

**Disraeli and His Father.**  
Lord Dufferin used to tell the following story about his mother and Disraeli:  
My mother was among the first of Disraeli's acquaintances to recognize his great ability, and she saw a great deal of him when at Mrs. Norton's, when he was a young man about town. She did not see very much of him after he had once entered upon his political career. Here, however, is a little anecdote which is very characteristic and amusing. My mother had a great admiration for the "Curiosities of Literature" and was anxious to make the acquaintance of Disraeli's father, but there was a difficulty about this, as at the moment he was not on good terms with his father.  
However, he appeared one day with his father in tow. As soon as they were both seated Disraeli turned around and, looking at his father as if he were a piece of ornamental china, said to my mother: "Madam, I have brought you my father. I have become reconciled to my father on two conditions. The first was that he should come to see you and the second that he should pay my debts."

**OUR IGNORANCE.**  
That It Is Very Real the Things We Don't Know About.  
After all we are not still ignorant of much which we feel we ought to understand. Apart from the great laws of electricity, light and heat about which we know something, but certainly not all, are we not almost hopelessly ignorant of some of the laws which govern the lives of animals? Do we know, for instance, what is the law which makes it possible for a bee carried five or six miles from her home, blind in a dark box, to find her way back to the hive? What is the sense exercised by the antennae of the virgin moth which, set out in a muslin box on a lawn, attracts suitors from woodlands scattered away in all the country round? What is the attraction felt or choice decided upon by the tendrils of the climbing plant which turns aside from the smooth wall to catch at and wrap round the nail on the ledge or the projection which is to help it upward? All that is unknown, hardly even guessed at, and if there is so great an ignorance of what can be seen, is it logically to be argued that there is not a greater ignorance of what is unseen? One thing at least is certain—the reality of that ignorance.—London Spectator.

**An Inventor's Lost Dime.**  
Once an inventor sought to transmute ideas into gold, says the New York News. He had worked in a small, three-sided shop in Canal street, which was then an uptown section of the city. The man was Joseph Francis, and the device upon which he worked was a non-capizable lifeboat. One day he found himself in need of a bolt. He also began to feel the demoralizing ravages of hunger. He had but 10 cents. His desire was for the bolt only, but he realized that bread also was necessary to finish his work. Suddenly he hit upon a compromise. He remembered that there was a hardware shop away up in the country above Fifty-ninth street where he could get the bolt for 5 cents. Late at night he returned to his shop with the bolt and a loaf of bread. He worked until sunrise, when the bolt was completed. He had built the Francis lifeboat. On its first trial it saved 200 lives.

**Pen Picture of Henry Clay.**  
An Englishman who traveled in the United States in the early part of the last century visited Washington and described Henry Clay as follows: "He is tall, thin and not a very muscular man; his gait is stately, but swinging, and his countenance, while it indicates genius, denotes dissipation. Though there is want of rapidity and fluency in his elocution, yet he has a great deal of fire and vigor in his expression. When he speaks he is full of animation and earnestness; his face brightens, his eye beams with additional luster and his whole figure indicates that he is entirely occupied with the subject on which his eloquence is employed."  
"What is an idea?" It is a natural pitfall for modern generations. Even Belue Lytton allowed one of his Roman characters to say, "It stands fixed for the ninth day of August," although he must have known that "idea" is a plural without a singular. Why the Romans called the 15th of March, May, July, October and the 13th of every other month the ideas they do not seem to have known for certain themselves. Some thought it meant the halfway day of the month, from an Etruscan word meaning "to divide," but modern philology, digging into Sanskrit, has suggested that it means the bright time of the month, full moon.—London Notes and Queries.

**Wolf, Camel and Bear.**  
The only two animals besides the wolf for which domesticated animals never seem able to conquer their aversion are the camel and the bear. The former is a case of pure natural aversion. It has been noticed that when the camels in a traveling menagerie have been tethered at any particular spot horses will shy and refuse to go near it, even after the camels have gone on their way with the rest of the show to another town.—Country Life.

**Expected Others.**  
Cheerful Widow—Why so dismal? Future Husband—I am afraid our wedding trip will take all the cash I have saved up. Cheerful Widow—What of it? A wedding trip only happens once in two or three years.

