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Thomas E. Watson, publisher of Watson's Magazine and The Jefferson, after being tried three times for printing some quotations from Roman Catholic theological works, has been acquitted of sending obscene matter through the mail. The stuff which caused the indictment was shown to be parts of Romish theology and is obscene, if there is such a thing. We are at a loss to determine whether Watson has scored a success or failure. If he had been found guilty it would have put these books in a class where they belong and at the same time prevented further publication of such literature. The next step would have been to regulate Romish theological dogmas.

**TIMOTHY HAY ON EARLY SHOPPING**

By JOHN STOCKBRIDGE.  
 YOU can say for me," stated Timothy Hay, when seen this morning by a reporter, "that this do-your-Christmas-shopping-early stunt is all off with me now and forever, one and indivisible, world without end, amen."  
 "I started to do my Christmas shopping early," continued Timothy, giving his silver a disciplinary kick as it growled at a passing tarter, "but it was right on the start that I overtook, discovered and otherwise apprehended the *Shogun* in the woods."  
 "Christmas shopping, you are at liberty to quote me as saying in your valuable medium, is bunk if you add an 'early' to it."  
 "It was about Thanksgiving time, if I recollect rightly, that we were first admonished to do our Christmas shopping early. It struck me as the proper thing to do. I decided I'd do it."  
 "Naturally, the thought first came to me what to give myself for Christmas. I always hand myself some slight token of my esteem at the happy yuletide. It compensates for what other folks hand me. A little gift doesn't



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 Undivided profits, 2,226.28  
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 Deposits subject to check, 180.00  
 Savings deposits, 52,886.73  
 Due to Nat'l Banks, 1,122.11  
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**"I Decided on a Haircut for My Christmas Gift to Myself."**

have to cost very much to make a hit with me if I give it to myself with the proper spirit.  
 "It's the giving, rather than the receiving, of this gift that brings me the more pleasure, anyway.  
 "Well, gasoline has been going up pretty steadily lately—you notice I do not talk in dialect in spite of my rural name and predilections; if I talked in dialect I would say gas was goin' up purty stiddy—and, due to the increased cost of living expenses, I decided that it behooved me to economize.  
 "So I decided on a haircut for my Christmas gift to myself, and I decided to get it early on account of the poor, tired shopgirls who are wishing the store would close so they can crowd in a few more dances with the dashing young ribbon clerks three aisles over.  
 "Whereupon I got a haircut, a good, short one.  
 "The rest of the story is soon told. I got it cut again last night, and I had to wait for six customers ahead of me who were telling the barbers to shove 'em extra close so it would last over to Monday.  
 "That much for early Christmas shopping. I bought the junk for the folks after they'd locked the street doors last night and have just been making the rounds of the drug stores to pick up the odds and ends I've forgotten. No more Christmas shopping in mine. Giddap, Dobbin."  
 And with a peremptory cluck to his steed, Timothy Hay motored away in high dudgeon.—Denver Times.

**CHRISTMAS**

**C** for the Christ Child, so helpless, so sweet;  
**H** for the Holly we lay at His feet.  
**R** for the Riders three, seeking their lord;  
**I** for the Incense with which they adored.  
**S** for the Shepherd, who heard angels sing;  
**T** for their Triumph in finding the King.  
**M** for all men of peace and good will.  
**A** for the Angels, whose songs the cave fill.  
**S** for the Star which shone out on that night,  
 So radiant, so hopeful, so glorious, so bright.

**HOW PEN MAY HELP FORGER**

Habitually Used, It is Said to Become Imbued With the Spirit of a Signature.  
 "Did it ever occur to you," said a treasury official, "that a forger has half his work done when he can get hold of the identical pen with which the owner of the signature habitually writes? A great many men, company directors and the like, use the same pen for their names only, for a year or two without change.  
 "A pen that has been used by a man in writing his name hundreds of times, and never used for anything else, will almost write the name of itself. It gets imbued with the spirit of the signature. In the hands of a fairly good forger it will preserve the characteristics of the original. The reason for this is that the point of the pen has been ground down in a peculiar way, from being used always by the same hand and for the same combination of letters. It would splutter if held at a wrong angle or forced on lines against its will. It almost guides the sensitive hand of the forger when he attempts to write the name."

