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### Over a Bluff.

A hornet's nest fell on a stage team that was passing through the Yosemite Valley the other morning when the stage had just passed through Inspiration Point, which is on the edge of a precipice several hundred feet above the Merced canon. Four horses were to the stage, and all jumped over the bluff. The leaders were hung on trees by the harness, and were choked to death. The wheel horses were not killed. Two passengers were in the stage, but their names have not been learned. One had a leg broken and the other an ankle sprained. The driver was thrown over with stage, and was seriously injured.

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### Jewish Signs.

Like some of the rings to day the signs worn by the Israelites bore inscriptions. The breastplates of the high priests were set with twelve precious stones, each one representing a tribe of the children of Israel.

Some of the native women of Australia have a queer idea of beauty. They cut themselves with shells, keep the wounds open for a long time, and when they heal, huge scars are the result. These scars are deemed highly ornamental.

### The Peacock's Feet.

The taxidermist of the Smithsonian institution at Washington denies that the peacock has ugly feet—a condition of affairs which has been very generally accepted as truth as long as the peacock has been known.

### In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action, but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

### National Configuration.

The natural configuration of many mountains suggests the human face, and such physiognomies cut out of the rocks on a gigantic scale are commonly regarded by savages as objects of worship.

### A Queer Dog.

Madison, Ga., has a queer dog that has a complete figure of the moon and seven stars on one side of his head. The effects is produced by the different coloring of the hair, in black and white.

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### A Maine Correspondent.

A country newspaper correspondent in Maine recently sent this cheerful bit of news to his paper: "Brooks is at last provided with a nice hearse and our citizens can now be conveyed to their graves in decent shape. This is something that has long needed here."

The auction of the Borghese art treasures at Rome on April 14 realized only 1,300,000 francs, a mere fraction of the real value of the articles sold.

Little Girl—What does your mamma do since the dog was stolen?  
Little Boy—Oh, she sort o' comforts herself with th' baby.

Tommy—Mamma isn't it awful slangy to say "get up and get?"  
His Mother—It is, my son. It is very coarse and clownish.  
Tommy—That's the way it sounded to me when I heard you talking Petty this morning to get up and get breakfast.—Chicago Tribune.

A match cutting machine is an automatic curiosity. It cuts 10,000,000 sticks a day and then arranges them over a vat where the heads are put on at a surprising rate of speed.

### THE LITTLE WIFE.

She was Wakened from Headache, but Not for Long.

The clock struck 2 and the little wife gazed up at it and shivered. The room had grown quite cold, the furnace did not heat the fourth floor, and the fire in the small grate had nearly died out. Like her hopes. She picked up the sock that she had been darning and continued her work, not because she had not plenty of time in the day to sew—her husband said that was what ailed her, too much time and nothing to do—but she could not sleep, and when her hands were busy her mind was active.

A step sounded on the pavement. She lifted her head and listened, but it went on and on, and the echo died out in the distance. The horse car clanged by at the corner, but did not stop there, and the street grew still again. Was she pretty? Yes, in a quiet way, a trifle too slender, perhaps, as to figure and rather pale as to coloring.

"Washed-out looking," said Mrs. MacFlirter; but Mrs. MacFlirter was the belle of the boarding house and resembled a full-blown rose. She occupied the second-story back and played with the hearts of the susceptible young clerks that boarded at Mrs. Fillen's as though they had been beads on a string.

The little wife arose, put away her work and turned down the gas. She felt drowsy—an unusual thing for her—but experience had taught her that if she undressed and went to bed she would be awake, so she threw herself upon the lounge and drew a shawl over her.

The clock struck 3. The front door slammed and a man's step came up the stairs. The room door opened, and he entered, glancing at the figure on the lounge and chucking slyly. "She imagines she can't sleep when I am out. I'll just leave her there and have the laugh on her in the morning."

He undressed, turned the gas a little lower, got into bed and was soon sound asleep.

The morning sun crept in at the window, but the little woman had not stirred. The husband awoke, glanced sleepily around, arose and began to dress. In a few minutes he went over to the lounge and said: "Come, get up, Tiny, the first bell rung long ago." But the little wife did not move. "Heart failure," the doctor called it. "Heart break," said Mrs. Shouter, the star boarder of the second story alee room, while the other women seemed awed and whispered among themselves.

He looked very pale and hard-hearted at the funeral and was pitied and admired by all, especially by the maiden ladies of the third story back.

Two months later he married the other woman. For of course, there was another woman. The man of this house had known it all the time. But it didn't matter to the little wife any more. Even the forsaken sleep well in the grave.—New York Recorder.

### Kind-Hearted Newsboys.

The words of Shakespeare, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," were never more forcibly illustrated than in the case of the paralyzed newsboy who sits in a wheel chair on the corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, says the New York Herald. He first made his appearance there about two years ago, and his man, pinched face plainly indicated that he had long been an invalid.

The newsboys all sympathize with him. They help him fold and arrange his papers. On warm days they take turns fanning him, carry his little folding table and assist him in various ways.

One day during the late hot spell a ragged urchin, with a bundle of papers under his arm, barefooted and dirt-begrimed, and carrying a tin pail in his hand, walked up to the cashier's window in a store not far from where the cripple sits. Rapping on the window he attracted the attention of the cashier, and, as he stood on his tiptoes, he handed in his pail, while a smile as witching as any society belle is capable of, encircled his dirty face, displaying a set of teeth pearly white and as beautiful as nature could form them. His large, lustrous, sparkling black eyes caught those of the cashier and he said: "Say, mister, der lame bloke what sells papers in der wagon on der corner wants a drink of ice water."

