

Dressmakers' bills are the root of many divorce suits.

A man's success depends on what he loses with his failures.

A successful man roots while his unsuccessful brother stands around and squeals.

When an old maid gets married in leap year it gives everybody a chance to say smart things.

A woman is willing to take the benefit of the doubt and let man have the doubt of the benefit.

College athletics are deadly. This is proved by the fact that most men who play croquet are old.

It is not easy to decide which is the greater nuisance, a South American republic or a North American despotism.

Sometimes a man loses his job because he doesn't know enough and sometimes because he knows too much.

The ill-fated steamer General Slocum had an unlicensed first mate—perhaps the other officers had permits to take human life.

If the millennium is postponed until mother admits that her own children are ill-behaved and those next door are cherubs it will never arrive.

Just about the time the boll weevil gets up a good appetite for the cotton plant along comes the red ant and finds that the boll weevil is good eating.

The Japanese people do not swear as do those of the West, but in an emergency the name of General Kodana ought to serve all practical purposes.

Some scientist has discovered that the burning of incense will keep away mosquitoes. Most men will, however, cling to the idea that tobacco smoke is just as good.

Now comes a bulging-browed professor and tells us that anthracite coal is a luxury. Perhaps he will next tell us that George W. Baer is a piece of reckless extravagance.

The housekeeping of Mrs. Roosevelt has been criticised by the Daughters of the Revolution. Daughters who have time to criticise their mothers and sisters should be careful about inviting comparisons.

A Philadelphia chemist claims to have discovered a process whereby he can reduce the price of radium from \$16,000,000 to less than \$500,000 a pound. With meat and almost everything else soaring skyward this must be welcome news to the struggling poor.

If matters go wrong in the English House of Commons a convenient explanation would be to attribute the fact to the "sophisticated air" which the members breathe. According to the London Guardian, the winds of heaven are not suffered to visit too roughly the interior of the Palace of Westminster, for they are "filtered through cotton-wool, and warmed by passing over hot pipes, and then the dead and oppressive product is forced through gratings in the floor of the House, where it picks up the mud from honorable members' boots."

Medical colleges are responsible for the horde of failures who parade as doctors and do what they can to menace the public health. Some of the medical schools are get-rich-quick schemes, taking every applicant who comes along with the requisite fees. They spoil hundreds of good farmers, mechanics, shoemakers and blacksmiths, issue sheepskins and leave the medical profession to struggle with the reproach. Every decent doctor should join him and pursue the fakirs, grafters and moral perverters until it is made too warm for them to continue in the profession. A medical diploma ought to be beyond purchase by anyone not fitted in every way for the responsibilities of a physician.

From the common school of the country district to the highest university in the land, the fundamental idea of American education is to make American citizens. There is no thought of making soldiers or officeholders or merchants or traders or inventors; make citizens first, then let each young American choose for himself the line of life he deems best suited to his capacity; he does choose, and that commonly without bias what he shall be, for your young American has ideas of his own and is ready to air them, too, on appropriate and even sometimes on inappropriate occasions. After all,

however, the best method of judging of any system of education is in its results, and, without saying a word in disparagement of the people of any other nation, it may be said that in every essential quality the American citizen has demonstrated his efficiency in life and action the value of his training.

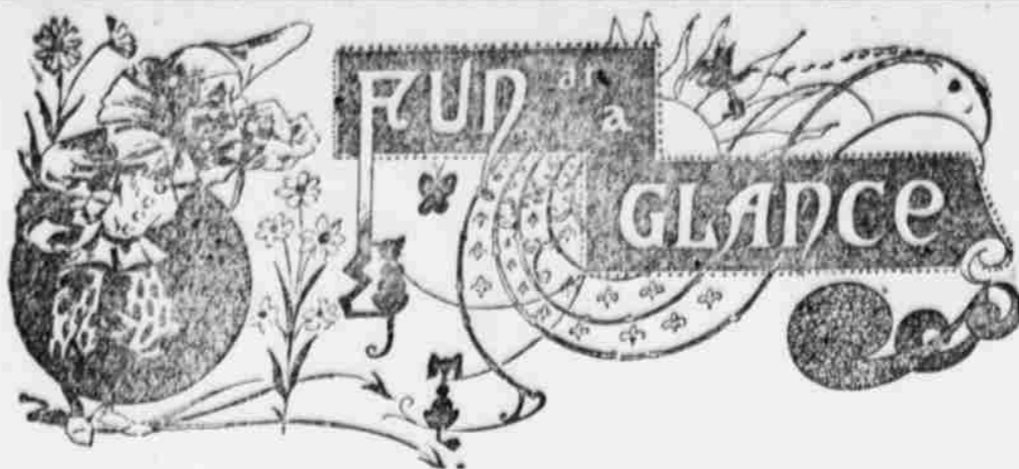
Foreign critics frequently declare that Americans are living at too high a pressure, that they have a strained, nervous expression, take life too seriously and have no time to converse and enjoy themselves. Now, is not the exact opposite of this the actual case? Look at the biographical sketches in magazines and newspapers of the most successful men and are they not all longer-lived than their doctors? Are not the captains of industry, all well along in years, still in harness, hale and hearty and traveling about the country attending to a tremendous amount of business? Why is not overwork killing them off? Simply because with all their business cares they are shrewdly dividing their time in such a manner that they have sufficient to spare in which to look after the preservation of their health.

