

Decoupling the Widow.
A healthy looking woman dressed in deep mourning stepped on to the platform scales and requested the grocer's clerk to ascertain her weight. He looked and said, "One hundred and forty pounds."
"You made a mistake of twelve pounds in that woman's weight," said another man who had also watched the scales. "She weighed 152 pounds instead of 140."
"I know that," said the clerk, "but she never would have forgiven me if I had told her so. That woman's husband died about six weeks ago. She has gained seven pounds in that time, but to keep her in good humor with herself I had to make her think she had lost five. I don't know why it is, but anybody who has suffered bereavement seems to consider it a disgrace to take on flesh. That woman has been weighed three times since her husband died. She would be shocked if she knew she had gained right along. Fortunately she is too nearsighted to read the scales herself, so it is easy to make her think she is wasting away."
—New York Press.

Law and the Queen.
The quaintness of many provisions of British law is curiously illustrated in the status of the queen of England. So far as her majesty's private business is concerned, she is not regarded by the laws and customs of England as a married woman at all. She is the only woman in Great Britain who does not come within the scope of the married woman's property act. The idea in all this is that affairs of state come same all the time of the king, and therefore no responsibility for the queen's private business rests upon him. If the queen contracted debts in her husband's name he would not be responsible for them, as any other husband in the United Kingdom would. The king cannot be sued for debt, but the queen can be. Should the king die, some authorities hold that the queen could not marry again, in case she wished to, without the license of the king's successor.—New York Tribune.

Dog Law in Constantinople.
"When one of the street dogs of Constantinople gets too old to be of use to the hand the captain dog decides that he is to die," says Albert Bigelow Paine in Harper's Weekly. "A day comes when the captain issues an edict that he is no longer to have food. From that day until his death not a morsel passes his lips. With longing eyes he looks at the others eating, but he makes no attempt to join them. Now and again a bit of something falls his way. The temptation is too strong—he reaches toward the morsel. The captain, who overlooks nothing, creates a low growl. The dying creature shrinks back without a murmur. He knows the law. Perhaps he, too, was once a captain. The minister's wife told me that she had tried to feed one of those dying dogs, but that even when food was placed in front of him he would only look pleadingly at the captain and refuse to touch it."

How They Get 'Em.
The sad looking man climbed into the bootblack's chair to have his shoes shined.
"And is your father a bootblack, too?" he asked, by way of making conversation.
"No, sir," replied the lad. "My father is a farmer."
"Ah, a farmer!" cried the sad looking man as a spasm almost akin to joy spread over his features. As he reached into his pocket for a notebook and pencil he began to mutter a sort of gibberish. It sounded like this:
"Farmer, boy? Farmer—boy, Son, bootblack. Son shines. Ah! I have it. Your father evidently believes in making hay while the sun shines."
Perhaps it is needless to explain that instead of being a mild lunatic the sad looking man was one of those professional humorists who write funny pieces for the papers.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Laughter Saved the Ship.
Humor has been credited with the saving of many things, but perhaps never before has a ship been saved by its judicious application. In a great storm many years ago a ship's crew were all at prayers when a boy burst into a fit of violent laughter. Being reproved for his ill timed mirth and asked the reason for it, he said, "Why, I was laughing to think what a hissing the boatwain's red nose will make when it comes in contact with the water." This ludicrous remark set the crew laughing, inspired them with new spirits, and by a great exertion they brought the vessel safely into port.—Liverpool Post.

Two Narrow Escapes.
An Irishman, seeing a vessel very heavily laden and scarcely above the water's edge, exclaimed, "Then my soul, if the river was but a little higher the ship would go to the bottom!"
"See there!" exclaimed the returned Irish soldier to the gaping crowd as he exhibited with some pride his tall hat with a bullet hole in it. "Look at that hole, will ye? Ye see, if it had been a low crowned hat I should have been killed outright."

His Temper.
"My dear," said a lady to her husband, "there must be a lot of iron in your system."
"Why do you think so?"
"Because you invariably lose your temper when you get hot!"

Discoveries.
So many famous discoveries have turned out to be re-discoveries that we become cautious about asserting that any great achievement was the first of its kind.—John Disk.

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Honor in Well Street.
One would hardly consider the New York Stock Exchange exactly in the light of "a communion of saints." Indeed, to judge by much that appears in the daily papers and the muck raking magazines, this might be the last place to look for the very soul and spirit of integrity. But there it is "in the midst of them." Between members of that marble mansion of trade in securities on New York's famous Broad street no paper writing passes certifying to the binding obligation of a transaction. In the very fiercest rush and maddest vortex of the wild corner a word, a nod, the merest sign, amply suffices. Whatever it may lead to—irreparable loss, ruin, bankruptcy, no matter—the deal is closed. I am not professing to be an analyst for whatever crimes may be committed in the name of honor. I simply record the fact, to be easily verified, that the dealings on that exchange are "on honor." The Corinthian fairness of its pillars and entablature front is not shamed by the constant and consistent uprightness of the traffic within.—Christian Register.

A Tragedy in Writing.
Illegible handwriting, which has given rise to so many comedies, led to a tragedy in the case of Bacher, a musical enthusiast of the last century who devoted several years to the composition of a history of Viennese music. His task finished, he submitted the manuscript to the Austrian Imperial academy, which he had been led to believe would defray the cost of its publication. After three months his manuscript was returned. Despite their best efforts the members had been unable to decipher it. Bacher then endeavored to have his work copied, but every professional copyist who undertook the task had to confess himself baffled. He thereupon attempted dictating the work, only to find that even he could not decipher it, and, heartbroken at the discovery that his years of toil had proved fruitless, he attempted suicide and finished his days in a lunatic asylum.

