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To the pure all things are pure, except the things they eat.

It is not without reason that Russia is generally colored yellow on the maps.

About the only time an American battleship is safe is when it is in battle.

John D. is getting to be a skillful "mixer." Is he thinking of going into politics?

"Walters are misunderstood," says the sociologist. Not more frequently than orders.

John D. Rockefeller has been painted in oil. And he said just the other day that he was out of it.

The Russian soldiers were defeated by the Japs, but they are brave enough to whip a defenseless woman.

The woman who swallow two \$10 bills and was accused of stealing must feel like a walking cash register.

Edward VII. finds that being a king has its financial advantages. The money kings let him in on the ground floor.

Is the interest in baseball declining? Fewer umpires seem to have been killed and maimed this season than usual.

The female crank is annoying, but not dangerous. As a rule she is armed only with woman's most effective weapon.

In a good many cases those all-night banks will only add to the troubles of the men who worry about the safety of their money all day.

And now even the frosting of the wedding cake is said to harbor germs. Thus one more is added to the list of obstacles on the road to marriage.

The Hawaiian Japs' chances of starting trouble between the United States and Japan are somewhat diminished by Tokyo's need of hard American cash.

Just to show her sympathy with the universal disarmament movement, Germany has decided to build a battleship that will eclipse the Dreadnaught.

The Chicago professor who contends that woman was made before man has probably discovered that nearly all men were infants when their mothers were full grown.

It is pertinent for President Gompers to politely ask Chairman Shontz why he regards coolie labor as unskilled if it succeeds on a job where every other kind has failed.

The trip from San Francisco to New York has been made in fifteen days by automobile. Part of the way there are bad roads and part of the way no roads at all. With a highway across, there would be something doing to cause the Pacific roads to cut their schedules.

True philanthropy embraces all efforts to improve the conditions of man and promote civilization. The bequest of the late Alfred Belt of £1,200,000 to promote railways, telegraphs and "other methods of transmission" in Africa is returning unto commerce the things that are of commerce, and yet it is as genuine a gift for the improvement of man as the endowment of a university or a hospital.

The thirty days' war between the Central American States was ended promptly and with apparent cordiality on both sides, thanks to the offices of President Diaz and President Roosevelt. The representatives of the little warring republics came to terms on board the cruiser Marblehead, and added to the Peace of Portsmouth another pacific victory for the United States. One article of the draft of terms provides for the reference of all future difficulties to the arbitration of the United States and Mexico.

To what extent are people living beyond their means? This is a question much more apt to raise itself well along in a period of prosperity than during a time of industrial depression, when economy becomes a necessity through the restriction of credit and develops into a passion for saving. Here is one with an automobile whose income is not up to the obvious requirement. Here is another given to other showy extravagances whose income is supposed to be less than our own. Fine raiment, servants, theaters, expensive entertainments, costly house furnishings—we see these things all around among people of moderate salaries and incomes, and how can they afford it? Do they pay their bills? Is the grocer being neglected in favor of dealers in luxuries? Is there a mortgage behind the gay vehicle of pleasure? Are bad debts accumulating in the train of extravagant display?

The Drago or Calvo doctrine is that private claims of foreigners against American countries shall not be collected by force. The doctrine was enunciated by eminent citizens of Argentina, and Secretary Root flattered national pride when he proclaimed at one of the banquets given him at Buenos Ayres the adherence of this country to the doctrine. He said: "The United States never has employed and

never will employ her army or navy to collect debts contracted by governments or private individuals." While the United States accepts the Drago doctrine as a rule of action, the leading European nations do not. No creditor likes to surrender anything which may aid in making a debtor pay up. European nations whose subjects are creditors of impecunious American republics believe in the use of force to compel payment. Some of them resorted to it in the case of Venezuela. The United States regrets the attitude of European governments. It believes their method of collecting debts lends itself, as Secretary Root says, "to speculation and war based on sordid objects," but this country recognizes the right of European governments to use force in collecting private claims so long as there is no permanent occupation of territory. As this is the attitude of the American government, it prefers that the South American republics should not press the Drago doctrine too energetically. It would rather that bankrupt republics should follow the example of Santo Domingo and invite the United States to administer their finances than that they should wait until a European navy is off their ports and then invoke the aid of this country in the name of the Monroe doctrine.

