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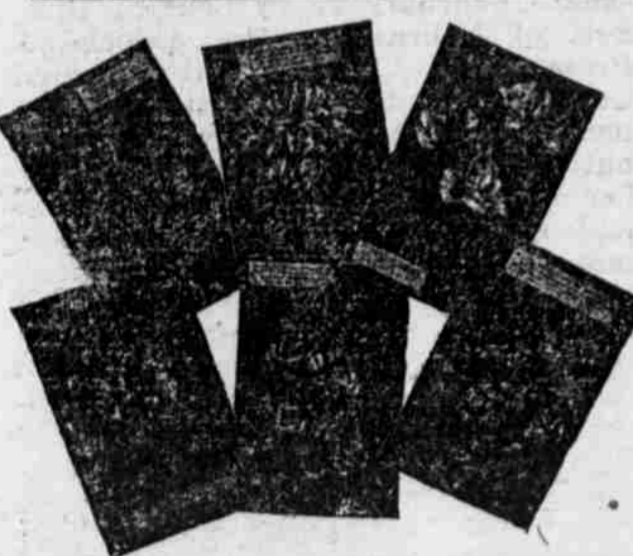
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The fleet is sailing home again; it's crossed the Seven Seas; Old Glory from each battleship swings out upon the breeze. The stars have shone in ev'ry port, it's stripes of white and red Have lighted many a foreign port as round the world it sped. The nations of the earth have seen the flag we love the best— The fleet has borne it round the world from out the Golden West. And now the ships that carried it are on the homeward tack; So three times three! And once again—the fleet is coming back.

Our bands played "Dixie" in Japan, and "Hail Columbia," too. On China's shores they've played the strains of old "Red, White and Blue." "Hot Time" they played on India's shores, and on Egyptian sands "Star Spangled Banner's" glorious strains came ringing from the bands. 'Twas "Yankee Doodle" for John Bull—he'd heard the strains before As shrilled from fife and rolled from drums above the cannon's roar. But now the fleet is come back across Atlantic's foam, And all the men sing while the bands are playing "Home, Sweet Home."

The fleet is homeward bound again; the flag is coming back. The ships have circled round the earth; they're on the homeward tack. From Occident to Orient, wherever ships may ride, They've borne aloft Old Glory's folds, they've been our boast and pride. Brave Lawrence looks down from aloft and watches ev'ry day; And Foote, and Jones, and Farragut—they guard the homeward way. The old sea heroes watch the course across the raging main— So three times three! And then once more—the fleet is home again!

**Often Happens**  
"Who is the ragged old tramp going across the street?"  
"That's Wimperly, the man who invented the doubleplex perfecting press."  
"And who is that richly dressed gentleman who has just dropped a quarter in the tramp's hand?"  
"That's Gougerly, the man who invented an ingenious little attachment to Wimperley's press."

**Bobby Knew**  
Teacher—"There is a certain animal that progresses very slowly, and even then it travels backwards. Can any pupil tell me its name?"  
Bobby—"I don't know it's name, Teacher, but I know what it is."  
Teacher—"Ah, Bobby; you may tell the other pupils."  
Bobby—"It's a republican congressman tacklin' th' tariff revision question."

**As Usual**  
This is the season of the year when the city man figures out what a lot of fresh vegetables he is going to raise on that little 7x11 patch of ground in his back yard. By raising some lettuce in the patch he will not only have it nice

and fresh, but will save \$1.28 in lettuce bills. He will also save 86 cents on radishes, 58 cents on onions, and \$1.37 in peas and beans. In addition to which he will have them nice and fresh from his own garden, instead of wilted and pithy from the grocer's.

He may be able to raise tomatoes to the amount of 63 cents. And they will be fresh from his own garden, too. And a few heads of cabbage. Fresh, crisp cabbage right from his own garden.

All this is figured out to a gnat's eyebrow—at this time of the year. A little later the city man will figure it all out, something like this: There's \$2.50 for a garden fork and a hoe. And 75 cents for a rake. And \$1.80 for seeds and plants. And there was a four-dollar pair of shoes ruined by mud and dust. And also a \$7 pair of trousers. It also cost 75 cents for court plaster and cream lotions for blistered hands and a peeled nose.

Returns: A few measley vegetables that escaped the voracious bugs. And next year the city man will do it all over again—with like results.

**Concerning George**  
They tell us that George Washington Could never tell a lie; In which respect George Washington Was unlike you and I. But if 'tis true he couldn't lie— And lots of folks have said it— Why should he for his truthful ways Be given so much credit?

Now, here are we, and unlike George We can tell awful whoppers; We can spin fairy tales galore Unto our moms and poppers. But we do not—and so we claim George simply isn't in it. With modern boys and modern girls, Not for a single minute.

He couldn't tell a single lie— With accent on the "couldn't." Now we could always tell a lie, But, then, we simply wouldn't. Now, honest Injun, don't you think Our praise you should be singing Instead of always boosting George And that old chestnut ringing?

**The Shock**  
"I hear that Blumerly is very ill. What's the matter with him?"  
"He got a terrible shock the other evening."  
"Why, how did it happen?"  
"He asked his wife to go to a reception with him and she didn't say she did not have a thing fit to wear."

**Mine**  
"Does your carriage run by electric power or by gasoline power?"  
"By hand power. The baby is the only passenger."

**Brain Leaks**  
The hand's clasp tells the truth oftener than the tongue. Worry & Fret is a firm that makes quick delivery to its customers. Tomorrow's wages spent today means double work and less of play. It never hurts a minister to occasionally take the pewpoint of view.

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