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Eve's Discovery.
"By observing the fall of an apple," remarked the moralizer, "Newton discovered the law of gravity."
"Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "and thousands of years previous Mother Eve discovered the gravity of the law by merely biting an apple."—Chicago News.

Discouraging.
"Did you make any impression on the young professor?"
"Goodness, no!" Three of his aunts, his sister and a cousin were then listening to every word I said to him."—Detroit Free Press.

Satisfactory Division.
The old farmer and his wife had agreed to separate. They had only one child.
"Everything friendly?" inquired a neighbor.
"Oh, yes," replied the old man carelessly.
"No trouble about making a fair division of the property?"
"Oh, no. She gets the kid and the canned fruit, and I get the pig and the apples. That's even enough, ain't it?"—Chicago Post.

The Temperature.
"Why do you watch the thermometer on the wall so closely?" queried the invalid.
"Because," replied the untrained nurse, "the doctor said if the temperature got any higher I was to give you another dose of quinine."

Bewildered.
"John Henry, I'll thrash you soundly if I ever catch you telling another story that isn't true."
"And yet, ma, I heard you say to the minister that I had great imagination."

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AS OLD AS THE PYRAMIDS

That blood poison existed among the ancients has been proven beyond question. It has been traced back thousands of years, and is as old as the Pyramids. This blighting curse has been handed down from nation to nation and from individual to individual till it has spread to all parts of the world.

Contagious blood poison, as it is called in modern times, begins with a small sore or ulcer through which the virus enters the blood. This is followed by inflammation and swelling of the glands of the groins, a red eruption breaks out on the body, sores appear in the mouth and the throat becomes ulcerated, and as the disease takes a deeper hold and the blood becomes more thoroughly infected, the hair and eyebrows drop out, the skin is spotted with copper-colored spots, the bones and muscles ache, and it seems to the victim of this monster scourge there is not a sound spot in the whole body.

The horror of this awful disease can never be told. The one who contracts it suffers in body and mind, and if the poison is not eradicated transmits the taint to his children, and Contagious Blood Poison thus becomes responsible for many of the ills of childhood—Skin Eruptions, Catarrhal Troubles, Sore Eyes, Scalp Disease, White Swelling, Scrofula and others just as bad. S. S. S., the great vegetable blood purifier and tonic, has long been recognized as a radical and safe cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It counteracts the deadly virus and cleanses and purifies the diseased blood, and under its tonic effects the general health improves and soon all signs of blood poison are gone. The strong mineral remedies, Mercury and Potash, which are so often prescribed for the disease, dry up the sores, skin eruptions and all external signs, but leave the stomach and digestion ruined and the system in such condition that the disease usually returns in worse form than ever.

S. S. S. is guaranteed a purely vegetable remedy. \$1.00 is offered for proof that it contains a single mineral ingredient. If you have blood poison write for our special book, describing the different stages and giving all the symptoms, with directions for treating one's self at home. Our physicians will furnish any information or advice wanted free of charge.

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At the Mountain House.
Ida—Jack and the young widow went up the stream trout fishing this morning.
May—Yes, and Jack forgot to take along his fly.
Ida—Oh, that doesn't matter. I heard the boys say the young widow is fly herself.—Chicago News.

When It's Necessary.
"Here's an article for women," he said, "on 'How to Make Yourself Attractive to a Man.'"
"Before or after marriage?" she inquired, thinking it was about time to have a little sport with him.
"After, of course," he replied promptly. "No woman ever loses the knack until after she's married."
No doubt he was, as she said, "a mean old thing."—New York Times.

No Kick Coming.
Mr. Rose—"This portrait doesn't look like my wife at all."
Artist—I know it doesn't, but it looks like she thinks she looks—Judge.

Trying Times.
"It must be very trying for a modest girl," he remarked.
"Why?" she asked.
"She cannot turn from the naked truth without running into a bare lie."
How It Goes.
"This is an extravagant age. My father had a much better income than I have, yet I spend dollars where he spent dimes."
"Ah, yes; you mean at the saloon."

Close Enough.
First Cat—Willie Pussy and Tommy Kitten had a milk-drinking contest last night.
Second Cat—Which beat?
First Cat—Tommy Kitten, by a lap.
Pino's Cure is a good cough medicine. It has cured coughs and colds for forty years. At druggists, 25 cents.

