A Bad Break.

Wife—Why did you give that phonograph away just before we were married? Didn't you think I could use it?

Husband—My dear, I gave it away to keep peace. Don't you know that no house is big enough for two talking machines?

And at the last report he was still trying to square himself.—Detroit Free Press.

Recognition.

"The men who devote their time to the country's service should be recognized," said the official.

"Well," answered Farmer Corntassel, "some of 'em should and others 'ud be more respected if they could approach the payroll in disguise."—Washington Star.

Less Lavishness.

"Do you think your insurance company is being conducted more economically?"

"I'm sure of it," answered the hopeful citizen. "It doesn't send me nearly as many blotters and calendars as it used to."—Washington Star.

No Stranger to That.

Mrs. Highmus—I suppose at some time in your life you struggled with the Nibelungenlied?

Mrs. Goswell—O, yes; I had an awful siege of that in '93. I had to take all kinds of nasty medicines before I got it out of my system.

Not Quite the Same.

Miss Bute—He told me once that I was quite pretty.

Miss Chellus—Yes, he also told me that you were quite pretty—once.—Philadelphia Press.

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Salesman—Then you want a plug hat, of course, with a black band around it. That is the nearest we can come to a Disconsolate Widower hat.—Chicago Tribune.

Gave It Up.

"Uncle Henry, how big a tarpon did you ever catch?"

"Why, Sammy, once!—but how big a tarpon did you ever hear of?"

"Seven feet ten inches is the record."

"I'm not going to try to beat that, Sammy. I have only a few years to live, and I want to go to heaven some day."

A Financier.

Judge—How many times have you been arrested before?

Prisoner—Five, sir.

Judge—Then I shall feel it my duty to impose the maximum fine——"

Prisoner—But, your honor, isn't it only fair to give a reduced rate to regular customers?—Judge.

Premature.

Husband (on overland train)—You mustn't mind it, Maria, if I take several doses of spirits during the day, from now on. It's the only thing that will cut this alkali dust that gets into one's throat.

Wife—You won't have to do it today, John. I've been making some inquiries, and I find we don't strike the alkali region for 500 miles yet.

The Wise Men.

"After all, it's the wise man who can change his opinion."

"But the wisest men simply can't do it."

"Why not?"

"Because they've been dead for years."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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His Busy Day.

"Ethel," he whispered, "will you marry me?"

"I don't know, Charles," she repiled, coyly.

"Well, when you find out," he said, rising, "send me word, will you? I shall be at Mabel Hicks' until 10 o'clock. If I don't hear from you by 10 I'm going to ask her."—Tid-Bits.

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A Delicious Custard.

The recipe for this delicate dessert has been handed down in my family for many generations: Into each individual custard cup put the yolk of one egg, add one heaping teaspoonful of sugar, two gratings of nutmeg and five tablespoonfuls of sweet milk. Incorporate thoroughly and set the cups in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven until firm. When cool, cover with a meringue, using the whites of the eggs for this purpose, and allow one tablespoonful of powdered sugar to the white of each egg. Through the very tiptop of each snowy mound drop a teaspoonful of orange marmalade.—Delineator.

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But Never Call Him Early.

He—Funny thing about your sex. Call a woman "a bird" and she's pleased. But call her a hen or an old crow and she gets angry.

She—Nothing exclusively feminine about that. Call a man "a sad dog" and he feels good. But call him "a miserable cur"—the same thing—and he'll knock your head off.—Boston Transcript.

Knew One of the Firm.

Attendant (showing him through the structure)—This house is built on what is known as the "slow combustion" plan.

Mr. Pocuritch—Ah, yes; I think I know Slocum. I have seen him at the club; but I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bustion.—Chicago Tribune.

Brazilian railroads in operation at the beginning of last year had a total length of 10,776 miles. In addition there were 1,982 miles under construction and 4,177 miles being surveyed or already approved, making the total mileage about 16,855 miles.

No Cause for Alarm.

"Look, officer!" shouted the excited citizen. "That big department store is afire!"

"What makes you think so?" asked the officer, calmly.

"Why, don't you see all those woman shoppers coming down the fire escapes?"

"Oh, yes; but that is not the sign of fire. You see, they can't get through the revolving doors with those big hats."

In the Concrete Age.

First Government Officer (a few years hence)—Anything particular on hand today?

Second Government Officer—Yes; I've got to go this afternoon to take part in the molding of the corner stone for a new battleship.

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ARE LEARNING KALE.

Oregon Farmers Overcome Prejudice of Long Standing.

From the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.

Kale is one of the best talking crops in Oregon. When the Oregon booster wants to prove that Oregon is the best dairy state in the union he has to talk kale. Unless he knows what kale will do to the milk bucket he has not qualified as a booster. It is called the thousand-headed kale, and the botanist knows it as brassica cleracea, but it is the plain kale of four letters that does the talking. The strange thing is that it has only been during the last two or three years that it has had an audience, though it is nearly thirty years old in the Willamette valley. It has tried to talk all those years, but the people wouldn't listen when it sought recognition. "We never heard it talk," they insisted, "back in Iowa and New York. Back there cows produce milk without kale, and I guess they will have to here." That is tradition. It took thirty years for kale to get an audience in this state and live down tradition.

The dairymen of New York understand what green succulent food means to the dairy cow, and they build expensive silos, buy expensive machinery, and grow fertility-robbing corn, which they irrigate with their sweat, in order that the farmer during the long winter months may have an excuse for milking his cows. The Oregonian needs no expensive silos to remind the cow of the good old summer time. Kale! A thousand blessings on the thousand-headed kale! It is making Oregon the greatest dairy state in the union.

