

**Chinese Sarcasm.**  
 Once in awhile you meet a common Chinaman who has some of the native wit of his country. One such has a laundry in Lexington avenue, not far from Twenty-third street. The other day I heard him yell at a recalcitrant customer: "You no pay? Then you paper tiger!" I asked what he meant by a "paper tiger," and he replied, "Oh, in China a paper tiger is a blackguard who blows much, but is harmless!" He added: "When a man is very proud of himself, what Americans call 'stuck up,' we compare to a rat falling into scale and weighing itself. When a Chinaman overdoes a thing we say he is a hunchback making a bow. The rich son who quickly spends his father's money we call a rocket which goes off at once. We say of you rich Americans who send money to the heathens by missionaries and neglect their family at home, 'They hang their lantern on a pole, which is seen from afar, but gives no light below.'"—New York Press.

**An Arab Honeymoon.**  
 For seven days after the wedding the Arab bride and bridegroom are supposed not to leave their room. The bride may see none of her own family and only the women folk of her husband's, who wait on her. She remains in all her wedding finery and paint and does absolutely nothing. The bridegroom generally slips out at night after three days and sees a few friends privately, but he persistently hides from his wife's family, and should he by accident meet his father-in-law before the seven days are over he turns his back and draws his burnous, or kumk, over his face. This is their view of a honeymoon, and they grow as weary of it as any European couple do of their enforced continental tour.—Wide World Magazine.

**Good Ink, but No Bread.**  
 Sweynheym and Pannartz, the two Germans who were the first to print books in Rome, used paper and types of excellent quality. Their ink on pages printed more than 400 years ago can vie in blackness with the best of the present day. Yet with all their labors they often lacked bread. In a petition to the pope they informed his holiness that their house was full of proof sheets, but that they had nothing to eat.—Argonaut.

**To Her Credit.**  
 Miss Diggs—Yes, he said you didn't show your age.  
 Miss Passay—The idea! The impudence of him—  
 Miss Diggs—Why, I'd call that a compliment. It simply proves how skillful you've been in concealing it.—Philadelphia Press.

**Important to Him.**  
 An old man was telling her grand-children some trouble in Scotland in the course of which the chief of her clan was beheaded. "It was nae great thing of a head, to be sure," said the good old lady, "but it was a sad loss to him."

**Soft.**  
 "Should a man shave up or down?" asked a youthful city clerk, and the barber replied with a grin:  
 "That depends. When I shave you, for instance, I always shave down."

**Rank Foolishness.**  
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**The Wife of the Cat.**  
 Nasr-ed-din, the Persian shah, was an intensely superstitious man and believed that his luck lay in his beautiful black Persian cat, which was a remarkably handsome cat in a land where cats are nearly all handsome. The shah never allowed the black cat to be away from him, and it was given in charge of one of his wives, Amin Agdas, who was styled "the wife of the cat."

When the shah went on his long shooting expeditions, the Persian cat was put into a decorated basket and carried by a special attendant directly behind his master. Unluckily one day an accident occurred, and the black cat came to an untimely end. The shah was in despair at the loss of his luck bringer, but the clever "wife of the cat" exerted her influence and brought her nephew under the shah's notice. The lad was sharp enough to make the most of an accident (planned by his aunt) and save the shah's life, and the monarch was so pleased that he gave the boy the name of "the cherished of the sovereign" and installed the new luck bringer.

**Perilous Boating.**  
 On the west coast of Ireland, near the mouth of the river Shannon, are several large sea caves which open into each other. The visitor seems to be floating through a submarine palace of many halls whose roofs are either as green as grass in the sun or blood red. But the visitor needs a good guide and a good boatman, for the sea is insidious and the labyrinth of caves intricate. On one occasion, writes Aubrey de Vere in his "Recollections," soon after a party had entered the boatman suddenly shouted, "Bend down your heads for your lives!"

No one saw any danger, but the boatman felt the placid water insensibly rising and knew that the tide had turned. At last the visitors knew this, too, for it was not until the boat had ascended within a few inches of the roof that it began to descend.

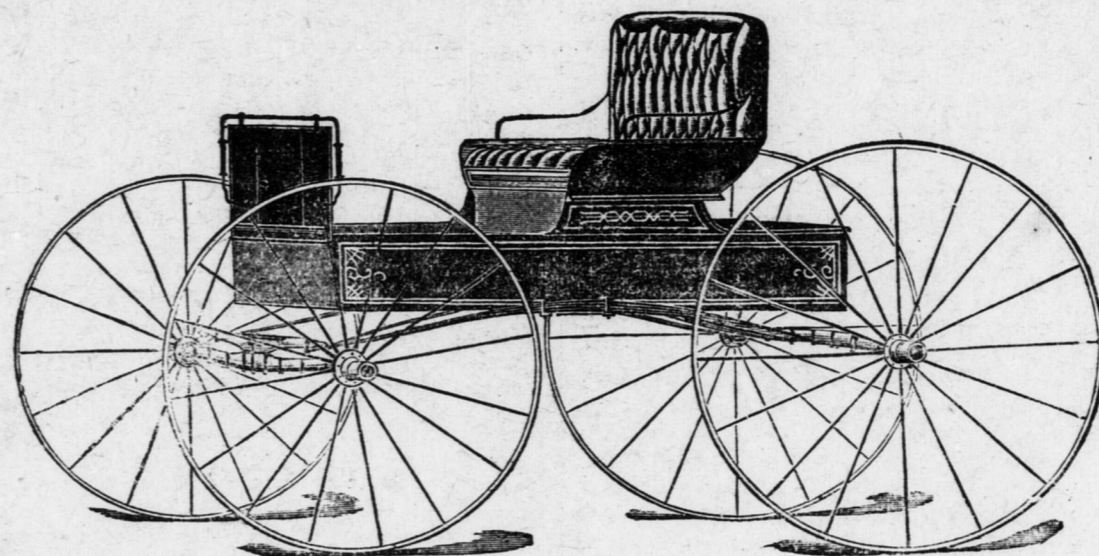
"Pull your best!" exclaimed the man at the helm. "If the second wave reaches us, we are lost!" But before the second wave reached the cave the boat had issued from its mouth.

**A Cure For Misery.**  
 "I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Griffin's drug store.

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