

The Earliest Artillery.
We think the eighteen inch artillery as distinctly modern. Yet the first cannon ever taken into the field were of that caliber. A crude mortar was fired at the battle of Crecy, fought in 1346. The early cannon balls were chiseled from stone, and the projectile, which fits the ancient mortar, is made of solid granite. Two powerful men could scarcely lift it. These ancient projectiles remained in use for a surprisingly long time, for it is recorded that in 1807 a British man of war engaged against the Turks had her mainmast severed by a 700 pound stone shot from a Turkish battery.—American Boy.

Modern Buildings.
Probably not one out of every 10,000 buildings standing in all parts of the world and built by modern masons will be standing 500 years hence. We do not know how to put stones and bricks together as the ancients did, and consequently the buildings we raise nowadays are really mere temporary structures and will be in ruins when the ancient buildings of Greece and Egypt, built thousands of years ago, are in as good condition as they are now.

Lights.
Mr. Picklelilly came home from the club one morning about 5 o'clock. He entered his happy home, crept up the stairs softly so as not to awaken his spouse, then felt for the switch to turn on the electric light. He could not find it and in the darkness tumbled over a chair.
"What's that?" came a voice from the bed.
"Where in the deuce are the lights in this house?" snarled Picklelilly, trying in his bluff to put a bold face on the matter.
"Lights!" cried Mrs. Picklelilly scotchingly. "Pull up the blinds!"—Judge.

Out of Line.
An enlisted man at the post at Fort Leavenworth was ordered to range for the first time for target drill. Out of twenty-one chances the newcomer made never a hit.
"Oh, you duf!" exclaimed an officer standing near. "You've missed the target every time! What's the matter?"
"Well, sir," answered the recruit monochalantly, "the only reason I can think of at present is that the person who set up my target hasn't placed it in a straight line from here."

They Go Together.
"Henry," said the young wife, who had taken up physical culture, "how do you think I am built?"
"My dear," replied her husband fondly, "you are built very much like a watch."
"Thank you, Henry. And, Henry?"
"Well."
"If—if I am built like a watch, don't you think I should have a few jewels?"
And then Henry frowned and said the man who compliments a woman is an idiot.

Early Spelling Reform.
Thomas Gataker, rector of Rotherhithe from 1611 to 1654, seems to have been the earliest pioneer of spelling reform. This divine, who was a prominent figure in Puritan circles, started his career as a reformer by changing to Gataker "to prevent miscalling." Gataker published theological treatises abounding in repulsive looking words like "gation" (for he regarded the "u" after "q" as superfluous) and other "an spellins," such as "bellev," "exces," "ded" and "tru."—London Chronicle.

They Do Their Share.
Milton complained of his wife that she did not talk to him enough. Three hundred years have wrought a change. When Matthew Arnold visited this country a woman with more zeal than discretion asked him:
"Mr. Arnold, will you tell me what is the most novel impression you have received in the United States?"
"Certainly, madam," he replied, with perfect English suavity. "The women do all the talking."—Youth's Companion.

Artists in Mother-of-pearl.
The incrustations of precious woods with mother-of-pearl is in Hanoi, French Tonquin, an important industry, an entire street, known as the "street of the inlayers," being devoted to it. Landscapes gleaming in the sun, sheaves of many colored flowers, the most delicate arabesques and many other beautiful things are evolved by the deft and pliant fingers of the artificers, and marvelous cabinets and other articles are fashioned and put together without the aid of nails by dovetailing and lacquer paste.

Curran's Grim Joke.
"I cannot sing; I really cannot," protested the famous Lord Norbury of "hanging fame" to a pretty and pressing hostess. "I have neither words nor voice."
"You are too modest, chief justice," said Curran, who was standing by. "For I know hundreds that have hung on your words and thousands that have been transported by your voice."
"I am wedded to my art," said the emotional actress.
"Well," replied the cynical manager, "maybe it would be advantageous for you to get a few words and make art for you all day."—Washington Star.

YOUR FAULTS.
You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults, still less of others' faults. In every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong. Honor that, rejoice in it and, as you can, try to imitate it and your faults will drop off, like dead leaves, when their time comes.—Ruskin.

More Miracles Ahead.
Who can predict what the future will be, in view of what has already occurred in this generation of miracle working? New inventors, standing on the shoulders of those who so transformed things during the last half century, will doubtless learn still greater secrets of nature. Much of our worry over posterity is idle. While we are handing down many serious problems for posterity to wrestle with, we are also giving it the richest legacy any generation has ever had. Thanks to our inventions, the youth of tomorrow will live more before he attains his majority than Methuselah did in all his stagnant centuries.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Famous London Church.
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is probably the only London church that can boast of having had a king for church warden. George I. held that office for a number of years and marked his tenure of it by presenting the church with an organ. The greater part of Buckingham palace is situated within the parish of St. Martin's, and in consequence the births of all royal children born there are entered in the church register. Among celebrities who were buried at St. Martin's are Nell Gwynn, Robert Boyle, Sir John Farquhar, Rowland, the sculptor, and Hunter, the surgeon. Hunter's remains were afterwards transferred to Westminster abbey.—London Globe.

