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**Graduated from the Bible.**  
Octave Thanet tells a story of an old darky in Florida who was anxious to learn to read, so that he could read the Bible. He said that if he could read the Bible he would want nothing else. A friend of the narrator taught him to read. Some time afterward she visited his cabin and asked his wife how his Bible reading was getting on.  
"Lawd, Miss Fanny," said this person, "he jes' sutlinly kin read fine. He's don't got outen de Bible an' into de newspap'ers."—Indianapolis News.

**Keeps Them Away.**  
First Landlady—"My boarders loaf around the parlor every evening, much to my annoyance. Does yours?"  
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**He Could Improve It.**  
"I went to the theater last night."  
"What did you see?"  
"A play called 'Hamlet.'"  
"How was it?"  
"Fair; only fair. A good, lively sextet would do it a world of good."—Washington Herald.

**Echoes of the Past.**  
Wagner was writing the music of the future.  
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**Hirsute Glory.**  
The young man was admiring her beautiful and abundant hair.  
"What a wealth of it there is!" he exclaimed. "When you loosen it I suppose it drags to the floor."  
"Huh!" broke in the little sister of the young woman. "It drops on the floor!"—Chicago Tribune.

**Outside of His Practice.**  
"All that is the matter with you, sir," said the eminent physician, after a thorough examination, "is lack of nutrition. You don't eat enough."  
"I eat all I can hold, doctor," said the attenuated caller.  
"Then you need to have your capacity enlarged, and that's a case for a surgeon. Five dollars, please. Good morning."—Chicago Tribune.

**Deplorable Business Error.**  
"Did you ever make a mistake, doctor?"  
"Yes, once I was called in by a patient and diagnosed his case as stomach ache—I only learned the following day that he was rich enough to have appendicitis."—Die Muskete.

## THE LAPPS, SMALLEST PEOPLE IN EUROPE.



Two Pictures in Upper Line Show Winter and Summer Homes of the Lapps. Lower—Lapland Women; the Lapland Express, Most Northern Railway in the World; (Reindeer Horn Seller.

Among the strange people of the world are Laplanders, regarded as the smallest inhabitants of Europe. The Lapps call no one country his home, and he is little concerned in the affairs that interest other residents of his native land. Altogether there are about 28,000 Lapps, and they are scattered over parts of Sweden, Norway and Russia. Perhaps the greater number are Norwegians. Those in Sweden are closely allied to the Finns. They range in height from four to five feet, very rarely more than that. However, they are a strong and hardy race, and possessed of great powers of endurance. For untold generations they have lived in the frigid climate of the far north, and although they suffer severely from the intense cold of their native land, they do not thrive at all in a less rigorous climate.

The reindeer, made famous the world over in our Santa Claus tales, is the Laplander's mainstay of life. Without this faithful friend he could not long exist. Its milk and flesh supply him with food, and from its hide and fur he gets his clothing. During the long winter it is harnessed to a boat-shaped sled, and will swiftly draw the sled and a load not exceeding 200 pounds over the frozen lakes and anywhere in the vast expanse of hard, dry, snow. This queer animal, whose food is necessarily scant throughout the winter, will thus burdened travel at a speed of from nine to ten miles an hour for many hours at a time. It is estimated there are about 400,000 reindeers in Lapland. For the most part these are in a semi-wild state. These shift for themselves. To be sure, the reindeer is found elsewhere in Europe, and four or five centuries ago was found in countries far to the south of the Arctic regions. Deer from Lapland have been taken to Alaska, where they are flourishing.

### AN OFFICIAL ACT.

Margaret Brown came one day into the office of a government official in Chicago. She was from Massachusetts, says a writer in the Chicago Tribune. Her son had come to Chicago some time before to seek his fortune.

But fortune had not favored Margaret's son, and he soon wrote home for fifty dollars. It was sent him. Then followed another hard-luck story, and another fifty was sent him. A third time Ed asked for fifty dollars. This was more than the mother could endure, and full of misgivings and fears, she picked up a suit case and started for the West to make investigations.

But where in Chicago was Ed? She had but one address—general delivery—and countless people get their mail there. How could she find the elusive son among the thousands who daily cross the great rotunda?

She would stand there and watch for him. He might come in the morning, he might come in the evening; he might come the first day or the third, but stand there she would till she stood face to face with the prodigal.

But even for the tedious privilege of standing there permission had to be secured; hence her call on the official. The official realized how unpleasant to a refined woman such an experience would be. He pondered a moment as to how he might keep from breaking laws and regulations, and yet accomplish the mother's desire in a manner at least comfortable.

"Where are you staying?" he inquired, after a moment's reflection.  
"At the Great Northern."  
"I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll write your son a note."  
And he sent this letter:  
"Mr. Brown. You are requested to call at the Great Northern, room —, Thursday, between 5 and 7 p. m."  
"A Friend of the Family."

He sealed it and addressed it to the general delivery.  
The next step in the story was a delicately written note from Boston, announcing the safe arrival home of Ed and his mother. Ed had called at the general delivery, to his astonishment had found his mother in room — at the Great Northern, had gone home, and the mother was happy.

