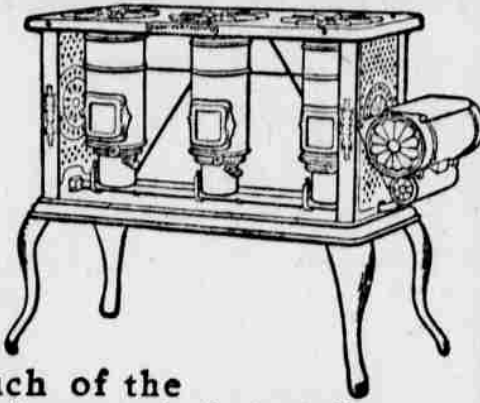
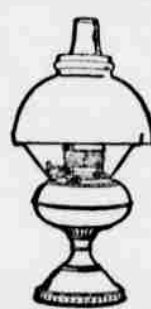


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A friend who was present, evinced surprise at the selection, asking: "Has that man ever worked for you before?"

"No," replied the other; "in fact, I never saw either of them until to-day."

"Then why did you choose the shorter man? The other had a much better face."

"Face!" exclaimed the proprietor of the place, in disgust. "Let me tell you that, when you pick out a gardener, young man to go by his overalls. If they're patched on the knees you want him. If the patch is on the seat of his trousers, you don't."—Success Magazine.

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Latch Key Suffrage.

Over in England the possession of a latchkey has lately been held in the courts to have an important bearing on the electoral rights of a man claiming to be a householder. With us the latchkey has grown so universal as to be no indication of a man's status, or a woman's either, for that matter. Not so very long ago the American woman's right to the latchkey was subject for jocular argument pro and con, but women's latchkeys are now as common as men's. For an institution that dates back only about seventy years the latchkey has stepped with some suddenness into its place of a universal necessity.—Boston Herald.

Family Pride.

Tommy—My papa's automobile is a nicer one than your papa's.
Dickie—Bein' nice ain't nothin'. You can smell my dad's machine a mile away.—Chicago Tribune.

A False Alarm.

"There was a man dropping letters in the new postoffice building last Saturday."

"What! Are they ready to receive mail there?"

"No. This was an English workman and the letters he dropped were all his."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Historical Fragment.

James Monroe was putting the finishing touches on his famous doctrine. "I've got it hammered into shape at last," he said, "although I know, of course, there will always be somebody knocking it, just the same."

Remembering, however, that the Big Stick was on the side of the doctrine, he allowed his freshly barbered face to wrinkle into the semblance of a smile.

His Full Share.

"I sometimes think, Brother Hardesty," observed the pastor, who was dining with him, "that a man ought to give one-tenth of his income to the Lord."

"I'm doin' more than that this year, elder," said Deacon Hardesty. "The only thing I'm makin' any money on now is my hens, and I feed mighty near half of 'em to the preachers."

Cobalt, Ct.

There's a flag station in Connecticut, U. S. A., called Cobalt. The Pilgrim fathers or their near relatives mined the mineral not wisely nor too well. The mine is still there, but no one works it. Not one man in ten thousand in the United States knows the village of Cobalt, Conn., is on the map; but nine out of ten men in New York City and in every United States town boasting of a live newspaper, knows Cobalt, Ontario, Canada, as well as he knows Butte, Mont.—Toronto World.

Example in Full Sight.

Teacher—There is a proverb, "All is not gold that shines." Give me an example.

Scholar—Your nose, sir.—Megendorfer Blaetter.

Liberal Deduction.

Unsophisticated Stranger—Officer, you get a discount on your purchases at the fruit stands, don't you?

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QUITE NATURAL.

Business and Social Relations Inter-mingled in This Case.

She was the elegant and gracious mistress of a fine old mansion in a little town, and her caller was an ancient sociologist. His seat was near the window, and as they talked he observed an aged whitewasher, splashed and shabby, going by with his pail. Suddenly the man paused, retraced his steps, and came up the garden path. A moment later the lady was summoned to the door.

"Oh, is it you, Henry?" the caller heard her say. "We shan't be ready for you till next week. I think there must be some mistake."

"There ain't any mistake, and it ain't the job I came about," drawled Henry's voice, leisurely, "but the skirt o' that green dress you wear Sundays is flappin' out a side winder up-stairs, and there's a storm comin' up—like to be a downpour any minute now—and I kind o' thought maybe 'twouldn't be improved by a soakin'. I guess you'd forgot it."

"Certainly I had!" cried the lady. "I took a spot out with benzine, and hung it over the sill to air, and forgot all about it. O, thank you, Henry!"

The door closed; the guest heard his hostess flying hastily up-stairs, and when, a few minutes later, she reappeared, flushed and laughing, the storm had already broken, and the amiable Henry, with his coat-collar turned up, with sputtering away into the distance before a pelting gale.

"If the business relation everywhere merged as naturally and simply into friendliness as between your whitewasher and you," said the visitor, with a sigh and a smile, "how much easier and fewer would the problems be we sociologists have to consider!"

"Henry is a very nice man, and I've known him all my life," said the lady, with a touch of surprise, settling again comfortably into her easy chair. "Of course he wouldn't let my dress be spoiled as long as he happened to notice it. I'm very glad he looked up."—Youth's Companion.

THE FAVOR IN RETURN.

