

**Death in Boiling Oil  
Old English Penalty**

The last person legally boiled to death in England was so executed in 1542.

Very as a metaphor for the vulgar, the boiling of human beings has ceased to be a factor in our civilization. We do sometimes say our pet aversion ought to be boiled in oil. It is a jest, merely. Nobody boils in England nowadays; except perhaps with indignation, and even in tropic climes, thanks to missionary effort, the practice of allowing one's fellow men to simmer gently till tender is rapidly passing into the realm of legend.

Our ancestors were less squeamish; and in 1542 a servant girl, Margaret Dany by name, suffered this penalty for poisoning three households by whom she had been employed.

Boiling as a punishment was legalized by Henry VIII and abolished by his son, Edward VI. During the 16th century it existed as part of the English penal system—being reserved only for poisoners—quite a number of people met their end in this way. As neither medicine nor sanitation was very far advanced in those days we are led to wonder how many deserved their fate and how many merely suffered for an unlucky outbreak of typhoid or appendicitis.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

**Magpie Combines Both  
Good and Bad Traits**

The farmers of the West are divided in their opinion of the magpie. Some regard the bird as a serious nuisance and others defend it.

Magpies have been known to steal eggs from chicken yards to carry to their young. They sometimes kill chicks. They also shoot, great partiality to cherry orchards. Perhaps their worst offense is harrying weak or wounded animals, and even, occasionally, sound and healthy creatures. The magpie attack is torturous.

A magpie has been known to keep pecking and enlarging a wound of an animal, finally resulting in its death after days of suffering.

On the other hand, the magpie is often beneficial. Its diet includes a great number of injurious insects, in particular grasshoppers and caterpillars in the spring and grasshoppers later in the summer and autumn. The grain the magpie eats is largely waste in the fields, for the bird prefers insects both at planting time and during the harvest time.

**Boston's Eveless Adames**

Modesty, lack of self-confidence, was (and is) a fault of Boston in character—just as undue self-consciousness is in manners. The Cabot type—a semicivilized tribe inhabiting the confines of Boston with customs, but no manners, as the great lexicographer defined them—had at least no manners, and that is all right. "How fortunate," said the French ambassador of some Eve of Boston's Adames, "that that young lady has no manners! Because, if she had manners they would be bad." Only indeed, that Boston type, any more than Astarte.—F. J. Stimson in Scribner's Magazine.

**Gives View of Sea Bed**

Very often, when the water is clear, it is unnecessary to send a diver down simply to find an object, for the bed of the sea can be seen quite well with the aid of a submarine telescope. It is called the "Catoptric tube."

In appearance this tube is similar to an ordinary large telescope, but it has legs attached to it, to which ropes can be attached for keeping it vertical in the water. Sometimes, instead of the ordinary telescope eyepiece, binoculars are fitted. This "Catoptric tube" is very often used in recovering small articles of value that have been lost by dropping them in the sea from a pier or small boat.

**Common Sense or Brains**

The judge of the Probate court was trying to determine the intelligence of Mamie Lee, a thirteen-year-old colored girl, who had been considered "not quite bright." Pointing to the woman who had brought Mamie into court, the judge said:

"Mamie, if Mrs. Garrick weighs 165 pounds, standing on both feet, how much does she weigh standing on one foot?"

Mamie eyed the judge suspiciously, and replied: "Does you want me to use my common sense, or does you want to see if I can divide by two?"—True Story Magazine.

**The Arts and Religion**

Drama seems to have come from religious ritual and festival processions; even to the days of the skeptical Euripides it remained a sacred thing at Athens; and modern drama, the most secular of contemporary arts, began in the Mass and in the pious parades which pictured for the medieval mind the life and death of Christ. Sculpture found a new splendor in the adornment of the cathedrals; and painting reached its zenith under the inspiration of Christianity.—Will Durant, in Cosmopolitan.

**Another Beatitude**

"Blessed be the man who really loves flowers—loves them for their own sakes, for their beauty, their associations, the joy they have given, and always will give."—Henry Ward Beecher.

