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Some people, as soon as they "get religion," begin to talk about the world coming to an end.

A Milwaukee woman is in trouble because she threw a clock at her husband. It must have struck 1.

It would be a fine thing if Burbank or somebody else could develop a sensationless New York murder trial.

A correspondent of the New York Herald thinks the unemployed are living too easily. How does any one expect the unemployed to live?

A learned savant says earthquakes are the result of the sinister influence of Saturn. That looks like just as good a guess as any of the others.

Hetty Green's niece has been sued for divorce, her husband alleging that she is a spendthrift. This seems to be a case in which blood does not tell.

An exchange expresses the opinion that the twentieth century will prove to be woman's century. Still, she will no doubt permit us to share it with her.

The German emperor celebrated his birthday by modifying the lease majesty law. London correspondents will see in this another covert blow at British trade.

A man complained to the police because he was held up and robbed of 25 cents. Had he been a fighting man, he would have shown the highwayman no quarter.

A scientist reports that cold feet indicate great intellectual power and activity. The common supposition that cold feet indicate unusual wenching inclinations will probably continue, however, to prevail.

When King Leopold heard that the Congo natives saved their money for the purpose of buying wives, he must have been better pleased with himself for making it impossible for them to save any money.

It has been proposed that the afa-fa plant be adopted as the floral emblem of Oklahoma. Mistletoe has been the emblem of the territory, but mistletoe is a parasite, and is not appropriate to a rugged young state.

Mark Twain fears a monarchy is coming, and President Elliot says the monarch is already here. In the meantime the American nation is steadily forging ahead, the freest, greatest, best and safest republic the world has ever known.

The statistics showing that every person in the United States consumed more than half his weight in sugar last year must not be taken too literally. Possibly some of the lawmakers and insurance men got a little more than their statistical share.

People generally don't realize what a panacea fresh air is. According to a discussion in the New York Academy of Medicine among the diseases which fresh air is said to cure are insomnia, anaemia, delirium, pneumonia, typhoid and all other fevers, tuberculosis of the bone as well as of the lungs and almost every other classified ailment. Only in cases where subnormal temperatures are a feature is the open-air treatment questioned.

Some difficult questions are being brought to the attention of the bankruptcy courts. The case of the lady who mortgaged her house to buy an automobile is now followed by that of the female bankrupt who could not pay her rent, yet who paid \$50 for a cat with a pedigree. Instances like these cause referees in bankruptcy to become puzzled and dejected, yet they are all variations upon the old story of the family that landed in the poorhouse because of its efforts to live up to a set of blue china which had been presented by an ill-advised friend.

The rich have been getting so much richer for the last ten years and so many of the poor have got rich, too, that it has got on the nerves of the community. Good friends all, let us not worry unreasonably about that, but try while the sky is clear to save up a little dress for ourselves. Business never stands still long. When it is not getting better it is getting ready to be worse. Those of us who live long enough will survive this period of distressful affluence and are likely to see concern about the accumulations of others give way to anxieties about employment and subsistence.

There are some physicians who say that they are no longer obliged to answer night calls and that no case, however urgent, would drag them from bed. Thus do they cast reproach on a most honorable profession. To one groaning over the duty of lending aid at an "unreasonable" hour the answer might be given that was made to the policeman in "The Pirates of Penzance": "You should have thought of that before you joined the force." Men, women and children will not always be considerate. They will fall sick at 1 in the morning. Pains will not always wait for the sun. Death has a fine disregard for clocks and for house doors securely bolted

and even provided with the latest and most ingenious locks.

Rich American girls have at last discovered that their money is sometimes an obstacle to happy marriage with sensible and promising young men. It is whispered that some of the wise ones have formed a club to learn and practice the charms of poverty. The young man looking for diversion may be satisfied to find it with the girl who can dance well and talk "sportily" of football and dogs. But when he is looking for a wife he must be lured by other qualities. So the club for reducing the handicap of riches gives its members a course of lessons in the accomplishments of being useful. For example, it teaches them to darn stockings. Not only must the holes be neatly filled, but the girl must be able to do the task while the young man is calling, and to look fascinatingly domestic in the act. The heiress who is willing to take her chances of a happy life with a foreign count may not trouble herself about housekeeping; but the best American man likes to be assured that his wife can take the place of the cook or the waitress or the laundress should emergency arise, and that she will be both effective and delightful while she does so. The girl burdened with wealth employs a poor girl to teach her, not only dish-washing and bread-making—but amiability. "The rich girl," says the social philosopher, "is often very uncertain in her temper. The poor girl must keep sweet-tempered or lose her job!" So the noble art of keeping still under provocation is practised, and the passion for having the last word is repressed. The truth is that all the charms and graces are none too many for "the coming girl." If she is poor, she may acquire the dainty habits and the refined taste of the rich girl. If she is rich, she may emulate the energy, the optimism and the sweet temper of the poor girl. Until presently, the youth in search of a wife may safely choose her where he will, sure that she will adorn and enrich any station to which it may please God to call her.

