

**Half-Mast.**  
Wave high! wave high! thou gallant flag,  
To zephyr breeze or blast;  
Wave, symbol of our country dear,  
Even at the topmost mast.  
Wave high! wave high! thy folds display,  
Nor down our spirits cast;  
Curl thy beauties to the air,  
But not at the half-mast.  
High, high, I see thee waving yet;  
Oh, Father, hear our prayer;  
Up to the top-mast let it wave,  
And keep, oh, keep it there.  
Symbol of life or else of death;  
The crisis soon will pass;  
Life, with the flag at the topmost head,  
Or death at the half-mast.  
Life! life! a suppliant nation cries;  
Oh, Father, hear our prayer,  
Life, with the flag at the topmost head,  
Hope, joy, and not despair.

**FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.**  
**The Cabbage Pest.**  
A writer in the *Prairie Farmer* says he accidentally rid himself of the cabbage worm last year. He tells his story as follows: "Like many others, we were afflicted with the cabbage pest or worms, there being two distinct varieties of the worm, agreeing in one respect—their fondness for cabbage. We had the usual number of plants set in our garden. We had also a large bed of carrots, in which the failure of seed left occasional vacancies. These were filled up with cabbage plants. In the garden the worms were picked several times, besides treating them to salt and pepper and such condiments, but to no avail. The worms took the cabbage. In the carrot bed the worms were picked from the cabbage once while the carrots were small; after that the cabbage grew without molestation and ripened without a sign of a worm upon them. Just outside the carrots were a few cabbages, which were entirely destroyed by worms, while among the carrots not a leaf was punctured. These are the facts, and we have no carrot seed to sell. We raised a fine crop of carrots, which are appreciated for spring feeding, and saved our cabbage. We shall try it again this year as an experiment—last year it was an accident, which gave such good results that we have confidence in it. Our theory is that the strong odor of the carrot is offensive to the insect that makes the mischief."

**Wearing Lambs.**  
It is safest to wear lambs gradually. Some fine ewes are lost or injured by taking off the lambs suddenly, and then neglecting to draw the milk. When lambs are marketed the ewes should be watched carefully and every night when brought in examined to see if they require milking. If so, the milk should be drawn with the finger and thumb, and the udder drained nearly dry. If this is not done the milk retained in the udder will cause garget, and the udder will almost surely turn and break and discharge, when it will become flyblown. This is a serious matter if neglected. Lambs that are retained should be put in a distant field by themselves, where they cannot hear the sheep bleat during the day time. At night they may be turned in with the ewes. After a week they may be left with the ewes for an hour only in the evening for another week, when the ewes will be nearly dry, and after this the lambs may be kept entirely separate for a week longer. They should be kept in a good pasture after weaning. During this time the ewes should be examined carefully night and morning. If there is no reason to the contrary, the lambs may be kept with the sheep until they wean themselves.

**Household Hints.**  
A few dried or preserved cherries, with stones out, are the very best thing possible to garnish sweet dishes.  
Single cream is cream that has stood on the milk twelve hours. It is best for tea and coffee.  
Double cream stands on its milk twenty-four hours, and cream for butter frequently stands forty-eight hours.  
Cream that is to be whipped should not be butter cream, lest in whipping it change to butter.  
In boiling eggs put them in boiling water. It will prevent the yolk from coloring black.  
To beat the white of eggs quickly put in a pinch of salt. The cooler the eggs the quicker they will froth. Salt cools and also freshens them.  
Ceilings that have been smoked by a kerosene lamp should be washed off with soda water.  
Grained wood should be washed with cold tea.  
Salt extracts the juices of meat in cooking. Steaks ought therefore not to be salted until they have been broiled.  
The Parisian method of cleaning black silk is to brush and wipe it thoroughly, lay it on a flat table with the side up which is intended to show, and sponge with hot coffee strained through muslin. Allow it to become partially dry, then iron.  
Moths will eat the all-wool reys, but not the mixed silk and cotton upholstery.  
Furniture needs cleaning as much as other woodwork. It may be washed with warm soap suds, quickly wiped dry and then rubbed with an oily cloth.  
In Potest the most violent headaches, so very common there, are cured by putting the feet in hot water.  
The only sure and efficient way to warm cold feet is to dip them in cold water and then rub them dry briskly with a coarse towel.  
A solution of common salt given immediately is said to be a successful remedy for strychnia poisoning.

