

**COROT'S RUSTIC HABITS.**

*How the Artist Came to Live the Life of a Peasant.*

Corot's father was a little, dry, thin old man, whose correct appearance, precise gestures and short speech were in singular contrast to the geniality and jovial ways of Camille. He was the typical business man. He wished his son to go into business and apprenticed him to a wholesale cloth merchant. Camille, who dreamed only of painting, conceived a violent aversion to commerce and seized every opportunity to escape from the shop and go up to his room to copy drawings. His employer was very dissatisfied with him and complained to his father, who reprimanded him severely. At last one day the young man did not go to business and told his father that he must follow his vocation, even if it brought him misery. Seeing that nothing could alter this decision, "Very well," the father answered, "I will give you 1,200 francs annually—not a centime more—and you will make the best you can of it."

Camille leaped for joy. He immediately made preparations for departure, left home and installed himself in the little hamlet of Morvan, at a farmer's whose numerous family was crowded into the only room, which was the forge. Corot there contracted the habits of the peasant, which he retained ever after. He had no needs, lived only for his art and found complete happiness in it.

For a long time Corot remained at the farm, satisfied with the coarse food, happy in his liberty and feeling rich with his modest allowance. Endowed with robust health and being jovial by nature, he always sang while he worked, and his gaiety never deserted him.

At his father's death Corot found himself possessed of a revenue of 40,000 francs, but this opulence did not change his rustic habits. He continued his simple and laborious life. Always up before dawn, he put on the peasant's clothes that he wore all his life, ate his soup, lit his pipe and with his box in his hand and his easel on his shoulder started for his work, his sonorous voice ringing out joyously.—G. Chardin in Putnam's Monthly.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**

Do something for somebody, and do it now.  
Thinking well doesn't count unless you act well.  
Don't follow in the footsteps of your competitors. Set the pace.  
Life is not worth living unless you live for the good you can do.

There are times when an ounce of ingenuity discounts a ton of energy.  
The more sunshine there is in some men's lives the less they make.

No man ever got a pain in his back from carrying his neighbor's burden.  
Many of our anticipated pleasures are anything but pleasures after we get them.

Some men are able to bear misfortunes and some others have sense enough to avoid them.  
Only a mother can distinguish between the mischiefousness of her boy and the badness of the boy next door.—Chicago News.

**Kean's Love Drama.**

There was little that was romantic in the first meeting of Kean, the great tragedian, and the woman who was to bear his name. It was on the stage of the Cheltenham theater that Charles Kean and Miss Chambers, a pretty young actress, first saw each other. "Who is that shabby little man with the brilliant eyes?" Miss Chambers asked in the hearing of the king of the stage. "And who," Kean retorted by asking aloud, "is that odd little woman?" From this singularly inauspicious opening Kean's love drama proceeded so swiftly that before a month had gone the curtain was rung down at the altar.

**The Huns.**

The first mention of the Huns in history is in China, B. C. 210. They conquered that country and were afterwards driven out by the Celestials and marched clear across Asia, penetrating the country now known as Hungary in 376 A. D. For a time they threatened to overrun the whole of the continent, but were defeated in the heart of France and driven back to the banks of the Danube.

**Sincerity.**

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away, but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has possession of him.—James Russell Lowell.

**She'd Keep It.**

"But can you keep house?" he asked doubtfully, for he was, above all things, a practical man.  
"If you get a house and put it in my name," she replied promptly, "I'll keep it all right enough."  
Matters being thus satisfactorily settled, their engagement was announced.—Judge.

**Good Reason.**

Traveler (to valet)—That's a rather large statue, Pat. Pat—Yes, sor. They tell me the hand is eleven inches wide. Traveler—I wonder why they didn't make it twelve inches? Pat—Because they didn't want to make it into a foot.—London Mail.

**Just the One For Him.**

Hopwell—I proposed to a girl last night and was rejected. Powell—You ought to try her again. A girl as sensible as that would make you a good wife.—New York Press.

**CHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS**  
DIAMOND BRAND  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for CHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS, the only medicine for the cure of the female system. It is a safe, reliable, and effective remedy for all the ailments of the female system. It is a household name and is known in every part of the world. It is a sure cure for all the ailments of the female system. It is a household name and is known in every part of the world. It is a sure cure for all the ailments of the female system.

