

Story of a Fortune.
Peter Thelussen, a London merchant, died in 1707, leaving a fortune of £700,000. By his will £100,000 went to his wife and children. The rest of his fortune was committed to trustees, with the stipulation that it should be allowed to accumulate during the lives of the sons and grandsons. When they were all dead the fortune was to go to the oldest living great-grandson, or if there should be no great-grandson it should go to the government and be applied on the national debt. The will was contested, but the heirs were unable to break it. The last grandson died in 1850, and the fortune was delivered to Charles Thelussen, the oldest living great-grandson. At the time the will was made experts figured out that the fortune would amount to something like £1,000,000 by the time it should be turned over to the great-grandson, but the expenses of litigation and administration had been so great that he received only about the amount of the original fortune, £700,000.

How Cotton Varies.
Cotton is usually differentiated in ordinary classification by the length of its staple. "Ordinary cotton" in the United States is of several kinds, chief among them the upland cotton, with a staple of from seven-eighths to one inch in length, and gulf of Texas cotton, of which the staple is not usually quite so long. The longest stapled cottons among the "ordinary cottons" here are the bottom land or bender cotton, with a staple of from one and one-eighth to one and one-fourth inch, and the special fancy staple cotton, one and three-eighths to one and five-eighths inch in length. The sea island cotton, which is grown on the sea islands off the coast of South Carolina, has a staple of from one and a half to two and a half inches, the average length being one and three-fourths. Egyptian cotton is being grown in southern California, New Mexico and Arizona. Its staple is not so long as the sea island cotton, but compares rather with the upland cotton here.

Japanese Houses.
A number of causes have affected the size of the Japanese house, which seems much too small for a comfortable habitation in the eyes of the foreigner. In the first place, the people themselves are small, the average height of the Japanese male adult being five feet three and one-half inches and that of the female four feet nine and one-half inches. As it is the usual custom to sit on the floors upon cushions, with the legs bent beneath, great height of ceilings is not desirable. The low ceilings may also be attributed to the lack of any heating systems other than the small charcoal brazier known as the "hiashi." The frequency of earthquakes throughout Japan has been a largely contributing cause as well, and the question of expense in a country where economy reigns supreme has also had a powerful influence.

Odd Cures For Seasickness.
Among curious remedies for seasickness is that which is popular among the mariners in the levant—the daily swallowing of iron rust, which is obtained by the simple process of scraping it off the anchor or anchor chain. But this is only part of the treatment, for a small pouch containing roasted salt and flowers of thyme must be tied upon the abdomen as firmly as can be borne, this being considered to counteract the effect of the internal disturbance caused by the rolling of the vessel. Known to the ancient Greeks as "thyman salt," the preparation has at least the authority of old age, while its efficacy is not without modern testimony. And the belt is better than salt and faith better than the belt.

A Martyr.
"When we were married you said there was nothing you wouldn't do for me," said the spoiled darling.
"Well, my dear," answered her husband patiently, "I was thinking the matter over the other day, and it seemed to me there was nothing you hadn't asked me to do for you, but if there is any little thing on your mind you haven't mentioned yet speak, and I will do the best I can." — Chicago News.

His Double Loss.
"I've been robbed in that hospital!" shouted the loony ex-patient as he met a policeman.
"Who robbed you, and what did they take?" asked the policeman.
"Why, one of the orderlies took my watch, and all the doctors took my temperature." — Baltimore American.

Inherited.
They were jollying the man about his enormous appetite, but he kept "putting away," undisturbed by the taunts. Finally he said in defense:
"Well, you see, I take after both my father and my mother. One ate a long while, and the other ate a great deal."

The Old Trouble.
"Every residence should have a servants' bath," says a housekeeping magazine. Oh, what's the use? The servants don't stay long enough to need a bath.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Easily Managed.
First Girl—I mean to be engaged when I'm nineteen. Second Girl—But supposing you can't manage it? First Girl—Then I shall remain nineteen until I am engaged.

More Effective.
Husband—I saw the doctor today. He says I must go away and rest. Wife—Did you show him your tongue? Husband—No, but I told him about yours.

