

WHAT WILL NEBRASKA DO?

Handsome Gifts to War Ships Named After States and Cities.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Diction of Custom Requires the State to do the Right Thing for the Battleship Nebraska-What Other States Have Done.

The Navy department, having decided to name one of the new battleships Nebraska, it will be necessary for the people of the state to follow the custom of giving the ship a suitable gift. It is yet too early to give the matter serious consideration, as it will take at least two years to construct that modern fighting machine. What the gift will be is a subject for future discussion. The gifts to ships now in commission are useful examples of what the people of Nebraska are expected to do and it will be well to keep them in mind for future use.

The city of Minneapolis gave to the cruiser of that name a magnificent grand piano valued at \$1,000. This was accompanied by seven pieces of silver worth \$3,900, the soup tureen alone costing \$2,200 and the meat plate \$350. The battleship Indiana received from citizens of Indiana, in addition to a library, a silver service valued at \$5,250, and consisting of thirty-nine pieces, twenty-two pieces of silver, given by San Francisco to the cruiser of that name, cost \$7,480. But the handsomest and most expensive silver service was furnished for the cruiser Chicago by the people of the big town on Lake Michigan. It comprises 228 pieces, including a dozen and a half of everything. Brooklyn gave to the armored cruiser named after that city two silver candelabra worth \$1,600, a soup tureen that cost \$855 and a lot of other silver that ran up the value of the service, excluding the candlesticks, to \$5,397.

Treasures of the Ill-Fated Maine.

When the ill-fated Maine went into commission citizens of that commonwealth gave her three silver dishes, worth \$1,000, and several photographs containing views of Maine scenery. On March 10, 1897, several residents of New Orleans, natives of the Pine Tree state, presented the ship with a loving-cup of silver with a moose-horn handle. This cup is now exhibited in a glass case at the National museum, having been recovered from the wreck in Havana harbor.

The cruiser New York has been the recipient of a greater number of gifts than have been bestowed upon any other vessel of the navy. Among them may be mentioned a silver service of twenty-four pieces from citizens of New York; a silver punch bowl and ladle from the New York Yacht club; two silver candelabra from the New York Board of Trade; a large music box from a manufacturer, and a ship's bell from the Seventh regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. A patriotic merchant of this city has given to the ship a number of scrapbooks containing practically everything that the newspapers have ever said about her, and the late George W. Childs presented her with a pigeon coat stocked with homing pigeons of the best blood. The battleship cruiser Baltimore has received from a citizen of the big town of that name a portrait of Lord Baltimore, the acceptance of which is the subject of a letter written January 2, 1899, by George Dewey to Winfield Scott Schley. At that time Dewey was chief of the Bureau of Equipment, and Schley was in command of the Baltimore.

Bay State's Gift.

The state of Massachusetts has given to her namesake war ship a bronze statue of "Victory" valued at \$2,000. Not to be outdone, the city of Concord has bestowed upon the little cruiser of that name a miniature copy in bronze of the famous statue of the Minute Man of 1775. It weighs about two and a half feet high exclusive of the pedestal, and stands at present on the forward part of the poop deck of the Concord. Nevertheless, the Navy department does not consider that statues are appropriate gifts for ships; they are cumbersome and add to the weight of the vessel. No American war vessel has ever a figurehead, the place of that ancient and respectable institution being taken by a shield and flags.

The cruiser Charleston has been presented by her name city with a silver punch bowl, by adding the gift the most prized is a ship's bell, owing to a rather romantic incident connected with it. She was built at San Francisco, and the workmen engaged in its construction, numbering over 1,000, decided that ordinary bronze was not good enough for the bell. Every one of them put into the mold, from a molten metal was poured in, an silver coin, and thus it happens that the bell of the Charleston has a particularly silvery ring.

What Iowa Did.

