

Gems In Verse

Origin of the Earth's Heat. A German physicist, Herr Liebenow, puts forward the theory, which has been hinted by others, that there may be enough radium in the crust of the globe to account for the earth's internal heat. It is only necessary to suppose for this object that radium is "uniformly distributed throughout the mass of the earth in quantities of about one-thousandth of what is known to occur in pitchblende." But there are many indications that radium occurs more frequently than this in all known rocks and that its occurrence is more frequent near the surface of the earth than in the interior.

In Bolero Fashion. Blouse of tulle or cloth, plaited at the top and gathered at the bottom, where it is finished in bolero fashion, with a band of the material piped with a contrasting color and ornamented with sprays of satin ribbon.



The yoke is of the material, cut with overlapping tabs at the shoulders, piped with the contrasting color, ornamented with the sprays and finished around the neck with rows of stitching. The fronts of the yoke are turned back to form little revers, faced with the same color as the pipings and ornamented with little buttons. The fronts of the blouse open over a narrow waist coat of the material.

An Order For Eggs. There is a certain lawyer of the town who devotes all his leisure time to the perpetration of elaborate and solemn jokes. He is in London last summer, and one morning he went into a restaurant with his most distinguished air and proceeded to order breakfast.

"I want two eggs," he said to the waiter. "I want one fried on one side and the other fried on the other."

The waiter nodded and withdrew. A little later he returned.



"Thank you, sir," said the waiter. "I thought that was what you said, but I wasn't quite sure, sir."

Five minutes later an apologetic waiter returned to the American's elbow.



"I beg pardon, sir," he said again, "but the cook and I have had some words. Would you mind having those eggs scrambled, sir?"—Washington Post.

Washington Letter (Special Correspondence.) Of the 286 members composing the house of representatives a considerable number are veterans who have served many years. In the present house more than 60 per cent of its membership served in previous congresses.

The members re-elected will be maintained notwithstanding the defeat of a number of Democrats who have been borne on the rolls for several terms.

The members re-elected on Nov. 8 number 285, which leaves only 101 new members, and of these five have served in previous congresses. These five are Kahn of California, Towne of New York, Blackburn of North Carolina, Graham of Pennsylvania and Kefauver of Ohio.

After many trials and tribulations the animals presented to President Roosevelt by the doughty Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia have arrived in Washington and are now domiciled at the National Zoological park, where they are regarded as valuable acquisitions.

The navy is short of men, and a large increase in officers and men is absolutely necessary if the new ships coming into commission are to be adequately manned.

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On the two public calendars of the house are 135 bills relating for the most part to public lands, Indian reservations, rights of way, establishment of various public projects, etc.

There are about 450 private pension and claim bills on the calendar of the house and twice that number pending for attention in committee.

There are several labor bills on the calendar also. Some of them doubtless will be taken up, while others will be pigeonholed.

Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, expects that at least twenty-five witnesses will be examined when the Smoot hearing is resumed.

When gallantry prevailed in the south no woman was allowed to carry the hat. Archie—Yes, she said that when one got better acquainted with you one found you were not half as big a fool as you appeared to be.—Exchange.

Jiggston—Don't you believe that talk is cheap. A friend of mine had to pay \$5,000 for four words. Jaggson—Great heavens! What were they? Jiggston—"Will you marry me?"—Chicago Journal.

Not His Proper Calling. The late Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, says the Springfield Republican, was on a hunting expedition near Louisville and happened to fall in with a local Nimrod whose unexcelled admiration for the city man's marksmanship paved the way for further conversation.

"What's your name?" the country-man finally inquired.

"Dudley," was the reply.



"I'm a preacher."

"Oh, get out. What are you giving me?"

"But I am, I preach every Sunday."

"Where?"

"In Louisville."

"Well, well, I never would have thought it. You ain't stuck up a bit like most of the preachers down this way."

An invitation to bear this new made acquaintance preach was accepted.

"The Lord meant you for a hunter."

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The United States has granted 2,500 patents to women.

The papermill of England and Wales costs the whole population \$2.38 a head yearly.

The record price for a clock is \$33,000, paid for the timepiece made by Louis XVI. of France. It was purchased by one of the Rothschilds.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the introduction of electric traction into Germany will soon be celebrated in Berlin.

