyfore Johnson arose and moved that the rules be suspended, and that the new arrivals be declared unanimously elected as members. The motion was seconded from all parts of the hall, and was carried with such enthusiasm that Colonel Catalogue Taylor burned his shin on the red-hot stove, and Professor Shylock White broke a pane of glass in one of the alley windows and came very near being fined \$17.00.  
Applications were received from fourteen different states and Canada, aggregating twenty-eight names. Among others were those of Professor Anthony Dawson, the colored mockingbird of Alabama, and Sir Godfrey Haxelton, known all over the south for his essay entitled "Why do Tater Bug Nebber Attacks de Onion."  
The committee on applications announced that they had rejected the following applications for causes named:  
Lord Entomologic Twinkins, of Louisville, Ind., for refusing to pay back pew rent and for licking the trustee who came to dun him for it.  
General Disqualified Siebbins, of Columbus, O., for going to the postoffice fourteen times in one day and pretending that he expected a money order.  
Uncle Henry Clay Green, of Terre Haute, Ind., for leaving a job of white-washing at a critical period and going off to a dog fight.  
A communication from the secretary of the "Last Man club," of Cincinnati, inquired if the Cotton Blossom would do them the great honor to affiliate and exchange ideas on subjects of vital interest to the people of America.  
"Do secretary will answer to do effect dat we will do nuffin' of de kind," replied Brother Gardner with a great deal of emphasis. "About fo' yars ago I was invited to go to Cincinnati and deliver my lecture on 'Why Man Can't Fly.' When I arrived in de town I was met by a cross eyed cull'd man, wid feet seven inches long, who had been sent down as a committee. He stole my sachel befo' we arrive at de hall, an' doornin' my lecture somebody sneaked my plug hat an' somebody else picked my pocket of seven dollars in cash. When I raised a row I was hit below de belt wid a cabbagen head an' frowed down stairs an' left for dead. We doan' want no affiliation wid any sich piousous. On de contrary, if I ever catch any member of dat club in New York I shall proceed to make him wish he had neber bin born."—M. Quad in New York World.  
A Matter of Taste.  
Miss Poetique—The day is nearly done.  
Jack Spratt—Oh, no, it ain't. It's very raw.—New York Truth.  
Lamp Decoration.  
Mr. Plainways (reproachfully)—That lamp always gave a very good light, my dear. Why have you put it into petticoats?—Harper's Bazar.  
"Long Toward Morning."  
Harry (at the ball)—You look bored and tired, old man.  
Jack—Well, who wouldn't? I've been swingin' doubleballs all the evening.—New York Herald.  
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