The state of Iowa has bestowed upon the battleship Iowa a silver service of forty pieces, valued at \$5,000. Most important among the Oregon's gifts are a portrait of Mr. Irving Scott, its builder, and an oil painting of Mount Hood by Miss Eugenia Shelby, who launched the vessel. From citizens of Texas the battleship of that name has received fourteen pieces of silver. The city of Detroit presented the cruiser Detroit with a painting of the city for the

cabins and silver punch bowl and ladle, worth \$2,000, for the wardrobe. The gunboat Wheeling has had from the city of Wheeling, W. Va., a silver punch bowl and china and glassware for cabin and wardrobe. Other presents to ships have been as follows: To the cruiser Philadelphia, from citizens of the Quaker City, a clock worth \$4,000. To the Raleigh, from citizens of North Carolina, a silver punch bowl and ladle, worth \$925.

To the Newport, from citizens of that town, five pieces of silver, worth \$1,800. To the Montgomery, from the city of that name, a punch bowl, ladle and twelve cups, worth \$1,000. To the Helena, from citizens of Helena, a punch bowl and ladle, worth \$2,500. To the Columbia, from the Light Infantry Corps of Washington, D. C., a ship's bell, worth \$400. To the Atlanta, from the city of Atlanta, seven pieces of silver. To the Hancock, from relatives of the late George Hancock, a ship's bell. To the Harvard, from undergraduates of Harvard, a silver loving-cup and a six-pounder rapid-fire gun. To the Yale, from undergraduates of Yale, fifty flags. To the Newark, by the city of Newark, a case of stationery.

VALUATIONS SHOW DECREASE

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His cash bail of \$5 was ordered forfeited by Judge Aylesworth. Henry Coleman, arrested for like offense, offered in his defense the statement that he took to the sidewalk because the street was rough. The court imposed the lowest fine possible under the ordinance, \$3, which with the costs brought the amount up to \$8.10. W. W. Loomis, the treasurer of David Bradley & Co., was caught transgressing the ordinance yesterday afternoon by a vigilant patrolman and he was notified to appear in police court Monday morning.

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Heavy Rain at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrific rain storm amounting to almost a cloudburst struck the city at 11 o'clock this afternoon. Two inches of rain fell in half an hour accompanied by heavy hail, which did immense damage to window glass, fruit and gardens. Some of the ballstones measured eight inches in circumference. The creeks are bankful and the Iowa river is rapidly rising and threatens an overflow. Cellars are flooded and residences inundated. Terrific lightning accompanied the storm. Three boys about 12 years of age named Ed Peterson, James Sheets and Lee Duncan, took refuge in the judges' stand at the driving park. Lightning struck the roof of the structure, tearing out one side, crossed on the wire to the amphitheater and partly destroyed that. The boys were knocked down and badly shocked, but medical aid restored them.

Woman's Home Mission.

PORT DOUGER, Ia., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The state convention of the Woman's Home Mission society has closed its meetings. An interesting three days' session has been held, during which several speeches were made, including an address by Hon. J. P. Dolph, a well known district congressman. The following officers were elected: Mrs. N. S. Brush, Ottumwa, president; Mrs. Lavando G. Murray, West Liberty, first vice president; Mrs. J. B. Sherrill, Spencer, second vice president; Mrs. Jennie Nicholson, Mount Vernon, third vice president; Miss Arabella Little, Des Moines, fourth vice president; Miss Annie Lee Lehr, Muscatine, vice president-at-large; Mrs. W. Brown, Mapleton, residing secretary; Mrs. Zella Fittou, Ottumwa, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Longwell, Chicago, in the city. The next convention will be held in Carroll, Ia.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Balfey Dumeyer of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a guest at the Millard. S. N. Wilkins and wife and S. S. Skirwin of Creston, Ia., are guests at the Murray. M. C. Keith of North Platte, a well known stockman, is at the Millard for a short time. Hans Westgard, traveling agent of the American Steamship line, with headquarters in Chicago, is in the city. Senator F. E. Warren and R. S. Van Tassel, the latter a prominent stockman from Cheyenne, Wyo., are at the Millard. Lieutenant Willard S. Harding of Nebraska City, late adjutant of the Second Nebraska Volunteer regiment, but now an insurance man, is at the Millard. C. E. Yates, superintendent of telegraph of the B. & M., and E. Bignell, superintendent of the northern division of the same road, were in Omaha last evening. Dr. Paul H. Ludington is expected to return to Omaha about May 31, having completed a term of eighteen months' service in the Presbyterian hospital at Philadelphia. George L. Fielder, business manager of the Anacostia Standard, the personal organ of Marcus Daly of Montana, is in the city. He speaks favorably of the business activity of the northern part of the state.

