

STATE PARAGRAPHS

INTERESTING BITS OF CONDENSED NEWS GATHERED FROM
VARIOUS SOURCES IN OREGON

An Easy Choice.

"You must choose between us!" shouted Binx. "You can't have both. When that dressmaker was last in this house I vowed that she should never come again. I have had all I'm ever going to have of being under the same roof with two semi-nutty women and requiring a rake every morning to get the odd pieces of cloth out of my clothes. I shall never again sit at my meals hearing the whirl of that cursed sewing machine and listening to a lot of platted, ruffled, cut bias and flounced talk in which I have no chance to join. The day that woman comes I go. Make your decision now. Do you choose your husband or your dressmaker?"

With limpid eyes the lady looked upon her husband. Then she breathed a sigh and said:

"Well, dear, if you must go what can I say?"—New York Globe

His Prize Garden.

Somebody asked old Doc Quigley why he didn't trim off his scraggly beard.

"Not on your life," he replied. "Them whiskers is th' only thing I ever had any luck in raisin'—an' it took me seven days a week an' twenty-four hours a day for twenty-three years to bring 'em to their present state of perfection!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Obedyed the Order.

Bobble — I heard you got a letter from your brother? Joey—Indeed I did! Bobble—Was there anything important in the letter? Joey—Well, I didn't open it, for on the outside of the envelope was printed, "Please return in five days," so I sent it back to him.—New York Globe.

No College Degree In Brazil.

Brazilian law, it is claimed, prohibits the establishment of any university because "the conferring of academic distinctions is contrary to the principles of true democracy." There are many institutions in Brazil where medicine and law are taught, and these grant certificates of proficiency to pupils who complete the course in a satisfactory manner. But, however well qualified he may be, no Brazilian can legally get a degree in his own country of a doctor of medicine or of law.

Too Vigorous.

Vicar (to sexton)—That pulpit cushion is worn out, Edward. I wish you would see that a new one is put on. Edward (grimly)—Yes, sir; I know it be worn out, an' it's the third one this year. It ain't my place to pass remarks, sir, but in my opinion there's such a thing as carryin' religion a little too far!—London Opinion.

Amicus Curiae.

"I hope this is the last sentence I shall pass upon you," said a French magistrate to a tramp who has appeared before him regularly for many years.

Affecting surprise, the tramp replied, "Then you think of retiring, your worship?"—London Telegraph.

The Sensitive Jester.

"De Wooze seemed to get mad because I didn't laugh at that weazened joke of his."

"Humor him when you can. You see, De Wooze is the sort of humorist that expects somebody to smash the bass drum every time he chortles a pun."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Speed of Flying Ducks.

How fast do ducks fly? is a question that sportsmen have long debated. A correspondent of Forest and Stream throws some definite light on it. Business requires him to ride frequently on a railroad in New York state that skirts a large lake. Wild fowl, startled by the train, will sometimes fly for a long distance parallel to the track at a speed the same as that of the train; hence it was easy, by timing them and getting the speed rate of the train from the conductor, to learn how fast they were going. The rate varied from forty-seven miles an hour to a little over fifty. The belief of gunners that ducks sometimes travel at the rate of a mile a minute is therefore not far from the truth.

Pet Colors For Flags.

Has it ever struck you which color is most often seen in the flags of the world? Probably it hasn't, because there are not many people who can recognize more than half a dozen flags at the outside. Well, the most popular color is red, which is found in the standards of no fewer than nineteen countries out of twenty-five. Practically every one of the European states, together with Mexico, Venezuela, Chile and Cuba, boasts the color red in their national flags. Blue is found in the emblems of the United States, Russia, France, Great Britain, Holland, Ecuador, Sweden, Chile, Portugal, Venezuela and Cuba. Black is not at all popular, being found only in the cases of Germany, Belgium and China, while Germany is noticeable for having black and white together. Nine countries boast of a flag partly yellow—viz. Austria, Spain, Belgium, Brazil, Persia, Sweden, Egypt, China and Venezuela. To Ecuador belongs the distinction of having a standard nearer white than any other country.—New York Post.

His Misguided Taste.

"Why, there's Hen Peck over there! I wonder his wife lets him come out alone! Good gracious, what an atrocious necktie he's wearing!"

"Don't tell him so."

"Why not?"

"He bought it all by himself."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Right Side Up.

"Now, this car is so constructed," said the agent, "that it can't possibly turn turtle."

"Well, I should say not!" said Jinks. "At the price you ask for it, it oughtn't to turn anything short of diamond backed terrapin."—Harper's Weekly.

Command or Entreaty.

Speaking of epitaphs, there is in an old Kentucky cemetery a tombstone inscribed to the memory of one Sarah Cole, long known to her husband and the other citizens of her community as "Aunt Sally." During her life there were floating rumors to the effect that she kept "Uncle John," her husband, in that somewhat circumscribed space known to the knowing as "under her thumb." In any event, his fellow townsmen like to tell that it was on the 31st of May that Uncle John's marble memorial was erected, bearing the inscription, "Sleep on, Aunt Sally, till the resurrection morn!" and that it was on the 1st of June that Uncle John was married to Miss Vi Davis, the village dressmaker.—Exchange.

Things In Keeping.

"Can you build me a piano and leave the bark on the wood?"

"I guess so," opined the piano salesman.

"I want it for my hunting lodge. We rough it up there, you know."—Judge.



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