**CURIOUS OATHS.**

*Odd Ways of Swearing to the Truth of One's Statements.*

When a Chinaman swears to tell the truth he kneels down, and a china saucer is given to him. The following oath is then administered: "You shall tell the truth and the whole truth. The saucer is cracked, and if you do not tell the truth your soul will be cracked like the saucer," when he breaks the saucer. Other symbolic variations of the Chinese oath are the extinguishing of a candle or cutting off of a cock's head, the light of the candle representing the witness' soul and the fate of the cock symbolizing the fate of a perjurer.

In certain parts of India tigers' or leopards' skins take the place of the Bible of Christian countries, and the penalty of breaking the oath is that in one case the witness will become the prey of a tiger and in the other that his body will be covered with scales like a lizard.

In Norwegian courts of law the prelude to the oath proper is a long homily on the sanctity of the oath and the terrible consequences of not keeping it. When the witness is duly crushed by the sense of his fearful responsibility the oath is administered while he holds aloft his thumb and fore and middle fingers as an emblem of the trinity.

In an Italian court the witness, with his right hand resting on an open Bible, declares, "I will swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." The Mohammedan takes the oath with his forehead reverently resting on the open Koran. He takes his "Bible" in his hand and, stooping low, as if in the presence of a higher power, slowly bows his head until it touches the book which to him is inspired.

In certain parts of Spain the witness when taking an oath crosses the thumb of one hand over the forefinger of the other and, kissing this symbolic, if primitive, cross, says, "By this cross I swear to tell the truth."

**Could Not Quality.**

A well known Scotch horse cooper who was considered a respectable member of a congregation, was frequently present at the minister to allow himself to be nominated for the eldership. He always put the matter off with evasive answers, but at length the minister demanded the reason for his refusal. Thus driven into a corner the worthy replied: "Man, I wonder to hear you, Mr. McNab! Hoo can a man be an elder and sell a horse?"—Scottish American.

**Trees Shrink and Expand.**

Perhaps it is more interesting than strictly useful to know that the diameter of trees not only varies from summer to winter, but from day to day. They are larger from noon until twilight next morning than from twilight to noon; they are smaller in winter than in summer. Low temperatures, as well as high, promote expansion. The trees expand more from their branches in winter, and so the colder the weather the more they shrink.

**The Milky Way.**

A gentleman one day in talking to several farm laborers on astronomy thought he could give the farm hands a poser. "Can you," he said, "tell me what made the Milky Way?" The farm hands studied a minute, and then one of them said: "Yes, I think I can. It was the cow that jumped over the moon."

**Easily Found.**

The fact that America is a very big country never strikes one so forcibly as when he has traveled a couple of thousand miles westward, and still finds a young stranger of the British nobility who has never recently, accompanied by his inevitable valet, James.

They saw numerous seaboard cities, tarried for a time in Pittsburg, in Chicago, in St. Louis, and in Kansas City, and then struck out into the great West. Somewhere near the edge of Colorado the train was delayed at a small station and the passengers got out to stretch their legs, among them his lordship and James, who seemed in a brown study.

"What's the matter?" asked his master.  
"I wasn't thinkin', my lord," said James, "that Columbus didn't do such a bloomin' big thing when 'e discovered this 'ere country, hafter half's said and done. 'ow could 'e 'elp it?"

**Pointed Paragraphs.**

It is impossible for a woman to preserve a secret so it will keep.

The lazy man would rather sit down and hope than go after a certainty.

It is better to have loved and lost than to be the victim of a breach-of-promise suit.

A man usually gets the last word in an argument with his wife because she gives it to him.

The good Samaritan didn't wait to be introduced to the man who had fallen among the thieves.

If the kitchen fire could be lighted by spontaneous combustion, there might be fewer domestic quarrels.

