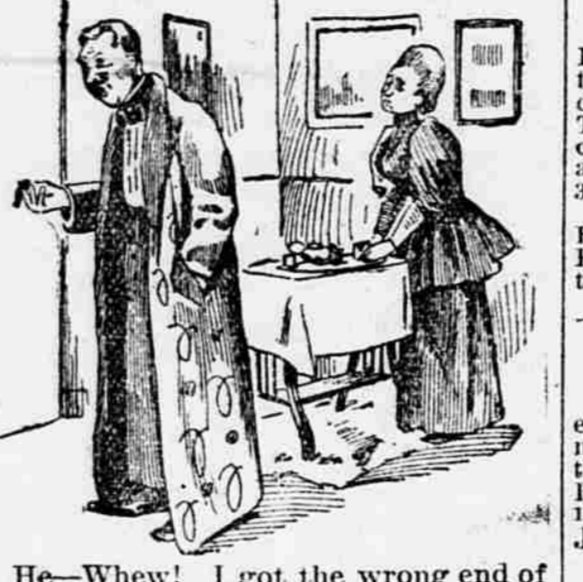


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More Information Wanted.
Lawyer (hotly)—Do you mean to say, sir, that you do not consider Mr. De Lyre a man of his word?
Witness—I do.
“You do, eh? Do you mean to insinuate that he ever lies?”
“That's about it.”
“Now, sir, attention! Do you mean to say that you would not believe him under oath?”
“No, I have not said that.”
“O-ho! I thought I'd catch you. Then you don't say you would not believe him under oath?”
“No, I haven't heard him do any talking under oath yet.”—N. Y. Weekly.
Where He Failed.
He had traveled through Sahara, braved the dangers of the Nile, Defeated enraged Mussulmans, and dined on crocodile; Knew everything of politics, religion and the law; Could box and fence, and row a race, and please his mother-in-law. In short, had all the accomplishments of men both great and wise; But he couldn't run a business, for he wouldn't advertise.
—London Tit-Bits.
A Proposition.
“Look here, Bill!” said the Jaytown barber, addressing the village carpenter.
“I'm a-lookin'!”
“Tell you what I'll do, I'll shingle your hair, and your two boys' an' your brother John's an' your Uncle Ezra's, if you'll shingle my kitchen roof?”—N. Y. World.
Why Is It?
“In view of the number of people one meets who know it all,” he said reflectively.
“‘Yes,’” said his companion inquiringly, as he paused.
“‘It does seem strange,’” he continued, “that any government should ever make a mistake or be at a loss to know what to do.”—Chicago Post.
Probably Not.
May—If a fellow with a million should propose to you would you tell him that you loved him?
Agatha—No, indeed.
May—Why not? Sense of womanly chivalry, I suppose.
Agatha—Oh, no; it simply wouldn't be necessary to tell him, that's all.—N. Y. World.
Quite Natural.
Hoax—There was a fellow in court today charged with stealing a horse and leaving his bicycle in place of it.
Joax—What did they do? Convict him?
Hoax—No; the jury were all cyclists and they recommended that the prisoner be sent to an insane asylum.—Philadelphia Record.
Johnnie and the Apostles.
Johnnie Chaffie was in a Dallas candy store with his mother. She bought some little figures made of chocolate.
“Here, Johnnie,” she said, “are the three graces for you.”
“Mother, dear, I'd rather have the 12 apostles. There are more of them.”—Texas Sifter.
Not Serious.
She—Merey! This account of the ball game says that one of the players died at first base.
He—It is only a figurative expression. You will find it used in the same sense in the war news from Cuba.—Brooklyn Life.
Dashed Hopes.
When you root in your overcoat pocket. And think you've discovered a dime. You can bet with assurance we'll find it. It will turn out a button on each time. —N. Y. World.
OFF THE ENGLISH COAST.
Mamma (to blue-eyed cherub)—Algy, love, you must not eat so much cake just at bedtime; you will not be able to sleep on a full stomach.
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A Soft Mark.
Though death may leave a shining mark As we have heard full oft, Young Cupid much prefers the kind We designate as soft. —Detroit News