Four hundred Liverpool shopkeepers have petitioned the city council for more police protection from religious processions, which, they say, are ruining trade.

The action of the weather has entirely washed away the ash built slopes of an ancient volcano in Wyoming leaving only the core showing basalt in conular forms.

When the oil in a big tank in Fresno county, Cal., was fired by lightning a cannon ball was shot into the tank and the oil ran out through trenches that had been dug for the purpose.

Professor Constantine Gregory of Naples has discovered a new chemical method for preserving flowers and leaves. The most delicate colors are said to be kept by it for long periods.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is agitating the abolition of or a change in the present system of mail cruises. Several engineers have been struck and killed recently by the device.

A Canadian government agent who has just returned to England says the bookkeepers in Canada are making progress. "They no longer work their women instead of their cattle in the fields."

The bank clerks of England are planning the formation of a union in order to secure an increase of wages, which virtually condemn the clerks to "cellulose lodgings and sixpenny lunches" for life.

The vicar of Little Hutton, England, does not like matters of tombstones to cut their names on the stones, but allows them to do so on stones placed in his graveyard if they pay \$2.50 for the advertisement.

My Mother. Who fed me from her gentle breast And nursed me in her arms to rest And when my cheek sweet kisses pressed? My mother.

The Earth Stopper. Through soaking fields and gateways deep His rick, his timber and his hay, That luckier others, now asleep, Where he has sown the seed may reap Their full delight.

Three Gates. If you are tempted to rebel, A tale some to you has told Another, make it pass, Before you speak, three gates of gold.

"THE BLOTTED PAGE." A Defense in a London Paper of American Spelling.

"Why not? They were as often spelled 'favour' and 'honour' in Shakespeare's day as 'fav'our' and 'h'ou'our.' You must remember that spelling was extremely uncertain in those Elizabethan days, when we are believed to have drawn the well of English unguents from Jonson and Shakespeare, for example, spell 'recede' in four other ways—'re'cead', 're'cede', 're'cede', 're'cede'."

Liked Into Shape. The phrase "licked into shape" owes its origin to a very ancient fable. In Bailey's "Ovid's Metamorphoses," fable 33 has this heading: "Bears bring forth a lump of flesh and by licking reduce it to a proper shape."

Old Ocean's Joke. "There's another bunch of bridal couples on that ship," remarked Father Neptune.

Novels Versus Housewains. Some women will believe things in novels that their husbands couldn't make stick with affidavits—Galveston News.

Chestnuts as a Temperance Aid. "There should be less drunkenness at this season of the year than at any other time," said a specialist in nervous disorders who has a private sanitarium for the treatment of wealthy dipsomaniacs.

Winter Skirts. The shoes to be worn this winter are English in every sense of the word. It is, so far as the walking shoes are concerned. These are heavy and thick soled and are patterned as nearly as possible after those worn by men.

Styles in Skirts. None of the winter materials is thick, and all of them are exceedingly soft and pliable and are cut on lines that successfully dispose of any undue fullness about the hips.

Smart Cashmere Gowns. Cashmere is one of the fashionable materials of the season and is peculiarly attractive in the skirt waist gowns that are so deservedly popular.

Quail in California. The number of quail in central California has been greatly reduced by a disease which the local doctors say is similar to appendicitis in human beings.

Sawdust For Wounds. Fine sawdust has been suggested as a dressing for wounds and as a vehicle for antiseptics. The finely sifted dust when used alone is said to make a clean and pleasant dressing, for it readily absorbs the discharges without becoming lumpy or adhering, and it is as easily rendered antiseptic as cotton wool.

Crushed. "Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack after his quarrel with the undertaker.

Blouse Waist. with the contrasting color, ornamented with the sprays and finished around the neck with rows of stitching. The fronts of the yoke are turned back to form little revers, faced with the same color as the pipings and ornamented with little buttons.

Shirt Waist Dress. The sleeves are among the latest shown, large and full at the shoulders, narrowing at the wrists, where they are finished with deep cuffs.

Three Very Good Reasons. Candid Minister—Good morning, Janet. I am sorry to hear you did not like my preaching on Sunday last.

Her Recommendation. Cholly—So Miss Tartan loosened up and said a good word about me, did she? Archie—Yes, she said that when one got better acquainted with you one found you were not half as big a fool as you appeared to be.—Exchange.

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