**Jealousy to "the Limit."**

A young man was very jealous of a girl he adored. She was a bit more coquetish than other girls. "Your eyes can flirt in all directions," he said one day, and cut them out. "You might wave your hands to somebody," and he cut them off. "With your feet you can make signs to some one under the table," and he cut those off. "I forgot that you can also speak," he remarked three days later, and tore her tongue out. "You shouldn't smile," he said, and knocked her teeth out. "So, I am a bit quieter now," he remarked the day after he had cut her hair off, and for the first time he was going to trust her to herself. "Now she is ugly, but still I feel she is quite my own," he said on leaving her. But when he returned the girl had disappeared. She had run away with the proprietor of a show.—From "Tables of Euphemism."

**Sliding Scale of Relationship.**

Mrs. Nabors—Is your aunt on your mother's or your father's side, Johnny?  
Johnny—Oh, sometimes on one side and sometimes on the other. Depends on who's getting the best of it.—Galveston News.

**GRAY'S**

**Special Bargains for FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, JAN. 25, 26 and 28.**

**Remnants at half price.**

**Remnants in Dress Goods, Silk, Linen Lace Curtains, Lawns, Etc., at JUST HALF PRICE.**

**Specials in Embroideries.**

4,000 yards of loom\*end embroideries consisting of edges, bands, insertions, from 5 to 20 in. wide, will be put on sale for these three days only at a special price of.....10c

**Big Values in Furs.**

\$1.00 fur scarf at.....59c  
1.25 fur scarf at.....75c  
1.50 fur scarf at.....98c  
2.00 fur scarf at.....\$ 1.35  
3.00 fur scarf at.....1.95  
4.00 fur scarf at.....2.98  
5.00 fur scarf at.....3.75  
7.50 fur scarf at.....5.75  
10.00 fur scarf at.....7.50  
15.00 fur scarf at.....11.00  
20.00 fur scarf at.....13.50  
25 per cent discount on fur coats.

**Black Taffets.**

36 in. black taffets, worth \$1.15, for 3 days only.....89c

**Special in Hose.**

One lot of childrens hose worth up to 25c, for 3 days only.....15c

**Table Damask.**

72 in. bleached table damask worth 65c, only.....45c

**Ladies Underwear.**

15 doz. ladies Jersey ribbed underwear, to close out, only.....19c

**Special in Beige.**

12 pieces of beautiful Beige, they look like wool, only.....9c

**Rugs.**

50 rugs made from samples and remnants of velvet, exminister and brussels, worth up to \$1.85, for 3 days only.....\$1.00

**Long Cloth.**

200 yds. of English long cloth in short lengths, worth 25c, only...12c

**White Madras.**

36 in. white madras worth 25c, 3 days only.....12c  
400 yds. of 10c outing flannel at.....5c

20 yds. of cotton broadcloth, worth 25c, only.....15c  
One lot of ladies union suits only.....49c  
4 pieces of fancy mohair, regular price \$1.25, only.....69c  
10 pieces of fancy dress goods, worth 40 to 50c, only.....25c  
10 pieces of wool challies, worth 40c, only.....25c  
25 pillow tops, only.....10c  
One lot of fancy hdkf. worth 15c, at.....9c  
One lot of corsets, worth 75c and \$1.00, to close out, only.....39c  
One lot of lace curtains at half price.....  
One lot of glassware, worth up to 25c, only.....10c  
One lot of wrappers, worth up to \$1.50, to close out, only.....79c  
One lot of milk pitchers only.....39c  
Special prices on outing flannel gowns. Special prices on blankets for 3 days only. 25 per cent discount on fancy shawls and squares for 3 days. Big reductions on ladies' cloaks and suits

**Domino Columbian Guaranteed Enamelware.**

The biggest assortment, the biggest pieces, the biggest bargains ever placed on sale in Graniteville. Your choice for.....25c  
It will all go quick at this price.

**New York Buckwheat.**

The pure unadulterated article. Our customers that came from New York know good buckwheat and they are buying their buckwheat here. Ten pounds for.....45c  
New England Self Raising.....per pkg. 15c, two for 25c  
If you do not use buckwheat try the Puritan Pancake Flour, the best pancake flour and a Nebraska product.....Two lb pkg. 10c, six lb bag 25c

**Monarch Maple Syrup.**

Here is a strong assertion. You can buy 1 gal. Monarch Maple Syrup and mix it with 1 gal. syrup made from granulated or brown sugar and you will have as good an article as sold in Columbus under any other brand. If Monarch was not pure maple it would not stand for this.

