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THE LAW OF THE RANGE. The "lex non scripta" of the public ranges has more binding force than the written statutes of the whole people.

In the case of the farmer, he must secure title to what lands he uses. The lumberman must buy the timber lands from which he cuts the trees.

From the earliest days of the West's development, the livestock man has been the pet of the Government. He has been given special privileges. He has received without giving in return.

He was free to graze on the lands until they were barren as a pile of volcanic ash. He might allow his sheep to feed the very roots of the grasses.

It being a free-for-all scramble, both sheep and cattle owners engaged in it with ferocity, and troubles resulted. They are now imminent, but no more likely to break out than they have been for years past.

The value of Professor Dexter's figures depend, of course, upon two things: His correct estimate of relative success of our public men; and his definition of what he regards as success.

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THE SECRET OF THE STARS. The Senatorial situation seems to be in a triangle, but it isn't. There is a hand that guided.

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Another Fellow Who Had Patience and Won by It. "The trouble with you fellows is you want things, but you know nothing about 'em."

Some Wit and Wisdom. Women love the lie that saves their pride, but never an unflattering truth--The Conqueror.

AN UNKNOWN BIRD Strange Hawk Killed in Wisconsin and Not Identified. Walking not long ago through a field five miles north of Delafield, Wis., John Park, a sportsman and taxidermist, saw a large bird which looked like a bit of cloud.

Monosyllabic. "That girl can't talk a little bit." "Is that so?" "Quite true. The only thing she said to me during the whole evening was 'No,' and I had to propose to her to get her to say that."--Stray Stories.

Complaint of the Mummy. I've slumbered in the desert For forty thousand years; Of all the dramas I've completed, And all the doubts and fears, I never once suspected 'That's the way I should be.' Dug up for an exhibit In a dime museum!

When I was young in Egypt My hair was shiny jet; The poets raved about it; On tablets posted yet; My eyes were dark and lustrous-- But now my stars are set To mock the hollow sockets In a dime museum!

I had a swarthy lover; (And many more, I vow, Would fain have won my glances) But now, Oh, Egypt, now! The case wherein they laid Is cracked and hatched--ah, me! My Pharaoh never reckoned In a dime museum!

For ages and for ages I've slept a peaceful sleep, And all my ancient secrets I thought to hold and keep-- But see and modern science Ran short of things to see, And dug me up and stored me In a dime museum!

Oh, History and Science, Discovery and Art, Ye ghosts of ancient Egypt, And robbers of her heart, Could you not find some subject On which to disagree Without this dried old mummy In a dime museum?

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Ex-Senator Carlisle, of Kentucky, came up to the Capitol yesterday wearing the most remarkable "tie" seen during the present generation. It was a tall, white, stocky of the "Tippencano-and-Tyler-too" brand. Mr. Carlisle had it on his head as he started to enter the Senate chamber.

Women are fond of blaming the devil for their misfortunes, but, after all, they are his best ministers. He can generally be quite sure that they will do their best to help him.--The Story of Eden.

De mean't of courage an' common sense must be understood. Many a man have died from havin' too much bravery, but common sense never killed nobody.--The Black Cat Club.

If the ladies whom gallant gentlemen delight to serve could guess what scant tokens of worth these same gentlemen sometimes carry into the adored presence, many a handsome head would be carried with less assurance.--The Valley of Decision.

Selfishness in public life is a crime against one's highest ambitions.--The Conqueror.

While with mathematical accuracy two and two always make four, by adding a certain amount of personality the result will vary nearly equal five.--The College Student.

It is as easy to escape from death as from a woman when once she's after you--Twenty-six and One--From the Era.

Premier an Ex-Priest. Started in Life as Abbe Combes, but Became a Doctor of Medicine. "Once a priest always a priest," according to the canon law, if so, the French Republic has for the first time a priest at the head of the government as Prime Minister.