Australia.
Nobody quite knows who discovered Australia. The feat has been fathered on Chinese, Malays, French, Venetians and Spaniards, while dark hints about the existence of a southern continent were made by the ancient Greeks and Romans. Possibly the secret lies hidden in the unpublished records of the Dutch East India company among the state archives at The Hague. The founding of the first British settlement at Port Jackson, near the site of Sydney, was on Jan. 26, 1788. But those earliest "settlers" were for the most part involuntary colonists, being composed mainly of transported convicts.—London Mail.

Rough on Rosebery.
Lord Rosebery has all his life been a wonderful orator, and he has probably made as many speeches as any politician living. He has told an amusing story against himself about a certain proofreader who, after he had read the proof of a particularly long speech of his lordship's, wrote at the end of it the words, "Thank heaven!"
The proof was duly returned to the printer, who set up these words in type. The next day the speech was published in the newspaper with the following startling ending: "At the conclusion of his speech Lord Rosebery left for the south. Thank heaven!"—London Tit-Bits.

Pretty Thin.
"My dear," said a thin little Brighton man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman down in Devonshire who goes out and chops wood with her husband."
"Well, what of it? I think she could easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."
The thin man laid down his paper with a sigh that sounded like the squeak of a penny whistle.—London Answers.

Scotch Profits.
"We have decided," said the head of a Glasgow firm, "to conduct our business in future on the profit sharing principle. We shall begin at once on the basis of last year's results."
"We are delighted to hear it," replied the foreman, speaking for the men. "May we ask what were the last year's results?"
"We lost a thousand pounds," said the employer, "and, therefore, on the profit sharing principle, there will be a reduction of 10 per cent in your wages."—Dundee Advertiser.

How He Did It.
"I have seven wives," explained the unspeakable Turk to the interviewer.
"Great Caesar! How do you manage to pay your dressmaker's bills?"
"I married dressmakers, son of an infidel!"—Boston American.

UGLY THOUGHTS.
In wandering through your mental pleasure grounds, whenever you come upon an ugly intruder of a thought which might bloom into some poisonous emotion such as fear, envy, hate, worry, remorse, anger, and the like, there is only one right way to treat it. Pull it up like a weed; drop it upon the rubbish heap as promptly as if it were a stinging nettle; and let some harmonious thought grow in its place.

The Woman of It.
"I never saw any one so obstinate and set as John is."
"You surprise me!"
"Yes, indeed. Why, only this morning we had a dispute, but I stood firm and told him he might move the pyramids, but he couldn't budge me when my mind was made up."
"And he finally admitted that he was wrong?"
"Well, about the same thing. He said, 'Have your own way, Marie.'"
"Of course. But what was the argument about?"
"Oh, I haven't the slightest recollection, but it was the principle, you know."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

No Cues Words at Home.
The late Tom Reed used to tell a story of how Blaine was once defended by an old farmer from the accusation of being profane at times.
"It's distressin'," said the farmer, "how they do lie about public men. They're circlatin' a story now that Blaine swears. I know 'tain't so. My gal goes to the same school with Blaine's gal, and she's often gone home with her and eaten many a meal of victual at Blaine's house, and she tells me that she never heard Blaine speak a cuss word. Now it stands to reason that a man that kin keep from swearin' in his own house and at his own wife kin keep from swearin' anywhere."—Los Angeles Times.

Identified.
In many parts of England and especially in the villages of the Black country it is quite a common thing for a man to be known so exclusively by a nickname that his real name is forgotten. A gentleman had occasion once to ask a potter for the whereabouts of a certain John Williams.
"John Williams?" repeated the man thoughtfully, knitting his brows. "I have heard tell of it. John Williams—is it familiar, I say, sir," he explained, as if seized by a sudden inspiration, "do he be married?"
"That's so," was the reply.
"And hex three of a family?"
"I believe so."
"Well, sir, I'm John Williams."

Not Caused by the Hat.
"How do you like my hat?" she asked.
"Why, to tell the truth," replied her dearest friend frankly, "I don't like the effect very well. It seems to me it gives you a rather cross look."
"Oh, that isn't the hat," she responded cheerfully.
"No?"
"Oh, not at all. That comes entirely from the fact that I have just seen my husband and he had just seen the bill."—Chicago Post.

One Thing He Couldn't Do.
Milking a cow is not an easy task for an unpracticed hand. Leslie Stephen, the famous English literary light, was once on a long tramp in Switzerland, accompanied by his friend, Dr. Morgan. They missed their way and found themselves, parched and hungry, far from any dwelling place. At length they came across a cow, from whom they determined to extract some nourishment, but after trying their best for an hour, each holding on to her horns in turn, they had to abandon all hopes of milk. This, remarks Dr. Morgan, is "one of the very few occasions on which I ever saw Stephen fairly thwarted."—London Spectator.

