

### Bright's Witty Retort.

Once in the course of a speech which was punctuated by interruptions in parliament John Bright was saying: "Personally I do not feel disposed to wage war against these Philistines," when an unruly member of his audience shouted "Ho-haw!" "If, however," Mr. Bright continued without a pause, "my friend at the back of the hall will lend me one of his jaws I shall be encouraged to reconsider my attitude, in view of the historic success of Samson when provided with a similar weapon."

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### Fiske Favored Going Around.

The late John Fiske, the historian, was a man of enormous stature and extremely sensitive about any reference to his unusual size. On one occasion when he was visiting a friend at his home in a beautiful town in Connecticut the hostess and her daughter invited Mr. Fiske to drive with them one morning. The road was a picturesque one, which winds along the river at the foot of the mountains. At one point the hostess suggested that the party alight and walk a short distance through the field to get a particularly attractive view. Around this field was a high fence, with no opening but a narrow stile. The ladies got through and turned to wait for their guest. For a moment he contemplated the opening; to squeeze through was impossible, to climb over was equally impracticable. Finally his deep bass voice broke the silence: "Ladies, I think we would better continue our drive."

### Direction in London.

In London and throughout the tight little island the words "up" and "down" have a peculiar significance. In going to London from any part of England you go "up." In traveling in any direction from the capital you go "down." So in London itself everything goes "up" if it goes in the direction of the bank—that is, the Bank of England—and going from that center toward any of the points of the compass is to go "down."

The word bank, which is not only always spelled with a capital "B," but is always uttered with an impressiveness that suggests an initial letter of the largest type, may be said to be in a sense interchangeable with city, a term of equal dignity and value in the eyes of Englishmen, and likewise invariably adorned with a capital "C."

The City does not mean London by any means. It means a certain limited section of London, the part where business is mainly carried on and where the great financial institutions stand.

### Helped Everybody.

Gaineville, Tex., Oct. 27th.—Mrs. L. E. Burton, formerly of Eureka, Kansas, has been at 507 Gladstone street, this city, for some time. While here Mrs. Burton has been the means of doing much good by introducing to her sick friends a remedy which it seems is very popular in Kansas, but which has not been very much heard of in this neighborhood. It is called Dodd's Kidney Pills and in every case where it has been used it has produced wonderful results.

Mrs. Burton has good reason to speak well of Dodd's Kidney Pills, for they have done much for her and her family. She says: "I must tell everybody what Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for me and for as many of my friends as have used them."

"I had a very bad case of kidney trouble for which I had been doctoring for a long time without benefit. I saw Dodd's Kidney Pills recommended. I tried them and was completely cured. My mother and my brother were ill and they took them and were soon well again. "Dodd's Kidney Pills have done much for us."

### Chinese at Columbia University.

Prof. Frederick Hirth has begun in Columbia university the work of instructing students in the Chinese language, written and spoken. Later he intends to conduct courses on Chinese literature and studies in the arts and industries of the Orientals. Prof. Hirth denies that a knowledge of the Chinese language is particularly difficult of attainment, though, as he remarked to his first class, "students must not expect to chat with their laundrymen in a few weeks."

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### Hungarian Wives' Wigs.

Here in Essex, Ludlow, Suffolk, Broome and Delaney streets, says the New York Press, we meet a great many women of all ages who wear wigs of perfectly straight hair plastered to their shaven heads. They are Hungarian wives. The wig is put on immediately after the marriage ceremony to tell their world that they are wedded and faithful to their husbands. The most beautiful hair is shaved off and the head covered with the cheapest of wigs in order to render these women plain and unattractive to other men. It is a religion to appear as ugly as possible as a defense against designing males.

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## GREAT AMERICAN PIE

**PUMPKIN IS ONCE MORE THE MONARCH OF ALL.**

**Immense Consumption of the Luscious Dainty Throughout the Land—Figures Show the Extent of its Wondrous Popularity.**

The pumpkin pie is once more abroad in the land. On the counters of the confectioners, in the windows of the dairy lunches and on the embossed menus of the hotels where wealth and fashion flock, it again takes its honored place, to gladden with its presence the heart of old and young.

New York—pre-eminent in most things—is the greatest pumpkin pie-eating city in the world. During the season, from September to February, there are, on an average, more than 15,000 pumpkin pies a day eaten in that city. Estimating each pie to contain five pieces, an army of something like 75,000 pumpkin eaters musters daily.

