

**Breaking the News.**  
When, according to Answers, Pat Hogan burst into the house crying, "Mrs. Flannigan, yore mon, Mike, has just fell off the scaffolding and killed himself, head!" Mrs. Flannigan collapsed into a chair.  
"Aisy, aisy!" Pat continued. "'Tis only his leg that's broke. It's rejoiced ye'll be to hear it, when ye thought he was killed fur-r-st!"  
**Prohibition Order.**  
"No wet goods at all to be obtained in this town, sir."  
"Then could I get something extra dry?"

**Quiet Attention.**  
"The oyster question calls loudly for attention."  
"Nonsense!" Oysters are proverbially dumb.  
**When all others fail to please**  
Try Denison's Coffee.  
There isn't much difference between a pretty girl and a homely one if they both have a million dollars.  
Half a part in a million of iron in water is detected by taste, and four or five parts make water unpalatable.

## Don't Poison Baby.

**FORTY YEARS AGO** almost every mother thought her child must have PAREGORIC or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce SLEEP, and a FEW DROPS TOO MANY will produce the SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING. Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is: "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without you or your physician know of what it is composed. **CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS**, if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.  
Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*

## WHAT HE MIGHT HAVE DONE

**Inquiry That Would at Least Have Shown That Husband Was Not Altogether Indifferent.**

Mrs. Enderly, wife of Judge Enderly, of a small Missouri town, complained one day that she had accidentally swallowed a button, which she was holding in her mouth preparatory to attaching to some garment.  
As the lady was rather given to making great ado over trivial mishaps, and as the judge was much preoccupied, he did not pay much heed. Soon after, however, finding her in tears, he made kindly inquiry as to their cause.  
"It's your heartless in-indifference to anything that happens to me," sobbed the aggrieved little woman. "I didn't suppose you'd worry much because I swallowed a button, but I did think you might have taken enough interest in it to inquire what kind of button it was."—Youth's Companion.

## DO NOT HESITATE

**To Use Cuticura on Skin-Tortured Babies. Trial Free.**

A hot bath with Cuticura Soap and gentle application of Cuticura Ointment at once relieve, permit rest and sleep and point to speedy healing of eczemas, rashes, itchings and irritations of infants and children even in severe cases.  
Sample each free by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

## Conclusive.

The young man had come for the all-important task of "seeing father" and he was equal to the occasion.

Mr. Gotrox—My daughters, young man, are both worth their weight in gold.

Suitor—Then the fact that I am asking for the smaller one proves, at any rate, that I am not mercenary.

## The Village Jokesmith.

"I ken't sleep these days."  
"Haow be thet, Cy?"  
"I sleep nights."—Record.

## Naturally.

"What were you doing so long at the photographer's?"  
"Merely awaiting developments."

## Appropriate Affliction.

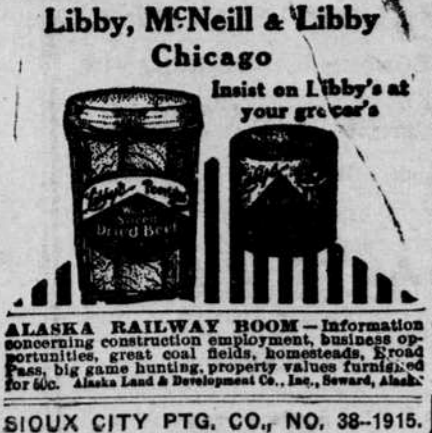
"How did the doctors diagnose the trouble of that grass widow?"  
"They said she had the hay fever."

People usually have to draw on their imaginations in order to make themselves believe a lot of things they hear.

Los Angeles has a city mother—Mrs. Aletha Gilbert.