Her Cab.
Mary Ann of Lancaster Gate, basement, was having a week off and had arrived back at her little native village in all her metropolitan paint and feathers.
It was a very little native village, and Mary Ann, after her many months' service in town, didn't think so very much of it. Even James, the station porter and her old sweetheart, seemed hopelessly insignificant, and instead of staggering him with the kiss that he expected she looked him up and down, comparing him with a certain gentleman whose acquaintance she had recently made and who wore plush breeches and silk stockings.
"Porter," she said grandly, "do you know if there is a cab here to convey me and my luggage home?"
"Well, I don't know about a cab," responded the staggered yokel, "but there's yet another outside w' a barber!"—London Straps.

A Strong Prescription.
Menelik, emperor of Abyssinia, often dabbled in medicine. Some years ago Mme. Steuven, the wife of a prominent member of the French colony at Addis Abeba, was laid up with fever. Menelik inquired what treatment she was undergoing and expressed disapproval when he learned that she was being dosed with quinine. The following day a messenger called with a large pot of very rancid butter, accompanied by a letter from one of the emperor's secretaries stating that his royal master hoped that madame would take three glasses daily of the butter sent, which had been stored for two years and would be found an infallible remedy. The present was gratefully acknowledged and promptly buried, and when madame recovered Menelik took to himself the credit of her cure.

Effects of Drugs.
Persons employed in India rubber factories sometimes inhale bisulphide of carbon and suffer from frightful dreams of being murdered or of falling over precipices. Opium stimulates imagination; alcohol in excess excites dread and suspicion; hashish, from which the word assassin was derived, produces homicidal mania. These drugs have a distinct effect upon the moral sense. Sometimes, as from alcohol, a coarse and stupid brutality is stimulated, or, as from morphia, a gloomy and morose temper, or, as from cocaine, while the manner remains gentle, the victim develops thieving and lying habits.

Blind Justice.
We meet our philosophical friend and observe that he is smiling contentedly. "What has gone wrong now?" we ask.
"Nothing has gone wrong," he explains. "Something went right. Spriggins owed Bennett \$10,000 and put his property in his wife's name so that Bennett couldn't collect."
"But that isn't anything unusual."
"And last night Mrs. Spriggins eloped with Bennett!"—Life.

Uncertainty.
"I am always horribly nervous when I buy a suit of clothes from a strange tailor."
"Yes; a pers' you don't know is hard to stand off."—Houston Post.

A Leading Part.
"My brother has a leading part in that drama."
"What part?"
"He leads a horse across the stage in the last act."

Some people are born foolish, some acquire foolishness and others thrust their foolishness upon us.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$89,027.13
Overdrafts, secured & unsec'd	9.81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	1,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	17,457.75
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	3,904.55
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	3,000.00
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	3,659.26
Due from approved reserve agents	30,852.27
Checks and other cash items	881.76
Notes of other National Banks	1,225.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, cents	39.82
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	7,743.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$185,050.81

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,533.03
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$93,339.60
Demand certificates of deposit	12,731.00
Time deposits	25,567.18
Certified Checks	280.00
Reserved for taxes	131,917.78
Total	\$185,050.81

State of Oregon,
County of Multnomah ss:
I, F. P. Drinker, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. P. Drinker, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Feb., 1910.
W. R. Hill, Notary Public,
Multnomah county, Ore.
Correct—Attest: A. R. Jones,
H. E. Collier,
R. M. Tuttle,
Directors.

RESOLUTION.
It is resolved by the city of St. Johns: That whereas, the viewers heretofore appointed to assess damages and benefits in the matter of the widening Fessenden street from Jersey street to the Willamette river have made their report, which said report is on file in the office of the city recorder, and Whereas, numerous remonstrances and objections to said report were filed protesting against the widening of said street, as proposed by the city council, and And, whereas, a majority of property holders abutting upon said street object to widening the same, therefore be it Resolved, That the report of the viewers in the matter of widening Fessenden street from Jersey street to the Willamette river in the city of St. Johns be, and the same is, hereby rejected; and that said viewers be, and they are hereby, released and discharged from any other and further duties or obligations in connection therewith.
Adopted this 1st day of February, 1910.
A. M. ESSON,
Recorder.
Published in the St. Johns Review, Feb. 4 and 11, 1910.

SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For the County of Multnomah, August H. Johanningsmeier, Plaintiff, vs. Caroline Johanningsmeier, Defendant. To Caroline Johanningsmeier, the above named defendant:
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above court on or within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, from the 31st day of December, 1909; and if you fail to so appear or answer or otherwise plead in said suit, the plaintiff above named will apply to the above entitled court for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint filed in said suit, to wit: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and yourself and absolutely divorcing plaintiff from you, and for such other and further relief as may seem to said court equitable and just.
This summons is published pursuant to the order of the Honorable Earl C. Bronaugh, Judge of the above entitled court, made in open court, in this cause, on the 29th day of December, 1909, which order prescribes that this summons be published in the St. Johns Review, a weekly newspaper, once each week for a period of not less than six weeks. The first publication of this summons was made on the 31st day of December, 1909, and the last publication thereof will be on the 11th day of February, 1910.
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7.35	3.08	9.30
7.55	3.26	9.50
8.15	3.44	10.10
8.35	4.02	10.30
9.00	4.20	10.50
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