The Difference.

Case and Comment says that at a recent meeting in Hampton one of the speakers told of a colored witness who was rebuked by the judge for the constant repetition of the phrase, "also and likewise." "Now, judge." replied the witness, "there's a difference between those words. I's gwine to splain. Yo' father was an attu'ny and a great one, wasn't he?" The judge assented, somewhat placated. "Well judge, yo's an attu'ny also, but not likewise. See, judge?"

Author of "Annie Laurie."

"Annie Laurie." according to the generally accepted story, was written by a soldier in Flanders to his ladylove at home. The writer was William Douglas, and Annie Laurie was one of the four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwelton. Sad to relate, says the London Chronicle, Annie did not marry her ardent lover. Some say Douglas was killed in Flanders, but at all events Annie was led to the altar in 1709 by Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch.

British General Elections.

The British "general election," which can be called an appeal to the people and on which the existing government may be obliged to "go out," is practically a referendum. In case of a deadlock or disagreement in parliament or cabinet a general election may be called at any time. Although the vote of the people is not taken directly on a question, but on the representatives whose standing on the question is known, the result is the same as if the bill itself were being voted upon.

Munitions In the Long Ago. The munition question was a simpler matter for our forefathers than for us, but they were acquainted with it. Richard III ordained that with every ton of certain goods imported into England ten yew bows should be sent. Bowmakers, too, were not al lowed to use our own yew wastefully, and some standard of skill had to be reached before one could possess a bow of that wood. The novice had to be content with ash or elm.--London Standard.

Deadly Chemical Bombs.

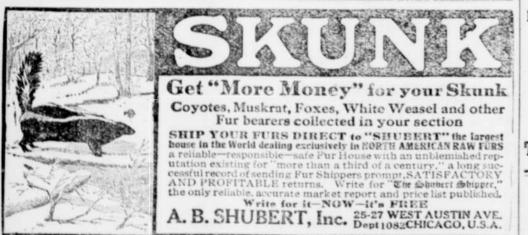
Hydrocyanic acid, known as prussic acid, is so poisonous that a mere breath of it means instant death. Sulphuricanhydrid when brought into contact with the air combines rapidly with moisture absorbed from the air, producing sulphuric acid. Thrown in a bomb with just explosive charge enough to disrupt the bomb and scatter the sulphurie-anhydrid, the air for a large space about the explosion would be at once converted into a dense fog of sulphuric acid. Liquid ammonia, similarly employed, would instantly so impregnate the atmosphere with ammonia as to strangle all per sons in the immediate vicinity. Am monia is absolutely irrespirable.

Rocket Cameras.

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In True Proportion.

He (rapturously)—Miss Sweetthing dances as lightly as the ocean foam She (sweetly)—Indeed she does, and her head is just as light as her heels.— Richmond Times-Dispatch.



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Obsolete Trade Names. Some obsolete names of trades survive as surnames-e. g., Webster, Lister, Walker. In the fourteenth century the weaver was known as "the webster," the dyer was "the lyster" and the workman who trod the cloth in the dye vat was " the walker." The arkwright made the arks or chests in which clothes or meal were stored, and the smith was frequently dubbed "the faber." this later being one of the rare cases in which the Latin translation of a craft has become a common surname. When the cotteler had forged an edged tool the blomer finished it off or put the bloom on; the chapman traveled with goods from door to door and the coke baked cakes and sold them .- London Tatler.