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—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Resources of Genius.

The editor looked over the manuscript submitted by the village poet and frowned.

"Here is one line," he said, "in which you speak of the music of the cider press." How would you undertake to imitate the 'music' of a cider press?"

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In the last quarter of a century a crop, producing area of 10,000,000 acres, equal in size to the State of Massachusetts, has been wrested from the desert. Irrigation canals long enough to span the earth twice and representing an outlay of \$90,000,000 have been built. Every year this area returns a harvest valued at nearly twice the cost of the irrigation canals. The United States is to-day the largest owner of the great American desert—no doubt as Mr. Blanchard explains, because it was not considered worth stealing. For many years the sentiment has been growing that the government should make this vast empire habitable and this sentiment crystallized into the reclamation law, signed by President Roosevelt on June 17, 1902.

The first of the great irrigation works to be undertaken by the government is in Nevada. In the bed of ancient Lake Lahontan and embracing what was long known as Forty Mile desert, the most desolate and arid spot on this continent except Death Valley, the engineers completed the plans for an extensive irrigation work involving some rather novel engineering features, the greatest and most important of which is that of lifting the waters of the Truckee River into the great canal, which will carry them over into the Carson River reservoir, whence they are diverted into laterals and carried out upon the desert. When completed the Truckee-Carson works will cost more than \$9,000,000 and render productive more than 400,000 acres now absolutely worthless, but which, when irrigated, will send readily for \$30,000,000, it is estimated.

Yes, She Could Help Him Up.

A well-known bishop of Tennessee was taking his customary stroll through the park the other morning. He happened to sit down on one of the benches there. Now the bishop is a very great man, not only in the Methodist Church but in embonpoint as well. His weight proved too much for the bench, which collapsed, spilling him on the ground. About this time a little girl, rolling a hoop along, saw the reverend gentleman prostrate and offered her assistance. "But, my little girl," said the bishop, "do you think you could help such a great, heavy man to his feet?"

"Oh, yes," replied the little girl, "I've helped grandpa lots of times when he's been even drunker than you are."—Lippincott.

Snake on the Gas Meter.

Arch Davenport, a Fort Scott joker, turned a large snake loose in his cellar under his house. The gas meter was also in the cellar, and for six months his snakeship forced the gas company to give Davenport a flat rate on his gas bill. The young man who reads the meter never got nearer to it than the door. Last week the snake was found dead and the reading of the meter showed that Davenport had paid for only half the gas he had used. He was compelled to put up the balance due.—Kansas City Journal.

Fish Story.

Sunfish—Seems that all food one buys is adulterated these days.

Pike—Sure. I never think of buying any canned preserves or anything like that—my wife makes all such stuff as that. Why, last summer she put up forty gallons of jelly fish. Finest jelly fish that ever went down the pike, too.—Kansas City Times.

Quite So.

Towne—I wonder why young Radeley doesn't settle down?

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Towne—What grain?

Browne—Well, the wild oats.—Philadelphia Press.

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Spring is the season when most every one needs a tonic. It is nature's time for renewing and changing; and as everything puts on new life, the sap rises in vegetation, the earth thaws out from its winter freezes, and all respond to Spring's call to purge and purify themselves, there is a great change also takes place in our bodies. The blood endeavors to throw off the poisons and accumulations which have formed in the system, and been absorbed by it, from the inactive winter life, and calls upon every member to assist in the elimination. The system is often unequal to the struggle, the appetite grows fickle, the energies give way, the spirits are depressed, and a general run-down condition is the result.

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