

Stringing Gold Beads.
 "We used to string gold beads on a slender gold chain," said the jeweler, "but now we don't unless ordered. The gold used in the chain is harder than that of which the beads are made, and so the chain wears the beads in their perforations and channels out little worn places at the ends of the perforations in the circumference of the beads and so makes them less perfect. And, however slender the chain may be, beads strung on a chain do not fall and lie in curves always smooth and graceful. So now usually we string gold beads on a silk cord, a material of perfect smoothness, flexibility and adaptability; on a silk cord the string of beads falls gracefully. To be sure, the silk wears out sooner than a gold chain would do, and if strung on silk the beads should be restrung once or twice a year, according to how much they are worn, but for stringing gold beads a silk cord seems to answer the purpose most perfectly."—New York Sun.

A Paradise For "Old Women."
 Talk of growing old at sixty and one recalls a society in which to acquire age was to acquire recognition and social happiness. Lady Mary Montagu discovered this haven for the elderly among the Viennese nobility of the early eighteenth century. "I can assure you," she wrote home to Lady Rich in 1716, "that wrinkles or a small stoop in the shoulders—nay, gray hair itself—is no objection to making new conquests. * * * A woman till five and thirty is only looked upon as a raw girl and can possibly make no noise in the world till about forty. I don't know what your ladyship may think about the matter, but 'tis a considerable comfort to me to know there is upon earth such a paradise for old women, and I am content to be insignificant at present in the design of returning when I am fit to appear nowhere else."

High Winds and Skyscrapers.
 Speaking of the effect of high winds upon the skyscrapers, the superintendent of buildings in New York city said: "Observation has been made on several tall buildings from time to time as to the effect of wind. We find there is a slight movement to almost every building. In the case of some of the tallest this movement frequently amounts to as much as eight or ten inches horizontally, as shown by the plumb lines. However, there is no noticeable vibration, and whatever movement there is gradual and cannot be felt. This does not affect in any way the safety of the structure, as these buildings are designed to withstand the necessary effects of the wind as well as to support the weight of the building itself and its contents."

The Amateur Tailor.
 The university don is not always the helpless and unpractical person of popular caricature. There was, for example, the Mr. Goodhart of Trinity, who, we are told in "Highways and Byways in Cambridge," "was an object of special admiration to all who knew him. He was, in fact, a kind of Admiration Crichton; not only a man of great intellectual power (as fellows of Trinity must needs be, for these fellowships are the blue riband of the university), but excellent at all athletic pursuits and able to do successfully whatever thing he set his hand to. It is recorded that on one occasion a bet was laid that he could not make himself an entire suit of clothes and wear them for a month without their amateur origin being detected. Goodhart won."

Joss Sticks.
 The composition of the candles called joss sticks, which are used in all the religious ceremonies of Buddhism, for a long time remained a mystery, the preparation of the sticks being intrusted to certain persons chosen from a limited class. Not long ago, however, a French chemist learned the manner of making joss sticks in Indo-China. A stem of bamboo is rolled in a preparation containing fourteen different odoriferous drugs, two of which are significant as showing a knowledge of chemical and physical properties. These are acetic, which serves to protect the sticks against the attacks of rats and mice, and camphor, which causes them to burn steadily without being periodically extinguished.—New York Press.

Overprecocious.
 They are too precocious, these kids. We met a little fellow on the street the other morning and, seeing books under his arm, started conversation with: "Well, well—are you going to school now?" "Sure I am," sneered the infant. "Why wouldn't I? I'm over six." "And do you love your teacher?" "Gee, no! That old hen's too old for me!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Knew the Brand.
 "Is that a Landseer, Mr. Croesus?" asked the visitor, pausing before the painting.
 "No," replied the host; "reckon it is a Durham. See how broad it is between the horns, and see the color and curl on its forehead. That's a genuine Durham sure."—Exchange.

Different Now.
 "He seems to be quite a big man in politics now. I suppose he has got over his old habit of stooping for bribes."
 "Oh, yes. They hand them up to him now."—Puck.

Prize Undeserved is satire in grace.—Broughurst.

Why Have Neuralgie?
 (Mansfield Advertiser.)
 If you are bothered with neuralgia put a hole in a nutmeg, through which put a string and tie it about your neck and wear it continually. It may look silly to you, like dropping a dish-cloth for company, but it will do the work just the same. The writer has worn one for over a year and it has done the work for him as it will for you.

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The boys are Loring M. Hewen, seventeen year son of Prof. Shelby E. Hewen, Vice-President and general manager of a local business college, and John F. Kling, eighteen years, son of a pilot at Mayport.

Those who have seen the coins say they bear dates of more than a century ago.

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Will Holmes shot and killed Will Boatman at Timpon, Tex. Dec. 28th, because the latter refused to agree with him as to the meaning of a certain passage in the Bible. Both men were prominent citizens.

PREDICTS AN ARREST

W. J. Burns, Detective Again Asks Why Gompers is Silent.

The arrest of at least one prominent labor leader is expected soon after the result of the investigation by Detective William J. Burns of an explosion which a year ago partly wrecked a building being constructed by non-union labor at New Orleans.

Commenting on the attitude of Sam Gompers toward the current investigation of alleged dynamiting plots, Burns referred to Gompers' conference with labor leaders in Indianapolis soon after the McNamaras arrest.
 "Why doesn't he tell the people what took place at that conference?" asked Burns. "I have asked him the question repeatedly and he has refused to answer it. I say that organized labor should force him to reply so that suspicion would be removed from the rank and file of union men."

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