Great men often possess the same qualities. Gen. Sherman and Dr. Mary Walker both snore and eat onions.

**FASHIONS.**  
In spite of the fashion journals bringing out most of their plates with long basques, the most fashionable women wear corsages without basques or very short basques.  
Immense bows of white satin ribbon frequently take the place of corsage bouquets, being placed on the left side over the supposed region of the heart.  
The favorite dress of the esthetes is of mull, cream-white, pale rose, lilac or mauve, with fichus and sashes, tied high up under the arms.  
Gay, striped awning cottontades are used for the skirts of country dresses, to be worn under flannel polonaises, or jackets and overskirts.  
Dotted and sprigged white and cream-colored muslins, trimmed with Italian lace, make beautiful, inexpensive summer dresses.  
Parasols this season are as varied in form, material and decorations as any other part of a woman's wardrobe effects.  
When a summer dress does not fit well it is best to cover the corsage with a pretty fichu, crossed on the bosom.  
The advantages of the artistic esthetic costume is its comparative cheapness and its not going out of fashion.  
Shoulder capes and large mantles of net chenille are the wraps of high ceremony for summer wear.  
The most fashionable coiffure is broad, describing a figure 8 horizontally in the nape of the neck.  
Fans of bronze and maroon velvet paper covered with gilded and flowered designs are pretty novelties.  
The wardrobe of a woman who adopts the esthetic style is more valuable the older it grows.  
A novelty for bonnet strings is tubular ribbon, woven double without any visible seam.  
A comfortably fitting boot or shoe is the prime necessity of the woman who travels.  
Pretty breakfast caps are composed of small squares of mill edged with lace ruffles.  
Shaded grays, browns and garnets are the colors worn by older women this season.  
The fashionable dust cloak takes the form of the alster or the Mother Hubbard cloak.  
Beige, kersey, chevot, flannels and lady cloths are all used for traveling costumes.  
The wide belt and suspended pocket are indispensable for a traveling outfit.  
Cretone and Wateau fans take precedence of Japanese fans this summer.  
Japanese pugs are the coming novelty in little dogs for fashionable women.  
Navy blue flannel is on the list of popular materials for traveling suits.  
Turquoises set in Etruscan gold are the fashionable jewelry this season.  
Carriage wraps and dust cloaks have increased in amplitude this year.  
Both high and low coiffures are worn, but low ones are preferred.  
White dresses of soft, crushable wool are worn more than ever.  
Sage green striped tweed is a novelty fabric for traveling wear.  
A new device for a lace pin is a cow umping over the moon.  
The fashionable weight for a Japanese pug is three and a-half pounds.  
Very little jewelry should be worn with summer toilettes.  
Chauda squares are the favorite summer shawls.

**A Senator's Love-Match.**  
**Why Mrs. Senator Spencer Was Christened "William Loring."**  
The Washington *Capital* of a recent date narrates a bit of romance in the matrimonial career of George E. Spencer, of Alabama. Nearly four years ago the public was informed of a very quiet wedding at St. Bernard's, in New York. Mr. Spencer being the contractor on one side and Miss Nunez on the other, and then came the sudden departure for Deadwood, the seat of Spencer's warlike operations in mining stocks. His bride was a beauty of the Spanish type, very accomplished, and received some gorgeous wedding gifts. That story, however, about her mother being a Cuban, is all wrong, as the writer happens to know. She came of good old North Carolina stock. Her maiden name was Loring, and we no sooner caught this name to Nunez than the romance begins to gather about the lady Spencer married.  
The brothers of Mrs. Nunez were both celebrities of the old North State in their day. The elder, Thomas, was the founder of the *Wilmington Herald* sixty odd years ago, and died since the war, after a life of great activity. The younger brother, and the particular favorite of his sister, was William, a fine old chivalrous gentleman, very fond of ladies and soldiers' epaulettes, and devoted to his sister. Mr. Nunez, a gentleman of Portuguese blood and wealth, wooed and won this sister on one of his visits to North Carolina, and carried her away to set off the beauty of his orange groves in Florida. This was about the time the Mexican war broke out. William went into the service chiefly consoling during camp life by his sister's promise that the first child should be named for him. Much to his disappointment the child was one of the kind that "doesn't count," as Mr. Dombey would have remarked. William fought and hoped. In due course of time there were symptoms that the wish of his heart would be gratified at last and under the ambition of leaving a glorious name for the little one to carry after him, he fought so bravely and furiously at the storming of Monterey that they pinned a major's epaulettes to his shoulders. Imagine, after all this, the cold chill that ran down the major's spine when the news came that it was a girl. This was getting too monotonous for the patient warrior. He couldn't be walking into the cannon's mouth on probabilities; so he held his sister to her promise that the next one should be named for him. And named it was. Twenty-five years later, when the minister called her "May" at the altar, as she held out her hand to George Spencer, she corrected him with the remark that she had been christened "William Loring."