There is almost a touch of personality in the way American cities have moved in relative position during the nineteenth century. Their changing fortunes are full of suggestiveness. New York, which had become the largest city by 1790, has held its place in front in every census up to the present time, and now, with a population more than double that of its next competitor, is not in immediate danger of losing pre-eminence. Chicago first appeared on the list in 1850 as the twenty-fifth American city. At each census it made a long stride and passed many competitors, until it reached second place in 1890. St. Louis appeared one decade earlier than Chicago, and by 1850 had jumped to the eighth place, a sensational advance. Philadelphia started in the second place, has never been below the fourth, and is to-day the third American city. Boston started as the third, and stands to-day the fifth. Charleston, the fourth city in the original list, lost steadily in relative position, until in 1880 it appeared for the last time among the first fifty. Baltimore has kept its place very evenly. Northern Liberties, the sixth city in the first census, and Southwark, the tenth, are now parts of Philadelphia. It is interesting to study the influences that make cities powerful the world over. The greatest gathering of the Chinese is at Canton, Hong-kong Island, at the mouth of the Canton River, was well-nigh deserted until European commercial interests found their way into Asia, formed a new center of population, and founded a city which is already great. European cities have not had so many ups and downs as those of America, although the population of Rome has shown extraordinary fluctuations. Careful estimates put it at more than two million in the fourth century, and at less than one hundred and forty thousand in the eighteenth. It is now about half a million. For many centuries London and Paris have been the largest cities in Europe. St. Petersburg, Berlin and Liverpool are comparatively modern. For the dwellers in the town left behind in the race, it is well to remember that quality, and not quantity, is the important consideration.

**How Long a Dream Lasts.**  
One sometimes passes through the experience of a lifetime in a dream that lasts but a few seconds or minutes, so rapid is the activity of the mind during semisomnolence. To the dreamer a vision sometimes seems to endure for hours and the general impression is that dreams continue for minutes at least, while the fact is that the longest dream appears to be confined within a solitary second, even though the events of it may impress the dreamer for days. "The other afternoon," said a doctor, "I called to see a patient, and, much to my satisfaction I found him sleeping soundly. I sat by his bed, felt his pulse without disturbing him, and waited for him to awaken. After a few minutes a dealer's cart, with discordant ringing bells, turned into the street, and as their first tones reached me my patient opened his eyes. "Doctor," he said, "I'm glad to see you, and awfully glad that you woke me, for I have been tortured by a most distressing dream that must have lasted for several hours. I dreamed that I was sick, as I am, and that my boy came into the room with a string of most horribly sounding bells and rang them in my ears, while I hadn't the power to move or speak to him. I suffered tortures for what appeared to be interminable time, and I'm so glad you awoke me." "The ringing of those bells for one second had caused all of that dream, and just at the waking moment."

If you are to be hanged, people won't boast that they used to know you.

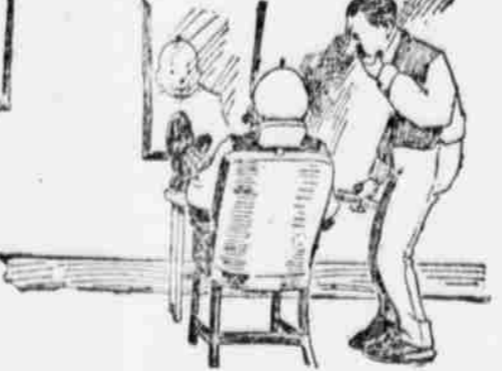
Lots of worthy people are not popular. There's your case, for example.



**Thought They Were Living.**  
"And now when you get to our home," said Mrs. Blueblood, "you will find a great many old masters hanging around."

"Then the place won't suit me," replied James, the newly engaged butler. "I won't work under only one master."

**In Which History Repeats Itself.**



Barber—Hair is very thin, sir.  
Customer—Thinner than it was forty years ago.

Barber—You don't mean it? Why, you don't look over forty now.

Customer—I'm not, I'm forty to-day.

