

The best friends a man has are among those who are poorer than himself. The \$10 man finds his admirers in the \$5 circle, and the \$5 man among those still poorer. A man is inclined to snub those poorer than himself, but they are the ones who come to his help when he is in trouble.

"What's the matter, Batch? You seem ill at ease. I thought you'd enjoy a home dinner."
"I'd enjoy it thoroughly, Newwed, if I could keep my eye on my hat and coat. Force of habit, you know."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The porch climber hesitated. "I'm only doing this," he muttered, "because getting in on the ground floor has never made any money for men in a business way, and it's up to me to get even with the world somehow."
Convincing himself by this specious reasoning, he softly pushed up the window and climbed inside.—Chicago Tribune.

Thirty days of official mourning was begun at the naval academy as a mark of respect to the memory of the late ex-president Grover Cleveland. The Southern Railway announced that the resumption of negotiations looking to a reduction in wages of employes of the Southern Railway outside of Washington had been postponed from July 1 until October 1 next.

A very good young man in town called on a girl the other evening, and, after talking a few minutes, asked her if she would have any objection to his offering up a prayer. She said no, and he got down on his knees and told the Lord that he intended to ask the young woman then present to be his wife, and hoped the Lord would move her to consent. After exhorting fifteen minutes, he arose to his feet, but the girl had left the room, and has steadily refused to see him since.

Very often people meet and have a long conversation, each one knowing that the other is lying. One will say in effect: "I saw a very peculiar star in the heavens last night and flew up there to look at it." Whereupon the other will reply, in effect: "Yes, I flew up there myself, and saw you on the way. The star is not so remarkable, after all, when you come to look at it." This habit is so common that naturalism and simplicity are very popular. This habit is also responsible for the fact that most statements are taken with a grain of allowance.

OF POST-MORTEM PRAISES.
I've noticed when a fellow dies, no matter what he's been—
A saintly chap or one whose life was darkly steeped in sin—
His friends gather the bitter words they spoke but yesterday,
And now they find a multitude of pretty things to say.
I fancy when I go to rest some one will bring to light
Some kindly word or goodly act long buried out of sight;
But, if it's all the same to you, just give to me instead
The bouquets while I'm living and the knocking when I'm dead.

Don't save your kisses to imprint upon my marble brow,
While countless maledictions are hurled upon me now;
Say just one kindly word to me while I mourn here alone.
And don't save all your eulogy to carve upon a stone!
What do I care if when I'm dead the Bloomingdale Gazette
Gives me a write-up with a cut in mourning borders set;
It will not flatter me a bit, no matter what is said.
So kindly throw your bouquets now and knock me when I'm dead.

It may be fine, when one is dead, to have the folks talk so,
To have the flowers come in loads from relatives, you know;
It may be nice to have these things for those you leave behind,
But just as far as I'm concerned, I really do not mind.
I'm quite alive and well today, and while I linger here,
Lend me a helping hand at times—give me a word of cheer,
Just change the game a little bit; just kindly swap the decks,
For I will be no judge of flowers when I've cashed in my checks.
—L. E. Thayer, in New York Sun.

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COSTLY PIECE OF EARTHWARE.

Pennsylvania Museum Acquired Toft Dish Made About 1666.

Philadelphia.—One of the most important of the recent accessions to the Pennsylvania museum, in Memorial hall, is a large earthenware dish, known as a Toft dish, which was made by Thomas Toft of Staffordshire, England, about 1666, at the time of the restoration of Charles II. Toft ware, as it is generally called, is exceedingly scarce, and this is the first example that is known to have been brought to the United States.
The museum owes its acquisition to the generosity of William P. Henszey of the Baldwin Locomotive works. The director, Dr. Barber, who is the recognized American authority on pottery, has been for a long time on the lookout



Toft Dish Given to Pennsylvania Museum.

through his agents abroad, for an authentic specimen of this early English manufacture. Some time ago he heard of a piece in possession of a London dealer, but the price demanded, \$700, was beyond the limited resources of the museum, although it was considered a reasonable price for so great a rarity. The matter was laid before Mr. Henszey, who at once offered to provide the necessary sum, and the purchase was authorized.

When the director received the precious piece of earthenware from the custom house in New York he took it up to the Metropolitan museum and exhibited it to the envious officials there, and he received an offer of twice the amount that had been paid for it.

