

A Natural Inference.
Podgers (hoastful)—I have never received a cross word from my wife in my life.
Smiley—That so? This is the first I'd heard you married a deaf mute.
When a man comes to ask you for your opinion, he really asks you for a confirmation of his own.
When a woman calls for her son to come "just for a minute," he knows she wants him to work an hour.

Household Tribulation.
The old home is not what it was long ago.
There's "litterychoor" in each room. We're all of us talkin' more careful an' slow.
An' wearin' expressions of gloom. Nobody makes jokes or tells stories or sings.
Cause laughter ain't truly refined An' we're puttin' our thoughts on su perior things.
Since Maw is improvin' her mind!
Were talkin' 'bout Shakespeare an' Brownin' an' Keats.
The biscuits look queer an' taste wrong.
But she says it's no difference what a man eats.
If his intellect's healthy an' strong. An' Paw says a "culture club's" harder to bear.
Than the ten plagues of Egypt combined.
And excuses himself to go outdoors an' swear.
While Maw is improving her mind.
Were tryin' to heed the example she sets.
Though the pace she has struck makes us sweat.
She says "caww't" an' "shawn't"; but she sometimes forgets.
And falls back on plain "can't" and "shan't".
This morning Paw said, as he stood at the door.
He was more than three-quarters inclined
To camp out an' never come home any more.
Till Maw quit improvin' her mind!
—Washington Evening Star.

Real Base Ball.
(W. J. Lampton in New York World.)
Oh, take me away from the base ball game
Where science is at the bat
And the players play
In a technical way
Till a rube can't tell where they're at.
Where scores are highest when nothing at all
And nobody takes a base;
Where nobody makes
Any sort of mistakes
And everything's just in place.
Where spectators keep on the watch for plays
So close that it gives them a pain;
And whatever's done
In hit, catch or run
They scream at to take off the strain.
Oh, carry me back to the old-fashioned game
That doesn't know science at all,
Where the sides go in
With a whoop to win,
And they don't do a thing but play ball.

Where twenty or thirty or forty runs
Are likely as not to be made;
And the bugs are hot
From many a sweat
In games that are played as is played.
Where the catcher don't look like an armored knight
And the pitcher is not so intense,
The batter can't hit
'Em a whole bit,
But bangs 'em clean over the fence.
Where something is doing that sure stirs up the soul
About every minute or so,
With the home runs made
And double plays played
And the whole darn thing on the go.

Where grandstand and bleachers are all of a kind,
And are there because they are there
To see a good game
That's good just the same
Though science be up in the air.

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TALK OF NEW YORK

Gossip of People and Events Told in Interesting Manner.

Where Strange Sects Find Asylum



NEW YORK—The arrest of 32 members of "The First Assembly of Christ" in Brooklyn has called the attention of church as well as local authorities to the number of religious societies in and about New York who have succeeded in keeping themselves under cover, although in many instances their rites and ceremonies are as peculiar as those practiced by the Brooklyn band. "The First Assembly of Christ" courted rather than avoided observation. They were arrested while going through a ceremony called "drawing the dragon."
John Augustus Wall's "National Church" promised a permanent existence when it came into existence in January, 1907, in the Berkeley Lyceum. The sect announced that it was founded on the principle of the Golden Rule, had no creed, and was not governed by any dogma.
The "Holy Rollers" still maintain an organization in New York, but

show no desire to make themselves conspicuous.
"The Holy Ghost and Us Society," which had its origin in Maine, got a foothold in New York about a year ago. The name here was changed to the "Holy Jumpers," but the practices were identical with the rites of the sect Down East.
lytes from all over the country. They started near Bound Brook, but subsequently removed to New York.
"The Overcomers" is another sect of which little is heard, although they have their preachers and missionaries in New York and Brooklyn.
It is estimated by church statisticians that the number of believers in doctrines outside of those taught in the Christian and Jewish creeds will exceed 50,000 persons, and this includes the Seventh Day Adventists, the Disciples of Christ, and the sect known as the Christian Israelites, who have a church of their own on the lower east side. There are in the city of New York at least thirty professed believers in Paracelsus, all of them born in this country and not descended from Oriental parents; about fifty who are neither Chinese nor natives of the Far East, who follow the teachings of Buddha and Confucius, and probably ten believers, all American born, who are disciples of Islam.

Dog Dines in Style at Hotel Astor



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"Go ahead; take them away," said Dickson.
The waiter reached for the chicken plate, when "g-r-r-r," said the dog. Dashing off to the head waiter, the private explained to that functionary.
"I will see," said the head waiter, and he approached Dickson and the dog in his best manner.
"It's a way my dog has," explained Dickson, lightly.
"He won't hurt your chicken."
So the head waiter let it go at that and sought a man higher up, who approached, looked over the situation and decided that since it had gone that far it might as well go the limit.
Dickson's dog ate chicken, bones and all, drank his tea from the cup, and when he had finished immersed his snout and paws in a finger bowl. Dickson dried him off with a napkin.
When Dickson got his bill there was an extra item on it—"Breakage, \$2.75."
"But I haven't broken anything," he declared.
"Not yet, m'sieur, but soon," said the grinning waiter, and, sitting the action to the word, he smashed the dog's plate, cup and saucer into smithereens.
The waiter got excited and wanted

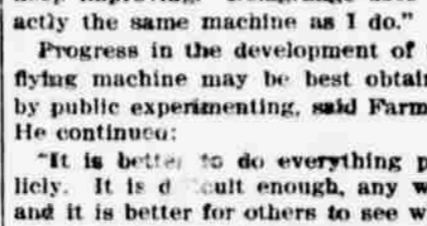
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Pleased by Airship Performances



