JOLLY JOKER.

The dominant sex: He—"You haven't the brain of a goose." She—"Have you?"—Indianapolis Press.

Irish cook (to milkman)—"What makes you come so early of late? You used to be behind before."—Life.

May—"Algy and Pamela had a falling out last night." Clarence—"What was the cause?" May—"A hammock."—Harlem Life.

Pretty big: "Blowhard has a big opinion of himself." "How big?" "Well, he's beginning to imagine he's annoyed by camera fiends."—Puck.

Mother (at the door)—If you children are not quiet in five minutes you will have to go to bed. Small Voice (after a pause)—What time is it now?—Judge.

"Did he gain anything by his visit to the Paris Exposition?" "Yes; he says he gained a better appreciation of the Chicago World's Fair."—Chicago Post.

Sister-in-law—"How like his father the baby is!" Mother—"He's certainly like him in some ways. He generally keeps me up half the night!"—Punch.

Nimrod—"Pat, did you ever catch frogs?" Pat—"Faith, an' Oi did, sir." Nimrod—"What did you bait with?" Pat—"Begorry, Oi bate 'em with a shtick."—Chicago News.

Off His Mind: "Didn't you feel dreadfully when you lost your gold-headed umbrella?" "No; I'd expected to lose it for so long that I was glad when it was gone."—Chicago Record.

"Your 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' seems like a brand-new play." "Of course; we've fixed it up so Eliza crosses the ice on an automobile, chased by a lot of Boxers."—Detroit Free Press.

Provision for the future: Mrs. Bonney—"Six motherless children, you say? And can't you find work?" Tramp—"Oh, they're not old enough for that yet, ma'am."—Brooklyn Life.

Did it with a slam: "I am willing to do anything," said the applicant for work. "All right," said the hard-hearted merchant; "please close the door behind you when you go out."—Somerville Journal.

Might Have Been Worse: "Too bad, old man, about your wife running away. "Oh, it might have been worse, I wonder that she did not take me along to look after her trunks."—Indianapolis Press.

He helped him out: "And your stepfather told you to get out into the world and earn your own living? He should have given you a helping hand." "He gave me a helping foot."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In Memoriam: "I presume you carry a memento of some kind in that locket of yours?" "Precisely; it is a lock of my husband's hair." "But your husband is still alive." "Yes; but his hair is all gone."—Tit-Bits.

Safe: Mrs. von Blumer—"Dear, dear, I dropped my diamond ring off my finger this morning, and I cannot find it anywhere." Von Blumer—"It's all right; I came across it in one of my trousers pockets."—Bazar.

Vocal Posibilities: "Do you think, professor," said a musically ambitious youth, "that I can ever do anything with my voice?" "Well," was the cautious reply, "it may come in handy to holler with in case of fire."—Answers.

"Are you old enough to vote?" asked the tourist in North Carolina. "I dunno erzackly what my age is, boss," replied the colored man; "but I kin tell you dis: I allus was old enough to know better dan to try to vote."—Washington Star.

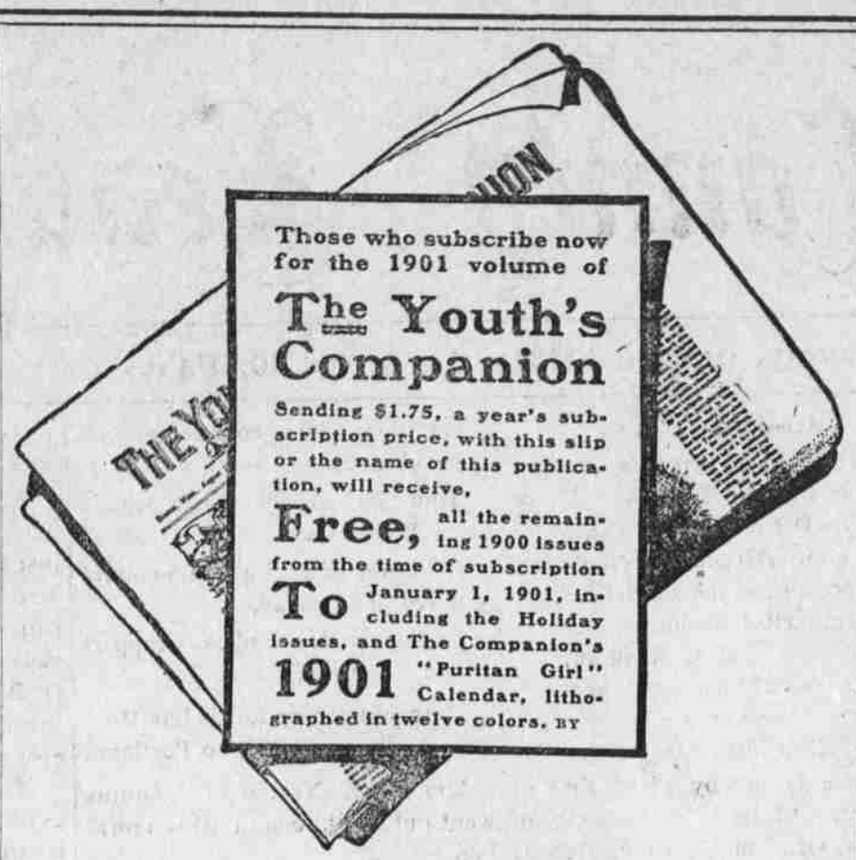
A Peaceful Exit: "Did you have any words with your misstress which caused you to leave your last place?" "Niver a wor-rd. Sure, an' Oi locked her in the bath-room, and tuk all me things, and shlipped out as quiet as yez plase."—Bazar.

