

LAST WINTER'S OVERCOAT.

When the stormy breezes bluster Through the shade trees, lank and bare...

Tenderly we pick the mothballs From the pockets where they've lain...

But at length, with some misgivings, We pronounce it fit to wear...

The Little Lacermaker.

MILLE NOEMI VERDIER, a lacermaker of Valenciennes, was as good as she was pretty...

Left an orphan at thirteen years of age she lived with her brother...

The two lived happily together; but the years passed and the time of military service came...

Left alone in the little lodgings, thus suddenly become too large for her...

Each Saturday she carried back her work and when she returned home...

On his side Louis behaved in his regiment as he did in Valenciennes...

You can imagine how happy Noemi was! How her heart throbbed with joy!

From the letters of her beloved Louis she learned the successive defeats...

Noemi, who never read the papers, hastened now to the office of the Governor...

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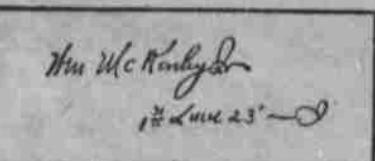
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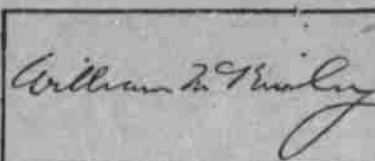
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EVOLUTION OF A SIGNATURE. NOW WED AT HOME.



Signature of Lieut. McK'ley in 1864.



Signature of President McKinley in 1900.

Those fond of studying character in handwriting will find much of interest in the signatures of First Lieut. William McKinley, Jr., of the Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry...

When the older of the signatures was written the father of the boy lieutenant was alive, and the future President was William Jr. This signature was written across the face of a small photograph...

"Speak, my darling," answered the young officer. "The surgeon says that you will soon be able to get up. I am going to take you home to our little nest and take care of you day and night..."

LINIMENTS MADE AT HOME.

They are Frequently of Great Value for the Cure of Lacerations.

It is difficult to find a liniment that will be of more general usefulness than simple camphorated oil or camphor liniment, as it is often called...

A compound liniment which is recommended for rheumatism and "numbness" is made of two and a half ounces of camphor and one dram of oil of lavender dissolved in seven fluid ounces of alcohol...

See how beautiful it is! she said, displaying the delicate masterpiece upon the bed—proud of it, not because of its overwhelming difficulties...

And they were both happy. With hands clasped, they contemplated the delicate lace. All at once a piercing shriek drew them from their ecstasy.

And while the nurses, beside themselves at the cries of the patient, searched everywhere for what was at hand, the stream of blood kept on flowing and the anxious surgeon multiplied his appeals.

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The hemorrhage was stopped. Louis and Noemi, trembling with emotion, looked at each other. "Dear sister, thank you..."

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FASHIONABLE BRIDES TABOO CHURCH FUNCTION.

Simplicity of Arrangements Contrary to Former Elaborateness—Society Leaders Say Home Wedding is a More Sacred Event—Guests Still Numerous.

The weddings of the fashionables are no longer "brilliant functions," says the Chicago Chronicle. The elaborate affair of the past few years has been replaced by a quiet home wedding, which does not lend itself to long descriptions...

These fashionables who have planned and executed the change have many reasons for it. In the first place they say a home wedding is so much more sacred...

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The first intimation that the Boston figurines were forgeries was the statement of John Marshall, an English authority, that he believed them to be spurious.

But there is more to it than the mere fact that the home has succeeded the church as a place for such affairs. With the change the whole tone of the function has changed, the bride is no longer so elaborately gowned, the decorations are not so extravagant, the bridesmaids and groomsmen are not so numerous...



CHURCH WEDDINGS ARE NOW OUT OF DATE.

make it so. One maid of honor and one bridesmaid are at most the attendants of the party and frequently the maid of honor alone accompanies the bride, while the groom has no attendant.

