

# Topics of the Times

**His Specialty.**  
The suspicious character was brought before the court.  
"What do you do for a living?" asked the stern old judge.  
"I'm a garment worker," replied the young man with a grin.  
"Indeed! What part of the garment do you work on?"  
"Oh, me specialty is vest pockets, yer honor. I—"  
But the cold, clanking doors drowned the rest.

**Flying.**  
Gunner—And was the racing automobile going so very fast?  
Guyer—I should say so. Why, after the accident when they went to look for the "First Aid to the Injured" book it was in the next county."

**Not Easily Tired.**  
First Person—So your congregation did not give you a vacation this year?  
Second Parson—No.  
First Parson—Well, they are certainly the most difficult lot of people to tire out I ever heard of.

**No Risk.**  
"I understood your life insurance company regarded you as an exceptionally good risk."  
"No," answered the displeased policy holder. "I wasn't any risk. I was a sure thing."—Washington Star.

**No Way of Escape.**  
Little Freddy (after listening to the usual matutinal quarrel between his father and mother)—Mamma, if a little boy is very, very good all the time when he is little, does he have to get married when he's grown up?—Tales.

**In Boston.**  
"Of course," said the visitor, "when you share an apple with your little brother you never take the largest half, do you?"  
"Most assuredly not," replied little Emerson. "There being but two halves to an apple there can be no largest."—Philadelphia Press.

**The Shrewd Husband.**  
"No, we are not going abroad."  
"What's the reason?"  
"My husband wouldn't go unless we could tour Russia, and, of course, that was out of the question."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**One Way of Doing It.**  
Count de Lovesick—Oh, I long to make some great, noble sacrifice—to do something to—er—you know—make the world better!  
Miss Charming—You might try suicide.

**A Safer Place.**  
"Doesn't it make you nervous to be in the road when an automobile comes along at breakneck speed?"  
"Yes," answered the suburban dweller, "but I'd rather be in the road than in the machine."—Washington Star.

**Hitting Back.**  
"Do you see that gentleman in the big black tie and checked jacket?" said the meek little woman as she turned the corner. "Well, he is an artist. I would like so much for you to have him paint your portrait."  
"Indeed!" replied the husband, who always growls at the table; "is he a good artist?"  
"Fine. He is known as the best wild animal painter in the country."

**Ups and Downs.**  
"Why," asked the senior partner, "have you marked this mahogany table down?"  
"Because," explained the junior member of the firm, "it is scratched up."

**Discovered at Last.**  
Urban—I hear you have a new domestic. Where did you get her?  
Homer—I think she must be an angel that came straight from heaven.  
Urban—Why do you think so?  
Homer—Well, she has been with us three days, and my wife hasn't made a complaint.

**His Little Joke.**  
He (during the narrative)—And before we met again two long years and eight others had rolled by.  
She (sarcastically)—Oh, then some years are longer than others, are they?  
He—Sure. Leap years are one day longer, you know.

**Between Friends.**  
"But," said the dear friend, "you certainly do not expect to marry again?"  
"Why not?" rejoined the popular actress. "I hope you don't mean to insinuate that I'm old enough to begin giving farewell fairs."

**Hopeless Case.**  
Bleeker—Perhaps you could frighten your wife into treating you better if you would threaten to commit suicide.  
Meeker—Not much. She'd treat me worse than ever if I should threaten to do it and didn't."

In many parts of the Alps girls wear trousers when coasting.

In 1904 one out of every seven London children under the age of twelve months died.

Oscar Hunt, one of the Carlisle football team, is an Indian millionaire from Oklahoma.

A French explorer has found in the interior of Borneo a singular and gruesome wedding gift. It was the skull of a Negrito-Papon, carved by the Dayaks.

Alexander C. Botkin, who died recently at the national capital, was chairman of the commission charged with the revision of the criminal laws of this country.

The Mikado of Japan is a good hunter and fisherman and an excellent shot with a rifle. His devotion to lawn tennis is marked and he is an excellent wielder of a racquet.