Rev. C. M. Hyde of Honolulu is a guest of the Millard. Accompanying him are Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. I. Brown. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde are friends of Fryer Markel, having invited him from Honolulu to Yokohama a year ago, and they are his guests while in the city. At the Murray: O. F. Ehlman, St. Louis; W. A. Young, J. L. Smith, Salem, Mo.; R. Gilliam, St. Paul; W. H. Odell, Burlington; James D. Drope, Marion; W. M. Pease, St. Louis; Albert Davis, Boston; S. W. Tatum, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wilkins, S. S. Skirwin, Creston; H. C. Groy, Peoria; Ed Guthermer, F. B. Twitche, G. K. Ogden, O. P. Ryan, William Galvin, F. A. Hilker, Chicago; E. T. Spooner, Holyoke.

At the Hotel Grand: J. H. Linehan, Chicago; A. F. Dudley, New York; Bradley Owen, Bridgeport; Charles H. Hagan, New York; W. C. Warner, Rochester; R. S. Van Tassel, Wyoming; J. Higgins, Albert Davis, New York; F. E. Warren, Wyoming; O. H. Morgan, Chicago; Larin E. Guffy, Pierre; G. L. Boyton, Minneapolis; Chas. Frank, Chicago; Milwaukee; Johnson, New York; Charles F. Mack, Philadelphia; Rev. J. A. Smith, Gettysburg; J. E. Garter, Chicago; F. A. Smith, H. Kendall, New York; J. H. Ratten, W. Hagan, Lincoln; George H. Lawrence, W. V. Hoagland, J. B. McDonald, North Platte; J. A. Gardner, Hastings; J. S. Cassel, Lincoln; E. G. Reed, H. R. Christie, Nebraska City; E. C. Jackson, Blair.

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Ante Room Echoes

Masons of the west are preparing to celebrate the centennial of the Cryptic rite on the top of Pike's Peak in August. This is the birthplace of every Masonic chapter and Royal Arch Masonry of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Colorado are participating with pleasure in the event in which thousands of them will participate. The followers of the wise Kink have concluded that, next to the ancient temple of King Solomon, built upon the summit of Mount Olympus, the most fitting place to place the teachings of the ancient ruler and philosopher. And so to this colossal Colorado will go from many states Masons by the hundreds, and upon the summit of Pike's Peak they will recite their impressive admonitions, administer their solemn oaths and chant their ancient and inspiring songs. Then they will hold high carnival in Denver, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek and Victor and if their money will permit, they will take the road to Durango and look upon the "Needles," through whose eyes a train of 1,000 camels might easily pass if they could be kept from freezing on the journey. Ten days at least they purpose to spend among the rugged peaks and yawning cañyons of the Centennial state.

With the delegations from the different states will go 600 of the candidates for Cryptic rites. These will be joined by 250 more from Colorado, and all will be gathered in the beautiful grove on the summit of the mountain on the top of Pike's Peak. There will be other mystic ceremonies in the Cave of the Winds, and the whole body of Masons in full regalia will pass in solemn procession through the Garden of the Gods, bearing their altars, the banners, their signs and symbols, and in the shadow of the rugged peaks and towering crags they will break bread and eat the salt of the brothers in blood. Edward D. Wellington of Ellsworth, Kan., thrice illustrious master and grand principal conductor of the grand council of the state, will be general in chief of the party and lead it through the labyrinths and mysteries of the cities of the silver state and plan the mountain excursions. The candidates will remain on Pike's Peak only long enough to take the obligation, the degrees will be conferred in Denver sometime during the week. The masons of Denver will give a grand banquet to the visiting members the night before they start on their return trip. All Royal Arch Masons receiving the council degrees during this trip will have their permanent homes in the council nearest their place of residence. The main object of this pilgrimage is to build up an interest in Cryptic Rite Masonry in the various states participating.

