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Worth Live Stock Market.

Light Saturday Runs Cattle and Hogs.

SHOW STRENGTH

ket Stronger with the e of the Week.

LOW TO LOWER.

had to Concede a Decline of 10 Cents.

DAY'S RECEIPTS.

	400
	2 0

Receipts Yesterday.

	538
	275
	139

CATTLE MARKET

AY'S QUOTATIONS:

fed	$3.65@4.00
	2.90@3.50
	2.75@3.75
	2.00@3.00
eavy fed	2.15@2.50
her	1.90@2.15
	1.75@2.00
	1.00@1.75
lb gen	1.50@3.00
fancy veals	2.50@3.25
de	2.00@2.75

light Saturday run of cattle y. Eleven cars of 368 head , which included 186 head d north that were unload- This left a very small num- Total receipts for the day e around 400, against 26 Saturday, and 886 for the g day lastmonth.

BEEF STEERS.

ll receipts today only a few t weight medium kind of d, which sold steady to the bulk of the sales at

been an unusually light sup- nished steers this week, and market showed a decline of 0c on all grades the first week, closing prices are e well finished grades 10 to h a 25c decline fully cover- um kinds.

tive sales:

STEERS

Average.	Price.
815	2 50
829	2 50
844	2 50
853	2 50
832	2 50
820	2 25
693	2 10
560	2 05
735	2 00
650	2 00

UTCHER STOCK.

all supply of butcher stock of good cows arrived, with of the run made up of com- d and mixed loads.

g was strong and the bulk ings were sold and weighed prices fully steady with yes-

y of bulls today was small old steady with yesterday.

Calves.

calves arrived, the bulk of good, with a few head of aging around 200 pounds, d the market at $3.25.

COWS

690	2 05
805	1 95
780	1 95

BULLS

630	1 50

CALVES.

200	3 25
211	3 00
271	2 00

E HOG MARKET

AY'S QUOTATIONS:

	$5.50@5.60
	5.3 @5.45
	5.00@5.35
bs	5.00@5.40
	4.00@5.00

of hogs arrived today, t were expected. Total receipts for the day are estimated at 200 head, against 306 last Saturday, and 183 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality today was good, but as Saturday is a day when there is not much interest shown among buyers, and with messages coming in quoting a decline north, the result was a slow opening of the market.

Buyers were generally bidding 5 to 10 lower and it was on this basis that anything could be moved.

Representative sales:

TERRITORY HOGS

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
76		207	5 40
72		234	5 45

SHIPPERS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

C. W. McFadden, Odessa	186
C. B. Sweeney, Llano	48
J. C. Dennis, Childress	30
W. M. Coleman, Wichita Falls	28
Clay Mann, San Angelo	53
Lou Schuhmacher, San Angelo	26

Hogs.

J. M. Moody, Ralston, O. T	148

Sheep.

D. A. Ryman, Day City, Tex	126

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Armour & Co	42
Swift & Co	12
Jackson & B	18
W. Allen & Son	32
A. J. Meyers	42
Sansom & Co	22
Johnson & Kay	6
J. P. Miller	4
Lex Smith	4
Taylor	4
W. H. Carter	1
C. Miller	1
Haddock	1

Sheep.

Armour & Co	178
Swift & Co	127
Dick Hovenkamp	396

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	400	10,000	2,000
Kansas City	200	2,500	
St. Louis	250	2,000	500
St. Joseph	100	5,600	1,300
	950	20,100	3,800

CHICAGO.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Aug. 1.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 400. Market unchanged.

HOGS — Receipts 10,000. Market slow, 10c below yesterday's average. Top, lights, $5.70; bulk $4.95@5.20.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Unchanged.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 200. Market steady. Top $5.30 Texas strong.

HOGS — Receipts 2,500. Market 5c lower. Top $5.20; bulk $5.00@5.15.

ST. LOUIS.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Aug. 1.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 250. Market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 2,000. Market 5 to 10c lower, closed strong. Top $5.70; bulk $5.20@5.35.

SHEEP—Receipts 500. Slow and dull.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 1.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 100. Market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 5,600. Market mostly 10c lower. Top $5.30; bulk $4.95@5.20.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,300. Strong.

Somewhat Incongruous.

