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A good press agent is rather to be chosen than a great plot.—New Orleans Picayune.

Points of View.

"A man," said the young widow, "usually marries a woman because he loves her."

"And a woman," rejoined the old bachelor, "usually marries a man because he asks her."

A Strenuous Test.

He (angrily)—I actually believe you would marry the first fool that asks you.

She (calmly)—Just ask me to marry you and prove the fallacy of your belief.

Heard at the Table.

"I pity the poor sailor," said the sentimental boarder. "His is a dog's life."

"Yes," rejoined the cheerful idiot, "he goes from one bark to another, as it were."

Modern Enterprise.

Smith—Hill, the real estate man, is certainly an enterprising chap.

Jones—What's the answer?

Smith—He is offering a hand-painted house with each sale as a special inducement to purchasers.

Supply vs. Demand.

Mrs. De Smythe—I wonder why old china is so rare and valuable?

Mrs. De Jones—Is it possible you don't know after keeping a servant girl all these years?

He Was Skeptical.

"I can tell the character of any woman by her hair," said the wise man.

"Nonsense!" rejoined the skeptical person. "Many a true woman has hair that is false."

In a Class by Himself.

George Washington a husband was
Whose morals mounted high.
Oh, what a snap for his good wife,
For George couldn't tell a lie!

Somewhat Different.

When we go to a masquerade party,
And corns are a part of our woes,
We smile at the bells of the jester,
But object to "belles" on our toes.

No Laughing Matter.

Waggs—Did you ever hear the joke about the two moons?

Jaggs—That's no joke. I've seen 'em many a time.

Trials of the Fair Sex.

He—if a girl declines an offer of marriage and becomes a spinster, she is apt to regret it.

She—Yes; if she marries she is apt to regret it—so what can a poor girl do?

Capt. Benton, an English sailor, 82 years old, who has saved 49 persons from drowning, is to have a street organ bought for him so that he can earn a living.

English newspaper correspondents are complaining of the disgustingly unclean treatment of bread on its way from the baker to the consumer.

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REPORT SENT TO PRESIDENT

Rates by Government Railroad Must be Very Low to Offset Loss in Handling.

San Francisco, May 9. — A matter of great commercial importance to the Pacific coast is discussed in a report that has been prepared for the information of President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, of the War department, and J. L. Bristow, a special commissioner appointed by President Roosevelt to visit this coast and acquire facts. The question refers to the utility of the Panama route for the movement of freight between San Francisco and the Atlantic states. The report was submitted to W. R. Wheeler, W. J. Dutton and Rufus P. Jennings. It was adopted by the trustees of the chamber of commerce and forwarded to Washington in printed form by the chamber.

The report says in part:

"The present freight schedule via Panama is apparently based on the overland railroad freight schedule, the charges of the former varying from 78 to 90 per cent, with an average of about 83 per cent of the latter; in other words, the differentials in favor of the Panama route, with its 30-day trip as compared with the transcontinental route with its 14-day trip, are so small that the shipper either east or west does not consider the saving sufficient to cover the risk of damage or breakage in the necessary several handlings of goods via Panama.

"Under government ownership of the Panama railroad and the sea route to New York from Colon, the only question to be considered would be whether the freight rates could be made sufficiently low to make the saving on transportation expense an object to the shipper and enough to offset the additional time required in transit."

GOOD MEN GO UP.

Forestry Service is Improved Under Civil Service Rules.

Washington, May 9. — Up to a few months ago the forestry service, including forest inspectors, forest superintendents, forest assistants and forest ranger, were outside the classified service, and the positions paying all the way from $720 to $2,000 a year were prey for influential politicians. As was to be expected, many incompetents were loaded onto the government, and there was much complaint because of the inefficiency of the forestry force.

December 17, 1904, the president brought the forestry under civil service protection; soon thereafter congress transferred forest reserves to the control of the department of Agriculture, and now Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, who is actually in charge, is inaugurating reforms which he believes will greatly improve the service in every way.

