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#### Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

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#### BIRD CATCHING.

The Natives of India the Most Expert in the World.

There is something almost supernatural about the dexterity of the natives of India. A bird is seen perched on some overhanging bough. Very well, then. The native, with his cat-like tread, creeps underneath and takes up his position, motionless, breathless, a living statue crouching down among the grass. In his hands are a bundle of reeds, one of which is tipped with bird lime. To this he adds another at the lower end, and another and another. Slowly the reeds grow, so slowly that the unsuspecting victim does not notice that every second it is creeping nearer and nearer. Length after length is joined, until the bird sees for the first time a tall reed quivering slightly in the breeze. There is nothing terrifying in this. The next instant the reed flutters against the gay plumage of the victim and the waiting Indian springs to his feet with a cry of exultation. As a rule, however, the bird is soon released again. The native carries his treasure into the town, and finds out one by whose religion the lives of birds are sacred. He then demands the little creature's ransom with a threat that unless immediately paid the bird shall be killed. The bargain concluded, he lets the frightened creature go, pocketing the money and sets to work to capture it again.

#### The Viagraph.

The viagraph is a newly-invented machine for accurately determining the inequalities of a road surface. It resembles a sledge, and in principle is a straight edge applied continually to the road on which it may be drawn. The machine carries a roll of paper which receives the impression of two pencils. One of these is fixed and marks a perfectly straight line, while the other rises and falls according to the variations of the surface. These variations are transmitted by a serrated wheel which travels on the road surface and is attached to one end of a lever which is pivoted in the center. At the opposite end of the lever is the second pencil, and as the wheel rises and falls with the undulations of the road surface the pencil rises and falls correspondingly, thus making an infallible record of the surface. The viagraph has been extensively used in England, where its records have been frequently used by bicyclists for the purpose of showing the authorities how much some roads are in need of repair. Such a record is the more valuable as a piece of testimony from the fact that the actual degree of unevenness of a given road can be indicated where desired by a numerical index in feet, which can be attached to the machine.—St. Louis Republic.

#### Chloroform and Gaslight.

In general the profession in this country is united in the belief that ether is a much more satisfactory anaesthetic than chloroform. A not inconsiderable number, however, prefer chloroform, particularly under special circumstances, and some operators who have no well-equipped clinics at their command tend to use chloroform when working by artificial light, and particularly in ill-equipped houses. It is, however, known by most pharmacologists and by many others that chloroform has dangers when used by artificial light, but this fact is by no means generally recognized. Persons have been killed by the decomposition of chloroform by gaslight. It has been attempted to overcome the danger of the production of this form of poisoning by placing soda or borax solution or milk of lime in the operating-room, but these methods have been shown to be wholly insufficient.—Philadelphia Medical Journal.

#### A Curious Christian Name.

In the Canterbury Diocesan Gazette there is an interesting and authentic record of the use of Acts of the Apostles as a Christian name. The entries are in the registers of Boughton-under-Blean. Actaepostle, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Pegden, from Dunks, was baptized August 2, 1795, and the burial of this Actaepostle Pegden, aged 70 years, took place November 14, 1865. The name seems to have been abbreviated to Actay, for the vicar of Boughton has heard a parishioner speak of her uncle Actay Pegden. Again, Acts of the Apostles, son of Richard and Phoebe Kennet, was baptized at Boughton church April 21, 1833.—Notes and Queries.

#### Willing to Qualify.

A few days ago a recruit was taken to be sworn in before the magistrate. Everything was going on swimmingly till the magistrate asked the man the following question: "Have you ever been in prison?" At this the man looked startled, but, quickly recovering himself, he blurted out: "No, sir, I have never been in jail, but I don't mind doing a few days if you think it necessary."—London Telegraph.

#### Her Martyrdom.

Sylvia—I'm surprised to hear that Isabel married young Washington after declaring that he wasn't good enough for her.  
Phyllis—Yes, but later she declared that he was too good for any other girl, so she married him out of sheer sympathy.—Chicago Daily News.

#### HAD HIM FAST.

A Yankee's Remark at the Tomb of Lord Nelson.