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LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VARIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

Grogan—I suppose you know it is the proper paper now not to serve butter at dinner.

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Doesn't Melt.

"It's terrible, the way the price of coal is going up," wailed the pessimist. "Well, there is one thing to be thankful for," said the optimist; "coal doesn't melt like ice."—Philadelphia Record.

Regretful It. Lena—I didn't think you'd let a man kiss you on such short acquaintance. Maude—Well, he thoroughly convinced me that it was all my fault that I hadn't met him sooner.—Smart Set.

Of Course. "It seems to be an actual fact that an Indian never laughs." "Nonsense! D didn't Longfellow make Minnehaha?"—Philadelphia Press.

Some Cause for Joy Yet. "Well, Dave, what did you do on your fiftieth birthday?" "Oh, I passed resolutions that I was glad I wasn't 100."—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing in It. Giles—At last I have got a letter from my rich uncle in California. Hilton—Anything in it of interest? Giles—Not a cent.—Boston Transcript.

Seldom. Song writers may turn out airs by the million, but they seldom become millionaires.—Philadelphia Record.

A Joint Warhorse. "Do you like your new cook?" "Oh, yes, I haven't worn my silk cape but once since she came, but gracious! I'm going to boot her about a little thing like that."—Indianapolis Journal.

Discovery. "You seem to have discovered the secret of keeping a servant girl, Mrs. Hill?" "Yes. Several years ago I found a maid whom my gowns would exactly fit, and I have had no trouble since."—Denver Times.

Simply Lax's. Miss Pepprey—Gracious! You don't mean to say that you absolutely do nothing? Cholly—Aw, really, I don't even do that. My man attends to everything, y' know.—Philadelphia Press.

He'll. "There's no use," said Mr. Cumrox, "I ain't going to try to superintend the education of my daughter any more." "Why not?" "They're getting along where I can't follow 'em. I hear 'em chattering sometimes, and I can't tell whether they are reciting their Latin lesson or counting out for a game of hide and seek."—Washington Star.

Her Valuation. Biggs (to cabman)—What will you charge to take me and my wife to Blank's Hotel? Cabman—Half a crown, s'r. Biggs—And how much for taking me alone? Cabman—The same—half a crown. Biggs (to his wife)—There, my dear, you see how much you are valued at.—Tit-Bits.

Worked Both Ways. "I can't have lost all my good looks," said Miss Northside to her best friend, Miss Shadyside, "for I can still obtain a seat in a crowded street car." "Oh, well," replied Miss Shadyside, "you know the men will give seats to old age as well as to youthful beauty."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Peep-singing. "Mamma, my birthday comes this year on Monday, doesn't it?" "Yes, dear." "And last year it was on Sunday, wasn't it?" "Yes, dear." "Did it come on Saturday the year before last?" "Yes, dear." "Mamma, how many days in the week was I born on?"—The King.

An Illiterate. Jane—What did you ever reject John Gray for? Kitty—He was so illiterate. Jane—Illiterate? Why, I thought he was a man of superior education. Kitty—Well, he wasn't. He didn't even know the rudiments, for when I told him "no" and thought sure he would read between the lines, would you believe it, the gump picked up his hat and went home.—Detroit Free Press.

The Strenuous Life. New Reporter (tired out)—To-day is Saturday, and you know that this state now has a Saturday half-holiday law which— City Editor—By jinks! I nearly forgot it. Rush out and get up a five-column article on how the day is being observed.—New York Weekly.

Had 'Em to Suit. Customer—Having tried nearly all the hats in the shop—it's a funny thing that you don't seem to have a hat that suits my head. Shopman (truly anxious to please)—Try a soft one, sir.—Pick-Me-Up.

From the Atlantic. "What are you nosing around that Atlantic cable for?" said the lobster to the bluedish. "Oh," said the latter, nonchalantly, "merely picking up a few ocean currents."—Detroit Free Press.