**Toilet Soaps.**

Four cakes nice toilet soap.....10c  
Fancy perfumed toilet soap.....5c per cake, 6 for 25c  
Four cakes Duck soap, same as Ivory, for.....10c

**Supervisors Proceedings.**

The following was submitted:  
To the Hon. Board of Supervisors, Graniteville, Va., your committee appointed to make settlement with the county judge, would report that after making a careful examination of the records of the office of John Ratterman, County Judge, we find the following fees earned from the 3rd day of January 1908 to the 31st day of January 1907, to wit: Probate fees in estates.....\$151 00  
Civil and criminal cases.....179 00  
Marriage licenses issued.....286 50  
Total receipts.....\$616 50  
As the County Judge is allowed by statute the sum of \$100, we find that there is a balance in his favor of \$516 50 to be turned over to the county as excess fees earned during said year, for which amount county treasurer's receipt is attached.

As to an item of \$84.00 for performing marriage ceremonies, the county judge claims and has retained said amount under the claim that said amount are not fees to be accounted for and turned in to the county, and on the 21st day of January he called on the clerk to make a certain case from Douglas county now pending in said court, your committee recommends that the item of \$84.00 be deferred to abide the decision of said court, upon condition however, that the County Judge deposit said sum in bank, to abide the decision of the court in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Goetz, J. Committee  
John Swanson, J. Committee

On motion of Supervisor Priest, same was adopted.  
The following bills on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges were on motion allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment thereof on the County Road Fund:  
Jeppe Sorenson, act Woodville twp., \$ 12 50  
Walrath & Sherwood Lbr Co, act Eberman twp.....180 00  
Schmaeke Bros act Walker twp.....14 00  
J. E. Schneider Fowler Co, same.....47 25  
Andrew Tomlinson, same.....4 20  
Belle & Waldner, same.....2 65  
The bill of Nye Schneider Fowler Co, \$37.45 was on recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges referred to the town board of Walker township for payment.

**For which amount county treasurer's receipt is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,  
J. E. Schure, J. Committee  
Louis Field, J. Committee

On motion of Supervisor Goetz same was adopted.  
The following bills on recommendation of the committee on claims were on motion allowed by the board and the clerk directed to issue warrants in payment of same on the County General Fund:  
John Swanson, Sup. services as supervisor.....\$14 00  
John Goetz, same, same.....34 00  
J. F. Schure, same, same.....30 00  
A. E. Priest, same, same.....47 90  
Louis Field, same, same.....21 00  
Wm J Newman, same, same.....27 50  
N. E. Cloutier, same, same.....22 50  
A. E. Priest, same, same.....15 00  
Louis Field, salary as purchasing agent.....25 00  
On motion of Supervisor Newman, same was adopted unanimously.

**HARD AND SOFT COAL—ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY. P. D. SMITH LUMBER CO.**  
Farms for Sale.  
Improved farms for sale, Platte and Boone counties.—First National Bank

**Are Property.**  
We have 100 acres of choice land one-half mile from city limits for sale in 10 acre tracts.  
Elliott, Spies & Co.  
Coal  
We have the following Coals now on hand: Bock Spring Lump and Nut and Slack, Colorado Lump and Nut, Keary Lump, Trenton Lump, Weir Nut, Semi Anthracite Furnace Coal, Hard Coal both sizes, Best Pennsylvania.  
NEWMAN & WELCH  
Lawrence McTaggart, who has been a motorman in Omaha for some time, has resigned his position, and returned home Saturday evening.