As the man who handles the cash passed out the pail of water the juvenile remarked: "Tanks, mister, you know der kids awful lame and can't walk."

The New York newsboy is a rough, slangy, harum-scarum, devil-may-care, and often mischievous individual, but generally his heart is in the right place.

### Mme. De Struve's Reparat.

The promotion of the Russian minister from Washington to the Hague recalls a witty speech of Mme. De Struve, who during her life in Washington made the legation famous for its hospitality. One evening during a diplomatic reception at the White House among the guests was a woman whose perfect neck and arms were the admiration of everyone. Mme. De Struve's escort in the corridor was a society man, who in justifiable pride at the loveliness of his own country-woman commented as she passed: "There goes a perfect type of American beauty." Without hesitation the minister's wife, looking down at her own dark-hued neck, responded: "And I represent a perfect type of Russian leather."—Philadelphia Times.

If a boy refuses to behave himself and his father dislikes to whip him, what are you going to do about it?

### The Lottery to End.

It would appear by the following item from a recent issue of the New Orleans Times-Democrat that the suggestion in several newspapers of late, that the Louisiana State Lottery Company intends setting up business elsewhere, is erroneous and that it will set up shop on the expiration of its present charter.

In view of the contradictory rumors circulated regarding the intentions of the Louisiana State Lottery Company and in order to accurately answer numerous inquiries, a representative of the Times-Democrat yesterday interviewed Mr. Paul Conrad, the president of the company, with the result expressed below.

Reporter—Mr. Conrad, it was asserted some weeks ago in the Northern newspapers, and the statement has since been revived recently, that the company is about to remove to Nicaragua, and there, under a government franchise, open up the business on a grander scale than ever.

President Conrad—I have heard something of this, but there is no foundation for it. The company has officially stated that it looks to the decision of the Supreme Court and will respect the law.

Reporter—Then have you no plans of future action?

President Conrad—I cannot state the case more strongly than was done at the time the company decided not to attempt to obtain a renewal of its charter. I can only repeat that the company will continue in business until the expiration of its present charter and then cease to exist. I cannot understand after all that has been said, why there should be any confusion in the public mind about the matter.

Reporter—Have you any objection to my stating this as a finality for the satisfaction of the public?

President Conrad—None whatever. Reporter—Some of the eastern papers, Mr. Conrad, persistently assert that the lottery company continues to use United States mails in the prosecution of its business; will you kindly tell me if that is true.

President Conrad—It is utterly untrue. We are obeying the law, its letter and spirit, and our agents everywhere are instructed to obey it. We are using the express companies only in our business, and in all our circulars are printed instructions to all persons dealing with us to avoid the mails.

Twelve hundred miles of new railroad were built in this country during the first six months of the present year.

An enterprising boy in Grand Rapids, Mich., makes money by raising crickets. These he sells as bait for anglers.

Arctian wells spouted in Thesbe 4,000 years before the Christian era.

The Mayor of Ironton, Ohio, Mr. John M. Corns, has occupied that office for twenty-two years.

The rabbit is so prolific that the progeny of a pair of them, in ten years, will number 70,000,000.

The best curks come from Algeri. There are 2,500,000 acres of cork forests in that country.

A Chinese laundryman in Brooklyn saves time by using a smoothing-iron which is heated by electricity.

After a tedious courtship of twenty-seven years, a couple were married the other day, in Winston, N. C.

M. Marie, of Paris, is known as "the dog barber." He daily clips from ten to thirty dogs. The price of a clip four francs.

"What do we get from planting potatoes?" asked a speaker at a Sunday school mass meeting in Noblesboro, Me., the other day, and a small boy piped out "Perater bugs!"

Brown—You shouldn't make fun of the old, my boy.

Little Jonny—Why, dad, the minister said we should humor the infirmities of age.

The minister who preaches short sermons is generally popular with the congregation, and, after all, there is no direct evidence that his parishioners don't get into heaven just as easily as those of the "sixteenth-my-brethren" kind.—Somerville Journal.

The Rector—My dear young lady, I hope I am mistaken, but I thought I saw you talking during the sermon yesterday? Stray Lamb—You certainly are mistaken, rector. Why, I never talk in my sleep.

English medical authorities are coming to the conclusion that the smoky pure opium is not nearly so injurious to Chinamen as has been supposed.

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### He Killed His Mistress.

The other night Henry B. Orm, a Denver fare dealer, shot and instantly killed his mistress, who was known as Dolly Reed, but whose real name was Larissa Hildekerke, and who came from Hazleton, Ohio. Orm then shot himself. Orm was 23 years old, while the woman 35. They had quarreled and she threatened to leave him.

### Mackerel Catch.

The fisheries department has received advice to the effect that the mackerel catch of the New England fishing fleet to date is 22,000 barrels—exactly twice as much as last year.

### Art Compulsion.

First Artist—I see Duher has taken his wife as a model for one of his angels.  
Second Artist—Yes, she'd snatch him, had it he didn't.

### Too Bad.

Mrs. Minkins—Why don't you get a divorce, dear?  
Mrs. Winkins (sully)—I found I wouldn't be able to get alimony enough to support another husband.

The Swiss guards, a part of the Pope's household, are to be dispensed with.

## "German Syrup"

Mr. Albert Hartley of Hudson, N. C., was taken with Pneumonia. His brother had just died from it. When he found his doctor could not rally him he took one bottle of German Syrup and came out sound and well. Mr. S. B. Gardiner, Clerk with Druggist J. E. Barr, Aurora, Texas, prevented a bad attack of pneumonia by taking German Syrup in time. He was in the business and knew the danger. He used the great remedy—Boschee's German Syrup—for lung diseases.

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