**Slow Evolution From  
Cave as a Dwelling**

There was no fireplace in the cave home of the caveman. The fire was built outside the entrance, for it was very seldom that a cave had a hole in the roof which would allow the smoke from a wood fire to escape, and a fire in a cave without a vent was impossible. The fire at the cave's entrance served another purpose. It prevented ravenous beasts from entering and preying upon the occupants. In course of time man learned to build, but his early attempts at architecture were very crude. In some cases he burrowed beneath the ground, almost like a rabbit, and dug a kind of cave in which to dwell. Then he learned to build rough houses with trees, and later he acquired the art of building with mud and stones. The brick, as we know it today, was not made until very late in the history of mankind. In the time of Pharaoh, it will be remembered, the Children of Israel were in the habit of making bricks with clay and straw. They had not learned the art of burning bricks, by which the plastic clay would have assumed a nonplastic and hardened form, and the straw was necessary in order to bind the clay together.

**Clock Close Approach  
to Perpetual Motion**

The clock which an ingenious Swiss engineer has constructed depending for its energy solely on changes in temperature and air pressure, is certainly novel, but it is not an example of perpetual motion. It does not create its own energy, but utilizes external sources.

The nearest approach to a perpetual motion clock is one invented by Lord Rayleigh. It consists of a microscopic piece of radium in a glass tube supported in an exhausted glass vessel. Two aluminum leaves attached to the tube are expanded by a positive charge from the radium on till they touch the sides of the containing vessel, when the charge goes to earth and the leaves fall back. This operation is repeated every minute, and will continue for many years, so slowly does radium exhaust its marvelous energy.

**Ocean's Strangest Creature**

The ocean harbors no creature more strange and interesting than the sea-elephant. Considering that the sea-elephant measures 21 to 22 feet in length and from 15 to 18 feet around, he is actually bigger than our land elephant.

The mate has an extraordinary snout, or trunk, 18 inches from tip to eye. When sleeping, this snout rests in a shapeless mass on the sand. When the animal is crawling, the snout is flaccid and pendant. Often the trunk will relax and fall into the open mouth, or when the head is turned up it may even fall back. Despite the ungainly looks of these animals, they are able to bob along on a level surface as fast as a man can walk. In the water they are very active and agile. Diving in graceful curves and nosing into the crest of a wave, they come up with their catch.—Field and Stream Magazine.

**Beauty**

Beauty is the fragrance of life; it yields an attraction apart from its form, and glorifies the atmosphere of its being with an enrichment that adds to the universal grace of goodness. Beauty is truth, and truth is goodness. Give us the beauty of simple, truthful human conduct, and the painful dissensions that characterize our relationships would cease, and the vast and expensive machinery required to keep law and order might be turned into productive channels. The opportunity is ours, and its neglect is disastrous, as with all the laws that exist for our progress and our well-being.—Henry Brew.

**Country's Gold Coinage**

Free and unlimited coinage of gold exists in the United States. Standard gold bullion may be deposited at the mints and at the assay offices in any amount, to be coined for the benefit of the depositor, without charge for coinage, but when other than standard bullion is received for coinage a charge is made for parting or for refining, or for alloy, as the case may be. Refusal of gold bullion of less value than \$100, or when it is too base for coinage, may be lawfully made at the mints.

**Requisites for Collies**

No color standard has been set by the Collie club for individuals of the breed, but the dogs of black or tan with a white frill and collar, the showy sable with white markings, and the blue merles are most sought by present-day fanciers. The collie standard requires that males of the breed measure about 24 inches at the shoulder and females approximately 22 inches. The weight for a mature dog should approximate 60 pounds and the bitch 50 pounds.

**When Drawer Sticks**

When the summer moisture swells the drawers of a dresser, sideboard or cabinet, the handy man of the house usually can make them work smoothly without much trouble. The edges of the drawer openings and the parts of the drawer that stick may be rubbed with a piece of paraffin wax or wax candle; even a piece of hard soap will answer. Usually this will relieve all but the worst places, and these may be touched lightly with a plane.—Popular Science Monthly.