**A Dream.**  
"I found I had saved up a thousand dollars without pinching myself."  
"Without pinching yourself?"  
"Without pinching myself."  
"Then how did you know you were awake?"—Puck.

**"Playing" Poker.**  
Harry—Do you really love to play poker? Dick—I never play at the poker table; I work. It is the chap that loses his money who plays.—Boston Transcript.

**Arkansas' Big Debt.**  
A mighty small proportion of the people of the United States know that the state of Arkansas owes the famous Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, nearly \$2,000,000, which it has not the faintest intention of paying. In 1833, the first year of the reign of the late Queen Victoria, the United States received on account of the Smithsonian bequest, the details of which are too well known to require repetition, a sum aggregating \$500,000. A good proportion of this was by act of congress invested in bonds of the state of Arkansas. Not a cent of the principal or interest of this ever has been paid. The bonds now are moldering in the vaults of the United States treasury in Washington, with coupons untouched by the scissors. And there they probably will remain for all time. The federal government was forced to make good Arkansas' delinquency and appropriate money for the inauguration and maintenance of the institution which is now famous all over the country.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**Waiters and Tips.**  
A competent waiter is not a fool by a long shot, and no man is so liberal at any other moment of his life as when he is feeding well. A first class serving man at table can wheedle a quarter or half dollar out of even a stingy blatherskite by some delicate attention, by showing just the least bit of interest in his especial welfare. A German lieutenant in hard lines is waiting in a swell hotel here. His tips amount to \$10 a day. He is incognito for the present. University graduates could do quite as well. The principal trouble is that waiting is regarded as too servile, too menial, smacking too much of slavery. But good waiters make valuable friends and earn several times as much money as bank clerks and shop salesmen. And the calling might be dignified.—New York Press.

**Natural Preference.**  
Miss Violet had made a rapid tour of the European continent and found little to impress her, either favorably or otherwise.  
"You say you saw all you wanted to see of Italy," said a friend on Miss Violet's return to her native heath in Kansas. "What did you think of the lazaroni?"  
"Don't talk to me about it," said Miss Violet briskly. "I'd rather have a good dish of plain American macaroni baked with cheese any time."

**Hymns in Theaters.**  
In South Wales when the people are pleased with the work of an actor they have a custom of showing their appreciation by singing hymns at the close of the performance. Henry Irving was once playing at Swansea when he was surprised to hear the audience burst into "Lead, Kindly Light," when he appeared before the curtain in response to a call. At the close of the engagement the great actor was deeply touched by the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," rendered in the most reverent manner.

**The Man With a Hobby.**  
Don't make fun of the man with a hobby. It may be that that very hobby will be the means of the world getting something of great good. All people that have contributed to the sum of human knowledge had a hobby. The man who ranks as an inventor had a hobby once; the minister who gets up in his pulpit has his hobby; the man who sells you goods has the same. In fact, those that do anything at all have a hobby. You may call it by some other name, but the hobby is still there.—Terrill Transcript.

**Followed Her Instructions.**  
Mrs. N. was giving instructions to her new servant: "Before removing the soup plates, Mary, always ask each person if he or she would like any more."  
"Very good, madam."  
Next day Mary, respectfully bowing to one of the guests, inquired, "Would the gentlemen like some more soup?"  
"Yes, please."  
"There isn't any left."—Chicago Journal.

**Bad Teeth and Cancer.**  
Walter Whitehead, the well known English surgeon, believes it possible that cancer may be due to bad teeth. Addressing the students of the Victoria Dental hospital, he said that to drain, trap and ventilate a house for a man with bad teeth was waste of money, for he polluted the purest air as he breathed it and contaminated the most wholesome food as he ate it.

**Point Not Well Taken.**  
Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondego—I don't see why they call it "grand opera" when it's in English. It isn't grand opera when you can understand what the singers are saying. Mrs. Sellidom Holme—Why, bless you, you can't understand them any better when they sing in English than when they sing in Italian!—Chicago Tribune.

**Remorseless Progress.**  
In every great business the chief trouble is to find a powerful and pioneering staff. It is frequently achieved in these days, and especially in America, by a series of remorseless experiments. One person after another gets his chance, and nine-tenths of the number are flung upon the street.—British Weekly.