Mrs. John F. Spencer, living in Marion County, South Carolina, is a living daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, Captain Stephen Gorbold, one of Marion's men, and was born on Oct. 28, 1832.

The original phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison in 1877. The grooved drum was covered with tin foil, which received the impressions made by a needle fixed on a delicate vibrating plate of metal.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Woolf, of Utah, who has died at the age of 91, left ten children, eighty-one grandchildren, 189 great-grandchildren and twenty-three great-great-grandchildren. In all 303 living descendants. Fifty-four of her descendants are dead.

During next term at the Washington State University a special course in Socialism will be given. It will include anarchism, communism, socialism in its three branches—State, agrarian and single tax—and religious or altruistic, as taught by Washington Gladden.

An Arkansas City man who had twice been divorced took his third wife to the theater recently. His two earlier wives have become good friends, and when the couple took their seats the man looked around, and to his consternation saw he had three wives in a row beside him.

Great efforts are being made in Cape Colony to introduce co-operative methods in agriculture. A letter has recently been addressed by the government co-operative expert to the secretaries of agricultural societies in the colony, suggesting the co-operative purchase of seeds, manures, implements and improved machinery.

A British explorer recently returned from Abyssinia says that he was for four months in a region hitherto unknown to white men. Along the tributaries of the Blue Nile he found a mining population engaged in washing gold. He reports that there is an enormous quantity of gold in this region, in which thousands of natives work.

According to a recent report coal mining has been commenced on the west coast of Spitzbergen. The discovery of coal is one of the results achieved by the Swedish expedition sent out to study the geology of Spitzbergen. About two hundred tons of coal were mined this summer, of which ninety tons were taken by a Spitzbergen whaling company.

It is estimated that in London alone about 4,000 persons regularly make a living by begging; that the average income for each amounts to \$7.50 a week, or together, over \$1,500,000 a year. Last year about 2,000 persons were arrested for begging in the streets of London and many of them were possessed of considerable sums of money and even of bank books showing handsome deposits.

Aluminum paper is now manufactured in Germany and recommended as a substitute for tinfoil. It is not the so-called leaf aluminum, but real paper coated with powdered aluminum and is considered to possess very favorable qualities for preserving articles of food for which it is used as a covering. Aluminum paper is much cheaper than tinfoil and will become a strong competitor thereof.

## A PELICAN YEAR.

Migration Begins in November and Nesting Season Lasts Till June.

Year after year, in the first week in November, with singular exactness the pelicans come to their unattractive little mud flat, says Frank M. Chapman in the Century. Some come from up, some from down the river, all evidently moved by a common impulse. What is it? It is not a question of food, for the pelicans rarely feed near their nesting places; it is not a question of climate, for they do not go far enough from their breeding ground to experience climatic change when returning to it.

The journey is doubtless prompted

from within. With birds the season of reproduction is periodic, and with migratory species, whether the journey be to a nearby island or to another zone, the return to the breeding ground is only one phenomenon in a physiological cycle of development which includes, in regular order migration, courtship, egg-laying, incubation, the care of the young, the molt and the retreat to winter quarters.

Even in the tropics, birds as a rule do not nest until spring and early summer; but the pelican woos his mate in November and begins house-keeping in the first month of winter.

Unfortunately the island is so low that a "norther" raises the water sufficiently to flood all but a sand bar at its eastern end. Only those ground nesting birds which build upon the sands, therefore are secure from the waves. Consequently, if one should visit Pelican Island in April after the season of norther had passed and see the close-set nests on the sand bar, with the rest of the island unoccupied, one might credit the survivors with ability intelligently to select a nesting site above the reach of the waters. Whereas, in truth, the earlier homes of many of these same birds, built on low grounds, has been inundated, and their eggs, washed from the nests, were still scattered about the island. Apparently, then, there is here no conscious selection evolved by experience. Year after year birds nest on the low ground and suffer the consequences, while, by elimination, the high-ground colony is established through the disaster which befalls all those that do not resort to it.

