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WHEN YOU FIRST WHISPERED LOVE 'Twas in the springtime long ago, The birds were bursting on the tree...

DOMESTIC ECONOMY. MUFFINS.—One pint of sour milk, piece of melted butter size of an egg...

CAULIFLOWER.—This is a very pretty addition to a jar of pickled cabbage, but it must be put in salt and water...

TEA CAKE.—Four cups flour, four cups sweet milk, two eggs, two spoonfuls cream of tartar...

SHRIMP SAUCE.—Take half a pint of shrimps, pick out all the meat from the tails...

PORK CHOPS.—Cut some cutlets from a neck of pork, trim them neatly and take off the chine bone...

APPLE COMPOTE.—Peel, core and halve six large apples, trimming them so as to get them all of size...

LAPHAM A SCHOOLMATE OF DOUGLAS. United States Senator Lapham, of New York, was a classmate at Canandaigua Academy...

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INVENTIONS AND INDUSTRIES. A Frenchman claims to have discovered a simple method by which bronze is made as malleable as copper or iron...

A mechanic at Dunedin, New Zealand, has obtained a patent for an improved furnace for locomotive and other steam boilers...

Straw, wood, shavings and fibrous substances are now used in the manufacture of a great variety of vessels...

Mr. W. G. Bagnall, of Stafford, England, has built the smallest locomotive ever fitted together for actual use...

An applicant for a patent for a new style of cigar thus modestly describes its "attributes"...

The tobacco from which the cigars are made is grown entirely in conservatories, and the cigars are made on mahogany tables...

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OUR JUVENILES. The Owl and the Spider. In an old beehive tower, A fox, once bowed, Dressed an owl by the hour...

There was a little man who had as many children as there are holes in a sieve. As he was going to seek his bread...

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Face to Face With a Leopard. No sooner had we camped than Tommy hurried off to find out where the noisy flocks of iridescent were perched...

Memito stood as still as a statue, but I felt his finger-nails piercing my skin; he began to realize our situation, for even through the gloom of the ravine...

"That was Tommy's shot-gun," said I; "he fired at the rookery, I suppose, for once more the hills were ringing with the croaks and caws of the irises-crows..."

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"Why so?" asked the scribe. "Lemonade," replied the professor in his most impressive manner, "even when made from lemons in a tin vessel with soldered joints, or in a galvanized-iron vessel, will take up the lead from the one and the zinc from the other..."

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NICE EXPERIMENT FOR YOUNG FOLKS. Roll up a piece of paper, a pamphlet, to make a tube about nine or twelve inches long and an inch or so across...

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PLEASANTRIES. A young lady who is everlastingly knitting her eyebrows be called industrious?

THE only prize the English carried off at the Derby was a surprise, but it was a big one.

Who says it is unhealthy to sleep in feathers? Look at the spring chicken and see how tough he is.

Do not tell a man he lies. It is vulgar. Say that his conversation suggests to your mind a summer-circus.

It has been definitely settled at last that the reason why the pig's tail curls is because it's stye when it is young.

Nothing is impossible to him who wills. Nonsense; it is impossible for the man who wills to get ahead of the lawyers.

When a woman attains the age of 35 without accumulating a husband she enforces attending one funeral more than a dozen balls.

It is now believed that the oleomargarine factories put hair in their goods, thus rendering it more difficult of detection than ever.

Whenever young ladies learn how to stick a pin in their apron strings so that it won't scratch a fellow's arm there will be more marriages.

If you want a broth of a boy, take me," said the Irish sailor to the cannibal King. But the King said he preferred him roasted. He wasn't fond of broths.

What can run faster than a good horse? The conundrum, and the man who had had some trouble with his creditors guessed it at once: "The Sheriff."

The latest sweet thing for the ladies is ivory heels on wedding slippers. When the first-born gets old enough to get into mischief the ivory heels should be removed.

The New Orleans Picayune states that Philadelphia kicks against the elevated railways. Jehoshaphat! That beats the best efforts of the Soldene troupe.

"Put upon my tombstone," said the dying man, "an epitaph stating that I was a scoundrel, thief and brute. Then people will think that I was a good man. Epitaphs always lie so."

A parrot in Harlem speaks 250 words. There being less than that number of profane expressions in the English language, it is presumable that the bird is something of a polyglot.

There goes the celebrated Mr. C., the lame lawyer, remarked a lady to her companion, as he passed them in the street. "Excuse me, madam," said he, turning sharply, "you are mistaken; I lame man, not a lame lawyer."

"Yes, your Augustus, a fraud!" said she to Arabella. "A fraud!" said Belle. "I can't afford to hear that of my father!" "He's true and tried, and good beside, and delicate and healthy..."

"He's sort of bean guy, ain't he?"

CRANES. Cranes of one or more species are found everywhere, with the exception of South America, the Malayana and Papan archipelagoes and the scattered islands of the Pacific. The common European species, celebrated in all times for its migrations...

It is now that the young base-ball player imagines that there is no future for him, because he is kept home from a match to rake up the garden-rubbish and get ready for a digging-bee.

DAVID K. CARROLL, a Baltimore manufacturer, who bequeathed several million dollars to his family, placed \$100,000 in the hands of his executors to defend the will in case of litigation.