**A Million Cold.**  
Mrs. Black—There goes old Money-bags. They say he is worth a million cold. Mrs. White—Yes, he will be. He carries a million insurance.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

**"Take my advice—don't lend Berroughs any more money."**  
"I never did."  
"Why, you used to, I'm sure, for I—" "No, I used to think I was lending it to him, but I soon discovered it was purely a gift."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**THE CONTEST IS SPIRITED.**  
The Workers Will Win—Subscriptions Is What Counts.

Interest in voting contest continues to grow as time passes and the number of coupons that are being daily added in evidence is enough that this trip is worth working for. This contest is adding to the popularity of the already popular paper and that the trip is well worth working for is proven by the interest that is being taken in running up the number of votes. By mutual consent Miss Ethel Ward has withdrawn from the race as Miss Bessie Welfley's running mate and Miss Alma Whitlock, another popular young lady has taken her place.

Miss Lena Lofin	6835 votes.
"Rose Fink	
Miss Bessie Welfley	7480 Votes.
"Alma Whitlock	
Miss Cora Harkey	1749 votes.
"Ada Miller	
Miss Annie Arey	3286
"Mary Nash	
Miss Louise Neave	
"Bulah Barker	241 Votes.
Miss Josie Belt	
"Mamie Hatley	310 votes.
Miss Rosa Bernhardt	
"Sadie Snider	95 votes.
Miss Edna McCubbins	
"Miriam Davis	127 votes.
Miss Julia Crouch	
"Annie Neave	118 votes.
Miss Maud Faulkner	56 votes.

**Bees as Burglars.**  
It appears that the monarchies of bees, well governed as they seem to be, are afflicted nevertheless by organized criminal classes—sneak thieves and highway robbers. Some of these robber bees go in strong bands to pillage and are able to storm and sack a hive. After the slaughter they carry all the provisions home. Some colonies of bees never work: they live entirely by robbery and murder.  
There are also thieves who creep up unperceived by strange hives to steal honey. If successful they return afterward with hordes of burglar bees, break open the honey safes and carry away the contents. But the most curious fact is that these bees can be artificially produced, according to Eucher, by feeding the larvae upon honey mixed with brandy.—London Wit-Bits.

**Peanuts For Horses and Mules.**  
The Arkansas experiment station has fed the whole peanut plant to horses and mules doing ordinary farm work. The animals did as well on this ration alone as they did before and after on the ordinary rations of corn and hay, and in the summer the advantage seemed to be decidedly in favor of the peanut. Only the Spanish variety was fed and after the first few days in such quantity as the appetite of the animals demanded.

**Trees That Make a Noise.**  
A curiosity is known in the tropics as the sand bark tree and also as the monkey's dinner bell. It has a round, hard shelled fruit about the size of an orange, which when ripe and dry bursts open with a sharp noise like the report of a pistol. Its juice is poisonous. The South American trumpet tree might furnish a band with musical instruments, inasmuch as its hollow branches are utilized for horns and also for drums.

**Great Inducements.**  
Gyer—Fitzgen, the clothier, is advertising a silk umbrella with each twenty dollar overcoat he sells. Mrs. Gyer—That's nothing. Bloom, the florist, is giving away the earth with each plant he sells.—Chicago News.

**Papa's Own Idea.**  
She—Darling, we must elope. He—But surely your father has no objections? She—None whatever. He suggested it, in fact. He says it will be cheaper.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**The Contrary Dog.**  
"Can dogs find their way home from a distance?" is a question frequently asked. It's according to the dog. If it is one you want to get rid of he can find his way back from Africa. If it is a valuable one he is apt to get lost if he goes round the corner.  
A Happy Pair.  
Sylla—How is it that you and your husband agree so well? Mrs. Ray—Well, you see, he has given up his club. Sylla—And you? Mrs. Ray—I have given up amateur cookery. With those two destroyers of domestic felicity gone, why should we not be happy?

**Flattering.**  
Young Feathertop—If your parents still oppose our marrying why can't we elope? Miss Sharpe-China—It would never do in the world. Everybody who knows us both would say at once that I suggested it.—Chicago Tribune.

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