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Muddled and Nuddled.

In a recent poem complimentary to the land of his birth, Kipling wrote either of muddling oafs or of nuddled oafs. Contention has arisen as to exactly what he meant.

That an oaf is muddled is plain, reasons the Tacoma Ledger. The very fact that he is muddled causes him to be an oaf.

Kipling does not say commonplace things. Nothing could be more commonplace than the assertion that the oaf is muddled, and, therefore, the chances are that he described this unfortunate being as nuddled.

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The suggestion has been made that perhaps the poet penned his burning lines with the intention of saying muddled oaf. It is plain that a sportsman going out clad in white is likely to get bedaubed with the soil upon which he gambols.

While Governor Shaw was in the executive chair of Iowa he issued pardons to 473 prisoners. Among these were men guilty of offenses against women, to the number of 38; some form of fraud, 26; manslaughter, 14; forgery, 18; perjury, 5; embezzlement, 4; the climax being capped by the extending of freedom to 128 convicted of burglary, robbery or larceny.

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ing for the good old custom of securing a pardon by the simple method of asking for it. The lawbreaker is sent to jail partly because he is a menace to his fellows and partly that he may be reformed.

Newspapers with a turn for making moral mountains out of molehills are just now unctuously expiating Mr. Schwab's little indiscretion at Monte Carlo.

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NOTED AMERICAN WOMEN

In every country and in every age, some woman arose who in spite of the obstacles in her path, believed the world by the power of her influence.

No matter where in the history of the world we turn, a woman's name stands out prominent. But our own country has been more fortunate.

Our nation is rich in noted women; our country on earth has not of half her number. Shall we speak of our own country, our own soil, our own people?

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CHILDREN ESPECIALLY LIABLE

Burns, bruises and cuts are extremely painful and if neglected often result in blood poisoning. Children are especially liable to such mishaps because not so careful.

The South African war has now reached that hot and uncomfortable stage where everybody is accusing everybody else of "prolonging" it.

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CLERK'S WISE SUGGESTION

"I have been lately troubled much with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass.

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A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT

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