The Roosevelt idea of promoting good men is being applied, and the higher positions in the forestry service are hereafter to be filled by the promotion of competent men in the lower positions. In the new service the positions will be graded as follows: Forest supervisor, $1,800 to $2,500 a year; deputy forest supervisor, $1,500 to $1,700 a year; forest ranger, $1,200 to $1,400; deputy forest ranger, $1,000 to $1,100; assistant forest ranger, $800 to $900.

Persons who were in the forestry service on the date of the president's order were carried under civil service protection; hereafter all appointments will be made after examination of applicants and preference will be given to local men, selecting rangers and supervisors, when practicable, from the states in which they are to be employed.

Copper Found in Helena.

Butte, Mont., May 9.—A miner from Helena says rich copper ore was uncovered today within the limits of Helena. The lead of the red metal was found adjoining the Pursell lime quarry, on the east side of the town, the lead being worked by the Alberta Mining company. Sixteen inches of very rich ore is in the lead and the discovery created no little excitement. Some of the ore was "blistered" in a blacksmith's forge and the copper and silver were very distinguishable. The ore runs $75.31 to the ton.

Japanese Guard Straits.

Amoy, China, May 9.—Vessels arriving here report having sighted Japanese warships between this port and Hongkong. Japanese ships appear off Amoy at night and undoubtedly are in communication through this plan with the island of Formosa. A Japanese line of scouts is reported here to be around the south of Formosa, and another line of scouts is said to reach into the Pacific from opposite Tamsui, in the northern part of Formosa. A censorship is maintained over cable messages from Formosa.

Propose Boycott on France.

Tokio, May 9.—A member of the chamber of commerce of this city has written to that organization suggesting organized commercial retaliation on France on account of the hospitality shown by her to the second Russian Pacific squadron. The writer proposes that the chambers of commerce throughout the empire act jointly in boycotting the goods of French merchants. It is probable that the chamber of commerce here will not consider the question.

New Road to Pacific Coast.

New Orleans, May 9.—The Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific railroad filed a charter here today to build a railroad from New Orleans to connect with the Colorado Southern and thence to the Pacific coast. The charter bears the names of local directors.

VESSELS IN COLLISION.

Southwest Gale Causes Havoc in San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco, May 9.—A stiff gale from the southeast caused damage to several vessels in the upper bay today. The torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones, at anchor off Stewart street, dragged her anchors and collided with the cruiser Marblehead, staving in a plate of the Paul Jones and ruining one of her life boats.

The schooner Ruby, although she had two anchors out, was carried by the gale down the bay from her position off Harrision street, and it was necessary for the Marblehead to shift her anchors to avoid being struck by the schooner.

The big collier Eureka, lying on the north side of Folsom street wharf, parted her stern lines and was carried by the high sea against the tug boat General Mifflin. The Mifflin was damaged to the extent of perhaps $5,000. The stern of the Eureka was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars.

The river steamer Alvise, at Harrison street wharf, was buffeted about by the rough seas and in her lurching lost her smokestack, besides smashing her fantail and the guard rail from stem to stern, the damage amounting to about $1,000.

BOATS ARE NEARLY DONE.

American Designer Rushing Work in Russian Yards.

Sebastopol, May 9. — The torpedo boats which are being built at the government yard here, under the general supervision of Lewis Nixon, of New York, are nearing completion and their trials in the Black sea will begin in a few days. In order to overcome the difficulty always encountered in work in a foreign country, Mr. Nixon provided his own organization, with which he has pushed the construction of these boats to a state of completion.

Much is expected of these torpedo boats. The Russian admiralty already has had practical evidence of the seaworthiness of the Nixon boats in the performance of the Gregory, which crossed the Atlantic in the face of heavy weather, but the future prestige of the designer of the American battleship Oregon will depend in Russia upon the result of the coming trials, which will be much more severe than usual, in order to test certain things claimed for them by their American constructor.

MADE TWENTY-DOLLAR BILLS

Counterfeiters Caught After Chase from Coast to Coast.

Portsmouth, Va., May 9. — After a vigorous chase that led through several Atlantic coast cities, Secret Service Officer F. E. Land, of Boston, today arrested Thomas Brewster, Charles Fairbanks, and Robert Slack, all of San Francisco, charged with extensive counterfeiting operations. The trio were located at Key West, Fla., but they succeeded in eluding arrest until they reached here.