Secretary Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is the most punctilious of men. The mere suggestion that courtesy demands an act will wring from him what no other considerations could extract. When the strike on the New York subway occurred in 1905, it was reported that the Civic Federation would attempt to settle the trouble by arbitration. Mr. Straus was then vice president of the Civic Federation, and the newspapers tried to get from him a statement in regard to the matter, but he dodged all interviewers.

One paper sent a reporter to Mr. Straus' house at night. Despite the most insistent and varied appeals sent up by the reporter, Mr. Straus refused to see him. After each appeal the butler brought back a polite reply to the effect that Mrs. Straus was sick and that Mr. Straus could not leave her.

In despair the reporter left the house and telephoned his city editor that he could not get an interview.

"Go back and try again," came to him over the telephone.

To return and plead for an interview was both useless and stupid. The reporter sat down on a step and racked his brains for a means of forcing an interview. Suddenly an inspiration came to him. He dashed across the street to a drug store, where he could write, and penned this note:

"Dear Mr. Straus—Please pardon me for disturbing you again, but it is unavoidable. When the Russians were massacring the Jews at Kishinef, the undersigned, at your request, wrote an article of protest that was given wide publicity. He would consider it a return of courtesy and greatly appreciate it if you would give him a short interview at this time relative to the subway strike."

In less than a minute after receiving this note Mr. Straus escorted the reporter into his library, and there dictated an interview.

About the Limit.

A newly married couple came in a hotel where they were resting and asked how much it would cost to get two bowls of boiled rice and milk and were informed that the price was 15 cents per portion. The groom pulled a small package wrapped in a bit of newspaper from his pocket and, opening it, displayed about a double handful of rice, which he said they had gathered from their clothing after the shower which followed the early morning wedding. He inquired how much would be deducted if they furnished their own rice, and upon being informed that no allowance could be made became indignant and remarked that they would wait until they reached home for their dinner rather than submit to such unfair dealing, and left the place. The proprietor said that the young man owned one of the best farms in the town and had established a famous reputation locally for economy, although that is not exactly the way he expressed it.—Forest and Stream.

A Man of High Principles.

Scotsman (up for the week end, who has been asked by his friend to go to a music hall)—Na, na, mon! D'ye no ken I never visit a music hall on th' Saturday, for fear I should laugh in th' kirk on th' Sabbath?—London Opinion.

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"Going to the game this afternoon?"
"Yep. I am awfully busy, too."
"Why don't you wait and read about it in the morning paper?"

"That wouldn't do me any good. I'd have to see the game to understand the article."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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An Old Yarn.
Old Lady—Little boy, do you believe in Santa Claus?
Mickey—Cut it out, old party; a bit on dat kind of a gag at Peter Pan last year.—Cornell Widow.

Hanna's Corn Beef.
Corned beef hash as made by Senator Hanna's cook was very popular in Washington several years ago. When the head waiter of the senate restaurant wanted hash prepared very carefully he ordered it this way: "One corned beef hash for Senator Hanna." One day when the restaurant was doing a heavy business almost everybody seemed to want corned beef hash. "Corned beef hash for Senator Hanna" had been ordered fourteen times. When the fifteenth order went down to the kitchen the chef shouted: "That's fifteen orders for Senator Hanna! He'd better watch out or he'll founder himself."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Back to the Hay.
The foreign nobleman was keenly disappointed.
"I was hoping, monsieur," he sighed, "that you might possibly install me in your glorious family."
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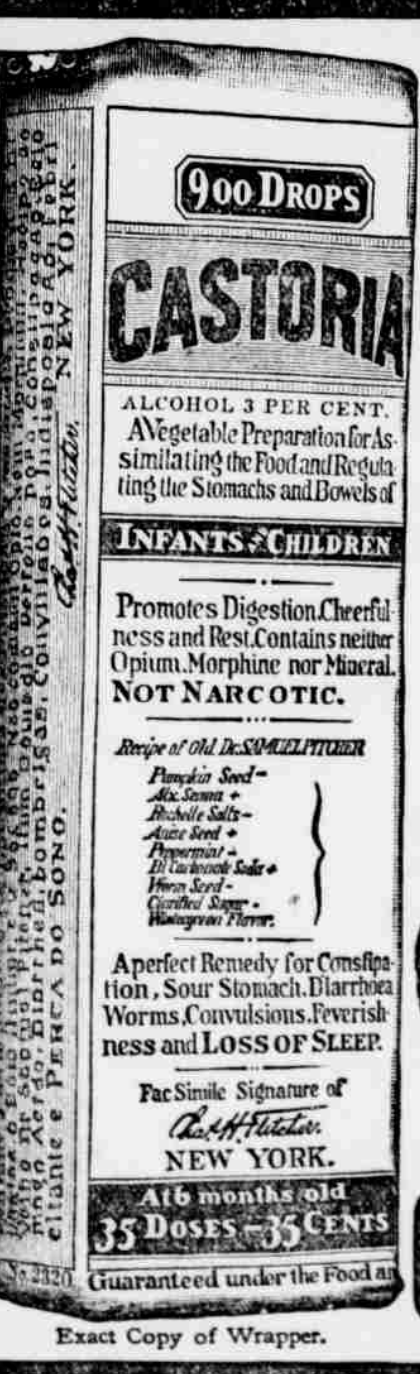
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