

**Lessered Cost of Travel.**  
Before the Siberian railway was available, a trip from London to Shanghai cost from \$325 to \$475. Now it can be made for from \$65, third class, to \$160, first class.

**Exception.**  
"This talk about inventions being injurious to labor is all nonsense," said convict No. 151.

"Why so?" asked the guard.

"Because it is. A patent burglar alarm wuz the cause o' me gettin' five years at hard labor."

**She Might.**  
"I wonder if she regrets her marriage?"

"Why should she?"

"Well, you know, they're both literary, and now her husband thinks himself entitled to every bright idea she has."

**Regret.**  
Mamma—Why, Willie, you asked for two pieces of candy, and you got them. Aren't you satisfied?

Willie—No'm, I ain't. You gave up so easy I'm jest kickin' myself 'cause I didn't ast you for more.

**The Doctor's Bill.**  
"I've come to pay my bill," said the patient. One hundred and ten dollars, I believe."

"Yes," said Dr. Price, "making a total of \$112."

"I don't quite understand."

"That brings it up to date, including today. My charge for office visits, you know, is \$2."

**Play Both Ends.**  
In Guatemala, the Indian population tries to double its chances for the efficacy of prayer by worshipping at a Christian altar with images of its heathen deities hidden behind it.

**Premonition Proved True.**  
A sensational case of coincidence recently occurred at Newport. Mr. Charles Anstee, the proprietor of the Potter's Arms hotel, had a presentiment that he would die on the anniversary of the death of his wife, who fell and fractured her skull a year ago. His friends tried to laugh him out of it, but he was found dead in bed at 5 o'clock a few mornings ago—exactly a year after his wife's fatal accident.

**Where are the Pennies?**  
Somewhere in the world there are 119,000,000 big copper pennies, but nobody appears to know where they are.

**Acting the Part.**  
"Since he married that rich girl I understand Dabsley leads a dog's life." "I expected as much."

"Yes; he does nothing but eat, lie around the house and growl."—Philadelphia North American.

**Cockchafers Trouble Farmers.**  
Swarms of cockchafers are now troubling several Norfolk, England, districts.

**Foiled Again.**  
Hunted and harried to his last stand, the desperate bandit pours shot after shot into the intrepid posse that has surrounded him. Seeing that escape is out of the question, he mutters: "At least the historical novelist of the future shall have no opportunity to marry me off in the last chapter to one of those impossible heroines."

So saying, with a last yell of defiance, he places the pistol to his head and pulls the trigger.

**So Different.**  
Jibbs—Why, what's the matter with you, old man?

Jabbs (groaning)—I've just been bit by a blanket-blank dog.

Jibbs—What an outrage! Why don't you shoot the infernal beast? He may be rabid. Anyhow, it is a duty you owe to society, and the dog's owner ought to be pros—

"Put it was your own dog!"

"Oh! Ah—er, why, old man, he was probably playing with you and bit deeper than he intended! He's such a playful dog!"

**With Cuts.**  
"Your trouble probably arose from some forgotten contusion, whereby an irritation was caused which communicated itself to the—"

"Cut that out!" interrupted the other, impatiently.

"But I was going to explain," said the surgeon, "what caused the cancerous growth—"

"Cut that out too, doctor!" exclaimed the patient.

**Bee Selects Queer Home.**  
Some reels of thread in a factory at Braintree, Devonshire, have been chosen as a home by a solitary bee, which is now actively engaged filling them with honey.

**Uncertain Footing.**  
The fellow who stands on his dignity may discover that dignity is just as slippery as a banana skin.

### THE PASSING OF LIGNEOUS LO.

**Few Wooden Indians Now Show the Way to Tobacco Stores.**  
Slowly but surely all the old friends of our childhood are passing away. But saddest of all is the passing of the American Indian. Not that aborigine that inhabits the western plains.

I refer to that noble figure, the "wooden Indian" that for so many years has been in the tobacco store what the striped pole is to the barber. But, alas, his time has come. And what will the children of the future have to take his place?

