



## Whether Common or Not

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### Miles.

He fought his country's battles like a hero tried and true;  
When he saw a thing was needed that was what he tried to do;  
But he wasn't a physician—just worked upward from the ranks—  
So he got it in the jugular and went minus Teddy's thanks.

Now, perhaps if he had hired some press agent having skill,  
Or had posed before some painter as cavorting up a hill;  
Or had signed a big round robin as a protest 'gainst the chuck,  
He'd have been right now enjoying quite a different kind of luck.

### Ample Reason.

"But why are you so insistent upon going to that particular hotel?"  
"Because they always have a pen at the desk that permits you to register without its spluttering all over your shirt front."

### Hopeless.

"What brought this poor man to this unfortunate condition?" asked the visitor at the lunatic asylum.  
"He is a land lubber who wore his brain to a frazzle trying to unravel the mysterious explanations of the Associated press concerning the yacht races."

### Learning.

Uncle E. Z. Thyng gazed sadly upon the remains of the patent right for which he had paid \$700.  
"Well, all I got to say," said Uncle E. Z., "is that the fellow who said talk is cheap was mistaken. The fellow that sold me this thing put up a talk that cost me last year's wheat crop."

### Different.

The people murmured and protested in the presence of the lawmakers whom they had elected.  
"You promised us lower freight rates," shouted the spokesman of the people.  
"Softly, good sir," said the chairman of the caucus. "You are mistaken. We merely declared that we were in favor of a reduction in freight rates."

### Anchor to Windward.

"But do you think that what you have said will meet with the approval of the people?"  
"I think so," replied Senator Graball. "If it does not, I will merely deny the correctness of the interview and declare that the reporter misquoted me."  
Thus by degrees were we initiated into the inner knowledge of why Senator Graball always managed to hold on.

### Tired.

The minister who had been invited to supply a friend's pulpit accompanied one of the parishoners home to dinner. The good people were delighted to be his hosts, and the lady of the house outdid herself in providing a bountiful dinner.  
"Now, Brother Smith, I want you to help yourself," said the good woman.  
"Thank you, sister; I will."  
"I suppose you are often invited out while traveling, are you not?"  
"Quite often, thanks to the hospitality of the good people with whom I come in contact."  
"I presume that most of them have

about the same things for dinner wherever you go."

"I am happy to say that all of them do their utmost to entertain me royally."

"Of course everybody has the same old joke about the yellow legged chick—"

"Indeed they do. Will you please pass the ham."

### His Guess.

The visiting Filipino saw the crowd gather. He saw the frenzied men tie the victim to the stake, and he saw the torch applied. He watched with interest while the helpless victim writhed in agony, and then gazing upon the illuminated sky he softly murmured:

"This, I presume, is the 'light of civilization' I have heard so much about."

### As Usual.

The fussy man entered the restaurant, dusted off his chair, sat down and reached for the bill of fare.

"Waiter!"

"Yes, sah."

"I want you to be very careful with my order, and get just what I order the way I order it."

"Yes, sah."

"I want a thin slice of ham fried crisply."

"Yes, sah."

"And two eggs, fried on one side only."

"Yes, sah."

"A cup of fresh coffee without cream."

"Yes, sah."

"Now please give my instructions to the cook and have it served as rapidly as possible."

"Yes, sah."

Hustling to the window the waiter shouted:

"Ham and; one in the black; come a-runnin'."

### Brain Leaks.

A man is like an egg—best tested when broke.

The foolish man works hard looking for a soft job.

Woe and Want are the twin children of Lust and Laziness.

Money may build a house, but money cannot make it a home.

Don't Care is the fertile soil which raises a large crop of vain regrets.

The man who laughs at ill luck sooner or later is smiled upon by fortune.

You may safely trust the driver who puts his shoulder to the wheel and helps his horses out of the rut.

Every time watermelon season comes man promises himself the pleasure of eating one without a fork.

When Folly stumbles it curses its luck. When Wisdom stumbles it is grateful that the result was not a broken limb.

A great many workingmen who march as they please on Labor Day, march on election day in a way that pleases the enemies of labor.

Do you want to spot a mean man? If you do, look for the one whose children quit laughing and playing when he enters the house.

A little investigation will demonstrate that those who complain loudest about "yellow journalism" are usually those who have something

they want to keep concealed because they are afraid of the results of exposure.

As between a man who acts without thinking and the man who thinks without acting, we prefer the former.

Perhaps your wife's pies would taste as good as those your mother used to make if you had the same taster you used to have.

We never pass a yard filled with old-fashioned flowers but what we long for an invitation to eat dinner with the woman who takes care of them.

Sometimes the world is a little slow in detecting the difference between a big man and one who merely apes a big man's ways, but sooner or later it does it.

Whenever we see a "mannish" young woman we begin to have a great deal of respect for the young man who likes to crochet and make tatting.

Have you ever stopped to consider that perhaps a lot of trouble is due to the fact that the churches are usually darkest just when the saloons are brightest.

When a man is forty years old he usually is sorry that he did not spend the last twenty in trying to learn what he thought he knew during the first twenty.

Of course you are opposed to prize fighting, but, honestly now, when you picked up the morning paper on August 15 didn't you look first for the San Francisco date line?

The greatest reforms have come about after the death of those who instigated them, but they could not have been brought about without them.

### Mystery of Wild Animals.

"The forest has many mysteries," said an old woodsman, "but none deeper than that of wild animals that die natural deaths. The four-footed dwellers of the woods certainly do not live forever. Age and disease must carry them off regularly, but what becomes of their bodies? I never heard of anyone coming across a wild bear or deer or wildcat or fox that had died from natural causes. I found the carcass of a big five-pronged buck in the woods once, but a rattlesnake, also dead, had buried its fangs in one of the deer's nostrils. There had evidently been a fight to the death between the reptile and the beast.

"I have many times found other dead animals in the woods, but never one that did not show unquestionable evidence of having died from violence of some kind. Every woodsman will tell you the same. What becomes of the dead wild animals that die natural deaths?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

### The Ireland of America.

British Honduras is sometimes called the Ireland of America. Blessed with a soil of unsurpassed fertility, a mild and equable climate and a variety of natural productions but rarely found within so restricted an area, the colony is yet afflicted with hard times. Although one of the most thinly populated of the habitable regions of the globe, the number of its inhabitants is constantly decreasing; the labor market is overstocked, agricultural industries are declining, trade and commerce languish and the pinch of depression is felt by all classes.

The reason for this state of affairs is not hard to discover. It is the same curse that has crushed Ireland, absentee landlordism, in a little different but no less fatal form. The area of the colony is only 7,266 square miles. Of this, 2,500 square miles, or one-third, is owned by one London land company. In all more than four-

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fifths of the colony is the property of a handful of English proprietors who will not sell nor lease nor permit settlement or cultivation. They derive a sure, steady and perpetual income by working the mahogany, rosewood, cedar, logwood and other natural products of the forests, and for this reason desire to keep their domains forever a wilderness.

An effort has been made to compel these absentee landlords to sell their holdings at an appraised valuation. However, so overshadowing is their influence that the laws passed for this purpose have proved inoperative. It, therefore, seems probable that the country will long continue to be held in pawn by a few English proprietors who have never even visited its shores and that its wealth will be sent abroad to enrich the coffers of strangers, instead of remaining to stimulate trade and industry at home.—Brooklyn Eagle.

### A Sturdy Hero.

The Roosevelts, the Roots, the Corbins and the Woodses were glad to get rid of this sturdy hero of many battles. His presence among them was a constant rebuke to their unhalloved ambitions and their vainglorious boasting.—Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.

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