

The Ground is Alive.
We are so used to thinking of the soil as mere mineral matter that it comes quite as a shock to find this is a mistake. As a matter of fact, the layer of soft mold which clothes the ground in all cultivable districts and from which vegetation springs is actually in great part a living layer of tiny plants and animals. Interlacing threads of molds and fungi, worms and grubs, creeping insects, tiny root parasites, decaying leaves and the millions of bacteria which spring from them—all these are mixed and mingled together for many inches down below our feet in a confused mass of life. Germs of all sorts swarm in countless millions. Indeed, all the plants that grow and life that exists on the face of the earth owe their being to the fact that the ground is alive. You take a shovelful of the finest soil in the world and sterilize it—that is, beat it till all the life in it is destroyed—and then plant seeds in it. No amount of care or watering will make those seeds grow. Their life depends on the life in the soil around them.—London Answers.

Elephant Life in the Jungles.
Without elephants jungles would be virtually impassable. The great beasts are a mixture of strength and weakness, of craft and simplicity. The paths through the jungle from village to village are merely tracks from which the interlacing foliage has been cut and thrust aside and the virgin soil trodden into a black mud. After a rain this mud is many feet deep, and no living creature except an elephant, a buffalo or a rhinoceros could labor through it. The elephant makes his way by lifting one foot at a time and inserting it deep into the slough in front, withdrawing another with a sound like the popping of a huge cork. Nothing but a ride on an elephant could be compared with the sensation of being run away with by an elephant. As for stopping him, some one has well said that you might as well try to stop a runaway locomotive by pulling with your walking stick on the funnel as seek to check an elephant at such a moment with a goad.

The Questions They Ask.
The capacity of the average small boy for asking questions is practically unlimited, but it is doubtful whether more searching inquiries have ever been made by a boy than those propounded by a youngster to his father, who had taken him for a steamer trip. Here is a partial list:
"Is that water down there any wetter than the water in the Atlantic ocean?"
"What makes the water wet?"
"How many men could be drowned in water as deep as that?"
"Is that big man with the gold buttons on his coat the father of all those men who do whatever he tells them to?"
"Where do all those soapbuds behind the boat come from?"
"Could a train go as fast on the water as this boat?"—Chums.

Mad Dogs.
Mad dogs do not attack people. "When a dog has the rabies," said a physician, "he has lost control of his body, and what he does is mechanical. His jaws snap involuntarily, and if he encounters any object, whether animate or inanimate, he is likely to bite it. But a mad dog does not attack as does an angry dog. He does not pick out a victim or use any strategy. For this reason dogs suffering from rabies are less dangerous than is supposed. No grown person need fear them, for all he has to do is to get out of the way. The dog will not chase him. Of course, young children are in danger, as they do not know how to dodge the brute."

Saving Out a Segment.
This rule is given by the Woodworker for sawing out a segment—a piece straight on one edge and curved on the other: Suppose the segment is to be 48 inches long and 4 inches wide at the central or widest place. Square one-half the length (24 inches), which gives 576; square the width (4 inches), which gives 16; add 576 and 16, obtaining 592; divide 592 by twice the width (24=8), which gives 74 inches, the radius. This rule will apply to any case.

When Stevenson Was Poor.
Robert Louis Stevenson was in poor circumstances in San Francisco before he made his hit with the world. During the time that he used to loaf, penniless, upon the lawn where afterward he put up a bronze and marble statue to him, he picked up a few quarters acting as a waiter in the old California theater, in Fish street.

Mint Not Taken.
"From the grammatical standpoint," said the fair maid with the lofty forehead, "which do you consider correct, 'I had rather go home' or 'I would rather go home'?"
"Neither," promptly responded the young man. "I'd much rather stay here."

His Little Joke.
At the breakfast table Good Friday morning Wilfred was given a hot cross bun. It was very small, raisinless and burnt.
"Ma," said the little fellow, disappointedly, "this seems to be a hot cross bun."—Woman's Home Companion.

The Retort.
Here is a retort which a "dull student" once made: Professor—"You seem to be very dull. When Alexander the Great was your age, he had already conquered the world. Student—"Well, you see, he had Aristotle for a teacher."—Chambers' Journal.

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"Tipping" in Europe.
According to immemorial usage, European servants are entitled to tips as an assured part of their income. At the hotels the theory is that the landlady furnishes a guest with a private room and the use of the public rooms, heat and light, food and dishes, but not mental service. For convenience he keeps at hand a corps of servants who will respond to the guest's summons, but at his expense. In old times travelers were attended by their own servants to wait on them. The modern custom echoes the ancient. The traveler no longer carries with him a retinue of servants, because he can hire the temporary ones of the landlady. The customary fees are the payment. To avoid feeling it really to cheat the servants, who need all they can get, hearers know. A chambermaid at the best hotels receives as wages only about \$2 a month. Tipping servants in America is a regrettable imitation of the European custom without its resting on the reasonable basis of the foreign institutions.—Travel Magazine.

Told Who He Was.
The game warden of Colorado was walking out in the mountains on one occasion when he met a hunter with his gun. The official suggested that that ought to be a good country for hunting. "It certainly is," said the hunter proudly. "I killed one of the finest bucks yesterday I ever saw, and he weighed over two hundred." It was the season when deer may not be shot without subjecting the hunter to a heavy fine. "Well, that is a fine one," said the warden, "and do you know who you are talking to?" Being assured that he did not, the official said, "Why, I am the chief game warden of Colorado." The hunter was only taken aback for a moment, when he asked, "And do you know who you are talking to?" The warden didn't know.
"Well, sir," said the hunter, apparently much relieved, "you are talking to the biggest liar in the whole state of Colorado."—Kansas City Star.

