

SHEAR NONSENSE

"So, Miss Smith, all is over between us?" "You've hit it." "Then give me back the presents I promised you."—Sketch.

Mr. Epstein—Does dot novel end up sad, or otherwise? Mrs. Epstein—It ends fine! Everybody gets rich in der last chapter.—Puck.

"I awoke to find the house full of smoke." "Gracious! And you didn't lose your head?" "No; I held my nose."—Detroit Journal.

"Arthur, dear, have you spoken with father about our engagement?" "I can't find him anywhere—he owes me some money."—Ex.

Dilman—Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor? Margie—Of course it did. Did you think it would go through?—Tit-Bits.

Minor Poet—Ah, how do? Did you get my book I sent you yesterday? Hostess—Delightful! I couldn't sleep till I'd read it!—Punch.

He (sympathizing with his bride, who has just been stung)—How intelligent was that bee, my dear, to know that we're on our honeymoon!—Judy.

Gadzooks—The Greeks might have saved themselves by a rapid advance. Zounds—They seemed to think they could save themselves better by a rapid retreat.

Teacher (angrily)—Why don't you answer my question, Bobby? His Brother Tommy (answering for him)—Please, sir, he's got a peppermint in his speech.—Tit-Bits.

Reporter—That fellow who wanted his name kept out of the paper called in today. Oh, he was mad! Editor—What about? Reporter—It seems we kept it out.—Tit-Bits.

"How is this, count, they say the stone in this ring you gave me is imitation?" "Oh, like enough. I never was very strong in mineralogy."—Humoristische Blätter.

The Wife—I think we ought to have daughter's voice cultivated, John, if it doesn't cost too much. The Husband—It can't cost too much, my dear, if it will improve it any.—Puck.

"Half the world," sagely observed Mr. Billus, "never knows what the other half is doing." "That's generally true," retorted Mrs. Billus, eying him sharply, "as to the better half."—Chicago Tribune.

Fuddy—You call money "stamps," don't you? Duddy—Yes, Fuddy—And money is currency. So I suppose that when you speak of an elastic currency you refer to rubber stamps.—Boston Transcript.

She—How funny that you should be a Presbyterian, while your wife is an Episcopalian! He—What makes you think she is an Episcopalian? She—Didn't you say she was a confirmed invalid?—New York Press.

"McGibbs is a contemptible creature." "In what particular way?" "Well, he is the kind of man who would send another man a Sunday newspaper without marking the article he wants him to read."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Good Idea.—Mrs. Tenspot—Isn't it odd that the encores are always much more enjoyable than the regular numbers on the program? Mr. Tenspot—Yes, it is. I wonder why they don't sing the encores first?—Judge.

"You want to marry my daughter, eh?" said the practical man; "well, what provision have you made for the future?" "Oh, as to that," replied the suitor, "I'll join the church right away."—Philadelphia North American.

"How still they are," remarked Mrs. Fogg, apropos of the young couple in the next room. "Yes," replied Mr. F., "it reminds me of my army days. It was always wonderfully quiet just previous to an engagement."—Boston Transcript.

At the Intelligence Office.—"Have you any cooks that weigh 200 pounds?" "Goodness! What do you want with such a big one?" "Well, we would like one that won't be always trying to ride my wife's wheel on the sly."—Detroit Free Press.

"You may talk as you like," said a solid citizen, "but there was one good thing about the gladiatorial fights of olden times." "What was that?" "The loser never had a chance to talk to the papers and explain why he lost."—Boston Herald.

"Say," remarked the war editor, "I don't see how Turkey ever got her forces transported into Greece, do you?" "Certainly," replied the political editor, "she got hold of all the passes. Ask me something hard."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

An Interpretation.—"I wonder," said Mrs. Cumrox thoughtfully, "what that nice, old-fashioned lady means by putting 'P. P. C.' on her card." "That means she is going away," replied her daughter. "Oh, I see, and she wants us to know that she is going to travel in a Pullman palace car."—Washington Star.

Will in a Grave.

Almost a parallel to the Jacob Z. Davis will discovery turns up in Indiana, for after lying in a man's coffin for nearly 30 years, a will has been exhumed at Leavenworth, in that state, and its terms are liable to increase a troublesome litigation among the heirs of the man who had the document buried with him.

Jacob Kissingen was the man. The will was found by accident, because when Kissingen died, although the will was believed to have been made, no body could find it. So the heirs went to law and have been at it for three decades.