The first of the three eggs to which the pelican limit themselves is laid by December 1. One might imagine that even in Florida winter was a singularly inappropriate season for hatching eggs; but pelicans are large-bodied birds and husband, as well as wife, is faithful to the duties of incubation, one going on the nest as the other leaves it. Normally, therefore, the eggs are never exposed, and after about four weeks' sitting the little pelican announces itself by a characteristic choking grunt, uttered ever before it leaves the shell.

It is not an attractive creature at birth, but in about eighteen days its black, naked ugliness is concealed beneath a down so thick, soft and white that it might grace a swan. The young of tree-nesting pelicans do not leave their nest until they make their first attempt at flight; but if the young pelican chances to be born on the ground, it will go swimming for the first time when about six weeks old, and at the age of ten weeks it will have learned to use its wings.

In March, if all goes well, the pelicans may close their house for the season, take their family and go traveling; but June 1 sometimes find birds still occupied with domestic affairs. This extension of the nesting season is doubtless due in part to some individual irregularity in the time of laying, but more largely to disaster of one kind or another which befalls early effort at housekeeping.

High water, cold weather or exposure to the sun before they are clothed are all factors in creating a high mortality among young pelicans and few indeed, are the parents which succeed in raising a family of three.

## Teeth Gave Way.

"Some women are the biggest fools and do the craziest things." It was a West Side dentist who was talking. "The other day a fashionably dressed young woman came to me in great distress. I never saw a woman suffering more. It was a sharp morning. When I made an examination I found the crown of one of her eye teeth entirely torn away. You could actually see the pulp pulsating. There was nothing to do but pull the tooth, which I did at once, greatly to her relief when she came out of the gas.

"Then she told me how she had done it. It seems that one of the window shades in her home, which was of the spring variety, needed tightening. If she had read instructions on the roll all would have gone well, but woman fashion, she tried to use her teeth for a wrench. When the spring was sufficiently tightened she let go her grip, but unfortunately the ratchet did not catch, and the spring went off with tremendous force, tearing her tooth to pieces."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## Wanted to Get Even.

"I'd like that tooth, please," said the small boy, after the dentist had extracted the torment.  
"Certainly, my little man, but why do you want it?" queried the dentist, handing it over.  
"Well, sir," responded the gratified boy, "I'm going to take it home and I'm going to stuff it full of sugar. Then I'm going to put it on a plate and," with a triumphant grin, "watch it ache."—New York World.

## Author Was Sensitive.

"How much of my book have you read?"  
"Well, the fact is, I've put it aside for a rainy day."  
"I suppose that's an insinuation that the story is dry. Good day, sir."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Do You Want to Know

### What You Swallow?

There is a growing sentiment in this country in favor of MEDICINES OF KNOWN COMPOSITION. It is but natural that one should have more interest in the composition of that which he or she is expected to swallow, whether it be food, drink or medicine.

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The finest and largest collections of coins in the world is owned by the King of Italy. It is said to be worth over \$600,000.

The national colors of the United States were adopted by congress in 1777.

Mr. Foucault, a French physician, says that in 11,048 deaths investigated by him 759 or 7 per cent resulted from cancer. Heredity played practically no part as a cause.

Several years ago Irving asked this question: "What courage can withstand the ever-enduring and all besetting terrors of a woman's tongue?" It has never been answered.

## DEATH SEEMED NEAR.

How a Chicago Woman Found Help When Hope Was Fast Fading Away.

Mrs. E. T. Gould, 914 West Lake street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are all that saved me from death by Bright's Disease, that I know. I had eye trouble, backache, catches when lying on my back or when bending over, was languid and after dizziness and had sick headaches and bearing down pains. The kidney secretions were too copious and frequent, and very bad in appearance. It was in 1903 that Doan's Kidney Pills helped me so quickly and cured me of these troubles and I've been well ever since."

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If you have symptoms you don't understand write to Mrs. Pinkham, daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

It is said that there is no marrying and giving in marriage in heaven. This perhaps proves the old assertion that fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

When a man is in love he thinks it is the most beautiful thing in the world; when he's out of it he thinks the opposite, with an exclamation point.

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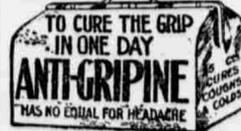
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