The Primitive Violin.
In its primitive form the violin was a direct development of the lyre and monochord—the strings from the former and the elongated box, with its sound holes, finger board and movable bridge, from the latter. The history of the violin begins with the invention of the bow some time before the thirteenth century, when the violle, or vielle, used by the troubadours, made its appearance. This instrument underwent many changes until the middle of the sixteenth century, when the true violin model appeared. The primitive violin had little or no contour. It was not until the thirteenth century that the violle was scooped out at the waist. The corner blocks were added in the fifteenth century and are attributed to Germany. For nearly a century the sound holes were shifted all over the instrument before they were cut in their proper place and the bridge fixed between them.—Circle Magazine.

Two of a Kind.
A revival meeting was in progress, and Sister Jones was called upon for testimony. Being meek and humble, she said: "I do not feel as though I should stand here and give testimony. I have been a transgressor for a good many years and have only recently seen the light. I believe that my place is in a dark corner, behind the door." Brother Smith was next called upon for his testimony and, following the example set by Sister Jones, said: "I, too, have been a sinner for more than forty years, and I do not think it would be fitting for me to stand before this assembly as a model. I think my place is behind the door, in a dark corner, with Sister Jones." And he wondered why the meeting was convulsed with the laughter of those who came to pray.

Don't Whisk Your Hat.
Never use a whisk broom to clean a hat, either stiff or soft, particularly a soft hat, as it gradually removes the fine surface originally on the hat. The worst effect, however, is the wearing away of the band and binding by such rough usage. The effect is more quickly shown on the best grades of bands and binding. A fine hair brush, one of curved shape, made especially to use under the curl of the hat, is good. Best of all, however, is a thick piece of woolen cloth. Such pieces are now made in the form of pads, with a strap across the back, so that they can be held securely in the hand.—American Hatter.

Striking Originality.
"Your husband is not looking well tonight, Mrs. Rhymor."
"He isn't, and I'm not surprised at it."
"No? Has he been overworking himself?"
"It isn't that so much. It's his originality. Why, that man is struck by so many original ideas that his mind must be one mass of bruises."

Spoiled.
"Publishers insist on spoiling a great many manuscripts, don't they?" said the literary young woman.
"Undoubtedly," answered the bookseller. "A lot of 'em look a heap better typewritten and tied up with a ribbon than they do in print."—Washington Star.

All That Saved Him.
"Yes, sir, he was obliged to go in the snake country, so he took a gallon of Georgia corn along with him."
"And how did he make out?"
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CHARLES A. WYMAN, Plaintiff,
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To John Wesley Ladd, executor of the last will and testament of W. S. Ladd, deceased, John Wesley Ladd, Delia D. Ladd, his wife, Caroline Ames Ladd Pratt, Frederick B. Pratt, her husband, Harry S. Alsworth, Belle Alsworth, Bernice A. Baker, Amanda Holcomb, widow, William Wayne Holcomb, Catherine Holcomb, his wife, John Holcomb, Lillie Holcomb, widow, Minnie Holcomb, Maggie Holcomb, John Holcomb, her husband, A. L. Holcomb, Emma Holcomb, his wife, John Flynn, Harry Holcomb Flynn, Edna Flynn, Belle Wilson, Jacob Wilson, her husband, Grant Holcomb, Alice Holcomb, his wife, Frank Holcomb, Maud Holcomb, his wife, Charles Holcomb, Emma Holcomb, his wife, Jacob Antrim, Joseph Antrim, and P. M. Walker, of the above named defendants:
In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint herein on or before the last day of the month of July next, in order to publish the same, to wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks next from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, the first publication thereof being on June 7, 1907, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: That plaintiff have a decree of said court adjudging that you, and each of you, have no estate, right, title, claim or interest in or to the following described real estate situate in Washington County, Oregon, to-wit: Parts of Sections 4 and 5, in T. 36 N., R. 12 W., W. 1/2 Mer., containing 282 acres, more or less, known as the Donation Land Claim of Francis M. Walker and wife, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: The West half of the West half of Section 4, and the North half of the North East quarter, and lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, of Section 5, Township and Range aforesaid, and that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, and in possession of said real estate, and that said defendants, and each of them, be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title, or interest in or to said premises, or any part thereof, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication, in The Hillsboro Independent by order of Hon. J. W. Goodin, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on June 5, 1907.
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Administratrix' Notice.
Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been by the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, duly appointed administratrix, with Will annexed, of the estate of Gaudens Lucius Luetcher, deceased, and have duly qualified as such administratrix.
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me with proper vouchers, at the law office of M. R. Bump, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.
Hillsboro, Oregon, June 7th, 1907.
ANNA ELIZABETH LUETCHER,
Administratrix, with the will annexed, of the estate of Gaudens Lucius Luetcher, deceased.
M. R. Bump, Attorney for the Estate.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of Annie S. Caldwell, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, her final account in said estate, and that the same has been set for hearing and settlement before said court, on Monday July 22, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Dated this June 20, 1907.
ELAIE CALDWELL,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Annie S. Caldwell, deceased.
Benton Bowman,
Attorney for Executrix.

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