It is said that large quantities of bogus money have been circulated in all the cities through which the men passed. Together with the prisoners the secret service officer captured $5,000 in counterfeit money, most of which is in the denomination of $20 bills.

Officer Land said today that he discovered that a large number of spurious bills were made at Buffalo, N. Y., which was the distributing point of the gang that was operating.

IMMIGRANTS POURING IN.

Over 12,000 Admitted at New York in Twelve Hours.

New York, May 9.—All records were broken today in the number of immigrants passing quarantine. Within 12 hours 12,039 foreigners, arriving in steerage, were permitted to enter New York, indicating that the spring influx of immigrants this year will probably exceed the records for former years. Ten trans-Atlantic liners brought this army of immigrants to the United States. They began to arrive early in the morning, and the last to pass quarantine was the Hamburg-American liner Blucher, which was admitted at 6 o'clock in the afternoon and added 605 names to the already long list of foreigners arriving in the steerage.

Sunk in Dense Fog.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., May 9. — The Joy line steamer Aransas, Captain Rood, was sunk in collision with the barge Glendower one and one half miles southeast of the Pollock Rip Shoals lightship at 1 o'clock this morning. One life was lost, that of Mamie Kelley, a passenger for New York from Boston, whose address is unknown. She was about 25 years of age. The other passengers, of whom there were 37, together with the crew of 25, were brought here by a tug and landed at midnight.

Stockmen to Organize.

Denver, May 9. — Today leading stockmen from all parts of the country will assemble in this city to take up the work of concluding the organization of the American Stockgrowers' association. This association was partially formed during the annual convention of the National Livestock association held there in January last. Those who went into the new organization were displeased with the admission to membership in the old association of packers, railroad representatives and persons of that class.

Made Russian Naval Base.

London, May 9. — A telegram from Hongkong to a news agency gives a long dispatch, which it alleges the French authorities at Saigon refused to transmit April 30, detailing how for ten days the Russian Pacific squadron was allowed to convert Kamranh bay practically into a Russian base, freely coaling and provisioning under the direction of Prince Lieven, captain of the interned Russian cruiser Diana, the French admiral being present.

Officers Torn to Pieces.

Ekati, Rinsburg, Russia, May 9.—In revenge for the death of a workman who was drowned in attempting to escape from a patrol, a mob of workmen gathered and tore to pieces two officers. Order has been restored.

BUILD CANAL SOON

Plan for Dalles-Celilo Waterway Approved.

START WORK ON UPPER LOCK

Approval of Title to Right of Way by Attorney General Now Only Preliminary Necessary.

Washington, May 6.—Construction of The Dalles-Celilo canal will probably commence in June. General Mackenzie, chief of army engineers, today approved Major Langfitt's plan for starting work on the upper end. He also submitted to the attorney general the title to the right of way which the state of Oregon has presented to the government. The abstract of title having been previously examined and approved, it is presumed the title will be found satisfactory and accepted. The law authorizing construction of the canal stipulates that no work shall be done until title to the right of way and a release from damage has been conveyed to the United States free of cost.

If the attorney general acts promptly and accepts title, instructions will be sent to Major Langfitt to advertise for bids for the work which he outlines in his project. In general terms Major Langfitt's plan conforms to the general plan laid down by the board which drew up the canal project. He, however, found it necessary to make an important change. The original plan located the first lock at the upper entrance. When soundings were made it was found that it would be impossible to get a rock foundation for a heavy lock at that point, so the lock has been located 1,900 feet down the canal, and the entrance will be guarded by flood gates not contemplated in the original plans. These gates will be used in time of high water to keep the sediment brought down by the river from entering and obstructing the canal.

Until bids are received it is not known just how much progress can be made with the funds available. There is now on hand $158,176 remaining from the old boat railway appropriation, and the last session of congress appropriated $50,000 cash and authorized contracts for $250,000 additional, making a total of $458,176 with which to begin work. Major Langfitt's plan contemplates the expenditure of only about $375,000 of this amount, believing it expedient to have some reserve until a further appropriation is made.

