

**A BOON FOR YANKEE TOURISTS.**

Mrs. Arthur Paget's bar;  
At the coming swell bazaar,  
Bids fair to be a boon for Yanks abroad.  
And the Martins and Goelets,  
In the mighty regal sets,  
Will cocktail Dukes and liquefy the lord.  
How nice to be bemillioned and to toady  
to the great  
In a mode undemocratic at aristocratic  
rate!

Love came! Sunbeams and ripples danced  
upon the bay;  
The birds, a-tilt on clover, sang - and  
it was May!

Love went! The setting sun died out, like  
some sad ember;  
The wind grew co'd across the bay—it  
was November!

**DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.**

In the north east wing of the new Mechanic Arts building is a secluded spot where you can get a whiff of home atmosphere, so home like that you forget this is an institution devoted to learning and dignified knowledge.

In this room is a long oak table in the shape of a letter T, and in each drawer of this table is tucked away the most wonderful set of apparatus you ever saw; knives, forks, spoons, pie pans, cake tins, rolling pins, etc.

Here and there about the room are furnishings with which we are all familiar; a stove, cupboards, with dishes and cooking utensils in them, and everything that makes a complete modern kitchen. And a real live dish pan hangs on a nail near the stove. Who would have thought we had such things on our campus.

Besides all this just mentioned a lot of girls are busy here and there about their work. Their sleeves are rolled to the elbow and all wear starched white aprons. Sometimes a streak of flour adds beauty to a flushed cheek as a girl leans anxiously over the stove stirring something.

At the end of the year each girl will have a two volume cook book of which she is the sole author. Not all departments of the university can turn out so much literary talent. The class has worked things down to a fine point, and even know the weight of a teaspoonful of flour, how many grains in a pinch of salt and just what happens when soda and vinegar are mixed.

Cakes are made by the following recipe: A few eggs beaten to a stiffness, some butter whipped to a cream, than enough milk to make it thinner than it is, after which sift in a sufficiency of flour. In case baking powder has been forgotten, scoop out some of the flour, taking care not to get too much dough with it and sift it all over again. Beat it with the hand, pump it up with a bicycle pump, and put it in the oven, in which receptacle leave it the required length of time to cook it.

Any one that visited this department on Charter Day will scarcely forget those delicious biscuits and syrup the girls gave us. This was a fair example of what they are doing.

This year's work in the school of domestic science has practically been an experiment, and the results accomplished prove that such a department is needed in our university. Practical work and preparation for household duties should be a part of every young woman's collegiate training. Under the directorship of Miss Bouton the work has advanced with wonderful success.

Part of the time is devoted to lectures given by Miss Bouton on chemical properties of foods, economy in cooking, home sanitation and other subjects, all of which are interesting and instructive.

Laboratory work is carried on in the kitchen laboratory, illustrating statements made in the lectures. The department is young and needs encouragement.

**Czarina's Exquisite Piano.**

Czar Alexander sent to Stuttgart for a suitable present for the empress on the occasion of her recent birthday celebration. He selected an ornate upright piano for her boudoir. The case is in the richest Louis XVI. style, and the front board is jeweled with brilliant gems. The black keys are made of real ebony and the white ones are covered with mother-of-pearl. German experts say it is the most costly and exquisite instrument of its kind ever made.

**City Lighted with Acetylene Gas.**

Alt-Strelitz, a city of Mecklenburg, is the first city on the European continent to be lighted throughout with acetylene gas. Since the 1st day of November this gas has been used in all public street lamps, and wherever coal gas was previously used in private residences acetylene gas is being used now. The light is bright, and so far very satisfactory in every respect.

**The Oldest Comet-Finder.**

The famous director of the Lowe Observatory, Prof. Lewis Swift, is still indefatigable and successful as ever in his search for and discovery of comets. His discovery of a comet in his seventy-eighth year is claimed to be the "best on record," as regards successful work by an observer of such advanced years.

**First Newspaper in Lapland.**

A decided novelty in the way of newspaper enterprise is announced from Lapland. The first paper in that country has appeared. It is written upon a single sheet of paper, and is published every Sunday at a town with an unpronounceable name. Up to the present the journal has only half a dozen subscribers, and every issue is welcomed with loud applause.

**Many Big Cities in Japan.**

Japan, with a population of 45,000,000, has 220 towns that have more than 100,000 inhabitants. In 1886 the number of such towns was 117. Osaka has increased from 360,000 to 510,000 inhabitants in ten years, Yokohama from 89,000 to 180,000, Kobe from 89,000 to 185,000. Tokio has now a population of 1,300,000.

**Memory Rings.**

The newest piece of jewelry is called a "memory ring." It is designed to be worn by those forgetful people whose memories need constant jogging. It is of gold or silver, and has tiny rings to which pendants may be attached like charms or bangles. These trifles are in the form of small rabbits, frogs, lizards, turtles, cats and a variety of other conceits, all to stand, or hang, for the article to be remembered.

**Journey of a Pistol Ball.**

The other day, says the Sydney Bulletin, a young man at Albert Park (Victoria) took up a revolver from a friend's mantelshelf with which to hammer a tack into the wall. The revolver was loaded and went off; the ball cut a thin gold ring from the man's little finger, tore through his crousers, struck on some silver he had in his pocket, ricocheted and pierced the toe of his boot. Result, damage to crousers and boot and one broken ring. The man did not suffer to the extent of a pin prick. Moral: Always carry some money in your pocket.