Information has been received by members of the Royal Arcanum from General Anderson leaving no doubt that Admiral Schley will be in the city next Wednesday to take part in the reception that will be given in his honor by the order on the evening of that day. A telegram from General Anderson has given the address of the members of the Royal Arcanum are making the necessary arrangements for the reception. The place where it will be held has been changed from the commercial club to the Metropolitan club because the latter will be more accessible to the big crowd that is expected to attend. The banquet will be held on the big ball room in the club house which will be given to the dancers.

A grand initiatory meeting of the Masons was held at Hastings last Thursday evening. Many candidates from towns in the vicinity were taken into the Masonic ranks with impressive ceremonies and delegates from almost every city in the state were present to take part in the exercises. At 8 o'clock there was a large street parade, led by the Second Regiment band. It started at the Burlington station, where Masons from Lincoln and the east found places in the ranks and proceeded to the Masonic temple. The street was lined with people who were interested in the proceedings. Those who were not initiated were John C. Hedge, William R. Snyder, W. O. Wing, A. H. Farrens, C. H. Paulk, Howard Fielder, C. J. Miles, all of Hastings; Edwin P. King, Edgar, H. V. Pugsley, Inland; J. E. Wilcox, Nelson, Joseph E. Spate, Fairfield; E. J. Jenkins, Fairfield; Andrew J. Minor, Glenwood; John R. Kerr, Fairfield; James H. Rothwell, Trumbull; J. E. Britton, W. R. Patrick, Elwood; S. Cardiel, B. Archibald, George J. Johnston, Crook, L. D. Woodruff, potentiante, and John A. Ames, recorder, both of Lincoln, officiated. At the regular meeting of Tanager temple last Friday evening interest centered in the discussion of plans for attending the imperial council meeting at Buffalo June 14 and 15. Definite arrangements were not made, but a fair sized representation from this city is anticipated to attend. The officers who will attend and have charge of the trip are H. C. Aiken, Gustave Anderson, James Gilber and Henry Hardy. The Shriners are talking of holding a reception this summer similar to the one last year during the exposition when members of the order from all over the United States visited the city. Word has been received from nobles of other cities saying that if such a reception is arranged they will surely attend. The plan will be taken up and acted upon at the next meeting.

At a regular meeting of the Broken Bow lodge May 20, the following officers were elected: J. R. Dean, W. M.; A. R. Humphrey, S. W.; M. K. Hagardorn, J. W.; L. H. Jewett, T. H. Lomax, S. Grafton Lodge, No. 172, at its election chose the following officers: W. M., W. B. Miller; S. W., O. H. Parsons; J. W., J. T. Shroyer; treasurer, A. McCalley; secretary, C. Malone. Masonic lodge, No. 448, of Fairmont, held its annual election May 24. Andrus F. Ashley was elected W. M.; Thomas Green S. W.; Joseph W. Talmage, J. W.; Joseph Burns, S.; Burt Aldridge, T.

At the regular meeting of Osceola lodge, No. 65, the following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year: R. R. Genge, W. M.; Lee K. McGraw, S. W.; P. Cunningham, J. W.; H. F. Henderson, T.; T. H. Saunders, S.; H. A. Scott, E. L. King and H. F. Henderson, trustees; C. M. Pulver, tyler.

At the annual election of the Masonic lodge of Bancroft the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. S. Collett, W. M.; W. W. Sinclair, S. W.; Nels Hillen, J. W.; A. C. Prosser, S.; John Turner, T. At the communication of the California commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, held on Ascension day, the following officers were installed by Grand Commander R. E. Sir George W. Linniger, assisted by E. Sir Henry C. Aiken as deputy grand commander: Eminent commander, Sir Albert P. Brink; generalissimo, Sir Alfred M. Oleson; captain general, Sir Samuel D. Caldwell; senior warden, Sir Oscar R. Allen; junior warden, Sir David O. McEwan; prelate, Sir George E. Warner; treasurer, E. Sir William T. Robinson; recorder, R. E. Sir Eben K. Long; standard bearer, Sir Milton J. Kennard; sword bearer, Sir Alfred M. Oleson; warder, Sir William L. Ritter; third guard, Sir James H. Robertson; second guard, Sir William C. Barnes; first guard, Sir George H. Fitchett; sentinel, Sir George M. White.