**Libby's Vienna Sausage and Sliced Dried Beef**  
Both contain less heat producing properties than heavy meats.  
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## Government By Uncle Sam in Canal Zone

From the New York Sun.  
There are 28,000 persons in the zone—men, women and children—and their law is the word of one man—Goethals. He is an autocrat, but a benevolent one, and he rules according to a plan which is not far from socialism. He has his critics, among those benefited by the system of government which he has installed there are not a few who openly denounce him and his methods. They send blotters broadcast over the country on which are printed some fact or other which tends to prove that Major General Goethals is too much of an autocrat. On one of the blotters being sent out is printed the following: Question—Why is the United States government spending several million dollars buying up lands in the canal zone, for which it has absolutely no need; paying \$20 a day for a joint land commission to adjust values on these lands; paying Judge Feuille \$7,500 a year (besides free quarters and other gratuities) to represent the government before this commission? Answer—Because George W. Goethals wants an absolute, unrestricted authority on the canal zone, which he could not get as police commissioner of New York city. He is the extinguisher of private titles for lands not needed, at a cost of millions to the United States.  
It is signed "Ora Miller (of Indiana), American Zone—Arrived on the Isthmus, October 25, 1905."

**Goethals Has Absolute Power.**  
These attacks do not seem to worry the general much. On April 1, 1914, he put in effect the system of permanent government for the canal. By authority of congress, the president of the United States is the supreme head. He has delegated his power to Gen. George Washington Goethals, and the general has appointed certain assistants to help him out. It appears that these assistants and the inhabitants sometimes entertain different opinions, and since the general is behind the assistants, the inhabitants with a grievance aim their criticism at him.  
There is no such thing as civil government in the canal zone. It is military in every sense of the word. Since the canal zone is exclusively the property of the United States, the zone is owned by the government. The residents live in houses owned by the government and built by the government according to the government's idea of what is best for people who wish to live in houses in the zone. The would-be renter has no choice. If he dislikes the kind of houses built by the government, he must go without.

**Paternalism Highly Developed.**  
When canal zone residents go to the store to make a purchase they take a book of coupons purchased from the government, and buy what the government thinks is good for them. They may want something else, but that makes no difference to the government. In addition to telling them what kind of clothing they have to wear, the government also tells them that they can not smoke certain kinds of tobacco which have not met with the approval of the government chemist, and the same is true of chewing gum.  
The canal zone government operates the Panama railroad, Panama Steamship company, dock terminals at Cristobal and Balboa, and all lighterage and stevedoring work at terminals; constructs and rents dwellings to employees of the canal zone; buys and sells meats, vegetables, groceries, coal, firewood, water, soda water, ship chandlery, ropes, cordage, oil, fish, etc.; operates a farm and a dairy, electric light plant and water works, hotels and boarding houses, laundry, schools and the postoffice; publishes a daily newspaper; runs hospitals in the zone and in Panama, and runs a cold storage plant and an ice factory.

This vast machine runs smoothly and efficiently. Hours are short and pay is good. It may be that there is no much leisure that the inhabitants have to resort to criticism in order to kill time. They declare that this stern military government is creating a bad impression among the countries down there with whom the people of the United States wish to be on friendly terms. They say also that the men are getting better pay than the old employees, and that the military families hold aloof from the civilian population and make things generally unpleasant. Such is the nature of the criticisms. General Goethals has long since explained that he could not have finished his work nearly so well had he depended on civilian engineers, for after making a reputation, they went home to better salaries than the government could pay. In the extremity he had to fall back on army officers, whom he could hold. Hence the military tone of the government, and, as some would have it, hence the canal.

## CARA'S CLOUD CASTLE.

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"Cara, dear, I wish you would deliver this gown for me this afternoon," sighed Mrs. Benson one sunny October day, as the girl came in from school and dropped her books on the sewing table. "I have promised it to Mrs. Brown before dinner time."

Cara jerked up the package crossly and set out on her way across the field. As she went she gazed at herself in the mirror. "Other girls have much better things than I do," she muttered.

It is easily to be seen that Cara was a selfish girl. Her mother worked hard to keep the girl nicely dressed and at a good school, while the child did not appreciate this.