"Holy Joe" Dennett, the restaurant man, who once ran a place in Chicago and who now operates a number of eating houses in New York, is going to take down his "Watch Your Hat" signs. All the biblical quotations will remain, but since the supreme court decision relieves the proprietors from responsibility he is going to yield the point which has subjected him to so much good-natured raillery. Many Chicagoans will remember the "Holy Joe" signs. One of them reads, "Trust in the Lord and be of good cheer," while directly underneath appeared another, "Watch your hat."—Chicago Chronicle.

WEEK'S MARKET REVIEW

CATTLE SHOW CONTINUED LOSSES---HOGS WEAK TO LOWER.

Loss in Cattle Generally 15 to 25 Cents for the Week--Light Receipts of all Classes.

Weakness has marked all branches of the live stock business this week. Steers are 25 cents lower than at the close of last week. Hogs lost 10 cents on Tuesday, but regained 5 cents of the loss on Thursday, and the week ends at practically the same place that it began.

On Monday good butcher stuff opened steady, but the closing was lower. Tuesday the whole market dropped 10 to 15 cents. Wednesday there was another decline. Thursday, with light receipts, the market steadied, and Friday the market was weak, but not quotably lower. The offerings were generally of inferior stuff.

Receipts for the week have been light. Low prices have to some extent discouraged shippers, and they are holding in hope of a better market.

Receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep for the week, compared with last week:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
This week	7,254	1,549	918
Last week	6,229	1,519	2,106

Following is a resume of the market for the week:

CATTLE.

Monday.

Receipts 1,982. Top steers $4.15; bulk $3.25@4.00.

The demand was good, and trading active enough to keep salesmen busy until almost everything was weighed, with prices for best steers generally on a steady basis with the close of last week, and common and medium kind generally 5 to 10 lower. The top today was $4.15 for 23 1073-pound steers, with several sales around that mark, and a large string of nice handy weight grass cattle at $3.25.

Several nice loads of cows sold at $2.40 for those averaging 722 pounds, with one extra nice load of grass cows selling at $2.70, averaging 914 pounds.

Tuesday.

Receipts 1,969. Top steers $3.55; bulk $2.75@3.25.

When cattle started to the scales it was generally on a 10 to 15c lower basis compared with yesterday. The popular price today was $2.10 for good butcher cows that sold at $2.25 yesterday, with the bulk of the sales between $2.00 and $2.15.

Wednesday.

Receipts 1,372. Top steers $2.65.

The late market yesterday was bad and closed 25c lower. Today's bidding was generally on that basis, which resulted in a slow market, and it was late before many changed hands, and then it was on a 25c lower basis compared with the opening market yesterday.

Thursday.

Receipts 993. Top steers $2.65; bulk $2.00@2.50.

Today was another day when the steer supply was small. The few that arrived were mostly of the feeder kind, and very few came in that packers could use. The market was slow, and very little was done among packers on the steer end of the trade. Prices for those which sold to outside buyers to be put on pasture ruled generally steady with yesterday. The bulk of this kind sold largely around $2.50@2.65 for those averaging around 800 pounds.

Packers lately have not wanted many of the common thin cows and canners. The result has been a very dull trade, and salesmen who had these found it hard to make a clearance.

Friday.

Receipts 538. Top steers $2.65.

The market was slow, as usual at the close of the week, and while the quality of today's offerings did not cause much interest among buyers, bidding was about steady with yesterday's, and on this basis the supply sold out.

HOGS.

Monday.

Receipts 539. Top $5.65; bulk $5.50@5.60.

The quality today was better than on Saturday. All arrivals were Oklahoma and Indian Territory corn-fed hogs, smooth, well finished and of medium weight, the kind packers have been wanting of late. The market opened in good season, after buyers received their messages from Northern points, which quoted a decline. This made bidding at the start some lower, but outside buyers came on the market with plenty of orders for hogs, and made competition strong, and as the demand was good from all sources, early trading on the best of the supply was steady to a shade lower.

The market, taking quality into consideration, showed in spots a decline from Saturday, but trading was active and all offerings were weighed by noon.

Tuesday.

Receipts 95. Top $5.45.