Toft dishes, which are usually about 18 inches in diameter, were produced in England before porcelain was invented, and they were considered at that time works of great merit. The decoration is made by pouring liquid clay, or slip, through a quill attached to a little cup, the designs being traced in the same manner as patterns in sugar icing are applied to cakes. The Toft dish which has been procured by the museum bears five medallions, each one containing a rude portrait of Charles II, and in the central medallion are the initials R. C., for Rex Carolus—King Charles. Toft used the royalty and nobility of the period as decorative subjects for his dishes.

NEW PRESIDENT OF PANAMA.
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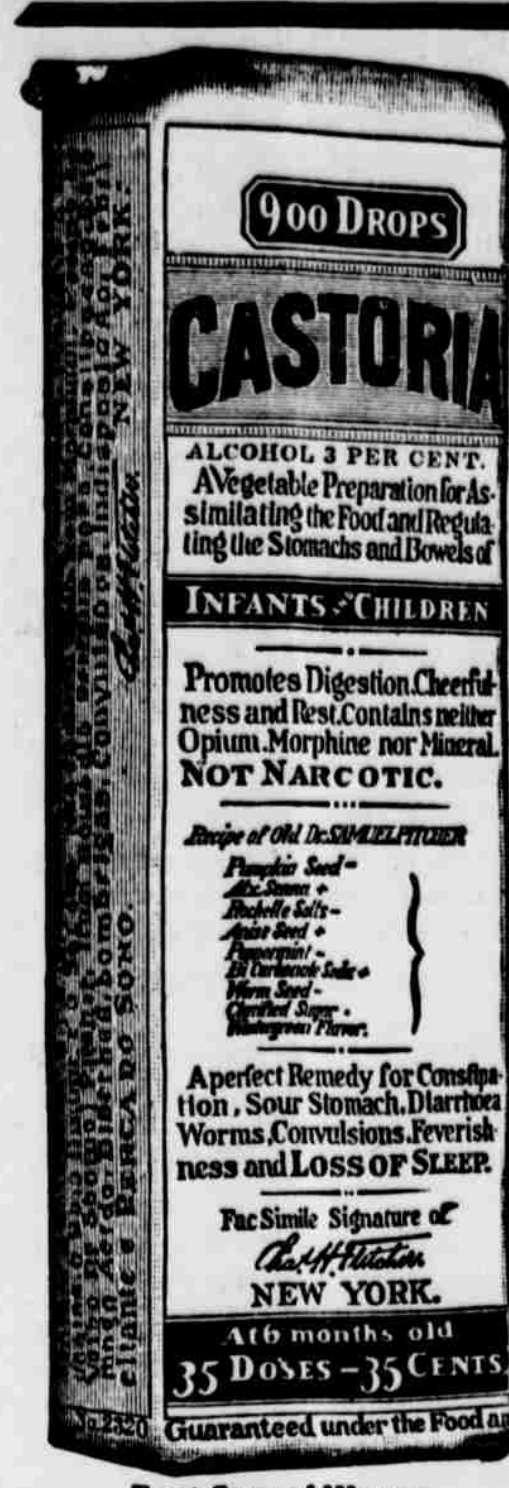
Washington.—Senor Don Jose Domingo de Obaldia, who has been



SENOR DOMINGO OBALDIA

elected president of the Republic of Panama to succeed President Amador, was until lately minister from Panama to the United States, having been appointed at the creation of the republic in 1903. He is a native of Panama, 63 years old and was in Bogota and in the United States until his twenty-fourth year, when he returned to Panama and became connected with the large business interests of his father. Senor Obaldia is one of the largest stock raisers in Central America and exports horses, cattle and mules. He was governor of Panama when it belonged to Colombia and is a conservative in politics.

Senor Obaldia defeated President Amador's candidate for president, Secretary Arias. Obaldia was Amador's choice until, when acting as president in the absence of Amador, he instituted policies which estranged his chief.



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SAVAGE FLING AT AUDIENCE.

Inebriated Orator Resented Disapproval of His Condition.

"Like many a statesman of the past," said Senator Beveridge, "he drank too much. And one Fourth of July morning, on a platform hung with flags and flowers before the courthouse of a country town, facing an audience of farmers and their families that had come from miles around, the statesman arose to deliver the Independence day oration in a slightly intoxicated state.

"He was not incapable of an oration, but his unsteady gait, his flushed face and disordered attire spoke ill of him, and the audience hissed.

"He held up his hand. They were silent. Then he laughed scornfully and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, when a statesman of my prominence consents to appear in such a little, one-horse town as this, he must be either drunk or crazy. I prefer to be considered an inebriate."—Washington Star.

Politeness.

It was the last day of the term in one of our public kindergartens. The children were all seated around the tables thoroughly enjoying the treat of ice cream which the teacher always provided on this occasion.

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