PLEASE, HARRISON, TELL ME HOW.

I am only a common farmer,
I reap, I sow, I plow;
I know that I'm protected,
But I can't hardly tell how.

My neighbors oftimes guy me,
And this is what they say:
"What, a man living under protection
Growing poorer every day?"

Now, what they say of my poverty
Is true, I must allow;
Still, I know I'm protected;
But please, Harrison, tell me how.

I know that the harness is protected
That I use on my tired team;
Likewise my costly reaper,
Every cog, wheel, belt, and beam.

And the doubletrees I hitch 'em to,
Every clevis, clasp ond clip, [day,
And I pound them through the long
With a highly-protected whip.

Yes, everything I buy is protected,
I never saw the beat;
From the old wool hat upon my head
To the cowhides on my feet.

But farm produce it don't show up;
Three hogs, a colt and a cow
I had to exchange last springtime
For a highly-protected plow.

Then Farmer Jones he at me grinned,
And said: "How is it now?"
I want to show him what a fool he is;
Please, Harrison, tell me how.

My corn, it went for fifteen cents,
My potatoes, though not small,
I almost had to give away,
They would hardly sell at all.

The wage worker is protected, too,
And of course to wealth will roll;
But miners are starving in the east
While I freeze for the want of coal.

Now, I'm only an ignorant farmer;
Through these things I cannot see.
While my party are protecting all,
Of course they're protecting me.

But while my neighbors chafe me,
Must I in ignorance bow?
Oh, no, I must refute them;
Please, Harrison, tell me how.

Grip's Greeting.

I am La Grippe!
Grip, for short.
But I get there just the same!
And the way
I get there
Knocks the stuffing
Out of the annals of pathology!
I am no respecter of persons,
And silk, or satin, or broadcloth,
Has no more influence with me
Than a width of
Brown muslin has!
I lay for the woman
Who runs around bare-headed
Or thin shod;
And the way I swipe a man
Without an overcoat
Is perfectly astonishing.
The air is full of me;
And as an incubator
I may say, without fear
Of successful contradiction,
That I am beyond competition!
I've got a corner on the
Human system at present,
And I 'm working it
For all it,'s worth!
I and the doctors
Are having a picnic,
With the doctors
Getting all the gate money!
However, I 'm not in it
For boodle,
And I don't care a cuss
What I 'm here for.
People find out when they take me;
And there 's no telling
How many have found out
In the past few weeks.
It 's a cold day
When I get left,
And we are not having
Many cold days this winter.
Hence—
But why multiply words?
You know me,
And if you don't you can learn
All you want to know
By reference to the families
Which, and in which,
I have worked!
Mighty few of them
Don't recognize me socially,
And curse me
For all the crimes in the calendar!
But I ain't saying a word;
I simply
Let her go Gallagher,
And she goes
Like Sheol!—*N. Y. Sun.*

Rule For Using Books.

Never hold a book near a fire.

Never drop a book upon the floor.

Never turn leaves with the thumb.

Never lean or rest upon an open book.

Never turn down the corners of leaves.

Never touch a book with damp or soiled hands.

Always keep your place with a thin bookmark.

Always place a large book on the table before opening it.

Always turn the leaves from the top, with the middle or forefinger.

Never pull a book from a shelf by the binding at the top, but by the back.

Never touch a book with a damp cloth nor with a sponge in any form.

Never place another book or anything else upon the leaves of an open book.

Never rub dust from books, but brush it off with a soft, dry cloth or duster.

Alteration of the Earth's Axis.

The Royal Society of England has just been informed by Sir William Thompson that the axis of the earth is altering its direction. Berlin was some time ago discovered to be further north than it had been previously marked on the map. Geographical investigations at Honolulu prove that the Sandwich Islands moved just about as far south as Berlin has moved north, so the eminent geographers decided that the axis of the earth must be changing its angle to the ecliptic. If the progression is very rapid, North America is likely to become somewhat tropical, and the United States would lose its place in the temperate zone. The change is taking place so slowly, however, that nobody need get into any heat over it.

The total number of graduates from Harvard since its organization in 1636 is now 17,400; and at Yale, since 1701, 13,580. Comparing these two American universities with those of Oxford and Cambridge, the number on the books in the Oxford calendar is 11,931, and Cambridge 12,889. The assessed value of college property at Harvard is $12,000,000, and at Yale $5,000,000. The income in the twenty-one colleges which constitute the University of Oxford is $949,925, and that of the seventeen included colleges at Cambridge, $1,050,995; from which figures it is plain that we in America deal more liberally with educational institutions than do the English people. In Oxford there are 3,145 students, and in Cambridge 3,020. Harvard musters a goodly roll of 2,271, and Yale 1,635. While the number of institutions in Great Britain and Ireland classed as universities is only ten, the United States has no fewer than fifty-four such institutions scattered all over the country.

It is astonishing how dull religious audiences, as a rule, look, writes Dr. Talmage, in his department in the January *Ladies' Home Journal*. In lecturing halls you see people with eyes wide open, nudging each other, and nodding to the sentiments offered. In prayer-meetings the same people look dull; they cultivate the dull look; they have an idea that to be devotional they must look sleepy. A brother gets up to talk, and a father in Israel puts his head down on a cane, and a mother in Israel puts her head on the back of a seat in front of her, and another looks up to the ceiling and seems to be counting the cracks in it. Now, when your minister gets up to preach look at him. There is inspiration in the human eye. Many a time I have, through pressure of other work, gone into the pulpit with little to say, but in the upturned faces of the people I have seen twenty sermons, and the only bother was to know which I should preach.

American Notes and Queries says that the word "hoodlum" is derived from the words *hauderlumpen* and *hauderlumpen*, which mean "persons upon whom we wipe our feet." The fact is, says the San Francisco *Report*, that the word "hoodlum" was self-imposed by a club of Hayes Valley young men early in the seventies. They called themselves the "Hoodlums Club." They misbehaved themselves grossly at picnics and elsewhere, and the "Hoodlums" became notorious. Consequently, when other young men behaved similarly, they, too, were called hoodlums. We think the name "hoodlum" was chosen originally for its sound, and certainly without regard to its meaning, just as we find young men calling themselves the "callithumpians," etc.

Bishop Potter, in his address to the Girls' Friendly Club of Utica, said: "I realize how different the present conditions are from those that prevailed when I was a boy. Then there were only two kinds of employment for girls besides housework—teaching and sewing. Probably there are in this city a hundred kinds of work for women. They are doing the things men used to do and doing them better. But they do not in consequence have the manners of men, talk as men talk, use slang and cigarettes, or dress after the fashion of men."

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A candidate was being examined by four professors. Feeling extremely nervous, his memory failed him several times. At last one of the professors, growing impatient, thundered out: "Why, you cannot quote a single passage of scripture correctly!" "Yes, I can!" exclaimed the candidate. "I just happen to remember a passage in Revelation: 'And I lifted up my eyes, and beheld four great beasts.'"

A lady writes at the end of a letter to a friend: "Now I must conclude, for my feet are so cold that I can hardly hold my pen."

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