In the course of a year a good many churches in the United States are struck by lightning. During the summer resort season many people are drowned. Numerous children have stomach ache as the result of gustatory excesses at Sunday school picnics. Yet we hardly believe that the American Medical Association would favor the abolition of churches, summer resorts and Sunday school picnics because of the mishaps incident to those institutions, says the Chicago Chronicle. There is hardly anything connected with the life of humanity which has not some drawback or disadvantage. Only in heaven—and perhaps not even there—shall we find roses without thorns. The American Medical Association, following the lead and accepting the statistics of certain pseudo-American newspapers which evidently design to destroy the Fourth of July as a national anniversary, demands that everything possible shall be done "in the way of legal restrictions of Fourth of July celebrations." In other words, the association wants to stop the commemoration of Independence day. The excuse for this demand is to be found in the casualties reported by the newspapers from which the association takes its cue. Because a certain number of people—a number never yet positively ascertained—hurt themselves on the Fourth of July, therefore the celebration of that anniversary must be abandoned. As we have pointed out in the beginning, this reasoning, if applied generally, would put an end to religious worship, to summer outings and to other forms of recreation. It would also stop railroad travel, because people are killed on railroad trains; it would mean stagnation for almost all forms of amusement and industry, since some peril is incident to all of them. We doubt whether the American Medical Association would care to accept the logical results of its own reasoning, because it would put the medical profession out of business. Many people die under the hands of doctors; ergo, abolish doctors. The conclusion is as fair in this case as it is in the Fourth of July matter. But the association probably did not investigate the case thoroughly before pronouncing judgment. It was deceived by the Anglicized newspapers, and instead of confining its recommendations to the treatment of tetanus resulting from Fourth of July wounds it undertook to condemn the Fourth of July itself. This demonstrates the truth of the old adage about the shoemaker and his last. So long as the medical associations stick to medical matters they are upon safer ground; when they venture farther afield they are likely to make themselves ridiculous.

**Motor Car for Railroads.**  
Strange in appearance is the latest model gasoline-motor car put into service by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, says Technical World Magazine. It is equipped with side entrances, the door apertures being worked into the side of the car, by means of a patented steel framing, which includes an uninterrupted depressed side-sill. The square design of window has been done away with and air, water and dust-proof round window sash has been substituted. The new windows resemble the port holes of a vessel. The weight of the car is 53,000 pounds, and its length is fifty-five feet. The motor is a 100 horse-power, six-cylinder, gasoline engine with "make and brake" spark ignition. The new car has already made several successful trial runs, both on level track and on various grades, at speeds ranging from thirty-four to seventy-two miles an hour.

**Had One.**  
"No," said Mrs. Starvom, preparing to slam the door, "you can't sell me no cycloped." "But," protested the man, "I would like to leave some circulars for your boarders. I might interest—"

"They don't need it, either. They're a Boston lady stoppin' here."

**Taught.**  
"He taught her how to skate, He taught her how to swim, They're married now, and she is teaching lots of things to him!" —Puck.

A boy thinks: "What a good time a man has!" And a man thinks: "What a good time a boy has!" And what a bum time both have.

# QUEER STORIES

Lake Erie produces more fish to the square mile than any other body of water in the world.

Spiders are met with in the forests of Java whose webs are so strong that it requires a knife to cut through them.

Matrimonial tickets are supplied by the Canadian Pacific Railway to settlers in the Northwest Territory who wish to make a journey in order to secure a wife. On presenting the return coupon and the marriage certificate the settler is entitled to free transportation for his bride.

Lady Laurier, the wife of the premier, is the only woman who has delivered a speech in the Canadian House of Parliament. She was discovered at a reception at the foot of the throne, and at once a demand was made for a speech. She was at first abashed, but ascended the steps and made what was described as "a pretty oration."

Some women interested in charities recently visited a home for discharged female prisoners. They were shown to a room where two women were sewing. "Dear me!" one of the visitors whispered, "what vicious looking creatures! Pray, who are they?" "This is the sitting room," blandly answered the superintendent, "and these are my wife and my daughter."

A special postage stamp was issued by the Japanese government to commemorate the return of the troops from the war. Two of these stamps, of the face value of one-half and three cents, respectively, were issued, and they were available for postage for letters only on the day of the recent great review. Not more than one of each kind was sold to every applicant at the general post-office.

A professor of English in the University of Wisconsin, according to Harper's Weekly, tells of some clever replies made by a student under examination in English. The candidate had been instructed to write out examples of the indicative, the subjunctive, the potential and the exclamatory moods. His efforts resulted as follows: "I am endeavoring to pass an English examination. If I answer twenty questions I shall pass. If I answer twelve questions I may pass. God help me!"

An old Bible, bought by a French army officer in a second-hand bookshop at Mont de Marsan contained long lost treasure. The officer, turning over the book in his quarters, was astonished to find in it coupons and scrip to the value of more than \$2,000. These bore the name of the holder, at St. Pierre du Mont, and the address of a notary of the same place. On communicating with the notary the officer learned that the holder of the scrip, a small peasant owner, had died some years ago, and that the property represented by the lost papers had not been disturbed. Great was the surprise which the officer handed over the scrip.

Five steamboats are being built for a Kiel shipping company which are said to be wholly unsinkable. A recent trial of one of the boats was carried out in the presence of representatives of the Imperial navy and many shipping firms. The vessel was fully laden to represent two hundred passengers, and it was assumed that, in consequence of a leak caused by a collision, the entire engine room division, into which the water was pumped, had filled, while a hole was made in the exterior to admit water freely. The ship accordingly sank, but when it was full of water it had still about a foot of freeboard above the surface, thus satisfying the conditions imposed.

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**Knew the Game.**  
"Do you ever offer bribes to legislators, Senator Copperas?" "Not at all, not at all; I believe in payin' a fair price for what I want, an' then they're always a good feelin' all 'round."—Toledo Blade.

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