

Twinklings.
The Minister—Do you ever think of a higher life, Miss Emma?
Miss Emma—No papa is so much afraid of fire, we always take the first flat.—*N. Y. Herald.*
"Man," said Mr. Wickwire oracularly, "views woman as a being to be looked up to."
"Is that the reason he lets her stand up when he has a seat?"—*Indianapolis Journal.*
Young Man—So Miss Ella is your oldest sister? Who comes after her?
Young Brother—Nobody ain't come as yet; but pa says the first fellow that comes can have her.—*Tit-Bits.*
"Your wife is run down, that's all. I've prescribed Jamaica rum and honey. That'll bring her around."
"Jamaica rum and honey?" By Jove, doctor, I'm feeling sorter run down myself.—*P. and S. Co.'s Bulletin.*
"No," said the poet, "I do not waste much paper in composition. I write all my verses on a slate."
"Delightful," said Cynicus, "You can rub them right out, then, and so destroy all evidence of your weakness."
—Harper's Bazar.
Smith—You needn't tell me that dogs don't know as much as human beings. I took Ponto to church with me last Sunday.
Jones—Yes?
Smith—Well, sir, he slept all through the whole sermon.—*Life's Calendar.*
He—I am in great trouble. I kissed a girl the other night and now she won't speak to me.
She—Did you kiss her more than once?
He—O, no!
She—No wonder she is mad.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Congressmen Interviewed on Financial Subjects.
The World has interviewed nearly all the members of Congress by telegraph on the following questions:
1. Do you, with the present information, favor the repeal of the Sherman Silver law?
2. Do you favor the income tax?
3. Do you favor the repeal of the State bank tax?
The World in reporting their answers says:
Many of the answers deviate so far from plain "yes" and "no" and involve so many qualifications that no tabular statement would fairly represent the opinions they express. The important facts shown are that to the first question: Do you, with your present information, favor the repeal of the Sherman Silver law? There are eighty-six representatives who say practically "yes," while only eighteen say "no." Of the rest many who qualify their answer so strongly that they cannot fairly be placed in the affirmative column, show plainly that their inclinations are in favor of the repeal. The sentiment of the question seems to be overwhelming.
The World had already polled the Senate on the silver bill, and March 6, last printed a table showing that the body stood for repeal thirty-nine, against repeal twenty-eight, noncommittal sixteen. It will be noticed that several who were noncommittal there are now in favor of the repeal. There seems to be no doubt that nearly two-thirds of the Senate will vote that way.
The newer question of income tax develops an interesting situation. Many who speak freely as to the Sherman bill, evade or ignore this question, but 54 say squarely they favor it, 42 say that they do not. The Southern and Western Congressmen are the most numerous advocates of such a tax.
On the State bank tax question opinion is almost as one-sided as in regard to the Sherman bill. Many dodge it entirely, but sixty say positively against repealing the tax, while only thirty favor the repeal.

Suggestions.
Do not marry a pocket-book if you despise its owner.
One can have no greater enemy than a violent temper.
Vulgarity coupled with wealth is a nauseating mixture.
The only article you can take into another world is your character.
Don't wait until your friends die before you discover their good qualities.
Good health depends more upon peace of mind than upon powder and pills.
Wearing diamonds does not exempt one from being careful about one's verbs.
Stand upon your own foundation, your ancestry can neither raise nor lower your own personal character.
The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record says it is understood that Mr. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh, N. C., has been selected to fill the important position of public printer.

WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our regular correspondent.
While President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle believe that the Sherman silver law is responsible for the present unsettled financial status and that its repeal is absolutely necessary for the welfare and prosperity of the country, and that the failure of the extra session of Congress, to be held in September, to repeal it promptly will precipitate a general financial panic, they are not doing the slightest thing to force any Senator or Representative to vote for its repeal against his honest opinion, nor will they; but they do ask that every man, Congressman and private individual, shall study this question anew, not from the point of view of last year or the year before, but from the point of view of today, with all the attendant circumstances in the industrial business and financial world, believing that such intelligent study of the question cannot fail to result in a practically unanimous vote for its repeal as soon as the extra session of Congress gets together. The practical operation of the Sherman law has shown it to be a bad law; that's why the President and Secretary of the Treasury wish it repealed.
There is no truth in the sensational rumor sent out from Washington early this week, that the British ambassador had demanded of this Government reparation, pecuniary and by apology, for the arrest of an officer of the British steamer Nigretia at New Orleans last month. The arrest has been in a courteous note brought to the attention of the State Department and an investigation is now being made of the case. If the facts show that reparation is due it will be made promptly without any demand. The originator of the silly rumor must have been entirely ignorant of diplomatic methods.
It is evident to even the most careless observer that President Cleveland is a much better politician now than he was eight years ago. There is no denying the fact that Democrats have been a little nervous over the distribution of the New York Federal officers, owing to the threatening attitude which Tammany and anti-Tammany Democrats have occupied toward each other. It was feared that any positive recognition of either side by the administration would precipitate a faction fight in New York that would endanger, if it did not actually lose, the State. There is no longer any such fear. President Cleveland has proven by his selection of a postmaster for New York City that he knows how to select men who will be equally acceptable and satisfactory to Tammany and anti-Tammany Democrats. President Cleveland has been invited to speak at the July celebration by Tammany Hall, which shows how little truth there is in the newspaper talk about Tammany's not liking the President.
The much-talked-about new extradition treaty with Russia was officially promulgated this week and notice given by Presidential proclamation that it would go into effect on the 24th of the present month. About the only material difference between this and reciprocity treaties we have with other countries is that attempts against the life of the head of either government or members of his family are not classed as political offenses, but arranged extraditable crimes. According to the terms of the new treaty it may be terminated upon six months' notice by either government. Officials here do not expect that the working of the new treaty will bring about any of the calamities so freely predicted by those who are opposed to it.
Ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, who is the father-in-law of that high-flying young man, once known to the toadies of the Metropolis as "Prince Harrison," now plain Russell Harrison, in compliance with a request, has resigned his membership on the Utah Commission, and H. C. Lee, who was a prominent candidate for governor of the Territory, has been appointed in his place. This makes the Commission stand three Democrats and two Republicans, and, in view of expectation that the Territory will be admitted to Statehood at the coming session of Congress, it is not expected that any further charges will be made in the Commission.
Secretary Herbert, accompanied by a member of prominent officials and a few invited guests, will go over to Philadelphia tomorrow morning to witness the launching of the battleship Massachusetts.
Ever since the organization of the National banking system, one of its important laws has been construed in favor of the stockholders, but hereafter this law will be in favor of the depositors and other creditors of these banks. The law in question is that which provides for the levying of an assessment, up to 100 per cent of the face of stock held, on the stockholders of banks, to make good any losses. It

has been customary to wait until all the other assets of a broker bank had been realized on before making this assessment; hereafter it will be made as soon after a bank closes its doors as possible.
Much in Little.
Singing practice wards off consumption. Some of the stars move with a velocity of nearly 50 miles a second. No British sovereign has vetoed a Parliamentary bill during the past 185 years. It is said that 22,000 varieties of goods are now manufactured from wood. A patent has been granted for a device for tapering fingers and reducing joints. In Babylon it was proof of death to stand a corpse up in the sunlight and see if it would cast a shadow. In 1847 all London houses were compelled for the first time to be connected with sewers. The word "preface" used in the beginning of books was originally a word of welcome to a meal, and was equivalent to "Much good may it do you." Elongated ear lobes are considered a mark of beauty in Borneo. Girls with this feature reaching down to their elbows are not uncommon. We think we have some big churches in America, but few of them have a seating capacity of over 1,500 persons. Compared with the churches of Europe, ours are but mole-hills to mountains. St. Peter's, Rome, seats 54,900; Milan Cathedral, 37,000; St. Paul's, London, 31,000; St. Petronio, Bologna, 34,400; Florence Cathedral, 24,300; St. Sophia's, Constantinople, 23,000; St. John's Lutheran, 22,900; Notre Dame, Paris, 22,000; Pisa Cathedral, 13,000; St. Stephen's, Vienna, 12,400; St. Peter's, Bologna, 11,400; Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, 7,000; Dr. Hall's great church at Fifth Avenue, New York, 2,000.
Two fine horses, property of Mr. Louis Lynn, of Morganton, were killed by lightning Saturday.
Harry Hill, of Atlanta, the gentleman who belonged to "the best families" in Georgia, but whose good ancestry didn't keep him from being a forger to the tune of about \$20,000, was arrested in Chicago last week. It remains to be seen whether "best families" can keep him out of the penitentiary, where he deserves to go. We hope not, but it's doubtful.
The Alliance store at Morganton, which rejoiced in the name of Farmer's and Mechanics' Co-Operative Association, or some such high-sounding title, and of which Lieutenant Governor(?) R. A. Cobb, was manager, has gone to pieces and is in the hands of the sheriff.
At Middleboro, Ky., June 3rd, a primary election was held in the county by the Democratic party. Excitement ran high, and a fight at Pineville, the county seat, John Jones and Levi Hoskins were killed and two others fatally injured.
State elections in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Iowa, Virginia, Massachusetts and Missouri will take place in November. In several of these States a Governor will be voted for; in others subordinate State officials will be chosen; in still others Legislatures.

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