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Heaven will be a very satisfactory place for women if the fashions there suit both the fat and the thin.  
Borneo holds the record for mosquitoes.

**Missed His Vocation.**  
From Success Magazine.  
Reginald de Koven, the composer, tells of a grocer and a druggist who attended a Wagner concert. As the program did not please them, they began talking on music in general and on Wagner in particular.  
"Another example of the fact that every man wants to do something out of his line," said the druggist.  
"That's right," assented the grocer. "Now I'm a grocer, but I've always wanted to be a banker."  
"You'd probably fail," added the druggist.  
"Look at me. I'm a success as a druggist, yet I've always wanted to write a book. This man Wagner tries his hand at music. Just listen to it. And yet we all know he builds good parlor cars!"

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### Atchison Globe Sights.

Nearly every person thinks he has a license to laugh at the man who has lumbago.  
After a man reaches 40, he cannot be expected to tell the truth in speaking of his age.  
When a man fails in business, some people are sure to say, "I'll bet he feathered his nest."  
When a boy goes on a visit, his goodness is wonderful; he will carry in wood without being told.  
When people try to give the impression that they are rich, it is a dead sure thing that they are poor.  
A man imagines he is misunderstood; that he is too deep to fathom, though everyone sees clear through him.  
A boy gets an orange so dirty when he peels it that no one but his mother will take a bite when he tries to be gallant.  
Times are so hard since the financial flurry that men are cutting their mustaches off that they may smoke their cigars shorter.  
After a widow has read the lovely inscription she has had engraved on her husband's tombstone, all doubts as to whether he was a good husband vanish.  
In the savage countries, as soon as a man becomes a burden to himself or others, he is put out of the way; in those countries, a man of 60 is compelled to walk mighty straight, or get killed.

From the Baltimore American.  
"You don't hear any more of that sixteen-to-one cry now."  
"Don't you? You haven't been visiting any of the summer resort hotels lately, have you?"  
The largest lightning conductor in the world is on the Lugspeite weather station, in Bavaria. It runs down the mountain side for three and a half miles to a lake.  
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**He Knew.**  
An Irishman out of work applied to the "boss" of a large repair shop in Detroit. When the Celt had stated his sundry and divers qualifications for a "job," the superintendent began quizzing him a bit. Starting quite at random, he asked:  
"Do you know anything about carpentry?"  
"Shure."  
"Do you know how to make a Venetian blind?"  
"Shure."  
"How would yo do it?"  
"Shure, I'd poke me finger in his eye."

From the Somerville Journal.  
Hicks—Did you ever succeed in persuading your wife when she gets angry to count ten before she speaks?  
Wicks—Yes, but she is a very rapid counter.

**Got What He Asked For.**  
From Lippincott's.  
A distinguished professor of bacteriology, wishing to study infected meats, went into a butcher shop and asked the butcher if he had any meaty pork.  
"No, no, sir!" answered the indignant man. "All our meats are fresh—first class."  
"I'm sorry. Could—couldn't you in some way procure me some?"  
"Why, yes; if that's the kind you want."  
A few days later the professor stepped into the shop.  
"I came in to see if you had secured that meaty pork for me?"  
"Why, yes, sir. Didn't you get it? I had it sent up for your dinner last night."

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**Eight Flights Up.**  
From the Bohemian.  
When the first fire company, in response to an alarm, reached the long row of tenements, the fire captain at once jumped from his engine and endeavored to locate the fire. When he had ineffectually hunted through three or four structures for it, he descried an old woman sticking her head out of a window of the topmost floor of an eight-story tenement, a little farther up the street.  
"Any fire up there?" he yelled when he had reached the pavement beneath this building.  
In answer, the old woman motioned for him to come up.  
Accordingly, the captain, with his men lugging their heavy hose behind them, laboriously ascended the eight flights and burst into the room where the old woman was.  
"Where's the fire?" demanded the captain, when no fire or smoke became visible.  
"Oh, there ain't none here," replied the old woman, flashing an angry glare at the fire captain.  
"I asked you 'cause I couldn't hear a word you said 'way down there."

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### In the Wrong Flock.

From the Youth's Companion.  
The temperance society was to meet that afternoon. Mrs. Philpots dressed in a hurry and came panting down stairs. She was a short, plump woman.  
"Addie run up to my room and get my blue ribbon rosette, the temperance badge," she directed her maid. "I have forgotten it. You will know it. Addie—blue ribbon and gold lettering."  
"Yes'm, I knows it right well." Addie could not read, but she knew a blue ribbon with gold lettering when she saw it and therefore had no trouble in finding it and fastening it properly on the dress of her mistress.  
Mrs. Philpots was too busy greeting her friends or giving close attention to the speakers at the meeting to note that they smiled when they shook hands with her.

