

Tipping Barred.

A well known New York hostelry has inaugurated an anti-gratuity policy for at least the current season. The management makes official statement thus: "The servants of the house receive full and satisfactory compensation for their services from the owners, and are neither permitted to accept nor do they expect to receive fees of any kind from guests."

The reason some people stay out of debt is that no one will let them get in.

A Novel Bottle.

In furnishing information concerning Calcutta's supply of the various "soft" drinks, Consul General William H. Michael refers as follows to an improved bottle in use:

This bottle is so blown as to contain in the neck a round glass stopper, which is forced upward by the gas in the bottle and holds the gas perfectly. An expert can remove half the contents of one of these bottles, and by a shake force the ball up into the neck, and thus preserve the remaining half for future use. It is an ingenious device, and every way superior to the old-style corks. In opening a bottle a wooden, cup-shaped device, which fits in the hollow of the hand and contains a short nipple, is placed over and against the glass ball stopper and pressed downward. This causes the ball to drop down into the neck of the bottle, prevents too rapid escape of gas and foam, and, if only part of the contents is required, the ball may be forced back into the position as stopper.

Nebraska's Meeting Place.

That's what people are now calling the city of Lincoln. Nearly all societies of every sort meet sometime during the year in Lincoln, and this gives The State Journal a peculiar interest to state readers, as it devotes more space to such meetings than any two of the other state papers. The recent teachers' association called together nearly 5,000 of the state teachers and every home that has a school child was interested in the reports of their doings. Especially was every member of a school board interested. Soon will come the great agricultural meetings and columns of facts will be printed in The Lincoln Journal that affect the earning power of every farmer. Then of course the legislature will be here for three months and surely you will be interested in what it will do in regard to regulating the liquor traffic and guaranteeing bank deposits. The Journal spends more money for and devotes more space to its legislative reports than any other paper. It's a Journal specialty. The Journal is not a city paper, it's a state paper, and its energies are pushed in the direction of dealing with state affairs. Whatever interests you as a taxpayer, interests The Journal and you will find the impartial, disinterested facts in its columns.

Putting It Up to the Querist.

The next letter the information editor opened contained this question: "What is the correct pronunciation of 'irrefragable'?"

"Consult your unabridged," he wrote, and savagely impaled both the query and answer on the copy hook. For somebody has carried away the office dictionary.

It was about midnight that the detectives arrived with their prisoner, and a Mr. Collins, the principal depositor in the bank, and, therefore, the principal loser, was awakened at his home and informed by telephone of the capture.

He expressed his gratification and went back to bed.

Shortly afterward he was aroused to receive another telephone message to the same effect, from a different source.

This sort of thing continued to such an extent that Collins grew very wrathful; so that, when he answered the phone bell for the last time, he was in anything but an amiable frame of mind.

"Hello, Collins," came over the wire. "Yes. What do you want?"

"Collins, this is Deputy Sheriff Myers. We've caught that runaway receiver. Is there anything you'd like to have me do, personally, in the matter?"

"Yes!" roared Collins, "hang up the receiver!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

The Jolly Fat Man.

When you meet a bow-legged man in the street, do you stop him and ask how it feels to walk that way? On being introduced to a man with a face like an inverted comic supplement, do you console with him on being so homely? Do you recommend to the sallow man sitting next you in a car a tonic for his liver? At uncheerful you hint to the puffy-eyed, er-nosed stranger opposite you that he ought to get on the water wagon? Of course you don't! You would not be so impolite. You might hurt their feelings.

But when you meet a fat man, it's different. Everybody recognizes him as legitimate prey. He is a butt for jokes, a subject for condolence, an object for advice. Even the man so thin that he does not know whether it is his back or his stomach that hurts him, takes it for granted that he is the fat man's ideal, and insists on giving him advice on how to reduce. Everyone imagines that the fat man must be unhappy because he weighs more than the average person. —Exchange.



Bethlehem.

