

Golden Grains.

"A fellow must sow his wild oats, you know," exclaimed the adolescent John, "Yes," replied Annie, "but one should not begin so soon after cradling."—*Boston Transcript.*

Electricity in Franklin's time was a wonder, but we now make light of it.

"Doctor, examine my tongue," said a good woman. "It needs rest," replied the doctor.

The comet, like the ore in a quotable silver mine, is "in sight," but it takes a good deal of faith and a pair of strong optics to see it.—*Cow Cour.*

Happy is the father whose children are so young that he can delude them into the belief that the procession is all there is of the circus.

"The day wore on," says the narrative. Well, what did it wear?—*Ec.* "Wore the close of the day, of course," is the response of a contemporary.

During a conference of clergymen, not far from Boston, the following dialogue was overheard between two newsboys: "I say, Jim, what's the meaning of so many ministers being together?" "Why," answered Jim, scornfully, "they always meet once a year, to exchange sermons with each other."

"How is it, Mr. Brown," said a miller to a farmer, "that when I came to measure those ten barrels of apples I bought from you I found them nearly two barrels short?" "Singular, very singular; for I sent them to you in ten of your own flour barrels." "Ahem! Did, eh?" said the miller, "well, perhaps I made a mistake."

A skeptical hearer once said to a Baptist minister: "How do you reconcile the teachings of the Bible with the latest conclusions of science?" "I haven't seen this morning's papers," naively replied the minister; "what are the latest conclusions of modern science?"

The truly gifted and learned man is seldom vain of his gifts or acquirements. But he whose natural parts are but feeble, and whose achievements are but slight, is often eaten up with the most inordinate vanity.

"All crimes on earth," says Lord Bacon, "do not destroy so many of the human race and alienate so much property as drunkenness."

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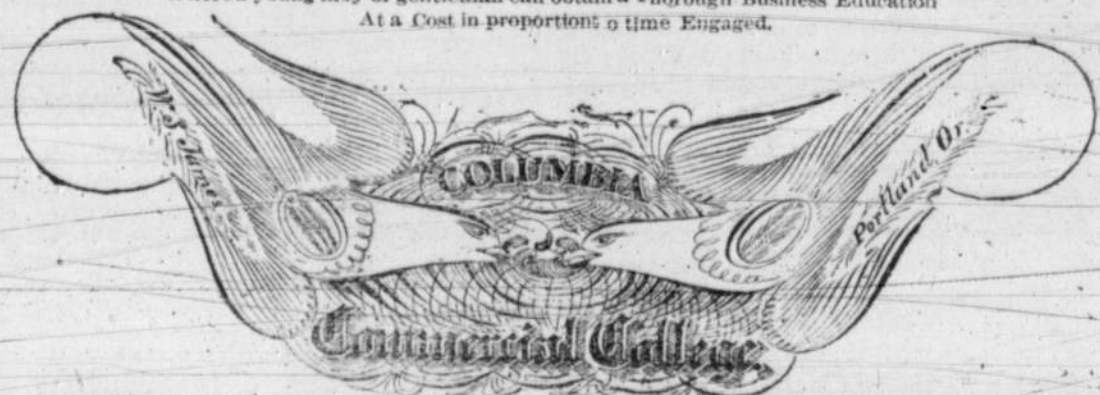
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