TWINE TRUST DECLARES WAR

Attempts to Take Away Trade of the Coast Manufacturers.

San Francisco, May 6.—The Call tomorrow will say:

A great fight is on for the market for binding twine on the Pacific coast. On one side are arrayed the Portland Cordage company and the Tubbs Cordage company, of this city, home manufacturers of cordage and twine. On the other side are the International Harvester company and its leading agencies on the Pacific coast, the trouble all coming from an attempt, as reported, on the part of the International Harvester company to take away the trade completely from the Tubbs Cordage company and the Portland Cordage company.

Deprived of the agencies of the International Harvester company to market their goods, the program of the coast manufacturers is to market on their own account, through retailers, through agents of their own employ and in any other feasible way.

Mine Fire Under Control.

Vancouver, B. C., May 6. — The Canadian-American Coal and Coke company's mines at Frank, N. W. T., about which there was a fire scare the other day, are running full blast again. The fire is under complete control, the entrances to the burning rooms having all been closed. President H. L. Frank says the accident had no serious effect, and will in no way interfere with the plans of the company for extensive improvements. The company is about to install the largest fan used in Canadian mines and a new air system.

Violent Strike of Collarmakers

Troy, N. Y., May 6.—A crowd which at times numbered 4,000 or 5,000 persons, surrounded the collar factory of Cluett, Peabody & Co. yesterday where a strike had been inaugurated by the collar starchers. Disturbances were frequent. Those still at work were kicked or beaten as they entered or left the factory, and several workers had their clothing torn off. Police and deputy sheriffs were cowed, and there was talk of calling for troops. The strike is against alleged cuts in wages and the installation of machines.

Strikers Cause Others to Quit.

Elmira, N. Y., May 6. — Fifteen hundred striking miners gathered in Blossburg, Pa., at an early hour today and started to march to Morris Run, Pa., to induce the nonunion men who have taken their places in the mines of the Morris Run Coal Mining company to not only quit work, but to leave Morris Run, the strikers furnishing money to them which had been supplied by the National Mineworkers' union.

Austria Shuts Door on Poles.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—In order to stop the flood of Poles who are fleeing across the border to escape conscription, and on account of the troubles in Poland, Austria has ordered that all Russian citizens desiring to cross the frontier must be provided with passports, vized by Austrian consuls.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Purchasing Power of a Dollar To-day and from 1890 to 1900.

All important food articles except sugar and coffee are higher at the present time than the average for the 10-year period from 1890 to 1900, says a writer in Pearson's. In looking back upon the course of prices since 1890 it is interesting to discover (from figures compiled by the government) that in that year $1 would buy seven and four-fifths pounds of fresh beef, while to-day it will purchase only six and four-fifths pounds. That amount of money in 1890 would buy ten pounds of salt beef; to-day nine pounds. Of salt pork in 1890 it would buy nine and a half pounds; to-day a little over seven pounds. One dollar in 1890 would purchase seven and a quarter pounds of chickens; to-day less than six and a quarter pounds. It would buy ten pounds of fresh fish in 1890; to-day nine and a third pounds. In 1890 it would pay for five dozen and four eggs; to-day for only four dozen and three. One dollar in 1890 would buy nearly 17 quarts of milk; to-day less than 16 quarts. It would purchase in 1890 four and a quarter pounds of butter; to-day only three and three-quarter pounds. One dollar in 1890 was a fair equivalent for six and a third pounds of cheese; to-day it will purchase half a pound less.

To-day $1 will buy less than eight and a half pounds of lard; in 1890 it would pay for nearly 11 pounds. Of cornmeal to-day you can purchase for that sum 38½ pounds; in 1890 you could get 46½ pounds. When it is considered that the average American family whose income does not exceed $1,200 spends nearly 45 per cent of its entire income on food, it is easily seen how great a difference is made by a rise in prices of 10 to 25 cents on every dollar's worth of edible supplies, covering meats, vegetables and practically all other eatables. As compared with the average prices governing during the period from 1890 to 1900 it is reckoned by the United States Bureau of Labor that hams and salt beef have gone up 12 per cent, salt pork and bacon 32 per cent, lard 35 per cent, fresh vegetables 13 per cent, cornmeal 16 per cent, crackers 19 per cent, New Orleans molasses 20 per cent, beans 21 per cent, herrings 31 per cent, salt 21 per cent, pepper 72 per cent and currants 121 per cent.