To make 15,000 pies a day requires 25,000 pounds of pumpkin and 10,000 quarts of milk. Such dry, prosaic and exact things as figures are hardly in keeping with the poetic pumpkin; but it is interesting to figure out the fact that in the four months or so during which the pumpkin pie flourishes there are about 3,000,000 pounds of the fruit used to make the pies which are eaten in that city, and a million and a quarter quarts of milk. With a pencil and an imagination interesting figures of the consumption of the United States at large might be worked out.

In the days when people who are now middle-aged were boys—for it is to the male sex primarily that the pumpkin pie has always appealed—pumpkins were raised as a "stolen crop," a few seeds placed at intervals in a field of Indian corn or potatoes often giving, besides the regular crop, a ton of pumpkins.

But now the pumpkin, though still to some extent raised in the old way, has attained the dignity of being considered worthy to be raised for itself alone. Pumpkin farms are numerous all through the central and New England states, and yield good returns to their proprietors.

The largest pumpkin farm near New York is in Monmouth county, N. J., where a tract of 300 acres is given over principally to the raising of pumpkins. The cultivation of the fruit, too, is no longer a haphazard affair, but is conducted on scientific principles, the soil being thoroughly fertilized with the special view of providing the kind of richness needed in the pumpkin.

### LUCK RESTORES A DIAMOND.

**Found by Its Owner in Street Where She Lost it Five Years Ago.**

The luckiest woman in the west is Mrs. Anna M. Scott of Denver, Col. Five years ago, in returning from a party, she lost a diamond earring worth \$200. In looking for something else a few days ago she found the diamond in the street where she had dropped it so long before.

Hundreds of persons had passed over the spot in the meantime. Rain and snow had buried the jewel in the sand, and at just the right time the rain again washed the diamond clean for Mrs. Scott to find it. Other persons had looked in vain, when it was lost years ago.

"I was not looking for it," said the owner. "I was looking for a little ring that my daughter thought she had lost. As I could not find the ring, I went over the ground rather carefully. "Suddenly something sparkling caught my eye and then I cried right out loud, 'Why, there's my diamond!'" "I was so surprised to see it that I could really hardly believe that I was awake, or that it was 1902 instead of 1897."

### Wedding Gifts in Coffin Box.

A young married woman in one of the neighboring towns must be given credit for originality in securing means for transporting her wedding gifts. Her new home is in a distant city, and she recently returned to her old home to pack her presents. The problem presented itself of finding something of sufficient size to hold them. A boxmaker was consulted, and it was found that it would cost about \$5 to make a box to order such as she desired. Finally it was suggested that a common coffin box might answer the purpose. The young woman jumped at the suggestion and invested \$2.50 in a long, plain pine box. The neighbors of the young woman's mother were startled to see the undertaker drive up and take the big, long box into the house. A number of hurried calls were made before the mystery was solved. The bride says she will make good use of the coffin box after she returns to her home by utilizing it as a couch.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

### Strange New Herbs.

The gardens and fields of Yucatan are filled with succulent vegetables and odorous herbs unknown to the outer world. In the cultivated fields at the proper seasons are grown classes of Indian corn, beans, squashes and tubers for which we have no name, for the reason that we have never seen or heard of them, reports the Pittsburg Dispatch. The forests and jungles contain fruits that, excellent even in their wild state, could be made delicious by scientific care and cultivation. There are half a score of wild fruits that offer more promising results than did the bitter wild almond, the progenitor of the peach.

### CASE NO. 30,611.

**C. E. Boies, Dealer in Grain and Feed; Address, 505 South Water Street, Akron, Ohio—Cured in 1896.**

Mr. Boies says: "Ever since the Civil War I have had attacks of kidney and bladder trouble, decidedly worse during the last two or three years. Although I consulted physicians, some of whom told me I was verging on Bright's disease, and I was continually using standard remedies, the excruciating aching just across the kidneys, which radiated to the shoulder blades still existed. As might be expected, when my kidneys were in a disturbed condition there was a distressing and inconvenient difficulty with the action of the kidney secretions. A box of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Lamparter & Co.'s drug store, brought such a decided change within a week that I continued the treatment. The last attack, and it was particularly aggravated, disappeared."

### Cure Confirmed Four Years After.

Four years later Mr. Boies says: In the spring of 1896 I made a public statement of my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills. This remedy cured me of terrible aching in the kidneys, in the small of my back, in the muscles of the shoulder blades, and in the limbs. During the years that have gone by I can conscientiously say there have been no recurrences of my old trouble. My confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills is stronger than ever, not only from my personal experience, but from the experience of many others in Akron, which have come to my notice."