A Long Engagement.
She—I haven't anything new to say to you to-night, George.
He—Well, give me something old then.
She broke into a refrain that was “a song of the day” 17 years before.
He (at the close)—That's very, very old, Clara.
She—Yes, George; I sang that to you the night we became engaged.—Demorest's Magazine.
The Wrong Word.
“You refer to Jopkins as an amateur painter.”
“‘Yes.’”
“‘Well, it's a mistake. An amateur is one who pursues the art for the love of it.’”
“Of course. That's what Jopkins does.”
“‘Yes.’”
“‘No. If he loved art he couldn't possibly treat it as he does.’”—Washington Star.
Not So Bad.
He was tarred and feather from head to feet, But growled he never a word, For he looked at his feathery coat complete, And cackled: “I feel like a bird!” —L. A. W. Bulletin.
EVIDENTLY AN OBSERVANT MAN.
He—Whew! I got the wrong end of the cigar in my mouth!
She—Oh, that's too bad! But it's a good thing you noticed it at once.—Fliegende Blaetter.
Hard on Poor Dick.
Alice—What are you looking up in the obituary columns so eagerly?
Bess—Dick proposed to me over a week ago, and I told him to ask pa.
Alice—And did he?
Bess—That's what I'm trying to find out, as he hasn't shown up since.—N. Y. World.
A Reasonable Supposition.
“If people go to the opera to show their clothes,” he began.
“‘Yes?’” she said, inquiringly.
“‘If people go to the opera to show their clothes,’” he repeated, “I should think some of them would wear more of them than they do.”—Chicago Evening Post.
The Immortal George.
Wallace—Don't you suppose George Washington told any lies, even after he was married?
Ferry—Of course not.
“Of course not?”
“‘He knew it would be no use. He married a widow, you know.’”—Cincinnati Enquirer.
Hallowe'en.
The Old Woman—What was the matter with you, John, when you repeatedly hugged me in your sleep? You must have been dreaming!
The Old Man—Nonsense! I never dreamed of doing that.—Texas Siftings.
The Power of the Human Eye.
Blazey—I was coming down town in a car this morning, and the conductor came along and looked at me as if I hadn't paid my fare.
Blizley—What did you do?
Blazey—I looked at him as if I had.—Roxbury Gazette.
The Other Side.
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Edward Hanks, of Cody, Neb.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
William M. Hook, Andrew J. Barnes, George W. Barnes and John F. Hook, all of Cody, Neb. Also William M. Hook, of Cody, Neb., H. E. No. 7228 for the S.W. 1/4, sec. 9, Twp. 23 N., R. 23 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
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U. S. LAND OFFICE, Valentine, Neb., June 2, 1896.
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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on July 11th, 1896, viz:
Mary A. Thompson formerly Mary A. Rogers of Simeon, Neb.
H. E. No. 9418 for the S.W. 1/4 SW. 1/4 Sec. 5, SE. 1/4 Sec. 4, NW. 1/4 NW. 1/4 Sec. 5, Twp. 32 N., R. 22 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
William J. Leach, Alfred J. Rogers of Simeon, James H. Bradley, Maud M. Bradley of Valentine, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

At the January meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the following estimate for county expenses for the year 1896 was made:
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Court and Jury 4,000
Precinct Officers 4,000
County Officers 3,500
Jail and Boarding Prisoners 2,000
County Roads 2,000
Supplies for Poor 2,000
Sinking Fund and Interest 2,000
Rent of County Offices 810
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Fuel and Repairs 300
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Honorably Discharged Soldiers 200
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Taken up.
Taken up, at my place 4 miles southwest of St. Mary's Mission, on the Antelope, April 1st, one light sorrel horse lame in right front foot, and one dark sorrel horse, with white strip in forehead. Weigh about 1,100 each; both branded on left shoulder with a W under a half circle, or it may be a horse-shoe with heel drawn in.
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