

**A Natural Inference.**  
 Rodgers (boastful)—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 superior things.  
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Were talkin' 'bout Shakespeare an' Browning 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 pant.  
 She says "cawn't" and "shawn't;" but she sometimes forgets.  
 And falls back on plain "can't" and "shan't."

This morning Pa 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 bags are hot  
 From many a swat  
 In games that are played as if 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 little 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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**LOOKED FOR OTHER TWO.**  
 Little One Had But One Idea of Term "Fore-Handed."

Little Catherine has been boarding on a farm this summer, and many of the rural expressions are wholly unfamiliar to her. One day she chanced to hear her country hostess praising the good qualities of a certain thrifty neighbor.  
 "He really ain't got much, compared to some folks," said the farmer's wife, "but he makes out wonderful well; he's so fore-handed."  
 That evening the man thus lauded happened to drop in, and Katherine immediately sidled up to him, with curious eyes. Slowly she revolved about the chair in which he sat, and so persistently did she gaze at him that the farmer's wife finally noticed it.  
 "Well, Katherine," she said, "you seem to find a good deal to look at in Mr. B—; don't you?"  
 "Why," replied the child, her little forehead wrinkled in perplexity. "I did want to see his two uvver hands, but I can't. Is he sittin' on 'em?"

**CONTRARY, INDEED.**  
 Kitty—Isn't she the most contrary thing?  
 Betty—Why so?  
 Kitty—She's been coaxing and coaxing me to go to her picnic, and I won't do it.

**India-Gestion.**  
 Here is a story the bishop of London told John Morley the other day, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. They were holding an "exam." in an East-end school, and the teacher was explaining the chief products of the Indian empire. One child recited a list of comestibles. "Please, miss, India produces curries and pepper and citron and chillies and chutney and—"  
 "Yes, yes, and what comes after that?" "Please, miss, I don't remember." "Yes, but think. What is India so famous for?" "Please, 'm, India-gestion."

**Begging Off.**  
 Domley—Say, you'd better take something for that cold, old man.  
 Now—  
 Wise—Don't offer me any more, please. I've taken too much already.  
 Dumley—Too much what?  
 Wise—Advice.

**Keeping Butter Sweet.**  
 Here is how one housekeeper who cannot renew her supply of butter every few days in summer manages to keep it fresh.  
 She puts her extra pounds of butter into a bowl large enough to hold it when pressed tightly. Then she covers with a half cup of water, to which a teaspoonful of salt has been added, and sets in the refrigerator, putting a lid on the bowl.  
 This method prevents the butter from tainting, even if it must be kept a week or more.

**German Toast.**  
 German toast is made of spiced, raised bread, plain toasted real dry (in the oven). Ours used on that day was the kind that comes already toasted, put up in ten-cent boxes. If you are able to make your own bread it is much better and nice for a change in toasts. Cut out a piece of bread dough for one loaf and sprinkle cinnamon and nutmeg sparingly through the dough.

**Ox Eyes.**  
 Take slices an inch thick from good light bread and cut round with a three-inch cutter. Cut a small ring one and a half inches and scoop out enough to take in an egg, brush with butter and crisp in a quick oven. Break a fresh egg in each, season with salt and pepper, moisten with one tablespoon cream, and put in oven until set.

**To Brighten Carpet.**  
 Dip the broom in kerosene oil and sweep carpet in usual way and you will be surprised what a difference it makes in the looks of the carpet. It will be almost as bright as new.

A butter churn holding only one quart of cream is now made for domestic use.

**World of Labor**  
 News from All Parts of the World, of General Interest to the Worker

Stettin, Germany.—The lockout of 8,000 ship riveters which is in effect at the Vulcan Shipbuilding yard here, threatens to spread throughout the country. The trouble had its origin in the refusal of the men to accept the terms of their employers relative to the payment of overtime rates and in their objection to working extra hours in the completion of contracts. The local Iron Masters' association decided to reduce the output of all their furnaces 60 per cent. In order to coerce the men, and should this measure not induce the riveters to return to work, it is the intention of the iron masters to introduce a proposition before the German National Federation of Metal Workers to entirely close down all their works throughout the empire.