FARMAN and his aeroplane have captured New York. His successful flights have aroused much interest and the confidence in the Scotch aeronaut and his machine are growing. He is an enthusiast and in speaking of his plans and his work and what he would attempt next, said:
"To do new things. We are all the time moving like birds. You cannot explain these minute details, for they are of such an infinite variety. We are always changing more or less. Every day brings something new.
The Scotch aeroplane expert does not take all the credit for the invention of his flying machine, saying:
"One man cannot do everything alone. I used plans of Langley and some of Liebhafel, but not much of the latter. I have used some of the ideas of Chanute and have used some of several others. But still I hope to keep improving. Delaunay uses exactly the same machine as I do."
Progress in the development of the flying machine may be best obtained by public experimenting, said Farman. He continues:
"It is better to do everything publicly. It is difficult enough, any way, and it is better for others to see what you are doing, each improving by noticing the mistakes of the other. Of course, the great difficulty in flying is the gusts of air. I never had but one bad accident, and that was worse for the machine than for me. A steady strong wind is what you want. They can make a good flight."
"Among the other difficulties to be met with in aeroplane flight is the presence of trees, houses and high structures which divert the wind from its true course."
"Has the aeroplane a future so far as practicability is concerned?"
"Yes," replied Farman. "It will have a future to a very great extent. I think the aeroplane will be safer than the auto or other methods of conveyance. It will be so easy and so quick."

Sahara's Emperor in the Metropolis



to the Hotel Belmont, West Forty-fifth street, on foot. There was nothing about their raiment to indicate they were members of a royal family on leave of absence. Lebaudy slowly approached the desk, with his retinue following in single file.
"I thought they were a mob of street musicians," said the hotel clerk afterwards. "I told them to pick up their instruments and blow themselves to a walk. Then the emperor hurled some Sahara stuff at me and wound up by bouncing a \$20 gold-piece on the desk. 'Take you shimmering coin,' he said, 'and when it has fulfilled its mission tickle the annunciator and I will produce. I have yet more and then a few of the same material. Enough of this. Lead us to the royal suite.'"
Lebaudy has been in the limelight for years, and this is not his first trip to New York.
His eccentricities have from time to time made Paris turn around and look, but his establishment of the Empire of Sahara, with himself as ruler, won him the greatest notoriety. He announced that he intended to transform the desert into a flourishing kingdom.

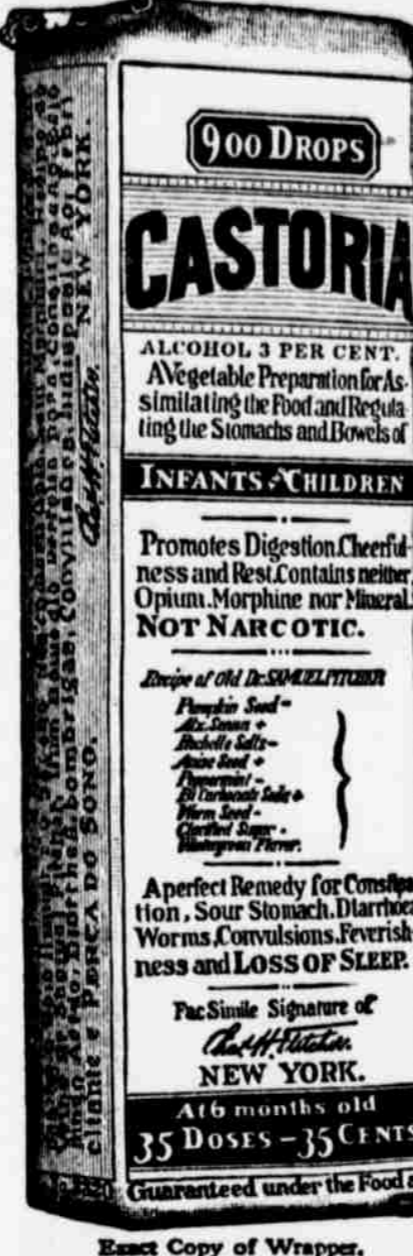
Novel Use for Visiting Cards

In connection with the forthcoming world's drawing congress in London, when it is anticipated that 3,000 people will attend the reception at the Royal College of Art, it is proposed, for the purposes of identification, that members of the British committee should wear their visiting cards upon the lapels of their coats or their dress bodices.
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His consternation was great consequently when he beheld Ike returning crestfallen and empty-handed.
Anxiously inquiring to meet him, he said: "Vell, Ike, how did you make out with the good people?"
"Ach, Jakey," replied Ike, "there was no use asking in there, because they are very poor people themselves. Just think—two lovely ladies playing on one piano!"—Judge's Library.

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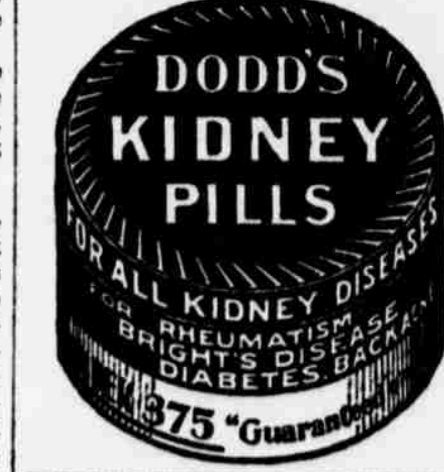
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