The annual election of officers of Western lodge, No. 140, took place last week and were: P. W. McEwen, W. M.; J. S. Pusey, T.; H. P. Stevens, S. At the annual election of officers for Mys-Tie lodge, No. 166, of Tilden, the following were selected: C. E. Burnham, M. J. A. J. Dunlevy, S. W.; T. T. McDonald, J. W.; W. H. Field, T.; J. F. Newhall, S. At a regular communication of Parian lodge, last week at Callaway, the following officers were elected: H. H. Andrews, W. M.; J. D. Troyer, S. W.; George B. Blair, J. W.; M. P. Miller, S.; J. L. Brown, T. At the meeting of Johnin lodge of Holdrege last week the following officers were elected: I. E. Austin, W. M.; D. J. Pink, S. W.; L. B. Vandenberg, J. W.; A. P. Erickson, T.; E. W. Behtol, S.; H. E. Bush, tyler. Jordan lodge, No. 27, West Point, at its last regular meeting elected the following officers: A. M. Rose, W. M.; Charles Mack, S. W.; Charles Nitz, J. W.; Fred Leffert, S.; W. A. Black, T.

Fraternities at the Exposition. The heads of fraternal orders throughout the country and the editors of fraternal papers are writing to Commissioner F. F. Roose, commending the exposition Department of Fraternal associations and wishing it success. Many of the orders are making arrangements for headquarters in the Fraternity building and for demonstrations to be held on the grounds. The commissioner has placed on the Advisory board the following prominent fraternal men and several others will be invited later: Hon. F. A. Falkenberg, Davenport; Hon. W. A. Northcott, lieutenant governor of Illinois and head consul, Woodmen of America; John L. Handley, Fraternity Union of America; Hon. John Sullivan; Hon. H. M. Waring, Ancient Order of United Workmen; Hon. J. R. Root, president, American Fraternity Congress; Hon. R. H. Tabbot; Hon. D. E. Stevens, president National Fraternal Congress; Hon. M. E. Shultz, Ancient Order United Workmen; Hon. N. S. Boynton, Knights of the Maccabees.

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At a regular meeting, May 15, of Helmet lodge, No. 43, O'Neill, the following officers were installed: R. R. Dickson, C. C.; W. T. Evans, V. C.; Charles Davis, Prelate; Neil Brennan, M. A.; Fred Raymond, K. of R. S. M. of F.; J. B. Mellor, M. of E.; O. G.; S. J. Weckes, I. G. Eastern Star. By special dispensation from Worthy Grand Matron Maud Greene, Order of the Eastern Star, the ladies of the W. M. A. chapter had its annual election and installation of officers Tuesday evening. The installation ceremonies were performed by Mrs. Mary E. Saunders, worthy matron, and Mrs. J. J. Kepper, grand marshal. Those installed were: Mrs. Dr. Whaley, worthy matron; H. A. Scott, worthy patron; Mrs. S. G. Pheasant, associate matron; Mrs. J. H. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. T. H. Saunders, treasurer; Mrs. Burne, conductress; Mrs. R. R. Genge, A. C.; Miss Mattie Anderson, Mrs. J. L. Makeover, Mrs. O. D. Eaton, Miss Ann Courtney and Miss Grace Pratt. These will occupy the chairs on the points of the star: Mrs. Courtney, M.; Mrs. G. T. Ray, O.; Mrs. L. L. Sneider, S.; Mrs. I. Locke, W.; Mrs. J. J. Kepper, C.

Grand Army of the Republic. Several busy sessions were held by the committees of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps last week to perfect arrangements regarding the program for Memorial day. A number of details were settled definitely. Those having the finances in charge made the