This well-known sign has a distinct and logical genealogy. More than three centuries ago Sir Walter Raleigh learned that there was a plant used by the Indians in a manner unknown in Europe. Sir Walter soon acquired the art and introduced it to Europe. In an incredibly brief period all Europe had taken up this delight, while to-day you can scarcely find a region on the globe where tobacco is not known.

And credit was given where it was due. Even where the Indian was unknown, nevertheless his praise was sounded and heralded. Then came the "wooden Indian" as a tribute to the teacher of this "solace and delight of man."

As if by magic all over England and in this country the "wooden Indian" stood as a symbol of a tobaccoist. But to-day his knell is rung, and we of the present generation are seeing the last of one dear old friend.

What child of yesterday but did not delight in gazing at the noble "buck" or sweet-faced "squaw" who held in its wooden hand a bunch of cigars as if to urge upon the world the delights of smoking. In the old days a cigar store without the symbol was like a one-ring circus of to-day. Passers-by would scorn at the attempt to sell the "weed" under any other device.

But all has changed. You walk block after block and pass tobacco stores by the score, but the old friend has gone. The march of an effete civilization has marked him out for slaughter.

His principal rival is the gaudy lithograph. It is with shame that I acknowledge the fact, but the youth of to-day would far rather gaze upon the picture of a chorus girl smoking that abomination, a cigarette, than stand and admire the stolid features of the representation of the past.—Boston Daily Advertiser.

**Disturb Graves of an Ancient Race**

Floods that prevailed in Tennessee recently washed up what had been called an old Indian graveyard. Scientists, however, who have given their critical attention to the find are now inclined to the opinion that it was the resting place of prehistoric men, the mound builders.

The graves were very deep. The green knoll under which they rested gave no evidence of covering such grewsome relics. There has been no indication of a graveyard in the locality within the memory of the present inhabitants and no record of it in history. Before the flood the field was worth \$60 an acre and produced fourteen bales of cotton.

But this year the creek spread over the bottoms as never before, causing much destruction. The soil was swept away in the torrent, and when the water finally receded there were left exposed twelve graves. Some evidently were the graves of adults and some the graves of children.

Now, these graves were evidently not the remains of Indians. They gave evidence that the dead had been buried there with much care, while the Indians were wont simply to wrap a blanket about the body and lay it in a shallow grave.

**The Why of the Trolley.**  
On one point the American is determined: he will not live near his work, says Charles M. Skinner in the Atlantic. You shall see him in the morning, one of sixty people in a car built for twenty-four, reading his paper, clinging to a strap, trodden, jostled, smirched, thrown into harrowing relations with men who drink whiskey, chew tobacco, eat raw onions, and incontinently breathe; and after thirty minutes of this contact, with the roar of the streets in his ears, with languid clerks and pinguid market women leaning against him, he arrives at his office.

The problems of his homeward journey in the evening will be still more difficult, because, in addition to the workers, the cars must carry the multitude of demoiselles who shop and go to matinees. To many men and women of business a seat is an undreamed luxury. Yet, they would be insulted if one were to ask why they did not live over their shops, as Frenchmen do, or back of them, like Englishmen.

It is this uneasy instinct of Americans, this desire of their families to separate industrial and social life, that makes the use of the trolley car imperative, and the street railway in this manner widens the life and dominion of the people, it enables them to distribute themselves over wider spaces and unwittingly to symbolize the expansiveness of the nation.

**Fast Warship for France.**  
At St. Nazaire the French armored cruiser Admiral Aube was launched recently. She is to steam twenty-three knots, carry a crew of 625 men, and will be armed with forty guns and four torpedo tubes.

Some men who are just on the verge of being smart, spoil everything by some fool hobby or habit.

### The Roman Emperors.

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**Historic Key to Hyde Park.**  
Among the treasures preserved at the residence of the Earl of Clarendon is the original gilt key to Hyde park, sent by Queen Anne to Lord Chancellor Clarendon to give him at all times admission to the parks of London—a relic of singular historical interest.

**In Revenge.**  
"He told his wife she ought to take cookery lessons."

"Did she?"

"Well, yes; she sent for her mother to come and give her a three months' course."—Cassell's Journal.

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