**Ten dollars and costs.**

Can't you make it a little less Judge; I'm a regular customer.

**HARPER'S PERIODICALS**

MAGAZINE,	- \$4.00,	with COURIER,	- \$4.00
WEEKLY,	- - 4.00,	with COURIER,	- - 4.00
BAZAR,	- - 4.00,	with COURIER,	- - 4.00
LITERATURE,	- 4.00,	with COURIER,	- - 4.00
ROUND TABLE,	1.00,	with COURIER,	- 1.00

✽ OTHER PERIODICALS SAME CLUBBING RATE ✽

**Slates Discarded.**

The use of slates has been forbidden in the schools in Zurich, Switzerland, and pen, ink and paper have been substituted, even in the lowest classes. The reasons given are that the light grey marks of the pencil on the slate cannot be followed without straining the eyes; that the pressure which it is necessary to exert upon the pencil lessens the facility of the hand and renders an easy, flowing handwriting more difficult to attain, and that use of the slate is not conducive to cleanly work.

**Bavarian Pencil Factory.**

Bavaria can boast of twenty-eight pencil factories, which employ 10,000 people, including men, women and children. Together they produce no fewer than 4,000,000 black and 300,000 colored pencils per week. The total output last year reached the enormous quantity of 230,000 pencils, in the manufacture of which over 1,800 acres of cedar were used.

**The Earth's Hottest Region.**

The hottest region on the earth is on the southwestern coast of Persia, where Persia borders the gulf of the same name. For forty consecutive days in July and August the thermometer did not fall lower than 100 degrees, night or day, and often mounted as high as 128 degrees.

**Ships Have Ears.**

The Gate City, which arrived here on Monday from Savannah, is the first steamer going out of this port to be equipped with an aurophone, the new device for enabling the lookout to determine the direction of sounds at sea. The aurophone was tried on the way up, but little could be told about its utility owing to its being placed in a poor position. It consists of a brass box, which fits over the mast and which has projecting from each end a broad-mouthed funnel. From this box, close to the funnels, two tubes like ordinary speaking tubes lead down the mast and through the main deck to the deck below. Inside of the box there is a complex arrangement of diaphragms and sounding boards so placed, that a sound will enter only one of the tubes when it is passing through the funnel on the opposite side of the box. On the lower deck is an arrangement like an engine-room indicator, by which the box above may be turned around the mast, and directly under the indicator is a tell-tale compass. The man below places the tubes to his ears, where they are held in place by a cap. Unless the funnels above are pointing directly toward the sound which he wishes to locate he will hear it only faintly and in one ear, because one of the funnels being turned from the sound the tube opposite does not operate. He then turns the indicator in the direction from which the sound appears to come, and when the funnel is pointing directly at the sound it passes through the funnel and out of the other, putting both tubes in operation, and the operator hears the sound distinctly and in both ears at once. He then glances at the indicator and the point on the tell-tale at which it rests gives the exact bearing of the sound. - Boston Transcript.

**He Spoiled a Romance.**

George—"I heard this morning that a girl had died over eating ice cream."  
Ethel—"What a sweet death! How truly romantic that must be! George (and she had her golden head on his manly bosom and looked lovingly into his face), let's go to Pulmonico's and die together."

George—"Can't accommodate you to-day, darling. I'm dead already—dead broke."

**Irish Logic.**

Railway official—Smoking's not allowed in this room, sir. You'll have to quit.

Mr. McFinigan—I'm not smoking, sir.

Railway official—But you have your pipe in your mouth, sir.

Mr. McFinigan—Yis; an' I hav me fut in me bo't, but I'm n't walkin'.

**The Heal Harm.**

"If I could only kiss you, dear."  
He said, as close his arm  
Stole round her waist. "In just one kiss  
There can't be any harm."

And then, before she gave consent,  
Ains! It had been done.  
She blushed and said: "You know you're  
wrong.  
There is great harm in one."

**Astronomical Converse.**

"This paper here says that with the Lick telescope over one hundred million different stars can be seen," said Mrs. Verr-ott, who was feeling quite studious that evening.

"A telescope twice as powerful would lick that, I suppose," responded her spouse as he dodged a flying rolling-pin.

**Time Brings Changes.**

Messenger Boy—Where's the man what sent me out with this here message?

Mr. Smith—It was I that sent you.  
Messenger Boy—Now—the feller what sent me was a cle nish ven broke, and you've got a long leetl.

Mr. Smith—Well, it grew since you started.

**A Trick of the Trade.**

"Why is it that you write your bills on rose paper with perfumed envelopes?"

"Because," answered the tailor, "the young fellows will imagine it's a love letter, and are sure to open it."

**The Fireman's Romance.**

"You are out with Miss Rox?"  
"Yes, her father put an extinguisher on the affair."

"You've done sparking, then?"  
"No, I've gone back to an old flame."

**The Two Rocks.**

"The immigrants from England are called the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock," said the teacher.

"And did those from Ireland land on the sh-mrock?" asked Jimmie Dinwiddie.

**Their Proper Spheres.**

The rain and the hen have their proper spheres

As everything earthly must;  
And whereas a hen can lay an egg,  
It takes the rain to lay the dust.

**Blondin's Bicycle.**

The wooden bicycle used by Blondin in his famous ride across Niagara Falls on a rope is still in existence, and was sold in Paris not long ago for half a crown.

Throwing mud at a good man only results in soiling your own hands.