Effect of Familiarity.
"What we see constantly we cease to see vividly. The faces we notice least are those we know—and perhaps really love—best. Our eyes are a bit faded by following the familiar lines."
"The same is true of pure color," says a writer in the Atlantic Monthly. "Water and sky are very beautiful, and you may suppose that you are duly appreciative of them, but lie on the deck of a catboat and look at them with your head in an unaccustomed position—sideways and upside down—and note how the colors flare out upon your vision."
"Or stay indoors for a few weeks in a room where you do not get much outlook and then go out. You will be blinded by the glory of the world, but not for long. The glory, alas, fades quickly, and habit settles upon you once more!"
"With our friends' faces somewhat the same thing happens. When we first meet them they pique us pleasantly with their unfamiliar line and color. Gradually we grow used to them. The first vision has passed."

Mounting a Horse.
In mounting take the reins in the left hand. At the same time grasp a little mane halfway up the neck. Now turn the stirrup slightly toward you with the right hand and place the ball of the left foot in it. Grab the horn with the right hand and swing on. Don't pull yourself on, but swing on. Settle into the saddle easily; don't flop into it. If you want to get "your neck broke" some time mount by taking the horn in one hand and the cantle in the other, and the time will surely come when you will not be disappointed.

Just a word in regard to dismounting. First withdraw your feet from the stirrups to the ball. Take the horn in the right hand and swing off, letting the left foot slip easily and quickly from the stirrup. Remember this, for many a man has been dragged to death because his foot stuck in the stirrup. Your feet will nearly always come free if thrown from a horse, but the left one is prone to stick in dismounting unless the above precaution is observed.—Outing.

An Analysis of "Ain't"
"Ain't" is an improper abbreviation of "are not." British writers spell it "a'n't," which properly indicates its derivation. Americans make it an inclusive offense, using it for "am not" and "is not," as well as for "are not." It is unquestionably the worst instance of slovenliness in the common speech of today.
Yet it is by no means universal or even of common use. It will slip occasionally from refined lips, always with a jar to the enunciator as well as to the hearer. But the habitual user of "ain'ts" is careless of refinement. He may be an excellent citizen who never beats his wife or kicks the cat. But there is likely to be something slipshod about him somewhere, for "ain't" is needless as well as capricious; it fills no void and supplies no need.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mark Twain as "Attraction."
A girl who was a stranger to Mark Twain once found her way into his Bermuda home with the hope of getting a sight of the author. She came suddenly in contact with him and frankly explained her errand.
"Have you seen the crystal cave yet," he asked, "or the aquarium?"
"No; I came to see you first," she answered.
"Well, you shouldn't have seen me first," he answered. "I run in opposition to the crystal and the aquarium. But they're not shucks to me. I'm lots better. I give them their money's worth. But you should see them. Then you'll appreciate me."
This was said in his most earnest drawl and with only a sparkle of humor in his keen blue eyes.

The Real Thing.
Fred, aged three, had been a naughty boy, and his mother had punished him. He felt very much hurt and complained to his auntie about mamma's spanking him. Auntie said, "It is not you that mamma spans, but a little devil inside of you who makes you do naughty things." After sitting very still for five minutes he said, "It beats all how it hurts me when that devil gets spanked." — Delinquent.

A Great Copper Mine.
For nearly 700 years copper ore (chalcopryite) has been taken regularly from a mine in the province of Dalecarlia, Sweden. The mine contains the largest copper ore deposit in Sweden and is supposed to be one of the greatest chalcopryite properties in the world.

Our Trials.
"You know, my dear boy," said a sympathizing friend to a man in trouble, "that we really gain by our trials in life."
"That depends altogether on the kind of lawyer you get to conduct them," replied the sufferer.

Different Methods.
There are two different kinds of men. Give one a piece of rope and he will hang himself; give a similar piece to the other and he'll form a cordage trust. — Washington Star.

A Real Artist.
"Is Brushpen a good artist?"
"Is he good? Why, he not only can draw pictures that are good, but he can draw checks that are good." — Pittsburgh Post.

By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too.—Shakespeare.

