

There are ping horses, ping hats and ping men.

Next door neighbors can pick flaws in the perfect man.

First of all find out just what a "molly-coddle" is and then don't be one.

Many a man takes a joke for the purpose of working it off as one of his own.

Possibly the good die young, but you can't get the oldest inhabitant to admit it.

The Filipinos at St. Louis say sweet potatoes taste about the same as roast dog. We'll take their word for it.

Bishop Turner says that all men were originally black. Tut, tut, Bishop Turner talks as wildly as a Chicago University professor.

The retiring bishops of the Methodist church draw \$2,500 a year each as half pay. There are some comfortable advantages about being a retired bishop.

According to Dean Lutts, of the Chicago University, "flirting tends to the development of both soul and intellect." Can we doubt any longer that woman is man's intellectual superior?

Students charged with brutality in college cane rushes will be justified in pleading that they are but equipping themselves for delegates to political conventions after they leave college.

"It does not follow," observed the New York Evening Mail, "that ancient Etruria was highly civilized because a comet has been found in an old ruin there." You wrote it "cornet," didn't you, esteemed contemporary?

The barefoot farmer boy who was caught playing "high finance" was promptly put on the road to the penitentiary, but the city man in broadcloth and patent-leathers who works the same game goes free with a fine of \$25 or \$50.

Maurus Jokai, the Hungarian novelist and patriot who died recently, edited two papers at once, and at the same time belonged to the Chamber of Deputies. Between whistles, during his fifty years of activity, he wrote three hundred volumes, including a dozen masterpieces of fiction.

"When I am going anywhere I don't wait for a star; I hitch my cart to anything going my way," was the explanation which a Chicago reformer once gave for accepting appointment as civil service commissioner under a mayor who believed in the spoils system. This is a pretty good rule for reformers in other parts of the country to follow.

One of the principal items in the occultism now so fashionable is what is called the "development of the personality," or more mysteriously, the "cultivation of the ego." The occultists, however, never claim too much. There is nothing new in all this. The young man who bravely accepts his life and spends his strength molding circumstances into a more agreeable shape for himself and his fellow men is developing his personality. Men have been doing that since time began. The woman who doesn't know the difference between the zodiac and the quantification of the predicate, but who quietly sweeps the house and washes the dishes without complaint is cultivating her ego very effectively. When she is reincarnated she will have her reward.

In 1850 the country beyond the Mississippi was a waiting wilderness. To-day, with Alaska, it is three-quarters of the area of the country. It has more than quarter of the people, one-third the number of farms, half the improved farm area and nearly half the farm value. The population has grown 357 per cent in fifty years—from 1,500,000 to 22,000,000. Missouri, Iowa and Louisiana exceed in density of population the general average. Ten cities beyond the Mississippi exceed 100,000 population. The mineral products of the West in the census year were \$144,000,000. California has yielded one-eighth of the world's total gold produced since Columbus.

The trouble with the popular magazine is not that it seeks to print absurdities or falsehoods, but that it conveys wrong impressions by lending to "personal views" the element of authority. The newspaper does not attempt to convince the reader in presenting news, but offers the matter for what it is worth at face value, so stating, and expects the reader to form his own opinions. The least educated person will have no difficulty in estimating the value of news or in separating the false from the true. But frequently well-educated persons are misled by presumable authoritative statements published in the popular magazines. If the question of comparative confidence is raised of the newspaper can feel sure of its honesty.

Samuel Dewey believes that the world moves. At a dinner in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of his birth he said, "When I began the study of law, bigotry prevailed all over the country on all controversial questions. Religious sects were more engrossed in fighting each other than the common enemy. There was an almost frantic fear lest science and research should impair the Bible, and scientists were denounced as infidels. Not to drink was singular, and not to accept a treat or to treat in return a breach of good manners. Now the Bible student hails science and criticism as buttresses of the sacred book, and there is happy and hopeful unity among the churches. The progress of temperance has brought incalculable blessings to the home, society and citizenship."

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