

On the Other Foot.  
"John, how much money have we in bank?"

"We? I have a few hundred dollars, Maria. Why?"

"Nothing, only I just got a letter today from the lawyer who settled up my father's estate. There was more property than anybody anticipated, a good deal more."

"That's fine. How much do we get out of it, Maria?"

"We? I get a few thousand dollars, John. Why?"—Chicago Tribune.

#### Did You Ever Drink Choca?

No one probably drinks "choca" now, a mixture of coffee with milk and chocolate. Yet it was a favorite beverage of many eminent persons, including Voltaire and Napoleon. And some years ago it was enthusiastically advocated in England by the late W. J. Thomas, first editor of London Notes and Queries, who wrote, "I do not know a draft which so perfectly soothes and revives as that of hot, well frothed choca." His recommendation fell flat.—London Chronicle.

#### Children and Promises.

One of the incomprehensible things to a child is the fashion some grown-up people have of promising and forgetting. There is no surer way to lose a child's confidence and love. Children do not understand excuses or the pressure of circumstances. They only know, "She said she would, and she didn't." One child who had used the word "promise" was asked to tell its meaning. He replied, "To promise is to keep it in your mind, keep it in your mind, keep it in your mind till you do it."—Liverpool Post.

#### The Cut and Dried Life.

We are born into a world that is an inexhaustible store of ready-made ideas, stored up in tradition, in books and in every medium of communication between our minds and others. All we have to do is to accept this predigested nourishment and ask no questions. We could live a whole life without ever making a really individual response, without providing ourselves, out of our own experience, with any of the material that our minds work on. Many of us seem to be just this kind of spiritual parasites.—Atlantic Monthly.

#### Deceived by the Title.

In the titles of books lie at times pitfalls for the unwary. An almost classic example was afforded by John Ruskin when in 1851 he wrote a short pamphlet on the text, "There shall be one fold and one shepherd." This, which treated of the reunion of the Protestant churches, was published as "Notes on the Construction of Sheepfolds"—a title which, appealing rather to the agricultural than to the clerical mind, insured a brisk circulation among farmers.

#### Newton's Apple Tree.

It is impossible to say at this late day how true or how false is the old story about Newton's apple tree at Woolsthorpe, from which he is supposed to have seen the fall of the apple which gave him his first thought of the attraction of gravity. Voltaire is the authority for the well known story. He claims that the story was told to him by Catherine Barton, Newton's niece. How much truth there may be in the tale will never be known, but it seems to be certain that tradition marked a tree as that from which the famous apple fell till 1820, when, owing to decay, the tree was cut down.—New York American.

#### Too Difficult a Job.

An Irishman who was too old for active work was offered the position of crossing tender at a small railroad station. He looked dubious as the duties of the office were explained to him and the meaning of the various flags was clearly stated.

"In case of danger with a train coming of course you wave the red flag," said his friend, proceeding with his explanation. A hard old hand grasped his arm.

"Man, dear, it'll never do," said Patrick, shaking his head solemnly. "I could never trust myself to remember to wave a red flag when there was a green wave handy."—Current Literature.

#### English Triumphant.

One of the reasons why English is expected to become a world language is that English people refuse to learn another. A correspondent sends the following example: At Muscat, at the entrance to the Persian gulf, there lived for many years an Englishman, supposed to be the only, or almost the only, British resident on the 1,500 miles of Arabian coastline from Aden to Kuwait. It would seem that he could hardly have escaped knowing Arabic. Yet he confessed that he could not speak a dozen words of that language. "But how do you carry on your trade?" some one asked. "Oh," he replied, "the beggars have to learn English."—London Globe.

#### Swarms of Bees.

A swarm of bees contains from 10,000 to 20,000 in a natural state; in a hive, from 30,000 to 40,000 bees.

#### Kept a Good Table.

Brown—Keeps a good table, does she? Robinson—Excellent. Solid oak. Has had it for years.

#### Congressional Library.

The library of congress at Washington is the third largest collection of books in the world.

#### Bad Roads.

Some discuss bad roads, while others simply curse them.—Charleston News and Courier.

#### Fur Animals.

Animals to the number of 70,000,000 are killed yearly for the sake of their fur.

#### Elevating.

"There goes a chap who does a deal to elevate mankind."

"Who is he?"

"The district attorney."

"How does he elevate humanity?"

"Sends 'em up, doesn't he?"—Kansas City Journal.

#### Unsettled.

"I want some sort of present for a young lady."

"Yes, sir—Niece or sister?"

"Er, why—she hasn't said which she will be yet."—Exchange.

You cannot eat your cake and have your cake.—Cervantes.

#### Strong Emotion.

Five-year-old Billy was swinging on the front gate. "How's mother this morning?" asked a passing neighbor cheerily. Billy looked serious. "I don't think she feels very good, Mrs. Brown. Her bestest rosebush is dyin', and she had to use lots of emotion."

Mrs. Brown looked sympathetic, but puzzled. "Poor mother! Did it really make her cry?"

"No," with scornful emphasis. "She just putted some soapuds an' kerosene on the bush to kill the bad little bugs."

"Oh, yes, emulsion!" said the questioner as the light dawned upon her.

"That's what I said," explained Billy patiently. "Kerosene emotion."—Los Angeles Times.

#### Beethoven's Oddities.

Beethoven used the snuffers for a toothpick. It was one of his peculiarities that he never allowed his servant to enter his study. He insisted that this room should remain exactly as he left it, no matter how deeply the dust lay on the precious musical manuscripts. He seldom looked in the glass when he tied his stock. Half the time he forgot to brush his hair. Every morning he carefully counted out seventeen beans from the coffee canister. These served for his breakfast. When he composed he would pour cold water over his hands, and often people below him would complain of the water that soaked through his floor.

