

# To the Public:

As an introduction to the trade of Klamath Falls and Klamath County I have inaugurated a Great Sacrifice Sale. It will continue until further notice.

## The Boston Store

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### HE WAS NOT A FLIRT.

Therefore He Escorted this Woman's Attempt at Familiarity.

He was riding homeward, comfortably seated and reading his paper. Being a trifle over-sighted, he was applying himself even more closely to his paper than other homeward passengers. Thus intent in the day's news, he was startled when a woman came up beside him and touched him lightly on the shoulder, at the same time casting a longing eye on his seat.

He is a polite man, and he got up. "A woman with that much nerve is entitled to a seat," he muttered to himself. "The idea of a woman deliberately nudging a man out of his seat!" Other women standing near by laughed unreservedly. He hid his embarrassment behind his paper, for he felt that his good nature had been imposed upon and that the laugh was on him.

By and by there was a vacant seat next to the one he had given up to the woman, and he sat down once more. The woman turned and looked at him amusedly. He could feel her gaze, even though he made a bluff at being intensely interested in his paper. Pretty raw, it seemed to him, for a woman deliberately to take the seat of a total stranger and then sit there and laugh at him because he was such a mark.

Then the woman spoke to him. "Aren't you going to talk to me?" she asked.

He could stand her familiarity no longer. "Well, of all the!" He stopped right there when he looked around and recognized her. It was his wife—Cleveland Leader.

### COSTERMONGER.

The Word in Former Times Was Spelled "Costard-monger."

The word costermonger is now used of an itinerant fruit seller. It was formerly spelled costard-monger and in this form appears in Drant's "Horae" to translate the Latin word "pomarius."

Literally it means costard seller, costard being a kind of apple, the name of which Murray connects with coste, a rib.

Some etymologists connect it with costard, assuming that the pulp of apples was used in preparing this doll cake, but there is no real reason for this, since the "costard apple," mentioned in Plancher's "Voyages" (1626), is quite different fruit from the middle English costard.

Some connect it also with "costard," the humorous name for a head—"Take him over the costard with the bill of thy sword" (Shakespeare). But it seems more probable that the head was called after the apple than the apple after the head.

The termination "monger" simply means a dealer or trader, as in fellow-monger and ironmonger, and is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "mangan," to traffic or barter, which is akin to the Latin "mango," a dealer who sets off and polishes up his wares.—London Standard.

### Two Ribs Broken.

Several people saw him slip on a wet step and fall. Partly extricating himself from his umbrella, he set up such a wall of distress that every one in hearing ran to his assistance regardless of the drenching rain.

"Are you hurt?" asked a chorus of voices.

"Anything broken?" demanded another.

"Only two ribs," he muttered in tones of deep anguish as he wiped his bearded face on his sleeve.

Helping him up, a kind man dragged him into a drug store. One thoughtful person suggested a glass of brandy, another more generous said there were two ribs broken, and a second glass followed the first.

"That'll make you feel better, old man. Ribs hurt you now?"

"What ribs?" he puzzled, smacking his lips.

"Why, the ones you said were broken?"

"Oh," he replied, getting on his feet and moving toward the door. "They was de ribs in me umbrella."—Judge.

### COOKS' SHOPS.

They Were the Beginnings of the Modern Restaurant.

In primitive times the only places in London where the public could be entertained with food had been the cooks' shops. The famous East Cheap was a great thoroughfare, down which the stalls of the butchers alternated with those of the cooks. You chose a joint at the fresh market, and you carried it next door to be cooked for you by a certain hour. If you wished for wine, you must bring that with you, for the cooks sold no liquor, although they seem to have provided, as time went on, more and more of the natural accompaniments of meat, such as bread, vegetables and poultry.

This habit continued until well into the reign of Elizabeth, and so long as such an inconvenient custom prevailed there could have been no real comfort for any citizen who chose to dine abroad. He must have had as much trouble with portage and baskets as a country party has today at a picnic. But about the time that Shakespeare came up to London a remarkable change took place in the customs of the town, and the practice of public hospitality and entertainment was singularly facilitated.