Mother and Son.

Among the truly remarkable feats performed by the postoffice employes, in the way of deciphering addresses and discovering the persons to whom letters are addressed, the following incident, which took place in New York not long ago, is one of the most interesting. A letter was received at the general office addressed simply, "My Mother, New York, America." The chirography was somewhat difficult, but even with this finally mastered, and the deciphering of its Irish postmark, the fact that there was more than one mother in Manhattan with a son in Ireland made the postoffice people despair of ever discovering the rightful owner.

A day or two after the receipt of this mysterious missive a cheery-looking Irishwoman elbowed her way to the general inquiry window. "Ye haven't a litter from me b'y, have ye?" she queried, eagerly.

As most of the employes on that floor had had a laugh over the address of the letter to "my mother," the thought of it returned to the mind of the inquiry clerk at mention of "me b'y." It was quite possible that such a questioner might be the mother of such a writer.

The home of the "b'y" was found to be the same as the postmark on the letter, and after a few more precautionary inquiries, the missive was handed over to "my mother," on condition that she open it on the spot and verify her claim. This was done, and "my mother" was actually identified among the three million and a half recipients of mail-matter in the great city.

Her Transformation.

She drank quantities of water, ate a lot
of starchy foods,
Abstained from exercising every day;
She assimilated lactic and a case of
malted goods,
But it seemed her fate to have to fade
away.
She so mourned attenuation, with a visage like an owl's,
That a smile upon her face was never
seen;
While below her mouth were wrinkles,
and above her eyes were scowls,
And her nose was like a hatchet in between.

But one day she fell to laughing in a strange, hysteric way,
Just in thinking how ridiculous it
proved;
And it mellowed to a cackle that was
sane enough, they say,
Till at last she giggled every time she
moved.
Why, she chuckled out her wrinkles, and she snickered off her frowns,
And then took to all the things she
shouldn't do;
Now she's grown as fat as butter, and
has outgrown all her gowns;
But she laughs away at that disaster,
too.

—Woman's Home Companion.

Brusher is Well Paid.

A woman who appealed to a charitable society for help one day last week said her son was able to assist her if he would.

"He is the brusher, and has charge of the bootblack chair in a hotel. He makes between $30 and $40 a week."

An agent was sent out to investigate and found the son employed in one of the big hotels of the city, where he has been for six years.

This young man told the agent that the position of brusher in a large hotel was worth at least $30 a week, although there is no salary attached to it, if a young man attended to his business. Hotel patrons are liberal tippers. The brusher is expected to find seats for customers if the barber's chairs are filled, and to hand around the morning and illustrated papers.—Chicago Tribune.

Do not work in a poor light, and avoid a glaring light, as it may be as bad as too little light.

A JUDGE'S WIFE

PAIN IN THE BACK AND SIDE

MRS. MINNIE McALLISTER

Quickly Cured by a Short Course of Pe-ru-na.

MRS. MINNIE E. McALLISTER, wife of Judge McAllister, writes from 1217 West 33rd street, Minneapolis, Minn., as follows:

"I suffered for years with a pain in the small of my back and right side. It interfered often with my domestic and social duties and I never supposed that I would be cured, as the doctor's medicine did not seem to help me any.

"Fortunately a member of our Order advised me to try Peruna and gave it such high praise that I decided to try it. Although I started in with little faith, I felt so much better in a week that I felt encouraged.

"I took it faithfully for seven weeks and am happy indeed to be able to say that I am entirely cured.

"Words fail to express my gratitude. Perfect health once more is the best thing I could wish for, and thanks to Peruna, I enjoy that now."

Pain in the back, or on the right side.