**REFUSED TO BE CONFINED**

**Honeysuckle Escaped From Formal Gardens and Parks to Bestow Its Fragrance on All.**

Years ago Japan sent to this country a vigorous green vine which won favor through its lavish display of fragrant white flowers in late spring. For a time the vine and flowers were kept within the bounds of gardens, lawns and parks. Then it ran away. Today you'll find it roaming along the roadside, climbing stumps and hedges. It needs no gardener, the Philadelphia North American says, for it can take care of itself. It is the honeysuckle.  
 The Japanese variety which ran away joined some of its American cousins, who are just as pretty and as fragrant. There's the coral honeysuckle, for example—a famous porch climber in the Southern states, with trumpet-shaped flowers, red outside and scarlet within. In England they have the woodbine—a cream-colored, fragrant relative of the honeysuckle.  
 Recently there came a new variety from China, where it was found on the tops of mountains 6,000 feet above the sea. Its foliage is almost evergreen, and the flowers are a reddish bronze. Another variety has red flowers, with yellow and buff markings.  
 There's no need to hunt for the honeysuckle. Its fragrance will announce it before you're near enough to see it.

**Cutting Bullet Out of the Heart.**

Dr. Maurice Beausseant, who had already extracted a piece of grenade from the right ventricle of a man's heart, told the French Academie des Sciences of a second similar operation performed with success.  
 A corporal wounded at Eparges had been treated for peritonitis and then had been operated on for appendicitis. He continued to suffer in various ways for more than a year, when a radioscope revealed the presence of a shrapnel ball, moving in time to the beatings of his heart. Supposing this to be in the pericardium or sac about the heart, Doctor Beausseant "went in," as the surgeons say, and saw that the ball was actually in the right ventricle, near the lower end.  
 The heart was drawn out; its wall was cut open between two loops of wire; the ball was removed and the heart was sewn up again. Six months later the heart had healed so perfectly that there was not a sign of irregularity about its pulsations.

**Old, but New to Someone.**

A farmer of Madison once went to town to buy a horse and on meeting a ranchman said: "Do you know where I can buy a good horse?"  
 "I have a horse I'll sell for \$38.56 cash, sir," replied the ranchman.  
 "Will she plow corn?" inquired the farmer.  
 "You'd be surprised to see that horse plow corn," the man answered. The farmer thought this a great bargain and bought it.  
 The next morning he took the "horse" out and hitched her to the plow. She wouldn't budge, willingly nor by force, so, after trying for fully five hours in the sun, he took her back to the ranchman.  
 "I thought you said this horse would plow corn," growled the farmer.  
 "No, I didn't," returned the rancher. "I said you would be surprised to see her plow, and I bet you would, too."  
 Indianapolis News.

**Colds, Coughs, Catarrh**

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**Aeronaut Tom Mays Jr. Killed at Kannapolis.**  
 Tom Mays, Jr., of Greensboro, aged 19, was killed at Kannapolis Saturday afternoon when his parachute, in which he was to descend from balloon failed to open. The young man was given the signal by his assistant to cut lose from his balloon, but for some reason his parachute did not open, and he fell about 450 feet to his death. He was rushed to a hospital here, but died soon after reaching the hospital.  
 Mr Mays home was in Greensboro, and it seemed that his parents did not know he was flying. He was in the employ, it is understood, at the Greensboro Tent and Awning Company, and was hired Saturday to fly by the National Realty and Auction Company of Greensboro, which company held a big auction sale of lots at Kannapolis that day. The fall of the young man was witnessed by 3,500 or 4,000 persons from Kannapolis and the surrounding territory, who had gathered to see the flight and to at-

tend the big sale of lots. Just why the parachute did not open is not known. It is thought however, that a wet balloon is responsible for the accident. Mr Mays was to have made a flight earlier in the week but rain caused it to be postponed. Saturday, it is stated, he was advised not to make the flight, but he decided the balloon was all right. After he had risen to probably 1,200 feet his balloon began to fall rapidly, this being caused by its wet condition. The signal was then given for him to cut loose. He fell several hundred feet with the useless parachute in his hands. No one saw him strike the ground, as he fell behind a clump of trees but the crowd realized with horror what had happened before the body was reached.  
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