

JESTS

Ambition.
The successful politician was confiding in his own ability.
"Pushing up a hill, are you?" asked one of the faithful.
"Yes," replied the great man. "When I get through this I think I'll be a member of the political class."

A Good Thing.
She—"Do you think there is anything in matrimony?"
He—"Yes, for some people."
She—"Who for instance?"
He—"For the fellow that gets the money for holding at somebody's else hand."



DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM.
Mr. Brown—My explanation—h'm—I hope is satisfactory, my dear. Mrs. Brown—Your excuse is pretty good, but it isn't as good as father used to make.

Extent of Her Acquaintance.
A friend who was calling on Miss Carolyn Wells at her home in New Jersey happened to mention some people who lived further down the same street.
"Are you acquainted with the family?" asked the visitor.
"Yes," answered Miss Wells, with a touch of hesitancy in her voice; "that is, I speak to the dog every morning when I go by—Saturday Evening Post."

His Social Invitation.
"I wish you would write me a invitation to my friends," said the prisoner under sentence.
"All right," replied the jailer, "what do you want me to say?"
"I say, 'You are respectfully invited to attend a social banquet, Friday evening, 12 o'clock sharp, for men to be hung here on 12 o'clock, come all—do great on do small, on come in. Do hang in tree for all my life.'"

Know His Game.
Tom—"I saw sticking the other day, and he was looking exceedingly prosperous."
Dick—"If you see him again tell him I'm out of town."
Tom—"What for?"
Dick—"He once confided to me that the only time he ever pretended to be a swell dresser was when he was broke and out borrowing money.—Detroit Free Press."

Not the Real Article.
Cholly—Some of us fellows were discussing the drama last night and I got an idea in my head—
Miss Peppery—You didn't really?
Cholly—Fascinatingly! Fact, I assure you! All my own idea, you see.
Miss Peppery—Oh! that's different. You'll find it wasn't really an idea.

Doing His Share.
Shea (between sips)—Fellow don't see you a bargain day, Mollie, an' march down here, it's in the house!
Sullivan (promoter's slave)—March down, is it? Begorra it is! Do much more march down Ollie be in the porchouse. That makes two stivinty-five you owe me.—Town Topics.

O. Van's No Thought of Her.
Mother—Tommy, have you eaten all our sweets without even thinking of sister?
Tommy—O, no ma'am. I was thinking of her the whole time. I was afraid she'd come before I had finished them.—Stray Stories.

Uninterested.
"Over there, ladies and gentlemen," said the guide to the party of "Personally Conducted," "are the famous mud baths."
"Don't interest me!" said the gentleman from the United States, indifferently. "I've run for office too many times at home."—Pack.

Simple and Natural Explanation.
Mrs. Newstead—Oh, Henry, what's the matter with you? Are you sick?
Mr. Newstead—Just a thir's triflin' m' dear. You see, barber put bay rum on my (his) mustache, an' it itched my skin.

An Explained.
Judge—"Were you ever in prison?"
Witness—"Well, not exactly; still I'm now serving a life sentence."
Judge—"Why, how's that?"
Witness—"I'm married."

His Belief.
"Ernest," said the somewhat jocular young man, "they tell me that you believe in ghosts."
"No, sah," answered Mr. Pinkley; "I don't believe in 'em. Leastways, not in my own way."

Proof Positive.
Smith—"But are you sure he is honest?"
Jones—"Of course I am. I loaned him a \$10 umbrella once and he returned it the next day."

Hard Work.
"Back from your vacation, eh? I suppose you'll find your work harder than ever now."
"That's what!" replied the clerk. "I've got to dance to correspond with."

Hobby of the Spillinders.
Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is an octopus?"
Pa—"An octopus, my son, is a monster found chiefly in political speeches."

Too Much Work to Do.
Village postmaster—We ought to have another clerk here.
Inspector—More than she can do, eh?
Village postmaster—Yes; why, sometimes she don't get through reading all the postcards before 10 o'clock at night.—Tit-Bits.

Never Touched Him.
"If you open your mouth," hissed the burglar, "you are a dead man."
"Huh!" rejoined the ex-candidate as he blinked at the dark lantern, "I've been a dead one ever since the election."

Declared His Intentions.
Mrs. Rusher—Has Mr. Goldstein, with whom you have been dancing all the evening at last declared his intentions, Mabel?
Mabel—Yes, aunt.
Mrs. Rusher—I am so glad! And what did he say?
Mabel—He declared he would never marry.—Stray Stories.

Easily Explained.
"How do you account for the fact," asked the doctor, "as shown by actual investigation, that thirty-two out of every hundred criminals in the country are left-handed?"
"That's easily accounted for," said the professor. "The other sixty-eight are right-handed."—Tit-Bits.

Saving at the Spigot.
Mrs. Grimes—Yes, the electric lights are awfully nice, but they must cost you lots.
Mrs. Grant—Of course, they do cost a good deal; but then, you know, a bunch of matches lasts so much longer.—Boston Transcript.

His Suspicion.
"Bliggins says he is an independent voter."
"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "I suppose that means that he hasn't been able to persuade anybody in either party to promise him an office."—Washington Star.