Receipts of hogs today were nominal. None were in at the opening of the market, but one load of 82 arrived before noon, and with a few drive-ins made total receipts for the day close around 100 head. The quality was only medium, and as buyers were indifferent toward the small supply, buyers could not do better than sell out on a 10c lower basis, compared with yesterday. The top price was $5.45 for 82 Indian Territory corn fed hogs averaging 238 pounds, which, taking quality and weight into consideration, was 10c lower than yesterday.

Wednesday.

Receipts 144. Top $5.50.

There was not much to today's market. Only one packer appeared very anxious for hogs, and about half of the supply went to him at steady prices. There was not enough to create much competition, and outside buyers were weak bidders.

Thursday.

Receipts 571. Top $5.55; bulk $5.45@5.52½.

Buyers showed considerable interest from the start today. The demand was good from all sources, and hogs started changing hands shortly after they were yarded. The market was active, and all hogs sold out on the first round with prices strong to 5 higher compared with yesterday.

SHEEP.

Tuesday.

Only a small number of sheep came in today. Thirty-six head arrived, against 1,257 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality was good and buyers bought up the supply fully steady with last week.

The top today was $4.50 for 25 lambs averaging 62 pounds, with 95-lb. sheep at $3.25.

Wednesday.

Receipts of sheep were good. Total receipts were 600 head, against 273 last Wednesday, and 421 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality of the bulk of the offerings was only medium, but several head of good sheep and lambs were driven in.

The market opened with packers bidding lower, which resulted in a slow market. When sales were made, however, prices were generally steady with yesterday.

Friday.

Receipts of sheep today were small; 275 head came in, against 102 yast Friday, and 1,835 for the corresponding Friday last month.

The quality of the fresh arrivals was only medium, most of which were mixed ewes and wethers.

Buyers bought up the supply steady with yesterday.

The top of the market was $2.80 for 71-lb. mixed ewes and wethers, with 396 head of stocker sheep which sold for feeders at $1.25 per head.

TEXAS CATTLE AT ST. LOUIS.

Live Stock Exchange Demands That Southern Cattle be Admitted.

A special meeting of the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange was held yesterday afternoon, to take action toward having Texas cattle represented at the St. Louis Worlds fair next year. Secretary Coburn's order barring quarantine cattle has been looked upon as an injustice to this state, and it is intended by the members of the Exchange to have this order rescinded or modified. It was the unanimous view of the meeting that Texas cattle should be admitted to the great exposition.

A committee was appointed, composed of Marion Sansom, W. L. McGaughey and J. F. Hovenkamp, to express the sense of the Exchange on this subject, and report at a meeting to be held next Monday. After the adjournment of the Exchange, this committee met and adopted resolutions protesting against the action of Secretary Coburn, insisting that Southern cattle should be admitted, if not for competition, at least to show the world the progress that has been made in the breeding of fine cattle in the South.

Before Rome Was Founded.

In one of the tombs recently excavated in the Roman Forum a vase was discovered, the inscriptions on which show that it belongs to the twelfth century before Christ, or 400 years before the reputed date of the founding of Rome. Signor Boni, the director of the excavations, believes the tomb to be a relic of a city which existed and had disappeared before Rome was founded.

JULY AT THE YARDS.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH AS COMPARED WITH OTHERS.

Falling Off in Receipts, Due to Low Prices--Receipts for the Year to Date.

Receipts for the month of July show a heavy falling off from those of June, the comparative figures being as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
July	34 913	7 065	5,991
June	47,021	16,232	24,415

The decrease in cattle is accounted for by the low prices and the fact that the heavy run of grassers took place in May and June. Commission men have advised their customers not to rush cattle to market, and this advice has had its effect. The regular spring marketing of sheep was earlier this year than usual, on account of early grass, and this got rid of most of them in April, May and June. The hog market has been strong enough to bring out hogs, and the decline in receipts has been wholly owing to the scarcity of hogs in Texas. This market has held up stronger on hogs than any other in the country, and has attracted shippers from Kansas City territory, but in spite of that receipts have been less than half of what they were in June.