How often a physician hears this complaint!

Over and over we hear women say: "I have a pain in the small of my back. I have a pain in my right side, just below the ribs."

These symptoms indicate pelvic or abdominal catarrh.

They indicate that the bowels are not acting properly—that the liver is out of order — that the pelvic organs are congested.

Pelvic catarrh—that is the name for it.

Peruna cures pelvic catarrh, when all of these symptoms disappear.

The catarrh may be all in the abdominal organs, when it would be properly called abdominal catarrh.

At any rate, it is one of those cases of internal catarrh which can be reached only by a course of treatment with Peruna.

We have on file thousands of testimonials similar to the above. It is impossible here to give our readers more than one or two specimens of the number of grateful and commendatory letters Dr. Hartman is constanty receiving in behalf of his famous catarrh remedy, Peruna.

Mrs. Carrie King, Darlington, Mo., writes:

"I have suffered for years with biliousness, and kidney and liver trouble.

"If I caught a little cold, the pains were increased and backache and headache were of frequent occurence.

"However, Peruna cured me—twelve bottles made me a healthy woman."

As Others See Us.

"Yes," said the young man, "I am about to get a political job, where I will have nothing to do but sit around and look wise?"

"Well," rejoined his fair companion in the parlor scene. "I'm sure you will be able to fill the first half of the requirements all right enough."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles could never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

An Insinuation.

Tom has been a benedict for almost two weeks.

"You have no idea what you miss by not being married," he said to his friend Jack.

"No, I suppose not," rejoined the latter. "Do you count your money every night and morning?"

Protesting Against Rate Reduction.

Atlanta, Ga.—The recent proposition of J. Pope Brown, chairman of the Georgia Railroad commission, to reduce the passenger rate in Georgia from three to two cents per mile was protested against by the Bothrhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and unions of the blacksmiths, machinists and telegraphers, boiler makers, railway trainmen, carpenters and joiners, clerks and car men. These organizations employed an attorney especially to represent them, who urged that such a reduction would work against the prosperity of the state and lead to a reduction in the number of railroad employes as well as of their wages. The Travelers' Protective association also protested that a reduction as proposed would result in fewer trains and poorer service.

Merely a Hint.

De Borem (time 11:30 p. m.)—Are you interested in baseball, Miss Cutting?

Miss Cutting (suppressing a yawn)—Yes, to a certain extent. I dearly love to see a man make a home run occasionally.

Asked and Answered.

The Maid—What is love?

The Bachelor—Love is the prelude to matrimony.

The Maid—And what is matrimony?

The Bachelor—The prelude to alimony.

Room for Improvement.

"I have here," said the agent, "an alarm clock that will kindle the fire in the kitchen range and start the coffee boiling. Can I sell you one?"

"No," yawned the lazy man, "but when you find one that will pour the coffee out and bring it upstairs I will be pleased to consider its purchase."

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for Free $2 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Both Sides of It.

Biggs—Easyun is a philosophical sort of chap. He spends a lot of time getting at the bottom facts in an argument.

Diggs—Yes, and his wife spends a good deal of her time scraping the bottom of the flour barrel.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Knew Whereof She Spoke.

"I dearly love to go shopping," said the giddy maid of 33 summers—more or less—"especially when there is a bargain sale."

"Huh!" growled the old bachelor, "I fail to see any particular pleasure in getting in a crowd and being almost squeezed to death."

"That is just what I enjoy most," replied the coy maiden, as she hid her glowing face behind her fan.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Essay About the Pig.

One boy gives the following information about the pig: "A pig when living has four legs, but when you kill it the butcher says it only has two, because he calls the front legs shoulders and the back legs are called hams. Ham tastes nice, and they boil it to eat at a wedding. The missus sprinkles little bits of toast on it to make it look pretty."

Piso's Cure is a remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Try it. Price 25 cents, at druggists.

Skaters average from nine to ten yards a second, while runners on skis have made as much as twenty-one yards in the same time, and the jumper on skis has developed almost forty yards velocity in a second. The man who made this record jumped 120 feet.

A HOPELESS FIGHT

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