Worst Part of It at Home.
Neighbor—How long did you stay at the club yesterday, Jones?
Jones—Oh, the best part of the evening.
Mrs. Jones—Why, John, you came home in half an hour!
Jones—Well!

Cause and Effect.
Mrs. Hix—"I got my husband to admit that he was a fool today."
Mrs. Dix—"How did you manage it?"
Mrs. Hix—"I showed him some of the letters he wrote me during our courtship."

Too Much Practice.
The Adipose Lady—The human fly seems to be out of sorts today.
The Circassian Girl—No wonder; he told me the twins were indisposed last night and he had to walk the bucking with them for four hours.—Pack.

Easy Escape from Dilemma.
In the days when Mark Twain was off as of late years. One morning the mail brought a bill from his tailor, not an unusual occurrence. The boy who went through the mail called the future humorist's attention to it. "And," added the boy, "he has written on the back that he wants a settlement at once." "You know what to do with such copy without asking," said Mr. Twain. "Inclose it with the regular printed slip stating that all manuscript written on both sides of the paper is unavailable."

Disapproval of Games of Chance.
Archbishop Farley of New York has notified the priests of his diocese that he intends to enforce the rule which makes it incumbent on the priests to seek the permission of their bishop before holding fair and such parties for the benefit of the church. It was said at the cathedral that church eucres and fairs had not been forbidden, but that the authorities disapproved of them and only gave permission in cases where their value is clearly recognized and where they are hedged about with proper precautions.

Oregon's Junior Senator.
Charles W. Fulton, junior senator from Oregon, had been eminent both as a lawyer and legislator in his state for a long while prior to his election as successor to Mr. Simon. Senator Fulton is a man of fine appearance, in the prime of life, and would impress even the casual observer as the possessor of high intellectual qualities and strength of character. He was born in Ohio, in the town of Lima, something like half a century ago, and passed his boyhood days in Iowa.

Archbishop Collects Sermons.
The archbishop of Canterbury has made a collection from the sermons and speeches which he delivered during his American tour and the volume will be published under the title "The Christian Opportunity."

Smiths Out for Office.
Three citizens of Wilkesbarre, Pa., have announced themselves as candidates for mayor. They are: George Smith, Marcus Smith and Oscar Smith, neither being related to either of the other two.

Japanese Call to Arms.
When a Japanese on the Pacific coast receives a cablegram containing the one word "Hoshukara," he packs up and starts for Japan at once, to take his place in the ranks.

"NIGHT AND DAY BANK"

Oakleigh Thorne, President of New Unique Institution.
Oakleigh Thorne, who is to be president of the "night and day bank," at New York, is president of the North American Trust company, and an officer of the United States Bank.

Violated Law in Making Loans to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick.
C. T. Beckwith, president of the Citizens' National bank of Oberlin, Ohio, was arrested, together with his cashier, for a violation of the national banking laws in the loans made to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick.

Democratic Railroad President.
President George F. Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad is one of the most democratic railroad presidents in the country. There is no place with him. His tastes are far too simple to require the adjunct of attendants to dance at his beck and call. Nor is he given to dispatching messengers with mandatory requests to report at his office. Those whose business calls them to the Reading terminal in Philadelphia have time and again seen Mr. Baer passing from his own to the offices of other officials minus a coat. His recreation is confined very largely to an occasional day spent on his farm, near Reading.

Panel Edict Against Duelling.
The Pope is about to publish an encyclical against duelling. In denouncing a practice which he characterizes as a "stupid anachronism" and a relic of the "barbarism of the middle ages," his holiness is as much actuated by civil as religious motives. The laws of the present day he considers do not sufficiently protect the individual's honor, and he is in hopes of setting on foot an energetic legislative movement which may have practical results to that effect. Pius X holds that the law should step in and oblige those who insult others to prove the truth of their assertion or pay a severe penalty.

Trustful Vesuvius Too Much.
When the first writer began to mention Vesuvius they spoke of the lava character of the soil around the volcano and of the "many signs that it had been burned in ancient times." But there is no recorded disturbance of the crater earlier than Christian times. In A. D. 79 came the historic bursting of the mountain and the overwhelming of Herculaneum and Pompeii. At that time it was not suspected that Vesuvius would do such an unheard-of thing. Gardens and vineyards ran up to the very top of the volcano and villages and private villas were scattered about the slopes and base.