The nature of this change lay in the sudden development of the tavern and the consequent withdrawal of the cooks' shop. The worshipful company of pastels, as the cooks were called, ceased to enjoy the monopoly of providing hot meals.—Edmund Gosse in Harper's Magazine.

### Railroads Are Never Finished.

In one respect a railroad is unlike any other project undertaken by man—it is never finished. Like a cucumber vine, says a writer in Popular Mechanics, the instant it ceases to grow it begins to wither. There must be continuous expansion and enlargement. Larger cars require more powerful locomotives, and both in turn call for heavier rails, bigger roundhouses, stronger bridges, longer platforms and skidways, increased safety devices, while the straightening of curves and the leveling of grades come in for their share of attention on even the oldest roads. Little wonder, then, with our railroads consuming nearly one-half of all our manufactured steel and iron and fully one-half of all the lumber made each year, that they are the unflinching barometer of the business activity of the nation.

### The Wonders of Science.

It was left for the exhibitor of a phonograph in the streets of Utrecht, according to an American traveler, to put the finishing touch to the wonderful invention. There was the sound of a military band in full blast, and then suddenly the tune stopped and "Halt!" rang hoarsely out upon the air.

"Who's that interrupting the concert?" flippantly inquired the American, edging close to the operator.

"That," said the man, surveying him blandly, "was the voice of Napoleon Bonaparte giving the order at the battle of Waterloo."

### That Was the Trouble.

A Wichita man was fussing because of his aching teeth. "Why don't you go to a dentist?" asked one of his friends.

"Oh, I haven't got the nerve," was the reply.

"Never mind that," replied the friend. "The dentist will find the nerve all right."—Kansas City Journal.

### Literary Analysis.

"Shakespeare's works are marvelous revelations of poetry."

"Poetry!" echoed the Baconian scornfully. "They are merely a collection of ciphers, with some figures of speech thrown in to make them harder."—Washington Star.

### His Wise Plan.

"I never have any luck."

"Neither do I," responded the other citizen. "Therefore I keep out of enterprises requiring jobs of luck to be a success."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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### A SPIKED MOUNTAIN.

One of the Remarkable Geological Freaks of Mexico.

One of the most remarkable geological freaks in Mexico is a mountain situated on the outskirts of Puebla which presents the appearance at a distance of being covered with spines. The sides of the mountain are almost studded with stone columns or pillars. These columns are five to twelve feet long and as large around as an average man's body. It is a remarkable sight, however, of being the handiwork of human beings. One side of the mountain is almost perpendicular, and the stone columns protrude from the surface at right angles, forming an impressive picture.

Puebla is one of the most noted mining districts in Mexico, and it is said by geologists that this remarkable spiked mountain is out of keeping with the mineralized region. The stone is as hard as flint and has withstood the elements for ages. The spines form a natural battlement that makes the mountain appear from a distance like some ancient fort. The mines of the Puebla district are situated not far from this wonderful freak of nature, but the formation encountered in their respective underground workings is of an entirely different kind from that of the pathologic outcroppings.—Puebla (Mexico) Cor. Indianapolis News.

### THE DANGER IN DUST.

A Medical Writer Who Says "Let Sleeping Germs Lie."

Did you ever realize what a dangerous thing it is to clean house in the spring? A writer in a London medical journal, the Lancet, insists that spring cleaning has many possibilities for evil if not properly conducted. Dirt and dust are full of disease breeding germs, but, however dangerous these creatures may be when lodged in the woodwork or comfortably settled under the hall carpet, they are much more ferocious, this writer insists, if stirred up and irritated and sent flying through the air. If we can't keep our houses clean as we go we had better let them stay dirty. This writer's rule is to "let sleeping germs lie."

What a house would look like after forty years of total abstinence from spring cleaning we leave to our women friends to judge. Yet we venture the suggestion that there is one creature

who would find the situation entirely satisfactory. It denotes the annual cleaning ceremony, it takes to eat and sip of the little bit of dust and dirt which settles in to it in its season. It will doubtless make capital out of the Englishman's warning against the perils of house-leaving.