A few days ago a dispute arose which could be cleared up by the family Bible. So the old grave was opened and the book taken out. It was in a good state of preservation, and, when opened, to the surprise of everyone, disclosed the old man's will.

By the terms of the document found in the grave the property of Kissingen was divided equally among five children, one of them a resident of Germany, and born of Kissingen's first wife. And this is where the new trouble begins. None of the four American heirs ever heard of the father's first marriage, and not one of them guessed that he had a brother in Europe.

The German heir, of course, has been in ignorance, too, of the existence of his American brothers, and the property and money bequeathed to him.

If he presses his claim now, it is said that the four brothers, who live here will have quite a hole in their purses when they pay him what is his by his father's will.

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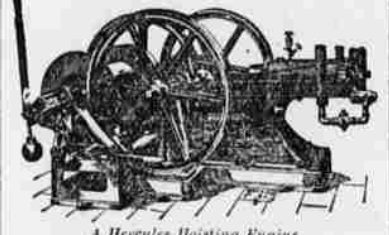
It Does the Work of the Steam Engine Better and With Less Cost.

The use of gas and gasoline engines in mines and for all power purposes is very much on the increase. New uses for them are being found every day. They are being used quite extensively for pumping, for hoisting, and for other work in mining. Mr. W. F. Patrick has an article in a recent number of the New York Engineering and Mining Journal giving experience with a gasoline hoisting engine at the Southern Eureka mines in Utah. Mr. Patrick says:

"We have had the engine in use for some time, and have found it highly satisfactory and in the highest degree economical. We are engaged in sinking, and of course only hoisting intermittently. Our engine is rated at 25-horsepower, and hoists a load of 1,100 pounds from a depth of 275 feet in 45 seconds. Our consumption of gasoline has averaged only 0.7 gallons per hour. The amount of water used in cooling the cylinders is very small, as large galvanized iron cooling tanks are provided with the engine, and only enough water is required to replenish what is lost by evaporation. In many of our Western mining districts water for a steam plant would cost as much or more than the fuel.

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The illustration given herewith shows a type of engine very much in use in mines throughout California, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Mexico, Utah, Montana, Nevada, etc. It is built by the Hercules Gas Engine Works, of San Francisco, in all sizes, from two to two hundred horsepower. The engines are built extra heavy, the hoisting drum being the same base as the engine, and geared direct. The levers operating the hoist are positive in action, and are within easy control of the operator. About three thousand of these engines are in use in different parts of the country, and in every instance have demonstrated their superiority over any other power for the purpose used.

They are also made to burn distillate oil, which reduces the fuel cost very materially, and where water and fuel are scarce, the saving in these items quite often enables the property to be worked where otherwise the expense attendant upon operating a steam engine would preclude it.

D'Aumale's Three Wills.

So rich was the Duc d'Aumale that he had to make three wills to properly provide for the disposition of his property. One of them relates exclusively to that part of his property which is in France, while the other deals with the wealth deposited in England, possibly from motives of precaution.

The latest estimate of the population of the globe has been made by M. d'Amfreville, who places it at 1,479,729,000. The number of inhabitants to the square mile in Asia is 48; in Africa, 15; in America, 8; in Oceania, and the polar regions, 3; in Australia, 1. The yearly increase of the population of the earth is about 5 to every 1,000. At this rate the population doubles every 139 years.

A lady while traveling from Tyrone to Altoona, Pa., had her pocket picked in a car, and she was hustled off miles from her destination because she had not money to pay her fare. There were fourteen men who witnessed the act, and not one of them had the manliness to lend her fifty cents.

The French minister of war recently offered a prize for the swiftest bird in a flight from Perigueux to Paris—310 miles. There were 2746 entries and the winner did the distance in seven hours and 34 minutes.

Marie Theresa's equestrian statue, recently unveiled by Emperor Francis Joseph, at Pressburg, is said to be the first monument erected in Hungary to a sovereign of the Hapsburg line, which has ruled over the country for 371 years.

Influence of War on Toys.

Within the past few weeks a German factory which makes lead toy soldiers, has received so many orders for Turkish and Greek soldiers for next Christmas that it announces through the European press its inability to fill any more orders this year. The makers of toy uniforms, games, pictures and similar toys are also running overtime, making specialties illustrating the Turco-Greek war. Even the textile industries are preparing to reap the golden harvest and material of every imaginable description in Turkish and Greek designs is being manufactured in large quantities.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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