**The White House.**  
Its corner stone was laid on the thirteenth of October, 1792, under the superintendence of Captain James Hoban, an Irish architect, direct from Dublin, who accepted the award of \$500 (then thought to be a large amount) for the design.  
He is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Washington, and his descendants still live in that city.  
The British destroyed the building in the year 1814, but it was rebuilt by Captain Hoban, and was first opened for the reception of visitors on January 1, 1818.  
The portico of four lofty columns, on the north side, was added in 1829, during the administration of President Jackson.  
It is a lofty building, two stories in height, with a frontage of one hundred and eighty feet and a depth of eighty-five feet. The vestibule within the front door is fifty feet long by forty wide. The famous East room, which was finished fifty years ago, is eighty feet long, forty feet wide and twenty-two feet high.  
Eight large mirrors and three chandeliers, of crystal and silver, adorn the room. The walls are covered with gray paper, and the furniture is trimmed with gray rep and maroon velvet. With the exception of our public halls, it is the largest in the country and, for its size, is certainly the handsomest.  
The President's office, which is on the second story, and which is the Cabinet room also, is not very large. It is thirty-five or forty feet long and thirty or thirty-five feet wide, with a ceiling about twenty feet high. In the middle of the floor is a long table, surrounded by leather-seated chairs; long lambrequin curtains of a dark, bluish gray color adorn the windows, and the carpet is of a red tint, with large figures, and a large map of the United States is on the wall.  
Washington is a Government creation, and the White House is chiefly memorable on account of the men who have lived in it. Every one of our Presidents except Washington has resided in this famous house.  
The original cost of this building in 1792 was about \$395,000, and the total cost up to this time is about \$1,800,000.—*Golden Days.*

**Won His Bet.**  
Yesterday Mr. Tyrrell, of Rail's hardware store, got into an argument with Hank Monk about the size of some agricultural machinery belonging to Rail which was lying at the depot. Hank insisted that the machinery nowadays was light and unreliable. Tyrrell offered to bet him \$5 that he couldn't carry a single piece of it from the freight depot to the store. Hank deposited his coin and started.  
"If he gets it up here it'll make him sweat," quoth Tyrrell.  
"He'll earn every cent of his bet," said the hands.  
In about fifteen minutes Hank hove in sight, and they all saw that he had nothing.  
"Concluded you'd let out the job to a dray, eh?" they all said, laughing at Hank's woeful appearance.  
"Well, I brought up a piece," he said as he entered the store.  
"Where is it?"  
"Here," said he, with a quiet grin, "chipped it off with a hammer."  
He produced a corner of a casting about the size of a hazel nut.  
"I could have got a bigger piece, but the bet was so small it wasn't an object, ye see?"  
Monk went away with the money, and his face wore that self-satisfied smile all the afternoon.—*Carson City (Nev.) Appeal.*

An Englishman who has just published his observations during a tour of this country, concludes that the most striking and thoroughly American products he came across were Bob Ingersoll and Maud S.