Testing a New Excuse.
"Say, old man, let's go out and have a time tonight."
"What are you celebrating?"
"I've just thought out a new excuse to mention to my wife."—Harper's Bazaar.

Quite True.
"Ef some young men," said Uncle Eben, "was as industrious as addin' up figures in columns as dey is gettin' 'em in rows on policy slips, I reckons dey'd be savin' money."—Washington Star.

President Diaz's Costly Saddle.
Col. Cortina of the Mexican army has presented President Diaz with a saddle that cost \$20,000. The colonel has spent seven years superintending its production.

Lover Is Dumb.
Nell—So the engagement is broken off?
Belle—Yes. It seems she told him one evening that she wasn't half beautiful enough to be his wife, and he didn't deny her statement quick enough to suit her.—Philadelphia Press.

Wyndham and Duval.
During a recent debate in the house of commons on the Irish land bill an opponent of that measure referred to Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, who is very handsome, as a charming highwayman who was robbing the British taxpayer. His critic applied to the chief secretary the epithet on Claud Duval in Covent Garden church: "Here lies Duval. Reader, if male thou art, look on thy purse; if female, to thy heart."

Comes to America to Learn.
Dr. Bellario Sassi, a prominent surgeon of Lima, Peru, has started for New York to study the latest advances in medicine and surgery and then report his observations.

The Difference.
Miss Languish—Mercy! You don't mean to say you destroy all your love letters! I save mine religiously.
Miss Pertly—Of course; but, then, you know it makes a difference where one has only a few.—Boston Transcript.

HAD ALL THE SYMPTOMS.
Dear Sir: As a result of a serious blood disorder my blood became poisoned and I suffered severely with skin eruptions and other symptoms not necessary to mention. A friend of mine told me that he had been cured of my trouble by S. S. S., and upon his recommendation I began its use. After using it for some time my blood was thoroughly cleansed of all poison and made pure and strong again. I wish also to speak of its tonic properties. While purging my blood of impurities it built up my general health, improved my appetite, gave me increased strength, and I felt better in every way.

I am a great believer in S. S. S., and with pleasure commend it to all in need of a blood medicine.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT M. K. WETZIG.
539 Walnut St., Lebanon, Pa.

BITS FOR BOOKWORMS

Mr. Morley's "Life of William Ewart Gladstone" is now in its twentieth thousand.

The A. Wessels Company has secured the American edition of "Stevensoniana," by J. A. Hammerton.

Book collectors will be interested to know that Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are issuing a limited large paper edition of Fiske's "Dutch and Quaker Colonies" in its illustrated form.

Miss Helen Keller's first essay in original and independent authorship is shortly to appear in a volume entitled "Optimism," which is now in process of publication by T. Y. Crowell & Co.

John Lane announces a beautiful new edition of "The Defense of Guenevere and Other Poems," by William Morris, illustrated by Jessie M. King, whose admirable line drawings have been reproduced with remarkable delicacy.

"The Book of Children's Parties," by Mary and Sara White, gives in convenient form descriptions of parties for the different months of the year, with a great number of games and many illustrations from photographs and drawings.

A new and enlarged edition of "The Shakespeare Country," by John Leyland, is imported by the Scribners. The new matter and illustrations on the English homes of the ancestors of Franklin and Washington are of especial interest to American readers.

Mrs. Wharton's story, "Sanctuary," the first work of any length which she has published since "The Valley of Decision," deals with a psychological situation of a most interesting and novel kind, arising from a question of heredity and covering two periods of a generation apart.

There is to be yet another posthumous book by Sir Walter Besant. It is to be a volume of essays and will be entitled "As We Are and As We May Be." The essays will set forth the author's plans for the improvement of the condition of the poor. Even if they prove to be less practical than his "Palace of Delight," they will be sure to be interesting and worthy of attention.

The publication of a second edition of John Bigelow's "Mystery of Sleep" draws renewed attention to a very literary American family. John Bigelow was our minister to France and executor and trustee of Samuel J. Tilden. One of his sons is Poutney Bigelow, the third volume of whose "History of the German Struggle for Liberty," has just been published by the Harpers. Another son, John Bigelow, Jr., wrote "Reminiscences of the Santiago Campaign." This is the family's record for authorship thus far.