The English people will never understand the humorous temper of the American, which makes him ask such questions as that recorded by Mark Twain as having been asked by a friend of his in the British museum. A guide had exhibited an Egyptian mummy, and discoursed long upon the antiquity of it, and the Egyptian process of embalming, and so forth; and at last the American asked: "Is he dead?" It was only recently, according to a letter in an exchange, that in St. Paul's cathedral a London guide held forth thus to an American gentleman: "That, sir, is the tomb of the greatest naval hero Europe or the whole world ever knew!" "Yes?" "It is, sir, the tomb of Lord Nelson. This marble sarcophagus weighs 42 tons. Inside that is a steel receptacle weighing 12 tons, and inside that is a leaden casket, hermetically sealed, weighing two tons. Inside that is a mahogany coffin holding the ashes of the great hero." "Well," said the Yankee, after reflecting a moment, "I guess you've got him. If he ever gets out of that, telegraph me at my expense."

#### PICKED UP IN LONDON.

Seiditz must not be made too strong in England. A druggist has just been fined for overdosing the people of Brentford.  
Sam Cliffe, the last survivor of the once fashionable running footmen, died recently in London at the age of 92. Fifty-four of his descendants saw him buried.  
London had 4,845 fire alarms last year. There was an increase of more than 1,000 fires over the average of the last ten years, and of 223 over any previous year.  
During 1885 the London mint struck off 72,245,295 coins, about 10,000,000 more than in 1894. The value of the gold coins was £3,592,625; of the silver coins, £1,196,168, and of the bronze, £40,995.

#### OF INTEREST TO THE SOLDIERS.

Part of Dahomey is to be colonized with Alsatians and Lorrainers who have served in the French army.

The key of Libby prison and the flag which floated over the prison are preserved in the Soldiers' Memorial hall at Rutland, Vt.

Cabul, in Afghanistan, has an arms factory a third of a mile long and 200 yards wide, that turns out 20,000 cartridges and 15 rifles daily, and four quick-firing field guns every week.

A massive Quincy granite monument has been erected over the grave of the late Gen. Abner Doubleday, at Arlington, by his former comrades of the First Corps Association, Army of the Potomac. The column is similar to that which marks the grave of Gen. Philip Sheridan.

#### Delinquents.

Pompous Mistress—Who is that man at the door, Hannah?  
New Girl—He says he's the rent collector, ma'am.

P. M.—But Hannah, we don't pay rent.  
New Girl—That's what he says, ma'am.—Detroit Free Press.

#### No Danger Now.

Mr. Spoonamore (in the parlor)—Who-what is that noise overhead, Miss Agnes?  
Miss Agnes (listening a moment)—It's papa, Mr. Spoonamore, but you needn't be scared. He's snoring.—Chicago Tribune.

#### Patriotism Up to Date.

"Sawyer, don't you think a man ought to work for his political principles?"

"No, sir; I think a man's political principles ought to work for him."—Chicago Record.

#### Generally.

Nannette—How can you tell a person that is insane from one who is merely eccentric?  
Cyrille—Consult Bradstreet. Insanity ends and eccentricity begins at one million.—Up-to-Date.

#### How Girls Love Each Other.

Tippie—Harry proposed to me last night.  
Sibyl—Yes. He told me he was going to when I refused him.

Tippie—Then, I understand what he meant when he said that, outside of one gigantic piece of folly, he had led a pretty blameless life.—N. Y. World.

#### Somewhat Abbreviated.

Gus De Smith—What costume did Miss Fatgirl wear at the masquerade ball?  
Tom Vanderchump—She appeared as a mushroom, and her costume didn't occupy as mushroom on the floor as some others.—Texas Sifter.

#### The Last Is the Worst.

Talk about an angel, and the wings you'll surely hear;  
Talk about the devil, and he'll certainly appear;  
Talk about your tailor, and he's after you for fair;  
Talk about a woman and you have her in your hair.

#### —Town Topics.

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#### MODERN NAVAL GUNS.

Their Power Well Illustrated the Reaction of One of Them.

Some time ago the English government experimented with a 13-inch gun on a ship of the Royal Sovereign class. At the first firing of the gun the entire upper deck was lifted from its position and sprung along its entire center, so great was the shock. The United States battleship Indiana has been specially equipped to provide against any such disaster and her decks have been constructed in such a manner that naval experts agree that no such damage can befall her when the 13-inch guns send out their flaming message.  
Naval experts are agreed, however, says the Philadelphia Times, that when she is in action and the four 13-inch guns are performing their deadly work the explosions will shatter every piece of woodwork and glass in every portion of the vessel. That is expected and prepared for, and for that reason the battleship Indiana is composed almost entirely of iron and steel. She has been aptly described as an enormous floating steel tort with a ship built around it for purposes of navigation. Fully one-half of her could be shot away and she would still float and retain her unequalled fighting power.  
These facts and figures should bring us to a realization of what a serious thing war is in these modern times.