### FINE FURNITURE VENEERED.

How Oak is Used—Imitation Cherry Hard Wood.  
"There is a great deal of so-called oak furniture sold nowadays," said Eugene J. Hicks. "A large part of this furniture is veneered. This is particularly true of parlor and ornamental furniture. Coarse and common furniture may be made of solid oak, but fine furniture is almost invariably veneered."  
"This is because a much finer finish can be got from quartered oak veneer than from the solid wood. The grain comes out better, and it takes a higher polish. Where strength and durability are required, the solid wood is used, but for surfaces veneering is preferable. Indianapolis is the largest veneer manufacturing center in the world. The arcades used to be regarded as a comparatively worthless tree, but it works up well in veneering, and finds many uses in the manufacture of furniture. It can be stained in imitation of cherry and other hard woods."  
"There are two kinds of veneering—sawed and sliced—but it takes an expert to tell the difference. The process of manufacture is simple and interesting. The logs, delivered at the factory in the rough, about thirteen feet in length, are first cooked in hot water vats to make them soft and workable. "It does not matter how green they are. After being thoroughly cooked they are placed on machines designed for the purpose, and either sliced by a powerful knife the length of the log or cut by a circular saw into slabs about one-twentieth of an inch thick. These slabs are the full length of the log, and when first cut are so pliable that they can be bent double without breaking. The uniform thickness or thinness of the slabs is preserved by the action of the machinery, and does not vary so much as a hair's breadth in the entire length of the slab."  
"After the slabs are sliced or sawed they are seasoned by steaming. This requires only about twenty-four hours, and then they are ready for the market. Some of the huge oak logs that come to the factory show by the rings in them that the trees were from 250 to 400 years old."—Washington Herald.

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### Fearless Swimmers.

In the water the Hawaiians are absolutely fearless. As soon as they can walk, little babies are taken to bathe in the sea, and in a very short time they are able to swim like porpoises. The author of "Hawaiian Yesterdays" gives a reminiscence of the courage of the natives:  
Our party had arrived in Hilo Bay, and we were all seated upon the platform of a big double canoe, paddling ashore from the schooner which lay out in the harbor. A throng of natives lined the beach, waiting to welcome their returning teachers.

Just as we were entering the surf that rolled upon the sandy shore, through some accident the canoe suddenly filled and sank, leaving us all sitting half-submerged in the shallow water. With a loud roar of "Auwe!" (Oh, and Alas!) the assembled crowd rushed as one man into the waves and bore us safely to land.  
On one occasion, about the same date, a coasting vessel was upset in a violent squall between the islands of Hawaii and Maui. Although the nearest land was twenty miles distant, the native crew and passengers boldly struck out to swim ashore; and several of them did come safe to land after a night and day in the deep.

Among the survivors of the wreck was a poor woman who for several hours swam with her husband upon her back; but the poor man died of cold and fatigue, and had to be abandoned at last before the coast was reached.

**The Usual Way.**  
"Say, pop, what's a raffle?"  
"A raffle, my son, is where I buy nineteen chances on a diamond ring and the fellow with one chance wins it."—Kansas City Star.  
Even a lawyer objects to being cross-questioned by his wife.

# RHEUMATISM CAN NOT BE RUBBED AWAY

It is perfectly natural to rub the spot that hurts, and when the muscles, nerves, joints and bones are throbbing and twitching with the pains of Rheumatism the sufferer is apt to turn to the liniment bottle, or some other external application, in an effort to get relief from the disease, by producing counter-irritation on the flesh. Such treatment will quiet the pain temporarily, but can have no direct curative effect on the real disease because it does not reach the blood, where the cause is located. Rheumatism is more than skin deep—it is rooted and grounded in the blood and can only be reached by constitutional treatment—IT CANNOT BE RUBBED AWAY. Rheumatism is due to an excess of uric acid in the blood, brought about by the accumulation in the system of refuse matter which the natural avenues of bodily waste, the Bowels and Kidneys, have failed to carry off. This refuse matter, coming in contact with the different acids of the body, forms uric acid which is absorbed into the blood and distributed to all parts of the body, and Rheumatism gets possession of the system. The aches and pains are only symptoms, and though they may be scattered or relieved for a time by surface treatment, they will reappear at the first exposure to cold or dampness, or after an attack of indigestion or other irregularity. Rheumatism can never be permanently cured while the circulation remains saturated with irritating, pain-producing uric acid poison. The disease will shift from muscle to muscle or joint to joint, settling on the nerves, causing inflammation and swelling and such terrible pains that the nervous system is often shattered, the health undermined, and perhaps the patient becomes deformed and crippled for life. S. S. S. thoroughly cleanses the blood and renovates the circulation by neutralizing the acids and expelling all foreign matter from the system. It warms and invigorates the blood so that instead of a weak, sour stream, constantly depositing acid and corrosive matter in the muscles, nerves, joints and bones, the body is fed and nourished by rich, health-sustaining blood which completely and permanently cures Rheumatism. S. S. S. is composed of both purifying and tonic properties—just what is needed in every case of Rheumatism. It contains no potash, alkali or other mineral ingredient, but is made entirely of purifying, healing extracts and juices of roots, herbs and barks. If you are suffering from Rheumatism do not waste valuable time trying to rub a blood disease away, but begin the use of S. S. S. and write us about your case and our physicians will give you any information or advice desired free of charge and will send our special treatise on Rheumatism.

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