MONTANA'S SHEEP FLOCKS.

Yield of Wool the Last Season Was 37,500,000 Pounds.

The State of Montana in the wool season of 1903 produced, according to the estimate prepared by State officials, 37,500,000 pounds of wool from the backs of 12,500,000 sheep. For this wool Eastern buyers paid \$6,000,000, an average of 16 cents a pound. Few people have any conception of what is meant when it is said that there are 12,500,000 sheep within the limits of the State. There is not a single State east of the Mississippi in which this gigantic flock could graze, says the Boston Transcript.

If the 12,500,000 sheep of Montana were to march nose to tail, crowding each other, they would make a line 10,000 miles long, or nearly half way round the earth. This line, in single file, would be about 150 days in passing a given point. These sheep are worth \$100,000,000 as they walk the range, and their flesh would bring \$250,000,000 for food. Their mutton would feed one man 2,500,000 years, or if 1250 people had started to consume it at the time of the birth of Christ they would have some left.

The mutton would feed 2,500,000 people on meat for a year, or, allowing the average percentage of mutton to each family, it would more than supply this nation a year. The wool yielded by this flock of sheep would make 15,000,000 suits of men's clothes. Made in cloth of ordinary texture it would form a band a quarter of a mile wide and more than long enough to be wound about the earth at the equator. It would make a carpet on which an army might march.

Baled, this wool would fill 3,750 freight cars, or a train nearly forty miles long. The United States navy could not transport it and an army of 50,000 men might fight behind its bales and be safe from the ordinary small arm. The sheep of Montana, if herded shoulder to shoulder one deep, would make a front 5,000 miles long. Herded in loose formation, allowing room to move rapidly, they would cover an area of eight square miles.

Allowed to breed in a favorable climate these sheep would become 50,000,000 in the course of a year, or 5,707,200,000 bales at the end of ten years. But man eats many of them annually and disease and blizzards carry off many more. It is estimated that 3,000,000 Montana sheep perished inside of four days in a blizzard which swept the Northwest last winter.

City Men in a Quandary.
A New York man tells of two green youths of his acquaintance who, having hired a horse and trap for a day's outing, found themselves at the close of the expedition confronted with the bewildering problem of rebarsing the animal. The bit proved their chief difficulty, for the horse made no response whatever to their overtures. "Well, there's nothing for it but to wait," said one. "Wait for what?" grumbled the other. "For the horse to yawn," replied his companion.

Even the strenuous post has his moments.

A racing automobile hurt its front wheel.

ABUSE GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Privates Are Treated with the Greatest Indignity by Their Officers.

There have recently been a good many convictions of German army officers for abuse of military authority in the treatment of subordinates and have recently been exciting painful attention. Since January 1, 1903, there have been 150 convictions of officers and non-commissioned officers for cruelty to their men, and the sentences of imprisonment or incarceration in a fortress which have been imposed amount, when added together, to over fifty years. Between the end of June and the end of September there have been no fewer than eighty convictions of this kind, involving sentences of imprisonment the total terms of which amounted to over twenty-four years, to say nothing of condemnations involving incarceration in a fortress, degradation and other penalties. Eleven of these eighty convictions were against officers and as their punishments varied between four months' incarceration in a fortress and seven days' ordinary arrest it is assumed that their offenses were not of such a heinous character as those of the non-commissioned officers. In one case, however, an officer was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and was dismissed from the service. The heaviest sentence was that which was imposed upon the non-commissioned officer Breidenbach, of the Fourth Guards regiment, who was condemned to eight years' imprisonment for a very large number of aggravated cruelties inflicted upon the men of his company.

The cases have been most numerous among the infantry and artillery; there has been only one case in the cavalry. By far the largest number of cases were in the Prussian contingent, where the penalties inflicted amounted to a total of over twenty-three years' imprisonment in Bavaria and about five months in Saxony. It must be remembered, however, that the Prussian contingent represents more than three-fourths of the whole strength of the German army.

DESTINY OF HUMAN SOULS.
Theory That the Spirits of Depraved Men Pass Into the Beasts.