#### An Aerobatic Pianist.

A Milan correspondent tells of a pianist named Banca, who at Venice recently set himself to break the record of piano playing, so far as time is concerned. Apparently what the musician had to surpass was a 46 hours' sitting at the instrument. This he undertook to do by hammering the keys for 50 consecutive hours, that appalling period being only broken by three short rests of ten minutes each. This feat was duly accomplished in the presence of a committee of doctors and musicians. When the two days, two nights and two hours had expired, Banca played the Italian national anthem with a jubilant flourish, and left the piano amid the enthusiastic cheers of an enormous audience. The whole of the receipts were given to the fund in aid of the survivors of the recent volcanic disasters in the West Indies.—London News.

#### Placing the Blame.

Miss Oldtimer—It is not for lack of opportunities that I remained unmarried.  
Her Niece—I presume not; but the men do not always take advantage of the opportunities that are offered them.—Woman's Home Companion.

#### How Dime a Dime.

"You look after the dimes," he said in his lordly manner at the conclusion of a few remarks on the cost of running a house, "and I'll look after the dollars."

"I've been looking after the dimes all my life," she protested indignantly; "that's all I've got to look after, while you—"

"Maria," he cautioned, fearful that there would be an explosion.  
"—while you have been diligently looking after the dollars—"

His face relaxed in a gratified smile.  
"—to spend," she said in conclusion.  
He realized then that she had made a study of him.—Chicago Post.

#### So Sudden.

Gushing Young Man (taking elderly spinster into his confidence)—Miss Weisling, I have written a poem, addressed "To a Young Lady." Let me read it to you:  
"For love of you, dear Hazel, I—"

Elderly Spinster (sighing)—Law, Mr. Spoonamore! My eye is not base! It's dark brown!—Chicago Tribune.

#### Well-Directed Sympathy.

The German sexton of a suburban church, listening a moment to a local performer in behalf of some local guild, was heard to remark:  
"Dot makes me sorry for dot biano."

"Why not for the people?" a bystander asked.  
"Der peebles can git away," was the answer. "Der biano musht shday."—Boston Courier.

#### Made of the Right Stuff.

"What are your qualifications for an umpire?" asked the president of the league.  
"I fell down an elevator shaft, was run over by a motor car, dropped out of a balloon and rode ten miles on a cyclone. I'm in fair condition yet."

"You're engaged for next season."—Detroit Free Press.

#### Differences.

"They say that human nature is always the same," said the middle-aged lady. "But I don't think so."

"What's the reason?" asked her niece.  
"Twenty years ago girls read magazines and did needle work. Now they study a road map and learn to use a monkey wrench."—Washington Star.

#### Fast Life.

Aunt Miranda—I suppose you saw Mary's girl when you was down to the city. Has she grown much since they moved away from Basswood Corner?  
Uncle Jedediah—Grown! Why, she's grown! Yet you won't believe it, but her newest dress only reaches to her shoulders.—Brooklyn Life.

#### Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected

Kidney trouble. Kidney trouble causes quick or uneasy heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits.

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Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

#### COURTEOUS HINTS.

They Are as Forthright as Other Birds—A Case in Point.

Perhaps there is no greater strain upon "neighborly feeling" than living next door to a poultry yard whose inmates are allowed to "run"—making exercise ground of the adjacent flower and vegetable gardens. A San Diego young lady who was subject to this annoyance politely asked her neighbors, says Youth's Companion, to keep his pets at home. She asked it several times, and still no attention was paid to her grievance. Finally she hit upon an ingenious method of protecting herself.

She prepared grains of corn by tying to them, with strong carpet thread, small cards bearing the words: "Please keep your chickens at home!" and distributed the grains about her flower beds.

The chickens came to feast as usual, and greedily swallowed the corn, not perceiving the thread until the card was against their jaws. Then they could neither swallow the card nor rid themselves of the swallowed corn.

Twenty or thirty of the marauders ran home, bearing the polite request to their culpable owner, who, struck with the method of the hint, promptly cut the threads and cooped up the birds.

This was forcible, but a delicate hint upon a like offense was conveyed from one aggrieved relative to another where stronger measures would have been out of place.

The suffering victim of hens was taken ill, and the perhaps unconscious offender slew his choicest birds and sent to the invalid. The invalid fastened thereon, and sent back a message of thanks to the effect that the fowl was delicious, and tasted of her violets!

"Simply enough—I married her."

"How did you happen to discover her?"

"I happened to see her through a window."

"Well, she wasn't there!"

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### Lost Hair

"My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color."—Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.

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