statement that there is enough money in sight to pay all the expenses, but that if any of the arrangements should fail funds could be procured from the proceeds of the benefit for the monument fund which will be given at the Creighton-Opheim theater this week. Odd Fellows. Under the auspices of Rebekah lodge, No. 1, one of the series of social dances for the benefit of the Odd Fellows home in this state was given Thursday evening. The large gathering of young people was entertained by an enjoyable program of music and recitations. Miss Lillian Emley contributed a vocal solo, Miss Emily Gore and Mrs. Drilling, piano solos, and Tallie Potter and Lee Lowery a humorous sketch entitled "Honolulu Lady." Dainty refreshments were served and dancing concluded the evening. Knights of the Maccabees. Omaha tent had a large crowd at its review. Three candidates were initiated. Wyoming Star tent No. 70, at Tilden, has added eleven new members to its rank in the last week. Uniform tent No. 35 had forty-two present at its last review. Several applications were received. The tent will give a basket social June 7 in Patterson hall No. 2. The six knights and ladies will celebrate their anniversary at Hanscom park June 11. Rev. Sisson will speak from the Book of the Maccabees, giving a complete history of this tribe of people. The Maccabees will commence their kirmis June 12 in the Creighton hall. It will last six days. Gate City tent met Thursday evening and the report on the progress of the much-talked-of kirmis was very encouraging. Nominations for various officers were made and the election will take place next Thursday. Business and Fraternal Association. Members of Omaha lodge, No. 1, are making preparations for a picnic early in June. The Lincoln and South Omaha lodges will send large delegations and members of lodges of other towns will attend. Tuesday, May 30, the lodges of this city and South Omaha will hold a joint session, preceded by a social. Fraternal Notes. All members of Union Pacific council No. 1069 will assemble at the Royal Arcanum hall, Bee building, at 7:30 this evening and attend in a body, divine services at All Saints' church. Rev. T. J. Mackay, pastor. General George Crook camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, will hold a meeting at A. H. Rawitzer's store Monday evening. Courts Omaha, Ak-Sar-Ben and South Omaha, Independent Order of Foresters, will hold a joint meeting June 16 to complete arrangements for organizing a uniform rank. A literary entertainment will be given by the Tribe of Ben-Hur, Mecca court No. 13, at Royal Arcanum hall in the Bee building, next evening. A delightful program has been prepared and the attendance is expected to be large. Western Star Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, will give a grand installation picnic June 6, at Hatcher's park. A general good time is promised. Excellent music has been engaged and the committee in charge promises a good time to all attending. Omaha lodge No. 1, Bankers' Union of the World, had an enjoyable meeting Friday evening. The members were introduced and conducted through the mysteries of the order. Under the head of the good of the order several of the members gave short talks. Supreme Organizer T. Z. Mackrell, who has returned from his three months' trip through the south, gave a glowing description of the excellent work done for the union while there. While in Tennessee he visited Lookout mountain and secured a gavel from the old battlefield, which he presented to the Omaha lodge. It was decided to give an elaborate program at the next meeting, June 9, and such refreshments will be served by the women members.

HOW HE LOST HER. The batsman sawed wind and lost a bride-to-be. A bright flush overspread the face of the young girl in the pink shirt waist, who sat in the grandstand, as the stalwart young man who had played in the field in the first half of the inning stepped to the plate, bat in hand. "Line 'er out, old man!" "Three-base hit!" "Go 'em boys!" "Home run!" "Hit it in de nose!" "Swat it good an' hard," sung out the cranks. The stalwart young man, relates the Chicago Tribune, carelessly lifted his cap, replaced it, grasped his bat with a firmer hold, moved it in graceful circles over his shoulders, while the pitcher was doing the preliminary mystic juggling with the ball that marks the high-priced player, and as the leather sphere—it is the correct form to call it a leather sphere—came toward him like a rifle shot he swung his bat. "Ah!" grunted the crowd. He had fanned the air. The pitcher is also correct form. Again the high-priced pitcher juggled the ball mysteriously, again it came like a rifle shot, again the young man at the plate swung his bat— And again the crowd groaned: "Ah!" The high-priced catcher rolled the ball carelessly down to third, put on his mask, came close behind the bat, spread his high-priced legs apart, placed his hands on his knees, leaned forward, and made an imperceptible signal to the high-priced pitcher. The vast crowd held its breath. Which is also the correct thing to do at a critical moment like this. Like a shot the ball sped toward the plate. With a mighty lunge the young athlete swung his bat a third time. It smote only the air. The next groan burst from the crowd. He had not struck out, but put the side out. "Mr. Spoonamore," said the young woman in the pink shirt waist, turning with pale cheeks and flashing eyes to the pimply-faced young man who sat by her side. "I said 'no' to you the other day. I say yes now. I will marry you whenever you like!"

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