Cleveland, O., August 1.—The most determined and systematic fight ever made against organized labor on the great lakes is now being waged under cover of the "open shop" policy declared by the Lake Carriers' association last winter. The latest move in the attempt to kill the unions, it is alleged, is in requesting all stewards, seamen, firemen and oilers to make an affidavit renouncing all allegiance to their unions, swearing it is their intention not to join any, and taking oath not to join in any strike. Men who make the affidavit are said to be given employment. Those who refuse find no work on the vessels on which the affidavits are demanded.

London, England.—The relation of the workmen to the peace movement was the principal topic of discussion at the peace congress. The general trend of the debates was in favor of the idea that the workers of the world should absolutely refuse to take up arms unless the quarrel had first been submitted to an impartial international tribunal. A resolution was adopted to invite representatives of trade organizations to attend future peace congresses on the ground that the cause of peace lay largely in the hands of the laboring man.

Boston, Mass.—More than 2,000 men are idle in New England as a result of strikes and the shutting down of several paper mills of the International Paper Company. An order has been issued from the main office of the company in New York to close the mills because of low water and the need of extensive repairs. An order was received from President J. F. Carey of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers at Fort Edward, N. Y., calling a strike in the company's mills, on account of a cut of ten per cent. in wages.

Scranton, Pa.—The grievance board of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad switchmen appealed to United States Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill and Chairman Martin Knapp of the Interstate commerce commission, asking for the intervention of President Roosevelt in the controversy between the switchmen and the Lackawanna Company. They say that if this appeal fails the strike order will be issued.

London, Eng.—Cleveland ironstone miners have decided to press for a 12 o'clock Saturday; that is, that operations shall cease at the mines at 12 o'clock Saturdays instead of one o'clock, but no stoppage of work is likely to result if the masters refuse to make this alteration. There has been no general strike of the Cleveland ironstone miners for more than 30 years.

Scranton, Pa.—Despite the threats of the Lackawanna switchmen to strike, the company paid off and discharged 300 men employed about the yards and the car shops in this city because they believed they were trying to form a union. No cause was assigned by the company, but as the men went for their wages they got the pink slip. The men allege that their activity has caused this wholesale discharge and they threaten to perfect the organization and call out the entire shop.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The local plant of the International Paper Company is not open, the 250 men now employed there having declared a strike. The men say the company has refused to renew its working agreement with the men unless they accept a ten per cent. reduction in wages. The superintendent of the mill says there is stock enough on hand to tide the mill over a long shut-down.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The next convention of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders will be held during the second week in June, 1910, in this city.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—State Coal Mine Inspector Young recommended to the governor that the Hanna mine be sealed forever as a tomb for the forty-nine miners buried there in an accident last May. The inspector says the management violated the laws governing the protection of underground workmen.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The railway trackmen are planning for the establishment of a home for their aged and indigent members. It is proposed to acquire a tract of 500 acres near Fort Scott, Kan., as the location for the institution.

Cleveland, O.—Coincident with the announcement of an increase in the price of window glass by the American Window Glass Company, President Faulkner, newly re-elected head of the National Window Glass Workers, declared that an enormous increase in wages would be received by the union men in the making of the next wage agreement, next month. The American company announced an increase of 20 per cent. on single-strength glass and 33-1-3 per cent. on double-strength glass, to go into effect at once. Mr. Faulkner said that means an increase of 40 per cent. in wages for single-strength workmen and of 66-2-3 per cent. for double-strength workmen.

Little Rock, Ark.—Several prominent members of the Arkansas Farmers' union met recently to discuss plans of interest to the union warehouses and gins of Arkansas. It was suggested that Memphis be made a clearing house for union cotton of Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas, and that Little Rock be made a sub-clearing house for Arkansas alone, and that the union cotton be handled from the local warehouses throughout the state to the central warehouse in Little Rock, from the warehouse to Memphis, and from that point to the English spinners or other purchasers.

Paris, France.—The 24 hours' general strike in Paris, which was called by the General Federation of Labor as a protest against the killing of strikers at Vigneux, was a failure, except in the case of typesetters. The electricians did not strike and a great majority of the men engaged in all the other trades and even the laborers, who were largely responsible for the Vigneux riot, reported for work. The failure of the strike is generally interpreted here as a mortal blow to the General Labor Federation.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Through its political organization the Minnesota State Federation of Labor is working to secure the adoption by the state and municipalities, of the eight-hour day, municipal ownership of public service utilities, payment of wages weekly, the initiative and referendum, securing better sanitary conditions, abolition of contract labor in state prisons, compulsory education and employers' liability act.