**She Wasn't Worrying.**  
"Have you considered the future with its many responsibilities?" asked the parson.

"No," replied the bride-to-be. "Papa has given us a house in the suburbs, and we are going to live in the present."

**Trunkless Elephant.**  
"Mr. Skinner is an elephant on my hands," remarked the landlady confidentially. "I can't induce him to settle."

"Why not seize his trunk?" suggested the star boarder.  
"He hasn't any," replied the landlady.

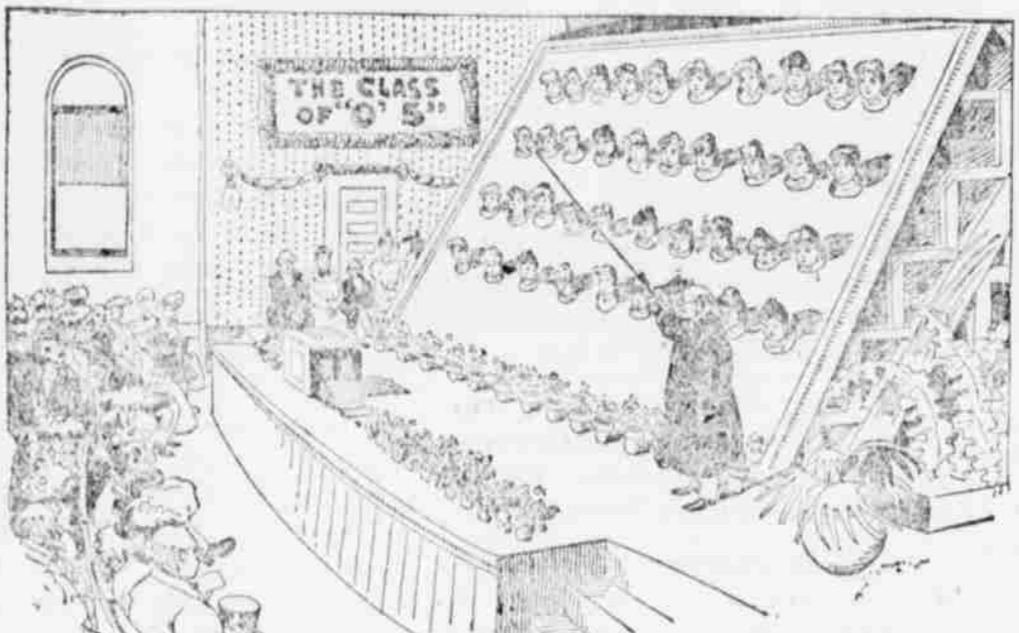
**Not a Bit Theatrical.**  
"I can't say that I admire Mrs. Weddery," said the tall blonde. "She is too dramatic in her ways."  
"Dramatic fiddlesticks!" protested the petite brunette. "Why, she has been married to the same man for seven years."

**For the Proverbial Man.**  
Giles—There is one decided advantage about a folding bed.  
Miles—What is that?  
Giles—A woman can look under it before she pulls it down.

**Real Good of Him.**  
Kind Lady—Let me see, this is the second time I have given you a meal, isn't it?  
The Hobo—Dat's wot, ma'am. An' jist ter show dat I ain't ungrateful I'll give youse a testimonial wid me autograf ter be used fer advertisin' purposes.

**Handicapped.**  
Bifkins—I know one girl who doesn't try to conceal her age.  
Mifkins—What's the explanation?  
Bifkins—She has a twin brother.

ONE WAY TO AVOID GRADUATION EXTRAVAGANCE IN DRESS.



Let the young ladies appear through a screen, their heads only being visible.—Chicago News.

**All Fixed.**  
"What have you done about that supposed nihilist?" inquired the Czar.  
"I told him, your majesty," replied the chief of police, "that if he did not leave the country in twenty-four hours we would consider him guilty and execute him."  
"What! Such leniency is—"  
"Pardon me. I have made it absolutely impossible for him to secure a passport and he cannot leave without one."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Feminine Charity.**  
He—Miss Eldridge tells me she is a Daughter of the American Revolution.  
She—Indeed! I have always been under the impression that she was a sister of it.

**Expected a Heavy Penalty.**



Judge—You don't seem to realize the morality of the charge against you.  
Prisoner—Now, I haven't got me lawyer's bill yet, but I bet it'll be a corker.

**In the Stilly Night.**  
"Who is that?" demanded the woman who had been aroused by the rattling of silverware in the dining room below.  
"Jimmy Dore, ma'am," replied the burglar, "at your service." And, gathering as much of the latter as he could he fled into the outer darkness.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**For Himself Always.**  
Goodley—He says he always believes in "the greatest good to the greatest number."  
Sharpe—That sounds all right, but his idea of the greatest number is always Number One.