Sheltered within the hollow of her arm
The Son of Man lay sleeping. On her cheek
She felt his warm breath stirring, like the faint
And fragrant breeze that fans the silver leaves
Upon the slopes of Olivet. Her eyes, still shadowed with the pains of motherhood,
Dwelt tenderly upon the placid brow and cherub features of the infant Christ,
The babe in swaddling clothes, whose destiny
Led to Golgotha's summit, where the Cross
Was yet to groan beneath the sacred weight
Of his perfected manhood. All the cave was luminous with starbeams, and her face,
Like some pale lily, drooping on its stem,
And washed with heaven's dews, gleamed pearly white
In that strange radiance. Somewhat apart
And leaning on his staff, the carpenter, Joseph of Nazareth, musing, stood:
"Lord, who am I?" he marveled in his soul,
"That thou shouldst deign from thy exalted place
To cast thine eyes upon me and to say 'Behold! he shall be warden to this pearl,'
This pearl of perfect womanhood, more pure
Than any of the daughters of mankind From the beginning of the world and down
Through all the ages that are yet to dawn!
Lo! shelter she shall find, and sustenance
And one round arm encircled the fair child
As if the newly-awakened mother love Lay listless, with transparent fingers curved
As though she clasped some blossom in her sleep—
Some rare, sweet flower she was fain to keep
And cherish always. Joseph took the hand
And held it in his rough, toil-hardened palm,
Wondering at its softness, the blue veins
That threaded all its whiteness, and the bloom
That made a sea-shell of each finger-tip.
But he forebore, though sore his heart did yearn,
To clasp the little sleeping new-born babe
Whose golden head lay pillow'd on her arm,
Thinking: "It were not well for her or him
That he should waken suddenly." A sigh
Heaved the soft breast of Mary, and her eyes,
Like heavenly blue flowers, opened wide,
Meeting the gaze of Joseph, as he knelt
In reverent adoration. Her low tones Thrilled like aeolian strains; her tender smile
Flooded his soul like sunshine as she spoke:
"Joseph, my husband, I have dreamed a dream!
The Angel of the Lord hath been again,
Saying: 'Behold! that which thou hast brought forth
This night is the Redeemer of the world—
Even Messiah!' But a grave voice cried
As she ceased speaking: "Peace to all within!"
And, lo, there stood upon the threshold one
Who bore much gold and frankincense and myrrh
In his two hands. And Joseph answered: "Sir,
Peace be unto thee, now and evermore!"
And, lo, there came two others bearing gold
And precious spices, who likewise did say,
"Peace and good will!" And Joseph made reply:
"Peace unto thee and thine forevermore!"
Then spake the foremost stranger: "Where is he,
Born King of Jews this night in Bethlehem?"

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AMONGST THE BULL-RUSHES.



Lazy Larry—Woof! Just to think, with all this wasted effort, I could have won the Marathon race!

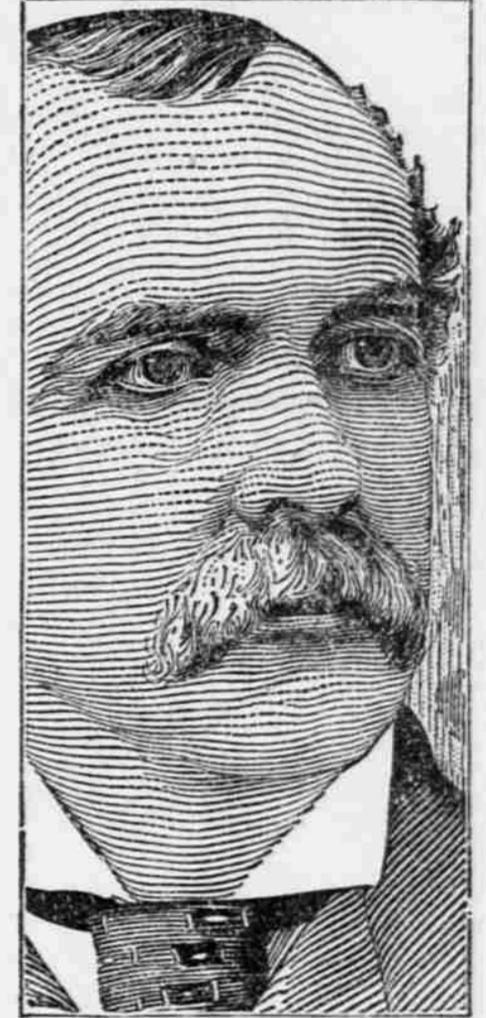
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Lachrymose.

"Pa, Mary's upstairs crying again." "What's the matter this time, ma?"

"I can't just make out whether it's because she's afraid Jim won't ask her to go to the theater to-night or whether she hasn't anything fit to wear, if he should."—Detroit Free Press.

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