### Famous Anagrams.

Of all the extravagances caused by the anagrammatic fever when many years ago it was at its height, none comes up to that of a Frenchman named Andre Pujom, who, discovering in his name the anagram Pendu a Riom (the seat of criminal justice in the province of Auvergne), felt bound to fulfill his destiny, committed a crime in Auvergne and was actually hanged in the place to which the omen pointed.

Among the papers of William Oldys, the bibliographer, was found the following anagram on himself:

In word and will I am a friend to you.
And one friend old is worth a hundred new.

The Father Pierre de St. Louis became a Carmelite monk on finding out that his lay name, Ludovicus Barteleni, gave the anagram Carmelo se devovet, and Sylvester, in dedicating a translation of Du Bartas to his sovereign, made the following anagram:

"James Stuart—A just master."—Minneapolis Journal.

### Trapping an Elephant.

"Elephants are easily trapped," said a zoo keeper, "very easily trapped and very easily tamed. The trapper chooses a spot popular with elephants and digs a hole five feet deep and twenty feet square. He surrounds this hole with a high board fence except in one place, where he hangs a swing gate. Next he finds a herd of elephants, chooses the animal he wants, maddens it and makes it chase him. The man tears along on his nag, the elephant thunders close after, and just at the gateway the man swerves to the right, but the elephant, too heavy to swerve, bangs right on through into the hole. He's mad at first, terribly mad. But they give him no food or drink, they build around the pit fires of damp wood that almost suffocate him with smoke, and they daze and stupefy him with shouts and banging of brass pans. The elephant is completely broken and subdued in three or four days. He comes forth and follows the trapper humbly and timidly, with tears in his eyes."

### A Boy and a Thousand Dollars.

A New York judge gave his son $1,000, telling him to go to college and graduate. The son returned at the end of freshman year without a dollar and with several ugly habits. At the close of the vacation the judge told his son that he had done all he could for him. If he had wasted the money that was to have taken him through college, he might as well leave home and make his own way in the world. It was a rude awakening for the young man, but he knew that his father was right. And so strong was the good influence of his upright father that he did leave home to go to work in downright earnest. He went back to college, made his way through, graduated at the head of his class, studied law, became governor of the state of New York, entered the cabinet of the president of the United States and made a record for himself that the country will not willingly let die. It was William H. Seward.

### A Fish Story.

"Trout protection! Nonsense!" said a gunner of local eminence. "Trout are amply able to protect themselves. Look at their depredations among ducks, for example, and you will agree with me that it's the birds that need protection. It's a common thing for a trout to jump from the water, seize a duck by the neck, drag the unfortunate fowl into the depths sufficiently to leave its feet sticking in the air, where it can get no purchase upon the universe, and thus drown it. Then the trout picks the feathers from the bird, eats it at its leisure and swims away out of the jurisdiction of the courts. Are there any fishermen? None? Too bad. This would be a match for one of their fish stories."—Philadelphia Record.

### English Plum Pudding.

For English plum pudding clean, wash and dry a pound of currants; stone a pound of raisins. Mix the currants, raisins, a pound of suet, chopped fine, three-quarters of a pound of stale breadcrumbs, a quarter of a pound of brown sugar, the grated rind of a lemon, half a pound of minced candied orange peel, a quarter of a pound of flour, half of a grated nutmeg. Beat five eggs, add to them half a pint of orange juice, then pour over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack into greased small kettles or molds. This will make about six pounds. Boil ten hours. Serve with hard sauce.

### A Carlyle Comment.

A gentleman once happened to visit Carlyle just after a brilliant man of genius had left him. As they met at the door the man of genius said: "I have just been visiting poor Carlyle. He is a mere wreck, a mere wreck." As the second visitor greeted Carlyle he remarked, "So you've just had Mr. —— with you?" "Yes," was the answer of the "mere wreck," "and he thinks God Almighty never made such another!"

### Overcharged.

"Electricity in the atmosphere affects your system," said the doctor. "Yes," said the patient, who had paid $10 for two visits, "there are times when one feels overcharged."

### Dad Murphy's Brevity.

Old Dad Murphy, as he was affectionately known to the boys on the road, was a conductor on a trunk line transporting large shipments of live stock from the west. Dad had been in the service so long that the rules of railroading had become second nature to him, and the result of the superintendent's frequent orders to the trainmen to answer with military brevity all questions and messages, especially those by telegraph, to relieve the burden on the wires had reduced Dad to habitually short, concise replies, even in his conversation. On a baking hot July day, when not a breath of air was stirring and the sun beat on the car roofs till the pitch pulled the soles off the brakeman's shoes, Dad in looking over the train discovered that eight hogs had succumbed to the heat. When passing the next telegraph station he threw off a message to the superintendent:

Burhans, Supt.—Eight hogs dead acc't heat, advise. MURPHY, No. 78.

At the second telegraph office he received his answer:

Murphy, Condr. 78.—What is the present condition of the hogs? Ans. ck.
BURHANS.

