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A Joke That Failed Twice.
Miss Adelbert had just returned from a vacation spent at a tiny village on the Maine coast. In recounting her experiences she talked somewhat for the benefit of a cousin, a quiet person who was visiting her city relatives for the first time in many years.
"There was just one store in the place," said Miss Adelbert, "and they kept everything—that is, everything they had to keep. One day I went in to buy some soap, and just as you remember I asked the clerk if they had Browning. He stared at me a second, then went off and looked under the counters and on the shelves. Presently he came back and said: 'No, miss, we ain't got none. We got blacking, an' we got bluing, an' we got whitening, but we ain't got a bit o' Browning in the store.'"
Miss Adelbert had to make several protests to assure her audience that this really happened. Finally the cousin asked gravely, "But, Cousin Bert, why didn't you say 'vanish in the first place?'—Youth's Companion.

The First Picton.
The "Tale of Two Brothers," written 3,200 years ago by the Theban scribe, Ennana, librarian of the palace to King Menephtah, the supposed Pharaoh of the Exodus, is the oldest work of fiction extant. The tale was written apparently for the entertainment of the crown prince, who subsequently reigned as Beth II. His name appears in two places on the manuscript—probably the only surviving autograph signatures of an Egyptian king. This piece of antique fiction, written on nineteen sheets of papyrus in a bold hieratic hand, was purchased in Italy by Mme. d'Orbigny, who sold it in 1807 to the authorities of the British museum, where it is now known as the D'Orbigny papyrus. Other specimens of ancient Egyptian fiction have since come to light which appear to prove that the Nile valley was not only the birthplace of the arts and sciences, but was also the cradle of romance.

Japan's Pipe Bell.
There is a bell in Tokyo, Japan, which is made from tobacco pipes. So says the legend inscribed around the outside in four languages, English, French, German and Japanese.
The English version runs as follows: "This bell, cast in the city of Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 10, 1802, by Toda Sen, is made from the metal of tobacco pipes of more than a thousand men, once slaves, now free men."
The story is that in 1802 a woman missionary from America waged war on tobacco smoking and persuaded over a thousand men to forsake the habit. They therefore had no further use for their metal pipes, which were melted down and cast in the form of a bell. The metal resembles bronze, and the bell has a pleasant musical ring.

Curious Welsh Superstition.
Small glasslike, irregular circles of some crystallized mineral are occasionally found in the mountains of Wales, and concerning these the Welsh people have some curious superstitions. Some believe that they are formed in the body of a snake as soon as he reaches the age of 100 years, while others declare that they are formed "of froth and venom" when two large male snakes meet. Camden, the great English historian and antiquarian, says: "It is usual for snakes to approach on St. John's eve and by joining heads together and hissing to form a kind of bubble, which passes through the snake and immediately hardens till it resembles a glass ring. Whoever finds one of these rings will ever after prosper."

Made Baron Steuben.
Baron Steuben was known as the roughest, roughest, most unkind and discourteous officer in the Revolutionary army. He spoke English to some extent—that is, he knew most of the oaths and expletives and had other words enough to string them together—but when a little excited he would burst forth into some extraordinary mixture of German, French and English and in this polyglot composition would abuse everybody in hearing.

Fixed.
"Why don't you go to work?" demanded the housekeeper.
"Well, yer see," began the gray-haired old loafer, "I got a wife and three children to support."
"But if you don't work how can you support?"
"As I was a sayin', lady, I got a wife and three children to support me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Cause For Fear.
Second to duelist, who on confronting his adversary has suddenly grown pale and is only just prevented from falling—Take courage, man. I know your opponent is going to fire in the air. Duelist—That's just what makes me afraid. He's such a notoriously bad shot.

Always Broke.
Shadbolt—You business men are at a low ebb again, are they? Diggins—Ebb? No; that would indicate that they're sometimes at the flow, which they never are. My finances are at their normal and unvarying level.—Chicago Tribune.

Contentious.
Young Wife—What's the trouble? Why do you sit on the edge of the chair? Husband—Well, dear, you know we are buying it on the installment plan and that's all I feel entitled to.—Life.

Too Late.
She—I hear you have just got married. Is it too late to congratulate you? He—Oh, much too late. I was married three weeks ago.—Illustrated Bits.

Notice.
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A Lawyer's Trick.
When Baron Bramwell was once sitting on the crown side on the south Wales circuit counsel for the defense in a certain case asked leave to address the jury in Welsh. The case being a simple one, permission was given without demur. He said but very few words. The baron also did not think much comment was necessary, but was somewhat startled by a prompt verdict of acquittal.

"What was it," he afterward inquired, "that Mr. L. said to the jury?"
"Oh, he just said: 'This case, gentlemen, lies in a nutshell. You see yourselves exactly how it stands. The judge is an Englishman, the prosecuting counsel is an Englishman, but you are Welsh, and I am Welsh, and the prisoner is Welsh. Need I say more? I leave it all to you.'"
It is scarcely necessary to mention, says the writer of "Some Legal Reminiscences," that Baron Bramwell did not allow the experiment to be repeated of addressing the jury in a language which he did not understand.