**POETS AND THUNDER.**

A Description by Byron and a Comment on it by Scott.  
Byron in the third canto of "Childe Harold" describes a thunderstorm in Switzerland which occurred at midnight on June 13, 1816. He notices the awful stillness which precedes it: All heaven and earth are still, though not in sleep. But breatheless, until From peak to peak, the rattling crags among Leaps the free thunder! Not from one lone cloud. But every mountain now hath found Its tongue And Jura answers, through her misty shroud, Back to the Joyous Alps, who call to her aloud!  
The description is too long to quote, and, indeed, too well known, but Sir Walter Scott's criticism on it may not be so well known. He says: "This is one of the most beautiful passages of the poem. The 'terce and dark delight' of a thunderstorm is here described in verse almost as vivid as its lightning. The live thunder 'leaping among the rattling crags,' the voice of mountains, as if shouting to each other, the plashing of the big rain, the gleaming of the wide lake, lighted like a phosphoric sea, present a picture of sublime terror, yet of enjoyment, often attempted, but never so well, certainly never better, brought out in poetry." Notes and Queries

**Looking One in the Eye.**  
There is a venerable specimen of proverbial philosophy which says that the man who cannot look you in the face is dishonest. No other saying has received greater currency. It strikes the popular mind with axiomatic force, and yet it is not a reliable test of character. Every confidence man who succeeds in his calling has the steady gaze of the immaculate person. No person who is skilled in the fine art of deception fails to take an obvious precaution to impress his dupes. On the other hand, many persons of unquestionable integrity are "put out of countenance" by mere shyness. So morbidly was this trait developed in the case of Hawthorne, in his earlier years at least, that he would go out of his way to avoid meeting those who desired to converse with him. It would be impossible for such a man to cash a forged check, to borrow money from a bank on bogus collateral.  
The great remark can face the world without shrinking.—New York World.

Kitchens in the Tropics.  
The kitchens in tropical countries such as are to be found in our Spanish American lands, are like cells from the thickness of the stone walls—often two or three feet deep—and the projecting overhanging veranda, which gives a grateful shade and which looks out on a court. The cell resemblance is enhanced by the iron bars at the windows and the heavy double doors, which look as if they could resist a siege. The walls are whitewashed, and the floors are of tiles. The dining room is often separated from this room by a long staircase. Outside the kitchen in the court will stand table and chairs to supplement the scant furniture of the small, hot apartment with a furnace like fire.

**THE APPOINTING POWER.**

A Story of President Grant and an Obstinate Subordinate.  
General Grant's generosity to his foes, his many private and official kindnesses to the widows and orphans of Confederate soldiers, is an old tale, but it bears repetition in the form of an incident which Helen D. Longstreet gives in "Lee and Longstreet at High Tide."  
The widow of a Confederate officer applied to the postoffice department to be appointed postmistress in a small southern town. As she heard nothing of her application, she went to Washington to press it. She was unable to move the authorities at the postoffice department and was about to go home in despair when a friend suggested that it might be worth while for her to see the president.  
With much effort she summoned courage and appeared at the White House. The president received her in a most friendly manner and after hearing her story took her application and wrote a strong but brief indorsement on the back of it. She hurried in triumph to the postoffice department.  
The official to whom she presented the application frowned and pondered over it for some time and then wrote under the president's indorsement, "This being a fourth class office, the president does not have the appointing power."  
The application was handed back to her, and she went away in deep distress and was again preparing to return home when another friend told her by all means to take the paper back to the president, so that he might see how his indorsement had been received. When the president read it he wrote under the last indorsement, "While the president does not have the appointing power in this office, he has the appointment of the postmaster general, and, summoning his secretary, President Grant directed him to accompany the lady to the department and in person deliver her application to the postmaster general."  
She received the commission before she left the office.

**Notice to Non-Resident.**  
Bran Brothers Company will take notice that on the 3d day of January, 1907, John Hatterman, County Judge of Platte county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$23.45 in an action pending before him, wherein John H. Kevanewich is plaintiff and Bran Brothers Company, a corporation, is defendant, that said sum of \$23.45 is due and owing to plaintiff from said defendant on account for shortage resulting from the sale of certain hours on or about the 15th day of September, 1906, by the said John H. Kevanewich plaintiff; that under and by virtue of said attachment proceedings, notice in general is hereby served upon one John Lutzjenshausen, John Loucheux, and the sum of \$20.00 guaranteed thereunder. You will further take notice that unless you appear and answer on or before the 15th day of February, 1907, at the hour of 3 p. m. of said day, judgment will be rendered against you as proposed for in the bill of particulars.  
John H. Kevanewich, Plaintiff.  
By C. E. Holbrook, his attorney.  
Dated Dec. 14, 1907.