**Those Fool Questions.**  
Heavium—Did you ever drink any of those substitutes for coffee?  
Lightly—What a foolish question! You know I have rejoined in boarding-houses for the past ten years.—Chicago News.

**At 11:30 P. M.**  
He—I dreamed of you last night. Do you ever dream of me?  
She (suppressing a yawn)—No, but I'd like to very much.—Detroit Free Press.

**An Aid to Longevity.**  
"I noticed the other day, Miss Clinkey, that some papers say that married men live longer than single ones."  
"And haven't you any desire to live long, Mr. Puttyblow?"  
"Why, yes, of course I have, Miss Clinkey."  
"Oh, Mr. Puttyblow, this is so sudden!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Domestic Scrapper.**  
Giles—Old man Greening has a great war record.  
Miles—Indeed! I wasn't aware that he had ever been a soldier.  
Giles—But he has been married six times!

**Keeping Tally.**  
Policeman—What's the use of ringing your gong after you have run over the man?  
Chauffeur—I wasn't ringing my gong. I was ringing him up on my register.

**The Policy.**  
"Have you heard about the latest insurance company?"  
"No; what is it?"  
"Why, it's one that promises to pay alimony to both parties in case the marriage proves a failure."—Detroit Free Press.

Intoxicants affect men in different ways. When a Frenchman has imbibed too much, it enlivens his legs, and he wants to dance; a German to sing, a Spaniard to gamble, an Englishman to eat, an Italian to chatter and boast, and Irishman to fight, and an American to make a speech.

Government analysts have examined the various patent medicines sold in Germany, and ascertained that fully eighty per cent of them are without medicine value, while twenty per cent of them are injurious to health. The so-called tonics are nearly all hurtful, because of the alcohol they contain.

Shouting Their Praises.

Freeport, Miss., Aug. 22.—Special.  
—Cured of Bladder and Kidney Trouble after 26 years of suffering, Rev. H. H. Hatch, of this place, is telling the public the good news and shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him—Dodd's Kidney Pills. Rev. Mr. Hatch says:

"I have been suffering from Bladder and Kidney Trouble for 26 years and I have tried everything that people said would do me good. But nothing did me any good except Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"I haven't felt a pain since I took Dodd's Kidney Pills. They gave me health and I feel like a new man altogether. Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best I ever had."  
All Urinary and Bladder Troubles are caused by diseased kidneys. The natural way to cure them is to cure the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to cure diseased kidneys in any stage or place. They always cure Backache and they are the only remedy that ever cured Bright's Disease.

To crush a half-inch tube of granite requires a weight of 11 pounds  
Tame snakes are used in Morocco to clear houses of rats and mice

A formal call between women, I have observed, usually lasts half an hour. Ten minutes of this is consumed in greeting, five in getting seated and the other fifteen walking to the door and saying goodbye.

There would be no "servant problem" if only those who could afford servants employed them.

I always suspect the man who wears a silk hat continually; he is apt to be either in politics or patent nostrums.

If you want to thoroughly understand how the dinner guests of the Borgias felt, visit a house where the hostess has the chattering dish habit.  
Japanese dwellings are usually of but one floor. They are divided into the number of bedrooms the owner requires by paper shutters which fit into grooves. These partitions can be removed at will.

Potentially, the worst case of marital infelicity that has come under our observation is that in which a deaf woman married a dumb man.

The problem of life with men is to get enough to eat, with women, to get enough to wear.

AS EASY

**Needs Only a Little Thinking.**  
The food of childhood often decides whether one is to grow up well nourished and healthy or weak and sickly from improper food.

It's just as easy to be one as the other, provided we get a proper start. A wise physician like the Denver doctor who knew about food can accomplish wonders, provided the patient is willing to help and will eat only proper food.

Speaking of this case, the mother said her little four-year-old boy was suffering from a peculiar derangement of the stomach, liver and kidneys, and his feet became so swollen he couldn't take a step. "We called a doctor, who said at once we must be very careful as to his diet, as improper food was the only cause of his sickness. Sugar, especially, he forbid."

"So the doctor made up a diet, and the principal food he prescribed was Grape-Nuts, and the boy, who was very fond of sweet things, took the Grape-Nuts readily, without adding any sugar. (Doctor explained that the sweet in Grape-Nuts is not at all like cane or beet sugar, but is the natural sweet of the grains.)

"We saw big improvement inside a few days, and now Grape-Nuts are almost his only food, and he is once more a healthy, happy, rosy-cheeked youngster, with every prospect to grow up into a strong, healthy man." Name given by Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The sweet in Grape-Nuts is the Nature-sweet known as Post Sugar, not digested in the liver like ordinary sugar, but predigested. Feed the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when Nature demands sweet and prompts them to call for sugar.

There's a reason.  
Get the little book "The Road to Wellville" in each package.