When she reached home supper was served, so she went directly to the dining room, where the other members of the family were seated.  
"Gracious me, mother!" exclaimed her son, "that blue ribbon—have you been wearing that at the temperance meeting?"  
A loud laugh went up on all sides.  
"Why, what is it, Harry?" asked the good woman, clutching at the ribbon in surprise.  
"Why, mother, dear, didn't you know that was the ribbon I wore at the show?"  
The gold lettering on the ribbon read: "Atlanta Poultry Show, First Prize, Bantam."

**Tableau With a Moral.**  
Dr. Albert E. Palmer, who won the blue ribbon at the recent Chicago Husband and Wife, was talking to a reporter about marriage.  
"Marriage will grow happier," said Dr. Palmer, "as men learn to regard it more unselfishly. Men are still too much like the savage. They still incline to consider their wives too much in the light of servants."  
"Why, not long ago at the seashore, do you know what I saw? I saw a little tableau that revealed to me in miniature the chief cause of unhappy marriages."  
"A little boy and a little girl were digging in the white sand with toy spades and buckets. The little boy laid down his tools and said:  
"Clara, do you want to be my wife?"  
"Yes," said the little girl, with a happy smile.  
"The boy sat down on the sand and put up his feet towards her."  
"Then," he said gruffly, "take off my shoes and stockings."  
Lecturer—And what man is most apt to reach that elevation whence the earth may be viewed "as one vast plain?"  
Smart Student—The one that works in a gun-powder mill.

Seven hundred British subjects are born at sea every year.

### SORES AS BIG AS PENNIES.

**Whole Head and Neck Covered—Hair All Came Out—Cured in Three Weeks by Cuticura.**  
"After having the measles my whole head and neck were covered with scaly sores about as large as a penny. They were just as thick as they could be. My hair all came out. I let the trouble run along, taking the doctor's blood remedies and rubbing on salve, but it did not seem to get any better. It stayed that way for about six months; then I got a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about a week I noticed a big difference and in three weeks it was well entirely and I have not had the trouble any more, and as this was seven years ago, I consider myself cured. Mrs. Henry Porter, Albion, Neb., Aug. 25, 1906."

**U. S. Made Him Famous.**  
A correspondent of a London, England, paper, who has been staying at Stratford-on-Avon, relates that he one day asked his landlady, "Who is this Shakespeare, of whom one hears so much in the town? Was he a very great man?"  
"To this she replied: "Lor, sir, he warn't thought nothing on a few years ago. It's the Americans as 'as made him wot he is."

**Productive Power of Western Canada Soil.**  
Winnipeg correspondents:  
There has never been any who have doubted the productiveness of the soil of Western Canada, but there are sometimes found those who question the fact of its superiority. During the past season it has been shown that in grain-raising qualities it possessed the very best. The late spring prevented grain being sown in many cases before the middle of May. Yet, a large percentage of that sown at that time produced excellent yields. Had it not been for the frost early in August, which visited most of the north half of the continent, there would have been a magnificent yield in every district in Western Canada. Throughout the Southern Alberta district, where about 100,000 acres was sown to winter wheat, the yield will be enormously large. There are vast tracts of valuable grain-growing land in Western Canada that are available for homesteads, the Canadian Government giving 160 acres free, and entry may be made by proxy, by any near relative, thus saving considerable cost to the American who may have entry made in this way. Any Canadian Government Agent will give you the particulars.

Your correspondent has just received the following letter from Craik, Saskatchewan, which bears out the statement made in the first part of this letter:  
"Craik, Sask., August, 1907.  
"May 24th we planted a Dahila root, which we brought with us from Minneapolis. Aug. 12th, 80 days later, it was in bloom. The plant is now 4 1/2 feet high and covered with blossoms.  
"We never got half as many flowers on it in Minneapolis, even during September and October, although we had more time to attend to it there."  
I mention this only as an example of the great productive power of the soil here in Saskatchewan, Canada.

**He Meant It.**  
From Lippincott's.  
There is a western politician, now serving his state in the halls of congress, who is well known for his disinclination to admit that he is ill, as well as for his circumlocutory method of expression.  
One day a friend asked after the great man's health.  
"Thomas," said the conservative representative cautiously, "I am not well but I am better than I was when I was worse than I now am."

### NIGHT SWEATS, NO APPETITE USED PE-RU-NA



MRS. LIZZIE LOEHR, 1155 W. 13th St., Chicago, Ill., writes:  
"I take pleasure in writing you these few lines, thinking there may be other women suffering the same as I did. I had my complaints for over a year, night sweats all winter and no appetite. I was run-down so far that I had to sit down to do my cooking, I was so weak.  
"I tried many different medicines and doctors also. Nothing seemed to do me any good. The doctors wanted to operate on me.  
"At last I wrote to Dr. Hartman. I told him just exactly how I was, and he told me what ailed me and how I should take Peruna.  
"I did as he told me for four months, and now I am all cured.  
"No one can tell how grateful I am to him, as I had given up all hopes of ever getting well again.  
"I am a widow and the mother of six small children who depend on my support. I work all day and seldom get tired.  
"I took five bottles of Peruna in all. Any woman wishing to know more about my case may write to me and I will gladly tell all about it.  
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