Are the bodies of animals inhabited by the souls of human villains dead and gone? Don't sneer too hastily at the question, for it should be answered finally in the negative science is at a loss to account for the utter depravity of the animals. It is apparent to the dullest observer that dumb beasts exercise a malign influence over man. Think of the tempers roused by cows that have kicked over half-filled pails of milk. Think of the reputations for truth that have been destroyed by trout. Think of the honesty that has been turned into deceit by the horse, so that they who trade in that animal are bywords among their less sorely tempted brethren. Think of the indefinite prolongation of this list that might be made and then consider if animals are or are not animated by the souls of human wretches that have passed away.

Some such theory must be accepted and it is not open to doubt that reasonable people will accept this: The souls of the wicked are condemned to pass into animals and to stay there until they have discovered prospective tenants worse than themselves.

This theory explains everything. The liars inhabit fish, the tricksters horses and those given to butting in become goats. In the attempt to end their tenancy by finding suitable successors the evil spirits resort to temptation, with, alas! unfeeling success. The half-proud trout dropping off the hook flaps his tail in ecstatic certainty that the angler will proclaim him a five-pounder at least. And the look of human anticipation on the face of a goat about to knock some unsuspecting person into a barbed wire fence can only proceed from the knowledge that the resultant explosion will lower another soul into the mire as a stepping stone for himself.

The theory is irrefutable and its general acceptance would help the world to a higher plane.—Portland Oregonian.

UNIQUE BUTTONHOLE CUTTER.
Some of the most simple ideas of the inventive genius have proven of the most value to humanity, and it is safe to venture that the idea of a Pennsylvania man for a buttonhole cutting-scissors will develop into a wonderful aid to all those dressmakers and others into whose hands it may fall.

There have been buttonhole-cutting scissors before, it is true, but here is an affair that combines an ordinary pair of scissors with one that will

make the little slits in the cloth and will avert all necessity for laying down one of the tools of seamstress' art for the picking up of another.

This arrangement, which is made plain by the accompanying picture, consists of a pair of scissors, to the handle of which is affixed a peculiarly shaped cutting blade which will do the buttonhole work in an instant when the cloth is placed beneath it. There is no danger of its being mislaid or lost, for the worker has it ever before her, as she does the other cutting necessary in her work.

It isn't always the long-haired man who has the most brains.

Wise Old Man.
Methuselah was showing his friend around the premises. "And what is that vast warehouse for?" asked the friend. "Oh, that is to store my birthday presents in," replied the old man. Thus we see that a green old age has its advantages.

Enterprise and Caution.
"I shall get there," quoth Enterprise, confidently.
"Where?" asked Caution.
Here Enterprise bestowed a withering look upon her lagging sister.
"As to that I know nothing," she replied, haughtily; "further than that, when I get there it will be somewhere else."—Detroit Free Press.

HOW'S THIS?
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Blame All Upon the Berries.
A small parishioner in Aberdeen brought a basket of strawberries to the minister very early on Monday morning.
"Thank you, my little girl," he said, "they are very beautiful berries. But I hope you didn't gather them yesterday, which was the Sabbath day?"
"No, sir," replied the child, "I picked them this morning. But they were grown 'all day yesterday.'"—Stray Stories.

Too Suggestive.
"That new waitress must go," said the landlord of the select boarding house.
"What has she done?"
"Why, when she was to ask the guests if they would have tea or coffee she said, 'Name your drink order.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Paper Clothes.
Paper clothes are the latest novelty. A Berlin tailoring house is now offering complete paper suits for \$2.50. The prospectus gives full instructions for measuring one's self, and the firm also advertises in foreign journals, evidently expecting to do an export business. The material is woven and pressed, of a dark cream color, and apparently not very light.—World's Paper Trade Review.

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As It Sometimes Happens.
"How pretty Miss Govius looks in white! Who is that girl standing near her, with the big, red hands?"
"That's her sister. She washes and irons Miss Govius' gowns."—Chicago Tribune.

Cold Beauty.
Towne—What a haughty creature she is. She has rather a foreign look, hasn't she?
Browne—Yes; but I'm sure she's from Boston. Her name is Elsieberg.—Philadelphia Press.

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