### Book of the Dead.

The Book of the Dead is a most remarkable treasure from ancient Egypt, of uncertain date and origin, but well known before the kings of the first dynasty. Probably the collected work of many minds in different ages, it was regarded as the work of the god Thoth and therefore of divine authority, dealing mainly with the dead and their future state. Some of its texts, prayers, hymns and ritual were used by the mystic priests and parts of the book are said to be long to a period fifty centuries before the Christian era. Copies of it were placed in the tombs, and texts from it were inscribed on coffins to preserve the dead from dangers and to direct them to the land of life on their way to the hall of Osiris, who was the god of the dead. The oldest existing papyrus copy of the book was written for "Nu, the son of the overseer of the house of the steward of the great Amen-hetep, and probably belongs to the early part of the eighteenth dynasty.

### A Fatal Death of Etiquette.

Under the third empire in France Sainte-Helene brought disaster upon himself because at breakfast at the Tuileries he carelessly opened his napkin and placed it over his two knees. To this he added the crime of cutting his egg in two at the middle. Court etiquette prescribed that the half fold of napkin should be on the left knee and the tip of the egg was to be broken with the edge of the spoon and drained with the tip of the spoon. For his failings in these respects Sainte-Helene's name was stricken off the Imperial visiting list.—London Chronicle.

### Ready For Use.

As usual, the children were very hungry and were waiting patiently for father to fill the plates and pass them around. Father, however, was busily engaged in conversation and missed little Marion. After every one had begun eating the child grew desperate and interrupted his father:

"Say, papa, I've an awful good appetite today if you'll only give me a chance to use it."—Woman's Home Companion.

# A Hold-Up?

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### MEXICAN WOOING.

From Making Eyes at a Senorita to the Grand Serenade.

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If you have the nerve to give one a look of this kind—such a look as would be considered extremely rude in any American city—the chances are when you meet her on the next turn you will be rewarded with a smile and a challenge from the black eyes, and if you have a sufficient stock of nerve in reserve you will speak to her and say her some complimentary remark upon the first opportunity that offers. This is good breeding and will not be resented.

Should you then become infatuated with the lady you will search out her home, visit her barred window and hope under it for an hour or two every morning, and if you impress her favorably she will make your heart glad by talking with you through the bars or dropping little scented notes to you.

Should you become real serious you will hire a stringed band to serenade her at night now and then. To conform with the custom you should start your band out at midnight and let it play as long as your money lasts.—Outing Magazine.

### How Tobacco Got Its Name.

The origin of the word tobacco is not definitely settled. Oviedo, one of the early Spanish chroniclers, says it was named after a Y shaped instrument which was commonly used as a snuffing tube. The two prongs were powdered leaf were inhaled. This was called, "tobacco," which was the name given to the plant. On the contrary, one of the islands of the West Indies is said to have furnished the name. It is asserted that tobacco was first taken into Spain in 1508 by Fernandez, a physician, who had been sent by Philip II. of Spain to investigate the products of Mexico. It next reached Portugal, was soon introduced into France by the French ambassador, Jean Nicot, and sent to the Portuguese court in 1559. When he returned to his home he presented some of the seed and leaves to Queen Catherine de' Medici, and the scientific name of the plant was thereafter designated as "nicotine" in his honor.

### Balancing an Egg.

All the world knows how Columbus on a historic occasion made an egg stand on end. After many learned theories had been advanced on balancing the egg he set the egg on end by, of course, mashing down hard enough to form a base, but the problem is capable of still another solution. It is an easy matter to set an egg on a plate, for instance, if you know how. The trick is impossible until the egg has been boiled in an upright position. The position of the hardened yolk at the end of the shell lowers the center of gravity until the sphere can be spun or even balanced with ease.

### Weight of Brain.

The average weight of the human brain is forty-nine and a half ounces avoirdupois for males and forty-four ounces for females. In males the minimum weight is about thirty-four ounces and the maximum thirty-five ounces. In females the minimum weight is thirty-one ounces and the maximum fifty-six. In newborn infants the brain weighs about 11.05 ounces for the male and ten ounces for the female.

### Just a Hint.

Mr. Straylate—is that clock right? Miss De Pink (wearily)—I think it must need cleaning. It's been two or three hours going that last hour.—New York Journal.

How many times a day do you complain? How many times during a day do you find fault?—Atholton Globe.

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