Its shape: "What is the shape of a ship going to pieces on a stern and rock-bound coast?" asked Gaswell of Dukane. "Very bad shape, I should say; what shape would you call it?" "A wrecktangle."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"You told me to come and begin work to-day," said the new boy. "Oh, yes," replied the druggist, "you may begin by catching flies and putting them on those sheets of 'Sure Catch Fly-Paper' we're displaying in the window."—Philadelphia Press.

Artless Thing: Charming Maiden—Then they went to Woozey's, did they? Ah, that's a delightful place. When a friend asks me to go to Woozey's I know he must think an awful lot of me, for they serve the most elaborate and expensive luncheons in the city. Helpless Youth—Let's go to Woozey's, Miss Quickstep.—Chicago Tribune.

Father (meaningly)—Who is the laziest boy in your class, Tommy? Tommy—I don't know, pa. Father—I should think you would know. When all the others are industriously studying or writing their lessons, who is it sits idly in his seat and watches the rest, instead of working himself? Tommy—The teacher.—Glasgow Evening Times.



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Beds Are Scarce in Russia.

Beds are quite an innovation in Russia, and many well-to-do houses are still unprovided with them. Peasants sleep on the tops of their ovens; middle-class people and servants roll themselves up in sheepskins and lie down near stoves; soldiers rest upon wooden cots without bedding, and it is only within the last few years that students in schools have been allowed beds.

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Decrease of Drunkenness.

In an address before the railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City, Chauncey M. Depew made a statement as to the decrease of drunkenness among railroad men that is worth repeating, coming from so high an authority. Twenty veras ago, he said, when there were about 15,000 men in the New York Central service, the average proportion of men discharged for drunkenness within a certain period was at least 20 per cent. Now, with 30,000 men employed by the company, not one per cent is dropped from the service for that cause.

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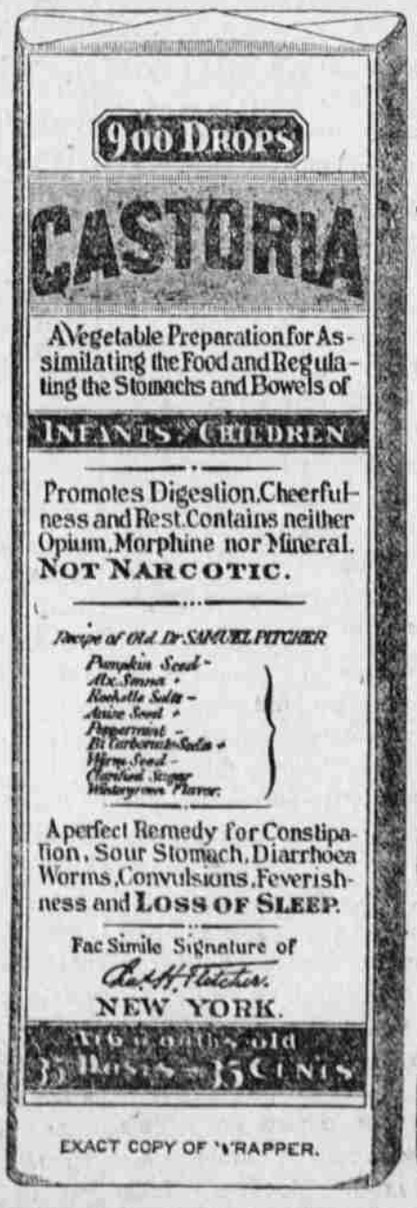

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