It was dusk when Cara rang the bell at Mrs. Brown's and was shown into a beautiful parlor. On the polished floor were priceless rugs, handsome portraits looked down from the walls and richly carved mahogany furniture was scattered about the room, which bore every evidence of comfort and luxury. The October air came softly in through the open windows, which looked out on a green grounds and beds of flowers. Cara took a seat in a big chair before a crackling fire with a sigh of content. "How beautiful the clouds look," murmured the girl fretfully. "And how dull is my life. What chance have I to do any great deed or make any famous name. Up there the clouds look so delightfully far away from trouble—like great castles of fairyland, hurrying toward the sun."

Cara was surprised to feel her chair floating. Very softly it rose in the air and drifted out of the window, up, till she saw she was approaching a great cloud, snowy white, which was rolled up into the appearance of a castle. On the walls appeared fairies of every color, all radiant in the evening flush which seemed to sweep the heavens. As the chair touched the shores of the pink mist, a fairy sprang down from the wall to greet the girl.

"So you are Cara?" said the fairy kindly. "Welcome to Cloudland castle. We saw you were unhappy and thought we would bring you here for a few hours." Then, taking Cara's hand, she led the girl over the magnificent palace. Its furniture was of gold, mirrors formed the sides of the rooms and fountains of jewels sang in their silver cotons. In one room the girl was surprised to see hundreds of fairies sitting before a large loom, which is a machine on which cloth is woven. The sprites were very busy, singing as they worked in the different colors, some using blue, others white, many gray, violet, gold and crimson.

"This is the room in which the threads of life of you mortals are woven," explained the fairy. "Here in this castle in the clouds we live and watch the people of earth. Their lives are the web which we weave. You see the dark threads for those who are selfish and cruel, the bright colors of the gentle and kind."

Cara looked to where the fairy pointed and saw above a small frame the name of "Cara." Eagerly she examined to see what threads the fairies were weaving into her life, and sadly she recognized black and gray as the most conspicuous colors. She hung her head in shame for her mother's sake.

The fairy led the girl to the edge of the cloud castle and told her to look down upon earth. Strange to say, she could see right down through the roofs of houses. Around the table in some rich homes were gathered groups of quarrelling, unhappy people, while in some poor cottages were the smiling faces of contented parents and children. At her own home she saw her mother patiently mending a dress which the girl had torn the day before, and selfishly left for her mother to fix.

Cara's eyes filled with tears. "I have learned the lesson," she said in a voice trembling with pain. "I have been sighing for wealth to do great things and leaving undone the simple duties at home, which are the really great things of life. How unkind I must seem to mother, who is so good to me?"

"Cara," called a voice at her elbow. Cara opened her eyes and in her castle in the clouds, but in the parlor in which she had taken a nap. "Here is the money for your mother," said the lady. "And if you care to teach my little boy an hour on three afternoons of a week, I will pay for your music lessons this year."

With a joyful heart the girl accepted and ran home a different child from the one which had left it an hour before. Working hard to make her mother happy, she soon became one of the happiest girls herself.

## THE CARPET BAGGER.

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From the Indianapolis News.  
Discussions of "carpet bag government" and "carpet bagger" are rife, which would be more to the point, one newspaper remarks, if the young newspaperer were to drop his books on the sewing table and say, "I have promised it to Mrs. Brown before dinner time."

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## DID NOT PLEASE THE JUDGE

Expression Used by Girl on Trial for Vagrancy May Have Had Some Influence on His Honor.

"Sure, Mike!" Clara Johnson, on trial for vagrancy in police court, said to Judge Allee when he asked her if she had not been arrested on the same charges a short time ago.  
"My name isn't Mike," objected the court.  
"However, you are charged with being a vag."  
"I didn't do it," the prisoner replied, smirking arrogantly.  
"You're not right in the head," commented the court.  
"I'm all right," she said.  
"What do you do?"  
"Work at John S. ith's."  
"What do you do there?"  
"Everything."  
"Everything?"  
"Sure, Mike!"  
"Ten days," sighed the magistrate. The spectators laughed, and Clara, turning to them, shouted angrily: "I wish you's had to go that dirty place!"—St. Joseph Press.

