

**Daniel O'Connell's Duel.**  
**In Mr. Commissioner Phillips' "Life of Curran"** there is the following anecdote connected with the celebrated duel between Mr. Daniel O'Connell and Mr. D'Este:

"Being one of those who accompanied O'Connell he beckoned me aside to a distant portion of the very large field, which had a slight covering of snow. 'Phillips,' said he, 'this seems to me not a personal, but a political affair. I am obnoxious to a party, and they adopt a false pretense to cut me off. I shall not submit to it. They have reckoned without their host, I promise you.'

"I am one of the best shots in Ireland at a mark, having as a public man considered it a duty to prepare for my own protection against such unprovoked aggression as the present. Now remember what I say to you: I may be struck myself, and then skill is out of the question; but if I am not my antagonist may have cause to regret his having forced me into this conflict."

"The parties were then placed on the ground at, I think, twelve paces, each having a case of pistols, with directions to fire when they chose after a given signal. D'Este rather agitated himself by making a short speech, disclaiming all hostility to his Roman Catholic countryman, and took his ground, somewhat theatrically crossing his pistols on his bosom. They fired almost together and instantly on the signal. D'Este fell mortally wounded. The greatest self-possession was displayed by both. I deemed it a duty to narrate these details in O'Connell's lifetime whenever I heard his courage questioned, and justice to his memory now prompts me to record them here."

**Outlook for Western Architecture.**  
 Take it altogether the outlook for western city homes seems most promising. Western people are becoming more and more becoming, and will still more become, almost ideal dwellers. It is true that, as in the east, western city dwellings have not escaped the deadly touch of the "kaiser-it-all" client, nor of the man who is "building the house to suit himself," nor of him who "is going to live inside the house, not outside," and who is therefore loathly indifferent to the street aspect of his house; but each, even the last person, is becoming infrequent.

In the past, and to some degree at present, western cities have been and are influenced by men whose lives have been absorbed by things too material to leave them much leisure for art; but even in the case of such men there is a marked disposition to dictate in directions where their knowledge is incomplete. They have a large openness and unbiased attitude of mind, and a genuine and earnest desire to "get the best."

In the west is less often found than in the east the "aesthetic crank," and it is also true that life in the west is less conventional, freer, less restrained by artificial restrictions than in older communities, and the true nature of people and things is perhaps more frankly expressed.—John W. Root in Scribner's.

**Securing Great Men's Autographs.**  
 Aside from Gladstone there is no European whom the Americans so esteem for his autograph as they do Bismarck. They used to approach him through the American minister at Berlin, and Mr. Phelps was exceedingly obliging until at last Herbert Bismarck (who is quite willing to do unpleasant things that his father hesitates to do) wrote to Mr. Phelps asking him to beg the Americans to stop importuning the old gentleman for souvenirs. Gladstone is much more amiable. He is particular to answer all communications addressed to him, and considerable sport has been made of the old gentleman because he writes most of his correspondence upon postal cards.

Gladstone is said to regard it as his duty to employ the postal card freely, inasmuch as it was under his auspices that the postal card was introduced into England. As for Tennyson, he treats autograph hunters with disdain. The sure way, however, to secure his signature "with an appropriate sentiment" is to approach the old bear through the medium of a pretty girl, for the poet laureate is by no means proof against the fascinations of the gentler sex.—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

**Exhaustion, Reptile.**  
 Said the man from Punxsutawney: "I never knew that snakes would run at you until one day about three years ago. I was out clearing up a piece of ground, and one of these damned blacksnakes, or black runners, whipping up out of a bush, put his tail in his mouth, and came rolling at me like the driving wheel of a Shoo Fly express. But didn't I run? Jehosophat!"

"Why didn't you stop? He'd have stopped if you had stopped," interrupted a listener.

"Yes," continued the gentleman from Punxsutawney; "but, by the holy horn spoons, I wouldn't have stopped. I ran down the road two clean miles for home, and every time I looked over my shoulder there was that reptile coming like a scared greyhound. I couldn't get in the house, but had to keep running around it; didn't even have time to think of getting tired, and I kept on running until that infernal reptile died from sheer exhaustion."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

**Briefly Worded.**  
 The difficulty which boys and girls experience in expressing their ideas in writing is notorious. An examiner at a seminary for young ladies requested one of them the other day to give him her notion of what sort of telegram she would send to her father in the event of her having met with a railway accident. It was a thing that might occur, of course, and the lesson proved useful; but in any case it would give an idea of her mental resources.

He threw out no hints, but, with the proviso that it should be as brief as possible, left the whole composition to the young lady's imagination. This was the telegram: "Dear papa: Dear mamma is killed; Jane (her sister) and I are in the refreshment room."—San Francisco Argonaut.

**Pittsburg's Favorite "Smokers."**  
 "Talking about that apology for a smoke the Pittsburg stogie reminds me of a peculiar experience I had with that article some years ago," said an old time cigar drummer at the Continental hotel.