Denver, Colo.—Charles H. Moyer was re-elected president of the Western Federation of Miners. Ernest Mills of Greenwood, B. C., was elected secretary-treasurer. A resolution was adopted extending aid to George A. Pettibone, one of the three men taken to Idaho under the charge of conspiracy to murder Gov. Steunenburg, and who is dangerously ill at his home in this city.

Chicago.—Raises in pay were given to 3,096 post office employees. All the raises in salary were \$100 on the year, excepting in the case of promotions from the first to second grade. In these cases the raises were from \$600 to \$800 a year, the \$700 grade having been eliminated a year ago. Of the men promoted 1,742 were clerks and 1,354 were carriers.

Pittsburg, Pa.—After being idle for about nine months the Leechburg plant of the American Sheet and Tinsplate Company resumed operations. About 40 men returned to work. It also is announced that the company's mines in the vicinity of West Leechburg, which have not been running for some time, will be started up again.

Chicago.—The strike declared by the employees of the Elgin-Bevidere Electric Company was settled and the regular schedule resumed. The company has agreed to recognize the union and to pay the car operatives 23 cents per hour. The substitution employers are raised from \$45 per month to \$52.50. All persons who were employees of the company at the time the walk-out was declared are to be reinstated. All other differences are to be settled by arbitration.

Steuenville, O.—Good news came to the people of Mingo Junction when official notice came to start up the Carnegie Company mills at that place four-fifths full. This mill has been idle nine months, repairs have been made and two of the four furnaces, the blooming and sheet bar mills and Bessemer mill, will be put in operation. Fully 1,500 men will be given employment.

Scranton, Pa.—John Mitchell, recently appointed mediator of the civic federation, may be asked to act as mediator in an effort to settle the troubles which threaten a strike of the switchmen of the Lackawanna road.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The 14 cases brought in the circuit court here last spring against the Missouri Pacific railway by J. G. Slate, prosecuting attorney, for violation of the eight-hour telegraphers' law were dismissed by the prosecutors because the supreme court, in a recent decision in a case from Johnson county, declared the law unconstitutional.

Reading, Pa.—That the anthracite coal trade is improving was shown when orders were posted at the collieries of the Reading Coal and Iron Company directing that the mines work five days a week instead of four.

**SOCIETY MAN'S STUNT.**  
 Plays Drum and Cymbals in Band Concerts.  
 Philadelphia.—George Gilpin, Jr., a scion of one of the best known Philadelphia families and a great favorite in the younger set of society, has for the last few weeks, unknown to many in the exclusive coterie in which he moves, been playing the drums, cymbals and triangle during the Municipal band concerts in the public squares. He has been doing his best to make the summer concerts enjoyable and to gain the admiration of



The small boys who crowd near him nightly and wonder how he can manipulate the drumsticks in such a wonderful style.  
 The society man drummer joined the band at the opening of the season and has since played regularly in the concerts. When informed that many of his friends regarded the musical venture as a whim, Mr. Gilpin laughed and said:  
 "Oh, no, there is nothing remarkable about it. I understand music and I took it up. It is better than sitting around an office for a few dollars a week."  
 "You surely are not in need of money that you applied for a position with the Municipal band?" he was asked.  
 "Not exactly that," he answered, "for last season I played the cornet in an orchestra in Atlantic City, and although my salary was but \$15 a week it cost me three or four times that amount to live."  
 "This position was gained after my ability as a musician was put to a severe test, and it certainly makes me feel elated."  
 Mr. Gilpin is the grandson of the last mayor of Philadelphia before the consolidation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Gilpin of 2004 De Lancey place, and his brothers are John C. and Charles Gilpin, 3d. The latter is the husband of the celebrated beauty, formerly Miss Frederica Berwind, a sister of Mrs. Robert Strawbridge, and of the Baroness Brocklin von Brocklinson.

Relatives of Mr. Gilpin declare that it is his ambition to have an orchestra or band of his own, of which he shall be conductor. Music is an absorbing passion with him, and he believes that more Philadelphia men of musical talent should try and distribute its benefits.

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