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The
Scrap Book

A Writer in the Wrong Pew.
 When James Payn was editor of the Cornhill Magazine his private office was invaded one day by an unannounced visitor who had managed to evade the porter downstairs. The caller's hair was long, and his clothes were shabby and untidy. He had a roll of paper in his hand. Payn, surmising a poet and an epic several thousand lines long, looked up.

"Well, sir?"

"I've brought you something about sarcoma and carcinoma."

"We are overcrowded with poetry—couldn't accept another line, not if it were by Milton."

"Poetry?" the caller flashed. "Do you know anything about sarcoma and carcinoma?"

"Italian lovers, aren't they?" said Payn imperturbably.

The caller retreated with a withering glance at the editor. Under the same roof as the Cornhill was the office of a medical and surgical journal, and it was this that the caller sought for the disposal of a treatise on those cancerous growths with the euphonious names which, with a layman's ignorance, Payn ascribed to poetry.—McClure's.

Things to Forget.
 If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
 A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
 And you know of a tale whose mere telling
 Would cause his proud head to in anguish
 be bowed,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
 In a closet and guarded and kept from
 the day
 In the dark and whose showing, whose
 sudden display,
 Would cause grief and sorrow and life-
 long dismay,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken
 the joy
 Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
 That will wipe out a smile or the least
 way annoy
 A fellow or cause any gladness to cloy,
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

Hoist With His Own Petard.
 The girl with the soft, appealing eyes looked up at the tall, broad shouldered young man who was hovering about her with a protecting air, having just won her from a hated rival.

"Jim," she murmured, "now that we've been engaged ever since last night, and you won't ever need to be jealous again, I've brought you to select a tie for—anyway, you will, won't you? A man's taste is so correct in such things."

"For Phil, you mean? Of course I will," Jim replied with a magnanimous air. "This green tie with the yellow stripes is fine and dandy. Get him that."

"Are you sure it is quite your choice," the girl asked anxiously. "Usually you select such quiet ties."

"That is precisely my taste," the young man said glibly.

The girl exchanged a two dollar bill for the gaudy necktie and a moment later slipped it into her companion's hand.

"Jim," she said, "I can't just keep it secret an instant longer. It's really for you—the first gift I've ever given you—so I wanted it to be exactly what you liked. You must wear it always when you come to see me," added the possessor of the soft, appealing eyes, with an adorable blush.—Kansas City Times.

An Eye Out.
 Dispute over a cab fare in London gave Henry Herman, the dramatist, opportunity for playing a grim joke at the driver's expense. Herman was the unfortunate possessor of a glass eye, which, on Jehu's waxing demonstrative with his whip, whereof the lash passed perilously near, he suddenly pulled out and thrust in cabby's face. "You rascal," he vociferated, "look what you've done! You've cut my eye out!" Without waiting for the money in dispute the driver lashed his horse and fled aghast.

A Sad Experience.
 C. K. G. Billings, the famous horseman, had a sad, heartbreaking experience with the first horse he ever owned.

When quite a young man Mr. Billings fancied a fast trotting mare priced to him at \$2,000; but, not having more than \$500 in his name, he persuaded his mother to advance him the balance, which she did after much coaxing and begging. In due time his father heard of the fast trotter his son had bought and expressed a desire to try her.

The request was complied with, and after a few spins on the road the old gentleman asked how much he had paid for her.

"Six hundred dollars, father," was the answer.

"Well, Charley, the mare is not worth it," said the governor, "but I rather like the way she steps, so I will take her from you, and you can have your \$600."

The deal had to be closed.

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PORTLAND GOSSIP

Portland, Ore., April 19, (Special)—It is a long time since Portland business men were so thoroughly enthused as they are now over the great Business Men's Excursion which will leave Portland Monday evening, April 25th, with a schedule so arranged that every single point on the trip will be visited in daylight—and thirty points are to be visited. Both the east and west sides of the Willamette valley, the Rogue River valley, Klamath Falls and the surrounding country and the Umpqua valley are included, and all the big jumps that consume time are traveled in the night. Seventy-five representative business men compose the party, and as a result of this four days spent in western and southern Oregon they will get a better idea of the universal prosperity and advancement of these communities than they could gain in a year from their offices.

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