**An Esthetic Hermit.**  
The aged Herr Nahl, who died a few weeks ago, and whose valuable gallery of pictures is to be sold by auction in Cassel, was an eccentric and esthetic hermit. For many years he inhabited two large rooms, whose walls were covered with the costly ancestral paintings which he had inherited from his father and grandfather. He slept on a bed in the middle of one of these rooms, and never allowed himself the luxury of a stove, even in the coldest winter. According to his own story, he was never weary of studying his genuine Raphael and his accredited Rubens. The late king of Hanover was very anxious to obtain two or three of Nahl's famous pictures, and during a visit to Cassel he sent his chamberlain to the hermit with a really splendid offer for them. The owner at the time was so poor and wretched that he consented, with a great wrench, to part with one of the three, and received the money for it. He could not sleep for grief the whole of the following night, and early the next morning he appeared at the chamberlain's door and said, with tears in his eyes: "Herr Baron, I fret as if I had sold one of my children. I have had no peace since the deed was done. The king must have the money again. I could not live if I missed one of my pictures from its place on the wall. The king good-naturedly consented; and anxious to relieve the old man, proposed that he should settle in Hanover and bring his pictures with him, promising him a pension as custos, with the understanding that he should bequeath the collection to the king, on payment of a stipulated sum. Nahl at first consented to this arrangement, but informed the king that he must continue to sleep in the midst of his pictures as long as he lived. This was a point, however, which the king would not concede. The old man returned to his penny at Cassel, overjoyed at his release. He died, as he had lived, surrounded by his beloved paintings. The Ober-president of Hesse Cassel, Von Muller, lately visited him to ask if he could render him any service. "Yes," said Nahl, "cut down the vile poplar which darkens my room and obstructs my view." Von Muller shrugged his shoulders, but the poplar was felled next morning.—*London Globe.*

**A Profitable Purchase.**  
Many a rare piece of bric-a-brac in the Double collection, recently sold in Paris, fetched more than it had cost; but it is doubtful if the disproportion was so great in any other piece in the salon suite that went for over \$20,000. Baron Double, many years ago, was an artillery officer, and, on a certain military journey, happened to stay at the ancient chateau of an old marquis, in whose drawing room was this furniture in carved wood and tapestry upholstery. Mr. Double saw it and urged the Marquis to sell it to him, but this the ancient person refused to do. Before leaving the place, however, he called upon a notary and gave him a commission to buy the furniture if the chance ever occurred. Fifteen years afterward the marquis died, and the notary wrote to Mr. Double that the heirs refused to sell the chateau furniture, except as a whole. "How much?" asked Mr. Double by telegraph. "Three thousand dollars," was the answer. "Buy and send it," replied the former artillery officer, who had now become perhaps the most devoted collector that lived in France. When the furniture came he placed the salon suite in his own house and sent the rest of it to an auction room, where it alone fetched nearly \$4,000. When all his expenses had been paid, he found that the suite which has just brought him \$20,000, cost him the sum of sixteen dollars.  
(Chicago Western Catholic.)  
The latest man who has been made happy through the use of this valuable liniment is Mr. James A. Conlan, librarian of the Union Catholic Library of this city. The following is Mr. Conlan's endorsement:  
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I wish to add my testimony as to the merits of St. Jacob's Oil as a cure for rheumatism. One bottle has cured me of this troublesome disease, which gave me a great deal of bother for a long time; but thanks to the remedy I am cured. This statement is unsolicited by any one in its interest.  
JAMES A. CONLAN, Librarian.  
A Hartford Innate imagines he is Buffalo Bill, and runs like the mischief every time "Indians" is yelled at him.  
(Kansas City Mail.)  
Member of this department relieved of rheumatism by the use of St. Jacob's Oil, says Gen. W. Walling, Esq., Superintendent Police New York, in one of our exchanges.  
A negro aged 110 has just been married in Georgia, and the papers are wishing him a long and happy life.  
**Malarial Fever.**  
Malarial fever, constipation, torpidity of the liver and kidneys, general debility, nervousness and neuralgic ailments, all yield readily to this great disease-combater, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It repairs the ravages of disease by converting the food into rich blood, and it gives new life and vigor to the aged and infirm alike. See "Frover's" in other column.  
It rains so hard in some portions of California that the fish scoot under rocks to keep dry.  
**Certain Knowledge.**  
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The sun of ingratitude often sours the milk of human kindness.  
**Flies and Mosquitoes.**  
The box "Flies on Bats" keeps a house free from "ticks, bed-bugs, roaches, rats, mice, etc."  
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