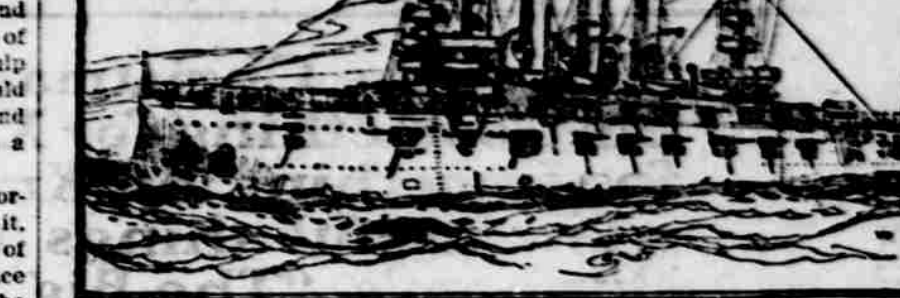
Had Poor Opinion of Author.
F. Marion Crawford, famous as author and traveler, was at a dinner in New York a few evenings ago, and was presented by the host as "Mr. Crawford" to a smartly dressed young woman who did not suspect his identity. They chatted for half an hour, and later the host asked the lady what she thought of his friend Crawford. "Oh, so," she replied. "He's handsome and lazy and conceited, you know, and all that, but he strikes me as being quite shallow and sadly lacking in knowledge of the world."

Travel and Education.
Recently printed extracts from the diary of Adolf Pichler show that that Tyrolean poet did not indorse the popular notion that traveling has an educational value. Most tourists are, in his opinion, guided chiefly by the desire to get good things to eat in the hotels and to flirt with the foreign girls, and in the end they are surprised to find themselves as much bored as at home. He commends the sincerity of a party of Bavarians who played cards on top of a high peak to pass away the time.

Teeth Made of Paper.
Germany can boast of being the pioneer in a dental novelty—viz., paper teeth, which are constructed from paper pulp instead of from the porcelain or other material usually employed. They are said to have given satisfaction to such as have ventured on their use, for not only do they keep their color well, but, not being brittle, are much less liable to chip than the ordinary false teeth. They are likewise guaranteed to be very durable.

Youngest English Statesman.
The youngest member of the House of Commons is Viscount Tyrnour, who has just been elected to represent one of the Sussex divisions. He was 21 years old last April, is a Conservative, and his family has long had association with the district where he has won his parliamentary spurs.

ARMORED CRUISER TENNESSEE LAUNCHED AT PHILADELPHIA



The armored cruiser Tennessee was launched Dec. 3, at the yards of William Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia. The christening party included Gov. Frazier of Tennessee, and his staff, Mrs. Frazier and their daughter, Annie Keith Frazier, who was sponsor for the ship.

Up to almost the moment when the big warship started down the ways, a drizzle of sleet and rain fell continuously, but during the actual launching the sun shone through the clouds, the sky again becoming overcast shortly after the ship took the water.

Miss Frazier carried a huge bouquet of American Beauty roses to which was attached a bottle of champagne, and as the vessel was about to take its initial dip she struck the prow two resounding blows, at the same time pronouncing the baptismal words in a clear voice.

Immediately after the launch luncheon was served in the month left. The Tennessee was completed five months ahead of the contract time.

Does Away with Spectacles.
English Physician Has New Treatment for Failing Sight.
Optimists believe that Dr. Stephen Smith, surgeon of the eye department of Battersea Park hospital, Notting ham, England, has discovered a new treatment of the eye which will practically abolish spectacles. It is styled "manipulation of the eye" and is gentle and gradual, occupying a few minutes daily, causing no pain and having no injurious effect of any sort. Some cases are cured in a week, and in all cases improvement is rapid.

To Learn American Methods.
Following the custom of the house of Rothschild of sending its young men abroad to familiarize themselves with business methods and suggestions from a friend in the country to the Vienna branch of the family of financiers have arrived in this country. They are Baron Alphonse and Baron Louis De Rothschild, son of Baron Albert De Rothschild, of Vienna. Baron Alphonse has come to study American business methods and during his stay he will complete his education in finance under the direction of August Belmont in the New York banking house of August Belmont & Co. This is said to be the first time that a member of the Rothschild family has been sent to this country to perfect himself in financing.

Governor's Head Not Swelled.
B. B. Brooks, just elected governor of Wyoming, is a big ranch owner and a great lover of outdoor sports. In reply to a letter of congratulations from a friend he says: "If I could hire some decent fellow to take this governorship job off my hands for a couple of years I would do it. Confidently, I don't think I ever wanted the job, but some people thought I couldn't get it and I thought I could. When the friends and neighbors get thick I will telegraph you and we will sneak off to the ranch and go back into the mountains, put up a tent and I will smoke a corncob pipe again, fry the grouse and make the biscuit and we will lay around and laugh at the world as we used to do."

Master of "Hot Air."
Frank Russell, secretary of the St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Mo., received a letter recently from a young man who wanted a pass. Before requesting the pass, however, the young man wrote about a page of "hot air" about Mr. Russell, "his good work" and "his bright future." In answering the note the railroad man said: "Dear Sir: I wish you would give me the address of the man who built your furnace. We have been thinking of burning our right of way between St. Joseph and Kansas City this winter and I believe the man who furnished your hot air machine could do the work nicely. Inclosed find the pass. You earned it."

Woman and the Divorce Court.
The current discussion of divorce and the need of national legislation is the subject recalls Susan B. Anthony's remark, made several years ago, "The divorce court," said she, "is to the American woman what Canada was to the fugitive slave in years gone by."

Marriage Goes with Office.
President Dillon of the North Missouri Press association accepted the presidency of that organization with the understanding that he would get married before his term ends.