Dad grunted, shifted his quid of fine cut and wrote as follows:

Burhans, Supt.—Hogs still dead.
MURPHY, 78.

—Judge's Library.

### What He Lost.

A traveling man was leaning against the counter in the hotel gazing disconsolately at the floor.

"Lose something?" queried the hotel clerk.

A nod of the head answered.

"Was it very valuable?"

Twice with the nod.

"Sure you had it when you came in here?"

A third nod. His face was growing wistful.

"You should have put it in the safe."

"Could not have done that very well."

His voice quivered.

The clerk stretched his neck and gasped, "Why, what was it?"

"It was," the traveling man began, but he choked—"It was—my job."

"Oh, pardon me a minute, the phone is ringing." And the clerk tiptoed softly away. A dismal stillness reigned.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### Onion as a Disinfectant.

There is, writes a London correspondent, a stratum of common sense in the advice given by a north country teacher to her scholars, "If you have cholera or scarlet fever in the house, put some onions under the bed and they will sweep away all disease," for the onion proved its virtue in a remarkable way years ago, when cholera raged throughout London. It was noticed with surprise that one of the most insanitary districts—Saffron Hill and its neighborhood—was almost exempt from the visitation. The majority of the inhabitants being Italians were great onion eaters, and strings of this vegetable were found suspended from the ceiling in nearly every room. The medical officer of health concluded that the onion, among its many virtues, contains a powerful antidote against cholera morbus and possibly other diseases.

### Hugo and Verdi.

Verdi labored long before he persuaded Victor Hugo, who was vexed that the tragic beauties of his "Le Roi S'Amuse" had been turned into operatic effects, to attend a performance of "Rigoletto." He succeeded at length, and Hugo sat in the box with the composer and listened to the opera. But not a word did he speak. Verdi's impatience got the better of him, and he asked:

"Well, what say you—about the quartet, for instance?"

"Show me a way in which four persons can be permitted to speak simultaneously," replied the poet, "and I will write something more beautiful than your quartet."

### Early Dentistry.

The art of dentistry was practiced among the Egyptians and Etruscans, and there are evidences in mummies and skulls that in very ancient times teeth were filled and efforts were made to supply the loss of natural by artificial teeth. The first writer on the treatment of diseased teeth was Galen. The science was introduced into America by John Greenwood, who established himself in New York in 1788, in 1790 and again in 1795 he carved in ivory an entire set of teeth for General Washington.

### Chronic.

"Opposition, opposition; nothing but opposition!"

"What's the matter, dear?"

"My parents objected when I wanted to marry him, and now he kicks because I want a divorce."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### The Surprise.

Grandma — Were you surprised to have me come and visit you? Johnny —Not so surprised as mamma was. Grandma—Why, she knew I was coming. Johnny—Yes; what she was surprised at was papa's language when she told him about it. — Cleveland Leader.


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### Nature and Man.

Huxley was once talking to Sir William Gull about the healing power of nature. "Stuff!" said Gull. "Nine times out of ten nature does not want to cure the man. She wants to put him in his coffin."—London Telegraph.

### His Explanation.

"Henry," whispered Mrs Smithers, straightening up in bed, "what's that noise in the library?"

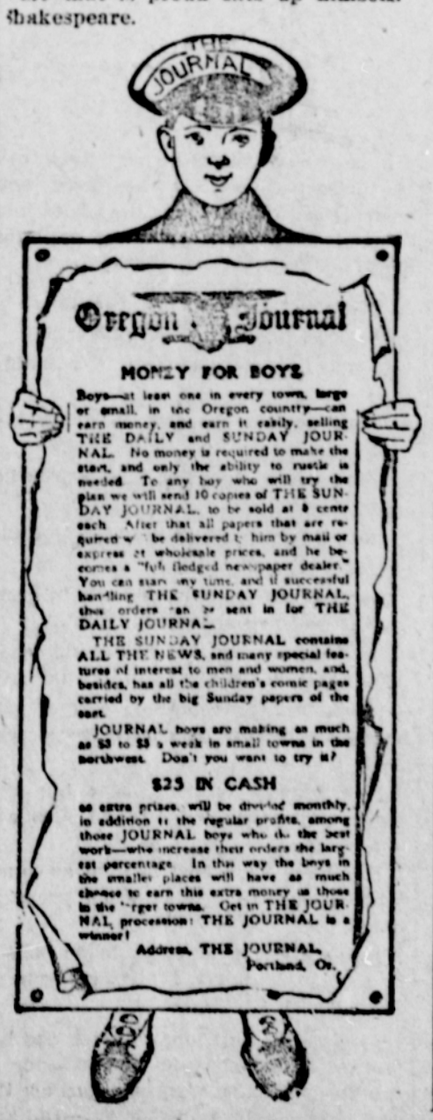
"Must be history repeating itself," muttered Henry drowsily. "Go to sleep!"

### Not at All Easy.

"Oh, it's easy! Easy as taking candy from a baby."

"Easy, eh? Ever try to take candy from a baby?"—Pittsburg Post.

He that is proud eats up himself.—Shakespeare.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