#### Describing a Railroad.

The Pall Mall Gazette in 1869 asked its readers to name the worst railway in England. And one English kicker answered thus: "Sir—The Southeastern railway is the very worst railway in the world. The engines are asthmatic, its lamps are trimmed by foolish carillons. Its fares are excessive. Its carriages let in the snow in winter and are furnaces in summer. Its motto is unpunctuality. Its principal station is approached through the neck of a bottle. It ruins the temper, destroys the digestion and enables one to realize the horrors of Dante's 'Inferno.' I am, sir, yours obediently, the Worm Who Turns."

#### The First Gas Tubes.

William Murdoch, a Scottish mining engineer, appears to have been the first to suggest that gas might be conveyed in tubes and used instead of lamps and candles. He made a very ingenious gas lantern for himself, with which he used to light his way over the Cornish moors at night. This lantern consisted of a bag filled with gas and fitted with a tube, at the end of which the gas could be lighted. Carrying the bag under his arm, Murdoch used to light his way home at night. On meeting any one he would give the bag a squeeze and thus send out a long tongue of flame. This led to his being looked upon as the demon of the Cornish moors.

#### LOOK TO TODAY.

Know thou, my heart, if thou art not happy today thou shalt never be happy. Today it is given thee to be patient, unselfish, purposeful; to be strong, eager and to work mightily. If thou doest these things, and doest them with a grateful heart, thou shalt be as happy as it is given man to be on earth.—Havergal.

# Our Annual January Clean Up Sale STARTS FRIDAY, JAN. 9

It will be a money saving event, as every article in stock, with the exception of Patterns, Thread and Groceries will be reduced in price,

Here are a few of the many prices that will prevail during the sale.

Dress Gingham, reg 12c.....	7c	Madras Shirting, reg 85c.....	16c
Percale, 32 in reg 12c.....	7c	Duckling Fleece, reg 18c.....	13c
Percale, 39 in reg 15c.....	9c	All Fancy Silks, reg \$1.....	69c
Bleached Muslin, 36 in reg 10c.....	8c	Wool Challies, 40c and 45c.....	23c
Long Cloth.....	11c	French Flannels, reg 45c.....	23c
Bleached Sheetting 9-4.....	26c	Wool Suitings, reg 69c.....	43c
Tubing, 42 in reg 25c.....	19c	Wool Suitings, reg \$1.25.....	89c
Flannelette, reg 15c.....	11c	Wool Suitings, reg \$2.....	\$1.43
Bleached Bath Towels, reg 25c.....	19c	All Corduroy.....	93c
Outing Flannel, 10c and 12c.....	8c	Danish Cloth, reg 35c.....	17c
Galatea, reg 15c.....	11c	Cotton Suitings, reg 35c.....	17c
Serpentine Crepe, reg 25c.....	16c	Wool Coatings, reg \$2.75.....	\$1.49

Great reductions have been made on shoes, men's furnishings, underwear, hose, neckwear, dresses, suits, coats, umbrellas, laces, embroideries, millinery, notions, ribbons and many other articles that you need.

## S. E. YOUNG & SON ALBANY, OREGON

### COZY CORNER

J. S. STICHA, Proprietor

Confectionery, Ice Cream, Tobacco  
and Cigars

Post Cards a Specialty

SCIO, OREGON

#### An Eye to Safety.

"Captain," said a wealthy passenger, who was about to take his first trip across the ocean. "I understand this ship has got several water tight compartments."

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "Captain," the passenger went on, decidedly, "I want one of those compartments, I don't care what it costs."—London Telegraph.

#### Handel's Retort.

A vocalist of the eighteenth century called Gordon accused Handel of accompanying him badly and said if he did not change his style he would jump on the harpsichord and smash it. "Let me know ven you will do dat," was the reply, "and I advertise. I am sure more people will come to see you jump dan to tear you sing!"

#### Then He Went Home.

He—I dreamed of you last night. Do you ever dream of me? She (suppressing a yawn)—No, but I'd like to very much.—Detroit Free Press.

#### The Veil of the Future.

In the Chicago schools a boy refused to sew, thinking it below the dignity of a man of ten years.

"Why," said the teacher, "George Washington did his own sewing in the wars, and do you think you are better than George Washington?"

"I don't know," replied the boy seriously. "Only time can tell that."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### Notice For Publication

Department of the Interior

U. S. Land Office at

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 2, 1913

Notice is hereby given that

Waldo J. Adams

of Scio, Oregon, who on May 21, 1912, made Homestead Entry No 63514, for northwest quarter sec 24, twp 10 south, range 2 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 17th day of February, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: T. H. Thomas, O. A. Burch, Leo Rund, Frank Peppering, all of Route No 1, Scio, Oregon.

H. F. Hony, Register.

Pure bred Berkshire boar.  
Service \$1.—R H McDonald. 26

When in need of printing give the News office a call. First class work and prices right. We make a specialty of letter heads, envelopes, statements, bill heads, sale bills, business cards, ladies calling cards, and in fact commercial printing of all kinds.

Edison's newest Amberola, the machine that talks. Step in at the drug store and hear it.



## A Bargain

For Sale—Good \$25.00 disc phonograph and \$30. worth of Victor, Columbia and Standard records. All as good as new and a choice selection of music. \$25. buys the whole outfit. Inquire at News office for terms and further particulars.

#### The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' 1914 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' 1914 Almanac is now ready and will be mailed prepaid for only 35c. Professor Hicks' fine Magazine, "Word and Works," for one year, and a copy of this Almanac for only one dollar. The plain lessons on astronomy, and the correct forecasts of storms, drouths, blizzards and tornadoes, make these publications a necessity in every home in America. Send to Word and Works Publishing Company, 3401 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.