**A SPIDER FIGHT.**

*It Was a Test and Furious Battle to the Death.*

I once had a spider pet of a kind the books enabled me to identify. He was a fine big fellow. I caught him in the garden, carried him home, and for nearly two months he and I took a close interest in each other, he for the first I introduced to him and I for the amusement he introduced to me. I kept him in a milliner's box, letting him out when I visited him, especially delighting myself with allowing him to drop from one hand by his fine spun thread and then either catching him in the other or gently compelling him to climb back again by apparently eating his own ladder.  
One day I captured another spider of the same species. I kept him for a few days in a separate box, and then, with the kindly idea of companionship, I introduced him to Tiger. I have seen chase fight; I have seen character fight and stay his man; I have seen rams fight till, with his skull crushed in, one lay dead at the foot of the other; I have seen men fight; but the fullest scene I ever realized of mad, murderous passion let ungenerously loose, centered in one destroying aim and summoning every physical energy to its devilish service, I realized when those two spiders rushed to mortal combat. I stood in disbelief at their tangle legs dropped off, torn by mutual rage; and as with vicious dexterity they struck each other with their poisoned fangs, using for their own destruction the weapons and appliances with which nature has provided them for the capture and slaughter of their prey, I visibly turned pale.  
Tiger was the victor, but even while with brutal wrath, all mangled as he was, he bit and spurned his dead and limbless foe he was seized with symptoms I took to be paralytic, and in a minute or two I carried him to his death. And this fearless gladiator was afraid of I remember, and never would tackle a big bluebottle fly. What is courage?—Dundee Advertiser.

**Leaving Security.**  
Johann Siberlich is by nature suspicious; but, says the Albany Journal, he appreciates a reasonable proposition. A traveling butcher came his way one day and bargained with him for eight head of fine cattle. The price being satisfactory, the butcher felt in his pocket and found he had not brought his wallet.  
"I have not the money with me," he said, "but I will drive the cattle to town and send the money back to you."  
"No!" said Johann emphatically. "That goes no good. You should bring the money first."  
"Well, I tell you what I'll do," said the butcher frankly. "I'll drive only six of them in, and I'll have the other two as security for the debt."  
Johann studied a moment and then his face lighted.  
"All right," he said. "Dot is chum so good. Ven you leave dose two you haf bought den it is sure you come back and pays me."

**Beards.**  
A. Brandt, in his writings on the human beard, proffers an opinion directly opposing that of Darwin that the beard is a hereditary remnant of animal growth. According to Brandt, it is an acquisition, so that even the occasional beard of women has a prophetic significance, for as man has overtaken woman in his whole organization so it is the case also with reference to the beard. And now 10 per cent of them show a stronger growth. The woman of the distant future would then likewise be adorned with a beard.—Die Umschau.

**Ten Thousand Telegrams at Once.**  
In 1871 at a celebration held in New York in honor of Professor Morse the original instrument invented by him was exhibited, connected at that moment by wire with every one of the 10,000 instruments then in use in the country. At a signal a message from the inventor was sent vibrating throughout the United States and was read at the same time in every city from New York to New Orleans and San Francisco.

**Useless Ideas.**  
"Johnny, dear," called Mrs. Ferguson from the door of the stairway, "it's 6 o'clock. Time for you to get up."  
"All right, maw," answered Johnny. Then he curled himself up for another nap.  
"Talk about your useless notions!" he muttered sleepily.—Chicago Tribune.

**Was Late.**  
Miss Ascum—Miss Rose tells me she is only twenty-three. Doesn't that seem strange to you? Miss Wise—Yes; very strange. It would seem to indicate that she wasn't born until her tenth birthday or so.—Exchange.

**Justice pleases few in their own house.—Herbert.**  
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Second Lady—I've noticed that my husband gets off an occasional bright thing.—Lita.

**Training moon.**  
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**The Lightning Cure.**  
"Here's a story of a man who was cured of rheumatism by being struck by lightning."  
"It's risk de rheumatism every time," said Brother Dickey. "I don't want no factor what's as quick or dat!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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