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and Wheel-Barrow.  
 never seen a wheel-barrow, and was much exercised how to set it in motion. He by facing the wheel, catching it with both hands and trying to push it backward. Seeing the wheel would not turn, he let go and took his observations. It dawned upon him at once, for the native mind is quick, that as the barrow had two arms it required two men to lift it, and hallooed for one of his mates to come to his aid. They both tried to get within the arms of the barrow, one man laying hold of the left arm with his left hand while the right encircled the fellow's waist, whose right hand he held of the other shaft, while his left engaged arm was bound around the fellow's neck, and they were prettily engaged; but they covered no ground, and by tripping each other and tumbling over the wheel-barrow, of the of course, turned over. Then, after an hour or two, Wilmo undertook to wheel this barrow.  
**The Understood Part.**  
 Phair, a Beacon Street old, models her walk and action on those of her elder who are much given to and the slang of sport.  
 Natalie's eyes are "peepers," her hands are "dukes." One day when she had run till nearly out of breath she said, "Mother, my bellows seem out of order."  
 More recently her mother, observing her to be restless, said, "Nathalie, is the matter with you? You seem to be on needles and pins."  
 Natalie pondered for full a minute and then said, "Mother dear, I don't know what you mean. Of course I know that my pins are my legs, but what do you mean by saying that I'm on needles?"

**A Lesson In Circulation.**

If you place a visiting card or light screen between you and the flame of a candle, and blow on it you will find that you will not put out the light, as your breath cannot pass through the screen, but a curious effect will be produced—viz., the flames of the candle will incline towards you, as if blown some one in an opposite direction.  
 A breath striking the pasteboard has been thrown back toward with sufficient force to carry with certain quantity of air surrounding the flame, thus enclosing it in a vent of air going in the contrary direction to your breath.

**Our Debt to the Mule.**

We were told by a confederate soldier some years ago that the battle of Gettysburg, which was the turning point in our civil war, was decided in favor of the Union by a balky mule. The Union troops and the confederates were racing to reach a high point, the possession of which practically decided the battle; the confederates were blocked by a balky mule. What a debt of gratitude present and future generations owe and will owe to the mule—Our Dumb Animals.

**A Great General.**

Caius Marius, the great general, was once in a camp when a man of repute among the enemy came over to him and said, "If you are indeed a great general, Marius, leave your camp and fight a battle."

Marius was not to be persuaded at that moment, so he answered the man with a taunt that was decidedly expressive.

"Not so," he replied, "but if you are a great general you can make me do so."

**Our Only "Honorable."**

The only person in this country who is constitutionally entitled to be addressed by the title of honorable is the lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts. His right to it is set forth in the fundamental laws of the state, and it is to be found nowhere else.

There are a great many other honorables here and elsewhere, just as there are a great many majors and colonels. They flourish by courtesy only.—The Boston Herald.

**Knew the Defendant Was Honest.**

A pleasing story comes from a Maine court. Farmer A. was the plaintiff; Mr. B., a merchant, the defendant, Farmer A. was giving testimony, and would not be restrained by counsel or court. He was very generous to his opponent, and insisted upon saying that he was an honest man. "And," said he, "I will tell you how I know he is an honest man. I have traded with him for many years. We always settled every four months. One time I asked him how we stood, and he looked at his books and said I didn't owe him a cent. His clerk said there was not a scratch of a pen against me. Yes, Mr. B. is an honest man, I tell you! I just pulled out my wallet and paid him \$8.75 that I knew I owed him, and which he did not have charged to me. Oh, there's no doubt but what Mr. B. is an honest man and a good man to deal with." The next day, as might have been expected, the case was settled by agreement of parties and withdrawn from court.—Lewiston Me. Journal.

**Labor vs. Capital.**

Labor is the only thing the law of supply and demand controls. You can't pool on to-morrow's muscle. Neither can the workman live on unused muscle. His prayer to capital is, "Give us this day our daily bread." John Rockefeller earns (?), his weight in gold each day. Jay Gould could buy his weight in gold two or three thousand times over. Why can't we get up a Standard Oil company or a Missouri Pacific railway?

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