Dacca Muslins.
Dacca, in eastern Bengal, had a special interest for Thackeray since his grandfather, after whom he was named, laid the basis of his fortune as a factor there. And in the novelist's day the name, as old people among us will still remember, was synonymous with exquisitely diaphanous textiles, though as a matter of fact the rarest of these "webs of woven wind," "evening dews," "running waters"—such were some of the names given the most delicate of the Dacca muslins—seldom passed beyond the city walls. There is a well authenticated case of the thread being spun into muslin in the proportion of 100 miles to the pound at Avoirdupois.—London Chronicle.

Teacher Was Fooled.
At a German recitation the class was asked for the German forms of English words.
"What is the German for lawyer, Tommy?" asked Miss Jones of my neighbor.
The German for lawyer is pronounced Abd-fo-kahit. Although Tommy and I had studied this lesson with great zeal the night before, we could not recollect the word. So Tommy stammered very sullenly:
"I fo'got."
"Good!" said Miss Jones, first to Tommy's astonishment, then to his amusement as he saw the point, and finally to his delight, because he avoided getting a zero.—Chicago Herald.

When Poland Drank Hard.
Poland was a great country for hard drinking in the old days. Its last king, Stanislaus II., was solemnly warned by the grand hetman, Branicki, that he must never expect to become popular unless he got drunk at least twice a week. Pan Kemarezewski, who could empty a bucketful of champagne at a draft without noticeable consequences, once in company with Pan Sosiejkowski, high chamberlain of Volhynia, disposed of a whole butt of old Hungarian wine at a single sitting. One held his beaker under the bung-hole until it was full and then drank while the other filled his beaker, and so, turn and turn about, they achieved the feat.—London Chronicle.

LIVE STOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA
Beef Steers Slow and Steady to 10 Cents Lower.

HOGS 10 TO 15 CENTS HIGHER

Very Satisfactory Market For Sheep. Lambs Active Sellers at Fully Steady Prices—Aged Sheep 10 Cents Higher.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, April 13.—A very fair run of cattle arrived yesterday, some 6,000 head. Trade in fat cattle was a little slow, with prices steady to about a dime lower than the close of last week. For the most part it was an active and steady market for cows and heifers, and there was a healthy demand from local packers as well as vigorous buying for both shipping and feeding account. Veal calves were in brisk request and fully steady, and there was a little broader inquiry and a steadier market for bulls, stags, etc. There was a good demand from both local speculators and country buyers for stockers and feeders and prices were steady to strong as compared with the latter part of last week.

Cattle quotations: Good to choice heaves, \$7.75@8.35; fair to good heaves, \$7.40@7.70; common to fair heaves, \$6.80@7.40; good to choice heifers, \$6.50@7.15; good to choice cows, \$6.35@6.90; fair to good cows, \$5.50@6.30; canners and cutters, \$3.75@5.25; veal calves, \$7.00@10.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$4.75@6.25; good to choice feeders, \$7.25@7.85; fair to good feeders, \$7.00@7.25; common to fair feeders, \$6.00@7.00; stock heifers, \$5.85@6.85; stock cows, \$5.50@6.50; stock calves, \$6.25@8.25; stock bulls, \$5.25@6.50.

A moderate run of 7,200 head of hogs and a continuation of last week's good demand for all kinds sent prices up to the tune of 10@15c yesterday. The big string of sales landed at \$7.00. There was a sprinkling around \$6.95, and a few shippers, as well as a number of the killers, which were sold towards the close, reached \$7.05.

Sheep and lamb receipts totaled 7,500 head. Trade was active and prices on lambs were fully steady, while sheep were scarce and about 10c higher. Bulk of the Mexican lambs changed hands at \$10.40. A small bunch of spring lambs brought \$13.50. Two cars of Mexican ewes brought \$8.35, only 5c under the extreme high record for any year at this point.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, light, \$10.00@10.40; lambs heavy, \$9.75@10.00; yearlings, light \$8.90@9.25; yearlings, heavy, \$8.50@8.90; wethers, good to choice, \$8.00@8.50; wethers, fair to good, \$7.75@8.00; ewes, good to choice, \$7.75@8.25; ewes, fair to good, \$7.00@7.75.

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Meets With Approval
In another part of this issue will be found a large announcement of the Reo the Fifth auto, for which J. L. Nicolai is Alliance agent. The Reo is staying right along with the rest of them in the matter of sales, the factory being taxed to supply the demand. It is a good car or Mr. Nicolai wouldn't sell so many of them, and the general office seems mighty well pleased with his sales thus far. The new "six" is an innovation in the automobile world and is taking with the public, as is evidenced by the demand for it.

MRS. MARTHA MARKHAM
Martha A. Markham, wife of J. C. Markham, died at her home in the west part of town early Wednesday morning after a short illness caused by a tumor. Mrs. Markham was born September 3, 1861, being 53 years, 5 months and 11 days old at the time of her death. Besides the husband, four children—one boy and three girls, together with several brothers and sisters, survive her. One son and one daughter live in Alliance, one married daughter at Edgemore, and a married daughter near Ogden, Utah. The daughter at Edgemore came here upon learning of her mother's death, but it will be impossible for the daughter living at Ogden to be here to attend the funeral. Two sisters arrived Wednesday noon. At the time of going to press we have not learned where interment will take place.

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