How every true man and woman loves the name of home! How they pity those who, from force of circumstances, must board, even temporarily. Every newly married couple should set up an establishment for themselves, no matter how small it must be. Here they must become acquainted with each other; here they may spat and kiss, without comment or advice from outsiders, for, safe to say, there will be more disagreements and misunderstandings, more tears and heartaches the first year than any one year after; so, by all means, live alone the first year. No matter how long, nor how well, the couple may have known each other before marriage, it is a strange new path that they must travel now—they must adjust themselves to each other's peculiarities; figure out for themselves the ever perplexing question of dollars and cents, and, maybe, teach a turkey appetite to render a thankful "Amen" after a bacon sufficiency. To each one will sometimes come this question: "Did I make a mistake in marrying?" Let us hope that love and faith make answer: "All is well," and that these little differences, with their necessary explanations, will pave the way to complete understanding and perfect trust, and that the second year, a loving glance, a gentle hand clasp, or a smile, will take the place of the tearful explanations of the past. Do not cheat yourself out of the pleasure and luxury of owning your own home—the fact that it is cheaper counts little beside the increased happiness it brings to the owners. Each new leaf, each blossom, is nature's lavish thanks for care received. The home-making of a loving couple is the happiest time in life, and the couple who would forego the pleasures of home for the so-called advantages of a boarding house, is very short sighted. No boarding house can be home. It is well for children that most boarding houses refuse to receive them, thus forcing the parents into making a home for them. In your own home, you are a great man, in a boarding house a married man is a nonentity, and the single man a wail. In justice to yourself, make a home.

**A Wonder.**  
A number of military men in a Washington hotel were giving an account of an incident of the civil war. A quiet man who stood by at last said: "Gentlemen, I happened to be there, and might be able to refresh your memory as to what took place in reference to the event just narrated."  
The hotel keeper said to him: "Sir, what might have been your rank?"  
"I was a private."  
Next day the quiet man, as he was about to depart, asked for his bill.  
"Not a cent, sir; not a cent," answered the proprietor. "You are the very first private I ever met."

**A Morning Song.**  
Don't you sigh, believers, wid de trouble in yo' soul,  
De worl' won't quit de rollin' kaze you tell it not ter roll!  
Dar's all de joy a-comin' what de arms or you kin hol'—  
De hilltops is shinin' wid de mawnin'!  
—Atlanta Constitution.

**A Flyer.**  
He—What does that kinetoscope picture of that scenery make you think of?  
She—Why, it's for all the world like the trip we just took to Europe—Detroit Free Press.  
Don't be too hard on the poor poet. He is not responsible for his birth.

## TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



Lot gave his children to Sodom and lost them. Abraham gave his son to God and kept him. A miser's idea of heaven is first to get a barrel of money—and then have famine come. The man who does little is little, no matter how big he talks.

To be the light of the world is to be the hope of the world.

The man who has a quick eye for the faults of others is generally blind to his own.

Making an idol of Christian work is no better than making an idol of Chemosh.

The way in which truth is presented has much to do with its being hated or loved.

Judas knew the value of the precious ointment better than he did the worth of Christ.

No matter where Christ went into a synagogue He found the devils there before him.

When the preacher leaves Christ out of his preaching the devil will help him fill his church.

Think of the irony of putting "At Rest" on the headstone of a wife who was worked to death.

### NEW SHAFT TO BISMARCK.

Emperor's Tribute to the Iron Chancellor Just Finished.

The monument to Bismarck, the iron chancellor, ordered by the kaiser for the memorial chapel of the Baden cathedral, where the dead Hohenzollern princes now rest, has just been finished. It is the work of Professor Rheinholt Begus, who also executed the national monument to Bismarck in Berlin, and his colleague, Albert Geritz.

In general style the monument harmonizes with the building, which is of the renaissance school. It is described as resembling in its general conception the monuments of Michael Angelo; but as nevertheless displaying originality of thought and execution.

Two tapering pillars frame it on either side. The main work consists of a base rounded toward the spectator bearing the single word "Bismarck" and supporting the life-sized seated statue of the chancellor.

In accordance with a suggestion of the kaiser the champion of German unity is portrayed in the armor of an old-time knight, which is partially veiled by the folds of a cloak. He is bare-headed and rests his hand on his hip; his eyes seem to gaze into the distance, his head being turned slightly toward the right.

On either side of the statue and in the rear stand statues of History, a female figure poring over a scroll, and Fame, a youth with trumpet set to his lips and pointing slightly upward, as if proclaiming Bismarck's deeds to the world.

With his right hand the figure of Fame draws back a veil from the design carved in relief which covers the wall space behind the statue. This represents the unification of Germany. Germania sits enthroned with the Genius of Peace behind her, holding the palm above her head. The German princes approach her in procession.

First comes a page bearing the Imperial crown upon a cushion. Next is King Ludwig II of Bavaria, King Albert of Saxony and the grand duke of Baden, all wearing regal crowns and ermine robes. Then another page bears the sceptre and orb and behind extends a line of minor princes, who are finally lost behind the partially lifted veil.

The work is in Italian marble. It stands about fifteen feet high. Around it in the chapel stand the monuments to the princes and princesses of the house of Hohenzollern.

### Out of His Element.

An ex-Governor of Wisconsin, famous as a story teller, once rejoiced a company of friends with an account of his experience at a New Jersey clam-bake. At the clam-bake there were plenty of people who enjoyed the speech of the Wisconsin man, but there was one serious-minded listener on whom it fell flat.  
"I started off," said the ex-governor, telling the story, "by stating that I had eaten so many of their low-neck clams that I wasn't in the least sort of condition for speech-making. At that moment a long-faced old man directly across the table scowled at me and said, in a stage whisper:  
"Little-neck clams, little-necks—not low-necks!"  
"I paid no attention to him and went on with my remarks. After dinner he followed me out of the hall.  
"You're from Wisconsin, aren't you?" he asked.  
"Yes," I answered.  
"Don't have many clams out there, I reckon."  
"Well," I said, "we have some, but it's a good way to water, and in driving them across the country their feet get sore and they don't thrive very well."  
"Why, man alive," said he, "clams haven't any feet!"  
"Soon after that he buttonholed one of my friends.  
"Is that fellow Governor of Wisconsin?" he demanded.  
"My friend admitted that I was.  
"W-a-l," said he, "praps he may be a smart enough man for Wisconsin, but he's a good deal of a fool at the seashore."

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