"I was traveling for a Philadelphia house that made a fine line of goods only, and had met only with indifferent success. I was looking forward to Pittsburg as a kind of El Dorado, and imagined sales of great magnitude in the Smoky City."

"I arrived in the evening and immediately started out to interview the trade. About the first place I struck was a prosperous looking cigar store, but I noticed that among the stock the stogie seemed to predominate. I presented my card to the proprietor, talked up my stock and firm to him in great shape, but did not seem to be making any great headway.

The proprietor assured me that he was full up, but said he would look over my samples the following morning if I would stop in. While I was talking to him and endeavoring to prolong the conversation, a gentleman walked in who immediately impressed me as being one of the solid men of the town. He had that unmistakable sleek and well fed air of fortune's favorite. Walking up to the counter he selected four stogies and lighted one, laid down a five cent piece and walked out.

"Do you know who that is?" asked the proprietor of me. I replied in the negative. "Why, that's Phipps, Andrew Carnegie's partner," was the astounding assertion. I was completely flabbergasted. That was the man, and yet the most convincing argument I ever had to withstand. Without a word I closed up my grips and took the next train out of town. I had come to the very natural conclusion that if men worth \$20,000,000 took their stogie at four for five I did not stand much chance with the phlegmatic smokers."—Philadelphia Express.

**Curing Cane Sticks.**  
 The conversion of willow's into cane sticks is a process which has been known for centuries, and is now being perfected in the West. A London manufacturing establishment, the floor space of which covers nearly an acre, has extensive storehouses filled with native and foreign stogies, from which stock is drawn as it is wanted for the shops.

The sticks as they grow are often very crooked and have to be straightened. A heap of sand is provided on the top of a hot stove, into which the sticks are plunged until they become pliable.

The workman takes the crooked stick while it is still hot and inserts it in a notch cut in a stout board, placed at an angle inclined from him, where he bends and strains it. When it has become perfectly straight it is thrown down to cool, after which it becomes rigid and permanent in its lines. Heat is an important element in this matter and produces different effects on the several kinds of wood, the degree of heat necessary to straighten one kind of stick being often sufficient to spoil another kind.

The same power which makes a crooked stick straight is applied to make a straight one crooked; so we find that the rigid stems of lamboos, partridge canes, and all the various kinds of sticks that are required to be curled or twisted are by the application of heat made to assume almost any shape or form.—Youth's Companion.

**Costly Drugs.**  
 Among costly drugs we might mention the following and the different sized bottles and phials in which they are sold: Agrippin, 41 ounces, costs \$43.75; colocythin, 31 ounces, \$114.75; cocaine hydrochlorate, 41 ounces, \$28.45; cyclamin, 34 ounces, \$54.05; digitoxin, 11 ounces, \$87.40; gentisin, 11 ounces, \$91.15; heliotropin, 6 ounces, \$91.35; dydrastine hydrochlorate, 61 ounces, \$194.80; papayotin, used as a solvent for the diphtheritic membranes, 13 ounce bottles, per bottle, \$180.50. Besides the above there are various preparations made from the Calabar bean the cost of which is amazing. They are chiefly used in diseases of the eye.

One is called physostigmine alkaloid, and costs \$137.50 per ounce phial. Physostigmine crystals are still more expensive, being sold in 21 ounce bottles at a cost of \$503.15. Still another preparation of the Calabar is physostigmine salicylate crystals, an aristocratic drug that surely furnishes a fitting cap sheaf for this pyramid of costly stuffs, which is furnished to the customer who is able to buy at the reasonable charge of \$1,810.00 for a 2 ounce phial.—St. Louis Republic.

**He Was Not Anxious to Learn.**  
 Professor Albert Boehm, of this city, is an enthusiastic naturalist. He has a large collection of birds and animals, and makes a practice of exhibiting them at fairs. The professor was at the Winona fair, and had his museum in a tent at the grounds. One day a gentleman stepped in by the tent and looked at a couple of coons which were tied to a stake near the entrance. He did not know what the animals were and asked the professor, who told him they were coons, and said: "If you will give me ten cents and come inside the tent, when you come out you will know more about natural history than any of your normal professors." The offer was a good one, but the gentleman refused and turned away. Professor Boehm asked a bystander who it was, and was told, "Professor—, of the Winona normal school."—La Crosse Leader.

**The New Game.**  
 The climax in golf has come in England. It is not simply men who work chiefly with their brains—judges, clergymen, artists, journalists, members of parliament and novelists—that have taken to it almost en masse, and are never weary of singing its praises as the sole perfect cure for dyspepsia, the meagrim and worry. Young athletes are abandoning cricket and football for golf, and are competing with each other as to who can "drive the longest ball."—Exchange.

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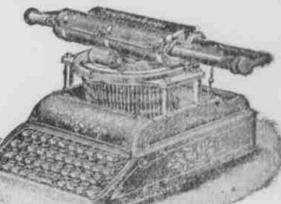
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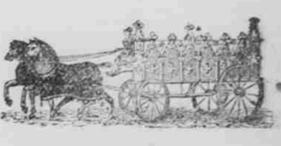
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