Petroleum in Paint Explosives. Explosions caused by paint mixed with petroleum ether are said to have occurred frequently of late in England. The admixture of drying oil in the paint is made to hasten the drying of the paint. Aside from the recent accidents with such paints in the interior of vessels, attention is called to the fire in former years on the ship-of-war the Dufferin, where 151 persons lost their lives. Hence great caution is recommended in employing such paints. In closed rooms their use should be entirely prohibited.

Age of Responsibility. In England the law looks upon every one over the age of 7 as a responsible being, and every child beyond that age can be prosecuted as a criminal. The same age is accepted in Russia and Portugal. In France and Belgium the age is 8, in Italy and Spain it is 9. Norway, Greece, Austria, Denmark and Holland decline to prosecute a child under 10, and this is the rule also in some of the Swiss cantons. In Germany the limit of responsibility is fixed at 12.



Teacher—Charles, what is the shortest day of the year? Charles (from experience)—The day your father promises to give you a licking before you go to bed.

Kept up His Humor Dry. "A sail!" shouted the lookout. The admiral knit his brow. "I hope it's the enemy," he muttered. "I have enough powder to fight a battle, but not enough to fire a salute!" With this he folded his arms and gloomily contemplated the horizon.—Detroit Journal.

Canid. "What do you think is the saddest work of fiction you ever read?" "The cook book," answered the young woman who has not been married very long. "Not more than one in ten of those pieces come out right."—Washington Star.

Worst Yet. "Please, I want a pennorth of—er—er—I want—er—er—" "Have you forgotten what you came for?" "Yes, that's what I want." "What?" "Camphor."—Moonshine.

Bright Boy. Josh Hayrake—I've got one smart son up in the Klondike. Reuben Glue—Gettin' rich fast, is 'pose? Josh Hayrake—Oh, yes; he writes that he'll soon have enough twig git home with.—Brooklyn Life.

Too Early to Tell. "What are the names of that newly married couple in the next flat?" "Oh, we can't find out for a few weeks; each now calls the other 'Birdie.'"—Indianapolis Journal.

Beauties of Employing a Mascot. Boy—Say, mister, let me bait your hook. Fisherman—I will, if you give me good luck. Boy (adjusting the bait)—The last man I baited for got turned out of church for telling the truth about how many fish he caught.

Good Advice. Tackleton—I'm glad your yacht boat Bragman's. He is blowing so much before the race. It's your turn now. "He laughs best who laughs last." Malmsel—Yes; but say, rather, "He laughs best who lifts first."—Philadelphia Press.

Crafty. Jackson—No, I never take a newspaper home. I've got a family of grown-up daughters, you know. Friend—Papers too full of crime? Jackson—No; too full of bargain sales.—Tit-Bits.

His English. He—You climbed ze Matterhorn? Zat was a great feat. She—Great feat, you mean, Count. He—Ah! Zen you climbed him more as once!—Punch.

Saving Women. Mr. Payne—What! Sixty-eight dollars for an evening dress? Why, I thought you were going to have your last year's black lace made over. Mrs. Payne—I did, dear. I had it made over red satin, and that's what cost so.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Preventing the Cure. Mrs. Gotham—The paper says an Indiana State Board is trying to prevent the marriage of idiots. Mr. Gotham—What nonsense! They soon get over it.—New York Weekly.

Good Idea. "I'd fix that Hall of Fame all right." "What would be your basis of choice?" "Why, I think no man's name ought to go in there until everybody is dead that knew him."—Indianapolis Journal.

How Many. Jonesby and his wife took the family tandem with them on their summer vacation, and in due time returned home, greatly refreshed by the outing. "You are not as much tanned as I expected to see you, Jonesby," remarked Brownson, meeting him the next day after his return. "Tell me candidly how far you traveled on that tandem?" "Well," he replied, lowering his voice, "I have hired a boy to turn the front wheel just one hour. As soon as he has finished I'll look at the cyclometer and tell you exactly how many miles we did on it."

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