When grown under favorable conditions kale will yield 40 tons per acre of green feed, and its chief value is as a soiling crop during the fall and winter. Splendid results are being secured by feeding kale and vetch hay to dairy cows, without any grain or mill feed. Dr. Withycombe, of the Agricultural College, says that 15 pounds of vetch hay and 40 pounds of kale a day is practically a balanced ration for a dairy cow. Mr. W. L. Wilson, of Banks, Or., says: "I received $209 from 14 cows in the month of December, and fed them nothing but kale, turnips and vetch hay. The man who feeds chop would have to make $237 to clear as much as I do. I have not had a speck of mill feed in the barn all winter."

Mr. Byron Hunter, of Corvallis, has, as assistant agriculturist of the bureau of plant industry, U. S. department of agriculture, made a special study of the forage crops of Western Oregon, and in Bulletin No. 91, published jointly by the Oregon Experiment Station and the Department of Agriculture, has the following to say about kale, which is timely:

"Methods of Sowing.—For fall and winter use kale is usually sown in drills on well prepared and drained soil as soon after the 15th of March as the season will permit. This furnishes plants for transplanting in June and July. The land used for transplanting is well manured and plowed two or three times between the first of March and the first of June. With the land in perfect tilth it is plowed again with a 12-inch plow about the first of June, and the young kale plants dropped into every third furrow about two and a half to three feet apart. This places about one plant on every square yard. The roots of the plants are placed where the next furrow covers them, leaving the tops uncovered. The plants that are plowed in during the day in this way are rolled in the evening of the same day to pack the ground. Two or three cultivations are all that can usually be given, for the plants will soon touch in the row, if they do well. Any plants that fail to grow may be replaced by hand. Some growers prefer to plant the seed in hills, and when the plants are large enough thin them to one plant in a hill. Others put kale out just as cabbage is usually transplanted, instead of plowing it in. The time of transplanting must be determined by the size of the plants and the condition of the land. If the land is wet and subject to overflow the transplanting may be delayed until during July. If the land is well drained and the plants are large enough, it may be done before the first of June. In transplanting, enough plants may be left for a stand on the land where the seedlings are grown.

A man living at Maud wants to know if he can irrigate his trees by means of a water wagon and barrels. Professor Thornber did not favor the plan, stating:

"This would be rather too complex. I am of the opinion that you will find it too great an expense, considering the value of a team and a man, to haul this water during the summer. The station would advise you to try and conserve this moisture by means of culture. This could be done with good effect during the summer months. I have had considerable experience on the state college campus in hauling water; and have concluded, first that it is impracticable to place water around the tree without a heavy mulch of straw; second, that nothing much less than a barrel of water for each tree at each watering, should be given. This will soak the ground up fairly well, and in our case, I did not need to water the trees on the campus more than twice during the summer. I do not know that it will be possible for you to make use of a heavy mulch, but in order to hold the water, it is necessary to do so. You can use rotted straw for this, or forest leaves."—From the Washington State college, Pullman.

ALL RUN DOWN.

Miss Della Stroebe, who had Completely Lost Her Health, Found Relief from Pe-ru-na at Once.

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Working His Patient.

Ambassador Wu Ting Fang was once, it is alleged, telling about a certain selfish politician. He said: "The man reminds me of a doctor of Shanghai. A mandarin came to this doctor for advice. He could not sleep, had no appetite, suffered a good deal from depression and nevertheless was taking on fat at an alarming rate. 'We'll soon put you in condition again,' said the physician. 'What you need is exercise—good, hard exercise. Four times a week you can come here and put in the morning polishing my floors.' 'But why not my own floors?' the mandarin inquired. 'Mine,' said the physician, 'are larger.'"

A Bit of Advice.

This is a bit of advice offered by the Gunnison Gazette:

Young man, if you should come across a girl who, with a face as radiant as a sunflower, says as you appear at the door, "I will be busy for half an hour yet, for the dishes are not washed," just squat right down on the doorstep and wait for her, because some other chap may come along and secure the prize, and right there you will have lost an angel.

In the Literary Workshop.

"Brooks," said Rivers, who had been struggling desperately an idea for more than half an hour, "give me a rhyme for 'perfunctory.'"

"Sorry, old man," answered Brooks; "but there isn't any."

"Dash it!" exclaimed Rivers.

Thereupon he proceeded to do it in blankety blank verse.

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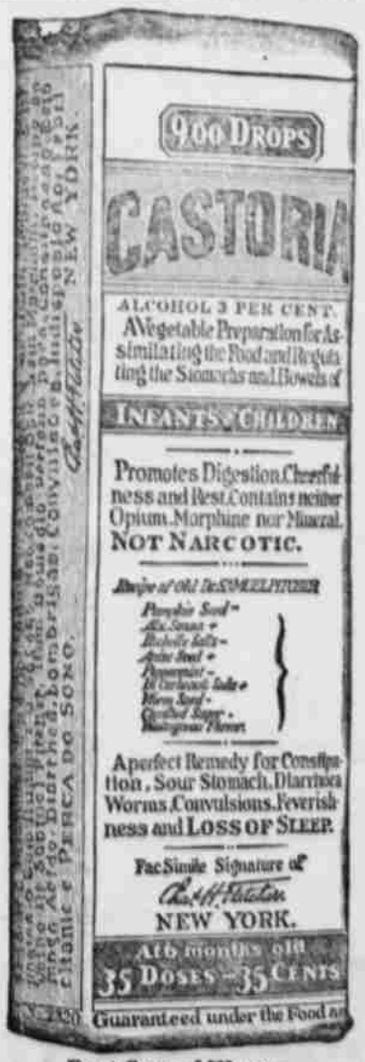

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