First Wire Suspension Bridge.
The first wire suspension bridge in the United States if not in the world was thrown across the Schuylkill river near the falls of Schuylkill, in Philadelphia, in 1816. Its history is as follows: In 1800 Robert Kennedy and Found Carpenter built a chain bridge at the falls of Schuylkill, which broke down in 1811. Josiah White and Erskine Hazard, afterward prominent as pioneers in the anthracite coal trade of Pennsylvania, had erected a rolling mill and a wire factory in the neighborhood, and after the bridge fell they formed a new company, and another chain bridge was constructed in April, 1811, but this new bridge in turn gave way in 1816. White & Hazard then swung a wire suspension bridge across the river from an upper window of their factory to some large trees on the west bank, steps leading from the trees to the ground. This primitive bridge structure was intended for foot passengers only, and but eight persons were allowed to go upon the footway at one time. The bridge is said to have cost \$125.—Exchange.

Career of the Levelers.
Levelers first appeared in Germany. Two men, Munzer and Storck, taught that distinctions of rank violate the rights of mankind. This was in the sixteenth century. At the head of 40,000 men Munzer commanded the sovereign princes of Germany and the magistrates of cities to resign. His followers ravaged the country until one of the German overlords defeated them in battle. Their leader was beheaded.

A party of Levelers appeared in England in 1647, where they became powerful in parliament. They determined to level all ranks and establish an equality of titles and estates throughout the kingdom. About this time Cromwell departed for Ireland. The Levelers raised mutinies in various quarters. Cromwell put them down in 1649 and imprisoned their leader.
A party of Levelers appeared in England during the French revolution. A "loyal association" was formed against them, and their efforts brought no results.—Kansas City Star.

Twelfth Century Football.
In the twelfth century football was a game for the streets. The chronicler of that period tells how after dinner the city youths "addressed themselves to football" and how the scholars of each school and the apprentices of particular trades would each have their peculiar ball. There were spectators, too, in those days, enthusiastic spectators. Fathers would come to watch their sons and "become as youthful as the youngest, their natural heat seeming to be revived at the sight of so much ability."

In later years there was a famous ball game played in Hyde park. In 1654, then, "there was a hurling of a great ball by fifty Cornish gentlemen on one side and fifty on the other; one party played in red caps, the other in white." And—here the historical value of the contest—Cromwell was a spectator and applauded the "great ability of body" displayed.

Sulphuric Acid Burns.
Burns from sulphuric acid are easily cured. Just remember that plain water—lots of it—must be poured on the victim of a sulphuric acid accident at once, even to throwing the party into the water if possible. This acid on the skin feels like fire. With water quickly applied in great quantity this acid is rendered harmless. Men have been burned with it repeatedly without harm through a knowledge of this proper antidote. If not treated promptly the most horrible disfigurements result. The police department of Paris exhibits wax figures of faces of victims of the foreign practice of throwing this acid in one's face. A prompt treatment of water would have rendered the acid harmless.

Floating a Loan.
"I want to see if I can't borrow a little money from the Brokers and Stokers' bank."
"Well?"
"What sort of man is the president of it? Is he one of those fellows who are impressed by a rusty suit, or does he think a man is a good risk who affects loud vests and gay spats?" — Pittsburgh Post.

The Soft Answer.
He—Ugh! I'm going out of this, and you won't see me again until the day of judgment.
She (sweetly, getting the last word, as usual)—All right, dear, and if you aren't feeling in a better temper please let it be well on in the afternoon.—London Saturday Review.

Heard Out of Doors.
"Well, look at the billygoat! He's the first one I've seen for ages."
"He's hardly an impressive looking object."
"He may not be impressive looking, but he certainly has a striking forehead." — Boston Transcript.

Muddled.
Customer—Is this bread today's? Shopkeeper—Yes'm. Customer—The reason I ask is because the bread I got here yesterday wasn't.—London Telegraph.

Big Spiders.
The South American bird eating spider is as big as a mouse, and its furred feet are so formed that it can walk up glass with practically no difficulty.

Rhinoceros Horn.
In Sumatra the horn of the rhinoceros is esteemed as an antidote to poison and on that account is made into drinking cups.

