

**Judicial Flattery.**  
"On what ground, sir," sternly asked the judge, "do you seek to evade your duty as a citizen?"  
"On the ground, your honor," responded the man who had been summoned as a juror, "that I am 65 years old and no longer legally liable to jury service."  
"You don't look it by twenty years, sir," said the judge, "but your excuse is sufficient, and, of course, I shall not."  
"Still, your honor," interrupted the other, "inasmuch as your honor puts it before me in the light of my duty as a citizen, I am willing to waive my claim to exemption and will serve with pleasure."

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"One day I was driving my engine across the prairie when suddenly a considerable town loomed up ahead where nothing had showed up the day before. 'What town's this?' says I to my fireman.  
"Blamed if I know," says Hill. 'It wasn't here when we went over the road yesterday.'  
"Well, I slowed down, and directly we pulled into the station, where over five hundred people were waiting on the platform to see the first train come in.  
"The conductor came along up front and says to me:  
"Jim, first we know we'll be running by some important place. Get this town down on your list and I'll put a brakeman out on the rear platform to watch out for towns that spring up after the train gets by."—Minneapolis Journal.

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In a quiet way the Imperial government of Japan has been placing some big orders in the markets of the United States which will help to keep our industries busy. Payment for the supplies ordered will distribute in this country some of the capital which United States investors parted with when they bought the Japanese bonds.

From a reliable source it is ascertained that the orders now placed in this country by Japan for railroad supplies and in the course of execution aggregate in value the large sum of \$7,000,000. An order was recently placed with the United States Steel Corporation for 51,000 tons of rails to be delivered in lots of 6,000 tons a month at the standard price of \$28 a ton.  
These rails, with the fastenings, will cost the Imperial government about \$30 a ton when they are delivered at Dalny. They are to be used in the construction of railroads in Manchuria by Japan.  
Orders for 316 bridges have also recently been placed with the United States Steel Corporation by the Imperial government of Japan, while from the same source orders for 600 cars and 115 locomotives have also been placed in American shops. All the equipment is up to date in specifications.

During the war Japan was so anxious to obtain locomotives and cars that cast-off equipment was accepted. But now the best that can be made is none too good to satisfy the exacting demand for the government work. A corps of agents is stationed at the various shops for the purpose of inspecting materials and workmanship and to see that the specifications are lived up to in the minutest detail.



**Granular Eyelids.**  
Trachoma, or granular eyelids, is the disease which the authorities are striving so hard to keep from becoming established in this country. It already prevails here to a considerable extent, but it could be overcome if fresh cases could be excluded; and it is because many would-be immigrants suffer from it that they are turned back from these shores every year.  
It is a disease which afflicts chiefly the poorest classes in Europe, especially in Russia and Poland, and its spread through contagion is increased by the dirty and unhygienic surroundings in which these people live.  
The disease is extremely contagious, and if introduced into a public school is likely to attack a very large number of the pupils unless it is early recognized and the sufferers are excluded.  
The inflammation, which soon becomes chronic in its course, involves at first the mucous membrane which lines the lids, but is almost certain, if neglected, to spread to the covering of the eyeball. If the lid is examined it will be seen to be studded on its under surface with a number of little round bodies of a grayish-white color, embedded in the thickened mucous membrane. The upper lids droop, so that the eyes are only half open. After a time the eye itself becomes affected and the cornea grows opaque. This leads to more or less complete blindness.  
The treatment of granular lids must be energetic, and begun early, if relief is to be hoped for, since the disease is a progressive one, which advances steadily to scarring and impairment of vision unless checked in time.  
The treatment is one calling for the skill of the physician. Domestic remedies are useless, even harmful, since the application of them causes dangerous delay and postpones the institution of scientific measures of relief.  
For the protection of others it is vitally important that the sufferer from granular lids should have his own toilet articles—soap, towels and even wash basin—which must on no account be used by others. The towels and handkerchiefs used by him should not go into the common wash, and should always be thoroughly boiled for ten or fifteen minutes and ironed with as hot an iron as can be used without scorching. It is only by the exercise of persistent precautions of this sort that the other members of the family can be protected.

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**A Small Target.**  
"He said he would blow his brains out if I refused him."  
"Did you accept him?"  
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**As to Uncle Henry.**  
"I tell you, Maria," said Farmer Mack, after the visitor from the city had retired for the night, "it's doing Uncle Henry a power of good to get away from the city and come out here where he can breathe the fresh air. He says it's all right to talk about the comforts and conveniences of city life, and all that, but you can't improve on nature."  
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"If a gentleman can't be waited on promptly in this place," he said, with a frown, "there are plenty of other places." Then he strolled leisurely out, picking his teeth, and presently wended his way unobtrusively to the 5-cent lunch counter around the corner.

**Faith Cure.**  
"Tommy," said his Sunday school teacher, "your cold is much better than when I saw you last."  
"Yes'm," answered Tommy. "I cured it by prayer."  
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"I reckon I do," said one small, serious-looking boy.  
"What is the reason, Johnnie?"  
"I guess he's home writing poetry."  
responded the boy, with a delighted chuckle.

**A Dist-tention.**  
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