Name Coincidences.
An English paper is collecting name coincidences. At Cambridge university are two Japanese students, M. Soda and M. Weng (pronounced whiskey). Their names are side by side on the residence list. J. Hunter reports that he was once asked to fill a vacant village pulpit. The regular preacher bore the name of Fox. In Leeds Miss Orange married a Mr. Peel. There is fear that an offspring of this happy union will hyphenate the two surnames. Another matrimonial case is quoted by a correspondent from the published "Diary of John Epps, M. D." On page 905 the doctor notes: "Feb. 17. This morning a patient consulted me named Ann Dwell. Finding she was a single woman, I suggested that some day she might become Ann Angel, which made her smile, though she was in great pain." A note made later states, "The curious thing is that she did marry a Mr. Angel."

An Example of Daring.
During the hottest fighting in the Shikpa pass the leading battalion of the Russian General Dragomiroff's division receded before a hailstorm of Turkish bullets. The general was a very stout person and had the appearance of a powerful German professor. But when he saw his men recoil he dismounted and walked slowly to and fro along a ridge swept by the enemy's bullets. He was a hundred yards in advance of the men, occupying the position they had abandoned. After staying there for awhile without being touched he shouted back to the battalion: "What are you doing, you geese? Did you think there was danger here? I don't fear any!" The men responded with a roar of cheers, doubled up to him and charged so fiercely that the Turks were forced to retreat.

Why Bands Help Marching.
All men who have any appreciation of music feel prompted to step in time to a march tune, and music on the march therefore substitutes a new and pleasanter stimulus to exertion for the monotonous and somewhat dreary one of keeping place in the ranks. It is well known that weariness is, as a rule, more a matter of mind than of body and that the muscles of the body do not tire half so soon as the nerve centers which move them. Music, by bringing a fresh nerve center into play, will often banish all sense of weariness and will even sometimes afford rest to the usual nerve center, so that when the music ceases the soldier feels fresher than before it began.

Starting Tight Screws.
To start a tight screw press the screwdriver firmly in place with one hand, but do not turn it. Then take hold of it sideways with flat jawed pliers as close to the head of the screw as possible and turn it with them. A hand vice is better than pliers. Leave just enough of the tip of the screwdriver outside the vice to fill the slot of the screw, but no more. This reduces the danger of breaking or bending a badly tempered screwdriver to a minimum.—Scientific American.

Laughed First.
"What is the matter, darling?" asked the concerned mother when her small son came to her in tears.
"Well, you see, mummy, daddy was hanging a picture, and he dropped it, and it fell on his toe."
"But that is nothing to cry about," cried the mother cheerily. "You should have laughed at that, some of the 'I did, mummy," responded her small son regretfully.—London Globe.

Symbol of Trade.
In Scotland it was for a long time usual to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Especially was this the case at Dunblane, where, in the burial ground of the abbey, it has been found that of those tombstones which are from 100 to 200 years old about one-fourth are thus marked, the symbols being in low relief.

Quite Peeble.
"I suppose you're going to Dr. Mason's funeral, grandpa?"
"Oh," snarled the infirm old man, "don't talk to me about other people's funerals. It's as much as I shall be able to do to get to my own."—Exchange.

A Close Father.
She—You must ask father for his consent. He—He won't give it to me. She—Why not? He—He's too close. He never gave anything to anybody in his life.

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RESOLUTION Proposals for Street Work

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, held on the first day of May, A. D. 1906, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Chicago street from the north line of Hayes street to the south line of Portland Boulevard in the following manner, to wit:

The improvement of said Chicago street shall consist of grading full width of the street and establishing the sidewalk grade. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer, filed in the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement of said Chicago street to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof, and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of said Chicago street.

The Engineer's estimate of the probable cost for the improvement of said Chicago street is \$4,319.34.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Chicago street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Chicago street as provided by the city charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council.
W. L. THORNDYKE,
City Recorder.

Published in the St. Johns Review May 4, 11 and 18, 1906.

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RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Hayes street from the northern line of Hayes street from the westerly line of Burlington street to the easterly line of Maple street in the following manner, to wit:

The improvement of said Hayes street shall consist of grading full width of the street and establishing the sidewalk grade. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer, filed in the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement of said Hayes street to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof, and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of said Hayes street.

The engineer's estimate of the probable cost for the improvement of said Hayes street is \$8,630.25.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Hayes street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Hayes street as provided by the City Charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council.
W. L. THORNDYKE,
City Recorder.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until May 8, 1906, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Thompson street, from Myers street to Lively street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 62, subject to the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer on file, as amended by Ordinance No. 82.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, and said improvements must be completed on or before sixty days from the date of the last publication of notice for proposals for said work.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposals.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.
W. L. THORNDYKE,
Recorder of the City of St. Johns.
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Proposals for Street Work
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until May 8, 1906, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Leavitt street, from the southerly line of Jersey street to the southerly line of Ordinance No. 73, subject to the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer on file, as amended by said publication of notice for proposals for said work.

The Engineer's estimate of the probable cost for the improvement of said Leavitt street is \$21,147.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Leavitt street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Leavitt street as provided by the city charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the City Council.
W. L. THORNDYKE,
City Recorder.

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Proposals for Street Work
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until May 8, 1906, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Ivanhoe street from the easterly line of Burlington street to the westerly line of Richmond street, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 74, subject to the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans and specifications and estimates of the city engineer on file, as amended by said publication of notice for proposals for said work.

The engineer's estimate of the probable cost for the improvement of said Ivanhoe street is \$1,730.20.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Ivanhoe street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Ivanhoe street as provided by the City Charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the city council.
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Proposals for Street Work
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until May 8, 1906, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Catlin street, from the east line of Lively street to Jersey street in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 60, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer on file, as amended by Ordinance No. 80.