Annual Report of Fruit Association

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 31, 1915.
To the Stockholders of the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association,
Members:

At this, the annual meeting of the association your board of directors submit herewith a brief report as to the affairs of this organization for 1915.
It will be recalled that the present directors were elected at a stockholder's meeting held May 21, last to fill vacancies in such offices. The old board had engaged a new manager for the remainder of the year, being D. E. Rand, who had assumed his office on May 15, six days previous to said meeting at which the new directors were elected.

The old board had also closed out the staple supplies, such as flour, feed and sugar, leaving entirely new conditions surrounding the association than were ordinary, and leaving comparatively little latitude for the present board to either plan or execute of its own initiative.

It early developed that a very considerable number of growers had promised their crops for 1915 to a competitor of the association, thus creating added burdens which made activity and aggressiveness by the new board plainly inadvisable, even impossible. So a policy of "watchful waiting" was decided upon, in addition to the determination to do all practicable to harmonize existing differences, secure as good results as could be obtained under the circumstances, and have as little actual loss at the end of the year as possible, although believing a loss was inevitable.

In other words your directors accepted the responsibilities thrust upon them, not as important fruit growers, of which they were not, but as a forlorn hope, whose duty was to do as ordered, and to do their level best to save the situation as far as permitted.

The year 1915 is ended, and certain facts and figures are herewith submitted:

During the year by collecting as much of the former accounts and notes owing to the association as practicable, in addition to the year's income, the board has been able to pay to the bank the borrowed money owing at the time it took control, being \$1,000, and also to pay every dollar of the bills for merchandise purchased, and pay all the year's expense items, including \$181.75 of paving, sidewalk and sewer assessments, and \$135.48 taxes, leaving outstanding sundry items amounting to but \$128.13; it has in bank at this date \$829.79. Except the said \$128.13 owing for sundry small accounts as named, the only obligations of the association are:

The building loan, Citizens bank	\$ 3,500.00
Paving and sidewalk assessments, not due	803.69
The following is a conservative statement of this organization's resources January 1, 1916:	
Inventory—	
Material on hand	\$ 651.67
Miscellaneous mdse.	917.13
Canned goods	200.00
Warehouse equipment	161.50
Office furniture and stationery	304.00
	\$2,234.30
Accounts and notes receivable	\$1,975.00
Insurance, unexpired	63.00
Building, value \$6800; paving \$800	6000.00
Cash in bank	829.79
	\$1,1102.09

Liabilities—
Bank loan on building..\$3,500.00
Sundry accounts payable .. 128.13
\$3,628.13

Net worth ..\$7,473.96
As the year approached the close it seemed advisable to the board of directors that members should send in suggestions for the new year's



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Successor to A. I. Lamb.

management and plans. This was so arranged. Later, an informal meeting of stockholders was held December 18, at which consideration was given to these and other matters. Then a committee of seven members outside the present directors was appointed by said meeting to consider same still more and make a written report with recommendations to this annual meeting. Such report will be presented, and doubtless be the basis of this meeting's action.

In conclusion we refer to the vacancy in the board near the middle of the year by the resignation of J. C. Barnard. A successor was elected but failed to qualify. In November Director Biegald died. Resolutions were adopted, but no successor was appointed to fill the vacancy, owing to the nearness of the annual meeting. The present three director's terms expire at this meeting or their resignations are herewith presented, so that five directors are to be chosen to manage the affairs of the association for 1916. Already by letter to the members has this board urged selecting directors from among the larger growers of fruit and products.

It appears to your retiring directors that the conditions are now favorable for the establishing of this organization on a sounder basis than ever before and that great advantage

in securing good marketing at good prices appears possible and probable in the coming year by the cooperation of the growers in and through this organization.
May the new year prove every way successful through the Ashland Fruit Produce association to its members and patrons is the wish of your retiring board.
Respectfully,
W. H. GOWDY,
JOS. B. WARE,
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- 12 Old Style Cast Spiders.

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12 6-Cup Aluminum Coffee Percolators worth \$2.25 at, each... \$1.65

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