**PLEASING OPERETTA  
PRESENTED BEFORE  
LARGE AUDIENCE**

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an acrobatic feature dance by Miss Marjorie Bolden, and a Pierrott and Pierrette dance by Catherine Williams and Woodrow Macklin.

Miss Willa Hayes was accompanist for the dance numbers and Mrs. Pinkston for the operetta. The production was staged by Mrs. Marsh and Mr. Misner of the Misner School of Expression, the dances were taught by Miss Pauline Capps and the costumes were designed and made by John A. Smith.

**WESTERN COLLEGE  
GRADUATES 35**

Kansas City, Kans.—In the best commencement since its existence in Kansas City the Western Baptist college closed its year by graduating two persons with the bachelor of science degree, one doctor of divinity degree, six normal graduates with the Missouri state ninety-hour certificates, five normal graduates with the Missouri state sixty-hour certificates, thirteen academic graduates and ten preparatory graduates. Dr. D. A. Holmes delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class.

**CONTINUE TO BOMB  
NEGRO DWELLINGS  
IN MISSOURI CITY**

St. Louis, Mo.—For the second time within four months, a flat at 4936 Evans avenue, occupied by our people, was bombed recently, injuring seriously a woman and her 10-year-old daughter. Damage was not great.

Four families in the neighborhood told the police they had received letters about a month ago warning them to move and threatening to bomb the homes if they were not out in three weeks.

Success does not so much depend on external help as on self-reliance.—Lincoln.

"When you have nails to drive—drive them."—Material Facts.

"No one is useless in this world who LIGHTENS the burdens of some one else."—Charles Dickens.

"Words are good when work follows."

"Eagles fly alone but sheep flock together."

He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city.—Bible.

"Do not keep on pounding after the nail is in."

Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle which fits them all.—O. W. Holmes.

**W. G. Morgan, Attorney at Law  
NOTICE**

To Howard B. Williams: Non-resident defendant:

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of November, 1927, Emma D. Williams filed her petition in the District Court, Div. 243, No. 355, the object and prayer of which is to secure absolute divorce from you on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the first (1st) day of July, 1928, or the prayer of said petition will be taken as true and the relief therein prayed for will be granted.

4t-5-18-28 EMMA D. WILLIAMS.  
Per W. G. Morgan, Her Attorney.

**PROBATE NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE PERKINS, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Douglas county, Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 12th day of July 1928, and on the 12th day of September 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 9th day of June 1928.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY  
PUBLICATION**

To DENNIS CAVER, nonresident defendant:  
You are hereby notified that Vermont Caver, your wife, the plaintiff, filed her petition in the district court of Douglas county, Nebraska, on the 24th day of January, 1928, to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds of desertion and nonsupport. You are requested to answer said petition on or before the 4th day of June, 1928.

VERMONT CAVER.  
4T-5-4-28

**Morrow and Murphy, Lawyers**  
**PROBATE NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRIETTA WATTS CARROLL, DECEASED.

Notice is Hereby Given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Douglas county, Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 22nd day of June, 1928, and on the 22nd day of August, 1928, at 9 o'clock, A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 19th day of May, 1928.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
4t-4-20-28 County Judge.

**Charles F. Daniel, Atty.**

**Notice by Publication on Petition for Settlement of Final Administration Account.**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE G. JOHNSON, DECEASED.

All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 7th day of April, 1928, Ray L. Williams filed a petition in said county court, praying that his final administration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that he be discharged from his trust as administrator and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 5th day of May, 1928, and that if you fail to appear before said court on the said 5th day of May, 1928, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and contest said petition, the court may grant the prayer of said petition, enter a decree of heirship, and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
2t-4-20-28 County Judge.

**Amos F. Scruggs, Atty.**  
**PROBATE NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHIL SCOTT, DECEASED.

Notice is Hereby Given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Douglas county, Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 22nd day of June, 1928, and on the 22nd day of August, 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 19th day of May, 1928.

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