A FREE TRIAL of this great Kidney medicine which cured Mr. Boies, will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

### Wickedest Man in New York.

"The" Allen (his name is Theodore), who is called the "wickedest man in New York," is very sick, and there is some hope that he may die. Allen is an extraordinary person, whose record proves that law doesn't catch its chief violators, for he has led a consistent criminal life for most of his 70 years. He recently said that, so far as he could remember, he had been arrested sixty-eight times, and indicted very often, but never convicted of any charge, although he is perhaps the most notorious gambler in the city. His pistol shot his partner in a gambling house on Broadway, some years ago, but Allen said it was an accident, and the court accepted his assertion.

### Booth Tarkington's Sketches.

Booth Tarkington, the novelist, always sketches his stories in pictures before he writes them in words, and all of his stories lie hidden away in picture form. He is unwilling to show these drawings even to intimate friends. His publishers have urged him to allow them to use his own drawings for illustration of his books, but he wouldn't hear of it, wouldn't even let them see any of the pictures. At last he promised them one of the Vanverre sketches, but was canny enough not to send it until too late for insertion in the book.

### Didn't Recognize the Description.

Judge W. H. Simmons, of San Francisco, has an enviable talent as a story teller, and has never been known to relate a "chestnut" unless by request. One of his yarns is of a citizen who lied, leaving a somewhat unenviable name. The preacher who was called in to officiate at the funeral deemed it his duty to eulogize the deceased. He had proceeded some distance with his laudatory remarks, when an astonished friend of the dead man leaned over to an acquaintance and whispered: "Say, Billy, are there two funerals here today?"

### Marriage Lengthens Life.

That marriage is more conducive to long life in women than single life is shown by the fact that of the thirty-two women of over 100 years, revealed by Germany's last census, twenty-nine were widows and one married, leaving only two old maids.

### Shah of Persia Popular.

Since ascending the throne vacated by the assassination of his predecessor, Nasser Din, six years ago, the shah of Persia has shown himself to be a man of progressive ideas. He has greatly reduced taxation, organized a postal and customs service, built a university and several schools, equipped telegraph lines, and more important still, has made it possible for his subjects to obtain justice in the courts. He shows no taint of the cruelty which so often characterizes Oriental rulers, and altogether has won from his people a measure of personal loyalty and affection never accorded to any of his predecessors on the throne.

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### Noted British Sculptor.

Albert Bruce-Joy, who is sixty years of age, is one of the most active of English sculptors. He has given Bow her Gladstone, Birmingham her Bright, Westminster Abbey its Matthew Arnold, Stratford-on-Avon her Mary Anderson and has set up numerous other statues in England and in America. Born in Dublin, he became a pupil of Foley and studied three years in Rome, since when he has traveled much in America. He is one of the sturdiest of vegetarians.

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### A Preacher Sheriff-Elect.

The Rev. Charles S. Cummings, sheriff-elect of Androscoggin county, Maine, proposes to enforce the prohibition law as rigidly as did the "parson" sheriff of Cumberland county, the late Rev. Mr. Pearson. Mr. Cummings was elected by a large majority after having been nominated by the republican convention on the 20th ballot.

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### The Shah as a Chess Player.

The shah of Persia is probably the best chess player of royal blood in the world. Even when in Paris he found time to indulge in the game every now and then, but he says that Europeans cannot play it. "It is a royal game, a divine game," he is reported to have said the other day, "but it is a game that was not made for Christians."

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### The Irish Curse.

An Irish authority thus defines an expert the effects of a well delivered curse: "The belief among the ancient Irish was that a curse once pronounced must fall in some direction. If it has been deserved by him on whom it is pronounced it will fall on him sooner or later, but if it is not, then it will return upon the person who pronounced it. They compare it to a wedge with which a woodman cleaves timber. If it has room to go, it will go and cleave the wood, but if it has not it will fly out and strike the woodman himself, who is driving it, between the eyes."

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### Au "Edward Everett Hale Club."

Some of the Boston boys have formed an Edward Everett Hale baseball club. They wanted uniforms and got up a raffle to raise the price. They asked Dr. Hale to take 50 cents' worth of tickets. He wrote back: "I do not like to subscribe to what seems to me a lottery. But I enclose \$5 for the uniforms. I am much pleased that you formed the club and that you gave it my name."

A woman's first love affair makes or mars her life.



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