When all others fail to please  
Try Denison's Coffee.

Quite the Contrary.  
"Does your wife husband your resources?"  
"Not while she's trying to husband our daughters."

The production of gold in Australia has declined steadily since 1893, the output last year being 156,160 ounces less than the year before.

The man who does his fighting over the long-distance telephone evidently believes that discretion is the better part of valor.

Genius may be a little backward about coming forward, but talent always shows up on pay day.

## OH! MY BACK

A stubborn backache is cause to suspect kidney trouble. When the kidneys are inflamed and swollen, stooping brings a sharp twinge in the small of the back, that almost takes the breath away. Soon there may be other symptoms; scanty, painful or too frequent urination, headaches, dizziness, or rheumatic pains. Don't wait for these troubles to become serious—use Doan's Kidney Pills at once. You'll find no better recommended remedy.

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For years we have been stating in the newspapers of the country that a great many women have escaped serious operations by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it is true.

We are permitted to publish in this announcement extracts from the letters of five women. All have been recently received unsolicited. Could any evidence be more convincing?

- HODGDON, ME.**—"I had pains in both sides and such a soreness I could scarcely straighten up at times. My back ached and I was so nervous I could not sleep, and I thought I never would be any better until I submitted to an operation, but I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and soon felt like a new woman."—Mrs. HAYWARD SOWERS, Hodgdon, Me.
- SHELBYVILLE, KY.**—"I suffered from a severe female trouble. My right side hurt me badly—it was finally decided that I must be operated upon. When my husband learned this he got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and after taking it a few days I got better and continued to improve until I am now well."—Mrs. MOLLIE SMITH, R.F.D., Shelbyville, Ky.
- HANOVER, PA.**—"The doctor advised a severe operation, but my husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I experienced great relief in a short time. Now I feel like a new person and can do a hard day's work and not mind it."—Mrs. ADA WILT, 303 Walnut St., Hanover, Pa.
- DECATUR, ILL.**—"I was sick in bed and three of the best physicians said I would have to be taken to the hospital for an operation as I had something growing in my left side. I refused to submit to the operation and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and it worked a miracle in my case. And I tell other women what it has done for me."—Mrs. LAURA A. GRISWOLD, 2437 East William Street, Decatur, Ill.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO.**—"I was very irregular and for several years my side pained me so that I expected to have to undergo an operation. Doctors said they knew of nothing that would help me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I became regular and free from pain. I am thankful for such a good medicine and will always give it the highest praise."—Mrs. C. H. GRIFFITH, 1568 Constant St., Cleveland, O.

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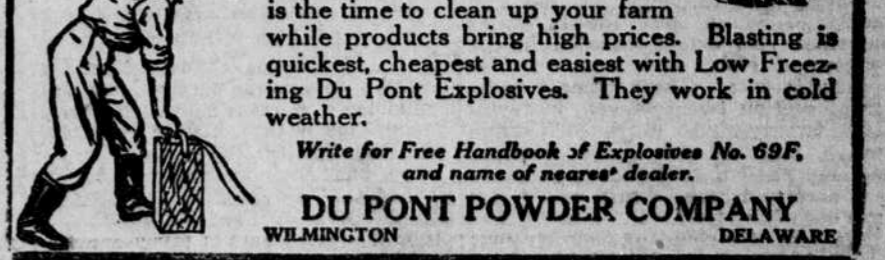
Kansas will have two women in the race for United States senatorship in 1918.

Clubs are trumps in the policeman's game.

There is some discussion as to the proper way to serve grapefruit. Eph Wiley says it should be served with an anesthetic.

Sometimes half the truth is worse than none.

Cirencester, the name of a town in England, is pronounced Sisster.



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