

**Stubborn.**  
A little girl was talking to her rabbit. "Five times five," she said. "Six times six, seven times seven." Between times she shook the rabbit violently.

"Dorothy," said her mother, "what are you doing to your rabbit?"  
"Well, papa says," replied the child, "that rabbits multiply rapidly, and Bunny won't do it."

**Keeping in Practice.**  
The Washington's birthday masked ball was in full swing. The hour for unmaking had arrived. "Where is George Washington?" asked the Spanish inquisitor of Louis Quinze.  
"The last I saw of him," said Louis, "he was in the buffet cutting down the visible supply of cherry bounce."

**Half and Half.**  
Smart Aleck—Once upon a time there were three little children. Half of them were boys and—  
Dumb Della—Why, Aleck! could there be one and a half girls?  
Smart Aleck—There weren't. The other half was boys, too.—London Tit-Bits.

**There Was a Difference.**  
Socks on Buskin—How do you like my hamlet?  
Old Stager—Oh, it was your Hamlet, was it? Well, I did not recognize it as Shakespeare's.—Brooklyn Life.

**Deserved Honor.**  
Brown—Has Smith named his new country seat?  
Jones—Yes, he calls it "Snizzled Silvers," after that breakfast food he made his fortune on.—Detroit Free Press.

**Quick Music.**  
In Chopin's "Etude in E Minor" it is necessary to read 3,950 signs in two minutes and a half, which is equivalent to about twenty-six notes a second.

**Arranging Flowers.**  
There is a great deal in arranging flowers to bring out their beauty. Never crowd them. A few stems, with foliage, can be made far more beautiful and artistic than a crowded mass.

**Whew!**  
"Why did Miss Spencer refuse to elope with you?"  
"She declared that she could not bear the odor of gasoline."—St. Louis Star.

**Nothing in It.**  
"Shall I brain him?" cried a hater, and the victim's courage fell.  
"You can't; it is a freshman. Just hit him on the head."—Sphinx.

**Author of Letters.**  
"He is an unfortunate man of letters." "Why, I never heard he was an author." "Well, he was the author of several letters that lost him a breach of promise case."—Melbourne Weekly Times.

**A Safety Match.**  
Coro—Was it a love match? Dora—Well, as her money paid his debts and kept him out of goal, I should say it was rather a safety match.—Melbourne Weekly.

**His "Better Half."**  
A newly married man told us a tale of woe the other day which happens to every newly married man. When he got married his wife gave him half the clothes cupboard, but in only three weeks all his clothes were hanging on nails driven into the wall.—Exchange.

**The Other Extreme.**  
Towne (reading)—Headquarters for three dollar pants. Well, that's queer. Brown—What's queer about it?  
Towne—I always thought three dollar pants were designed for other quarters.—Philadelphia Press.

**Wearisome Topics.**  
Rodrick—Did you enjoy Mrs. Tiker's reception?  
Van Albrét—No, indeed. The men talked shop and the women shopping.

**Wasn't Quite Sure.**  
Zeb Barix—Is that gal o' yours improvin' in her planner playin' since she begin takin' lessons?  
Si Oatcake—Gosh, I dunno. She's either improvin' or else we're gittin' used to it, blamed if I kin tell which.

**BREAK A LOOKING-GLASS**  
And You Will Have Extraordinary Good Luck, So They Say.  
If you seek good luck, break a looking-glass. If you wish extraordinary good fortune, smash a lot of them. Such at least would likely be the advice of Miss Henrietta Crossman and the members of her company, and they would speak from an experience founded on fact.

For Miss Crossman has thoroughly disproved the old wives' fable that seven years' bad luck follows the breaking of a looking-glass. In the three years that Miss Crossman has been starring, thirteen mirrors have been broken in her company, but instead of misfortune and calamity attending these mishaps, they seem each time to bring a run of good luck. Strangely enough, the first and the thirteenth mirror were broken in Boston. Miss Crossman was about to begin an engagement at the Tremont Theater, Boston, three years ago, when one of the city's street-cleaning cars smashed a large looking-glass which was part of the stage equipment, and which had just been taken from a transfer wagon and placed near the stage door. When it became known throughout the company that a looking-glass had been broken all manner of dire predictions were made. Theatrical folk are superstitious above most human kind, and this looking-glass incident was sufficient to fill all with dismay. The first notable event after the breaking of the glass was the appearance of a representative from the Boston street-cleaning department, who paid the full value of the damaged property, which was \$40. This did not exactly look like bad luck, and was viewed in the light of a marvel, for such promptness and dispatch upon the part of a municipality had never before been heard of.

Some time thereafter the company was playing in a New England city when a gust of wind caught a looking-glass that had been leaned against the wall of the theater in readiness to be carried inside, and smashed it into bits. Again great fear assailed Miss Crossman's company, but, as before, the consequences were good instead of evil, for the engagement in this particular town proved to be the largest in the history of the local theater. Soon the third mirror was broken, and as before some good luck befell. Then the members of Miss Crossman's company took heart and began to assure themselves that it was lucky for them to smash a looking-glass. It is a conspicuous fact that every looking-glass which has been broken in Miss Crossman's company has been followed by some uncommon good fortune. Thus, just before the recent engagement in Philadelphia, which in point of receipts was the biggest ever played by a dramatic company in this country at similar prices, a large pier glass was broken as it was being taken into the theater. In Albany also, last winter, a looking-glass was smashed in the theater, and the engagement in that city is a part of dramatic history, as the business was the biggest on record and established Albany as a great theatrical city.

Then, again, just before Miss Crossman and her company began their run in Boston not long ago, another mirror met the fate of its predecessors, making the thirteenth that had been broken in the company in three years. The Boston engagement was a brilliant success, and it was followed by a New England tour which has become celebrated as the most profitable ever played by any dramatic star in that section of the country. Not once has anything that in any way could be regarded as bad luck come on the heels of a mirror-smashing, while in every instance there has been a series of lucky happenings, until now there is a strong suspicion that some of the mirrors in Miss Crossman's company have been broken purposely.

**Corporations to Control.**  
It is believed that in the near future farms are to be controlled by great corporations. In Missouri recently an 8,000-acre farm was placed in the hands of a company to be managed, and this company is now buying surrounding lands to make a gigantic farm ranch. In North Dakota the Dalrymples own a 20,000-acre wheat ranch, which is managed in the same manner as any mercantile establishment. The general trend outside of agriculture has been toward consolidation, and the present captains of the farming and ranching industry have already caught the fever, and they, too, will perhaps consolidate their interests. Whether a unity of capital will be successful in carrying on crop and beef production can only be determined by trials and experience.

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**In Earnest Then.**  
"I have noticed," said the off-hand philosopher, "that a woman will get a golf dress when she has no intention to play golf."  
"That's so," agreed the man with the incandescent whiskers.  
"And," continued the off-hand philosopher, "she will get a ball gown when she cares nothing about dancing, and a tennis dress when she wouldn't play tennis for fear she will freckle, and a bathing suit when she has no thought of going into the water, and a riding habit when the very thought of climbing on a horse gives her the chills, and—"  
"Yes," interrupted the man with the incandescent whiskers, "but when she gets a wedding dress she means business. Ever notice that?"—Judge.

**It is every one's secret hope** that when the time comes for him to hand his baggage over to death to be checked up, he will not be afraid.

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