By months, receipts of the year have been:

	Cattle	Hogs.	Sheep.
January	19,157	9,841	489
February	16,135	9 022	855
March	17,870	15,077	2,432
April	30,203	19,611	29 363
May	40,668	10,709	40.041
June	47,021	16,232	24.415
July	34,913	7,065	5,991
Total	202,968	87,557	103,586

This is a creditable showing for a new market, such has never been equaled by any of the live stock markets of the country.

In common with all other markets this has been a dull one, full of discouragement to the shipper. This has been the case especially with cattle. The looked-for "better prices" are not here. Beef steers are 25 to 40 cents lower than at the beginning of the month, and butcher stuff has suffered worse. Hogs have lost but little. The same hog would sell now within 10 cents of what he would have brought a month ago. The decline at this market is far less than at any other. Top hogs on this market this week brought $5.65, against $5 70 on the first of the month. Top hogs in Kansas City yesterday were $5.30, against $5.75 on the first of July.

This is a growing market. While receipts of cattle are less than in June, the sales have been greater. The pens are pretty well cleared up every day now, and the shipments out are fewer. The columns of The Reporter show an increasing number of buyers who come here to supply their needs, and their competition goes to the making of a good market for the shipper.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS.

J. C. Dennis of Childress sold 19 head of 805-pound cows at $1.95.

G. S. Young of Stamford sold several loads of steers today, aggregating 99 head, averaging from 815 to 829, at $2.50.

W. H. Childress sent in from Stamford 87 head of steers, 848 pounds average, that sold at $2.50.

C. B. Sweeney shipped in from Llano 23 cows that averaged 690 pounds and brought $2.05. He also sold 17 211-pound calves at $3 and 6 of 275 pounds at $2.

J. M. Moody of Ralston, O. T., was on the market today with two loads of hogs, 72 of which, averaging 234 lbs., topped the market at $5.45, and 76 averaging 207 pounds sold at $5.40.

Dance to Honor Shakespeare.

A movement has been started in Denmark to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the production of "Hamlet" by erecting a statue of Shakespeare at the little town of Elisinore. The ancient castle of Cronberg, on the ramparts of which Hamlet held converse with the ghost of his father, forms the central point of the town. The plan has met with enthusiastic response throughout Denmark.

Simply Forced to It.

"I've found out why Snobbore is so conceited. He told me himself." "He did? Well, that's refreshing." "Yes; he said he spent half his life trying to make people think well of him—without success. Then he decided the only way to get a thing done is to do it yourself."

THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Summary of the Week's Bank Statement.

Special to The Reporter.

New York, Aug. 1. — Following is a summary of the bank statement for the week:

Reserve on all deposits, in	$5,144,675
Reserve on deposits other than United States, increase	5,150,775
Loans, increase	864,800
Legal tender, increase	2,643,700
Specie, increase	4,371,200
Deposits, increase	7,480,900
Circulation, increase	43,400

FORT WORTH MARKET.

JOBBERS PRICES.

Grain and Hay.

CASH WHEAT—No. 2,	$ .66
CASH CORN—No. 2, mixed	.60
No. 2, white	.63
CASH OATS—No. 2, red	.40 to .43
HAY—Choice prairie, per ton	$9 00
Johnson grass, per ton	9 00

Provisions.

PEACHES—Elbertas, 4 basket crates	$1.00
PEACHES—Clings, per ½ bushel basket	.50
APPLES—per bushel	1.00
GRAPES—small basket	.50
WATERMELONS—per dozen	$1 50 to 2 50
CANTELOUPES—per dozen	15 to 25
CAULIFLOWER—per lb	6c to 08
SIBERIAN CRABS—per bushel	1.50
ONIONS—dry per pound	.01
ONIONS—green per bunch	.05
CABBAGE—per cwt	1.00
CUCUMBERS—per dozen	.10
HONEY—per 1 pound sections	.14½
HONEY—bulk strained 60 pound tins	.18½
HONEY—bulk comb 60 pound tins	.12½
TOMATOES—per 4 basket crate	.25
PLUMS—per crate	
COLORADO BEANS—½ bushel basket	.75
COLORADO LETTUCE—dozen	.40

LIVE POULTRY

TURKEYS—No demand.	
CHICKENS—fryers perd ozen	$2.00 to $2.50
hens	2 00 to 2.50
EGGS—per case (case not included)	$3.75 to 3.90
BUTTER—Country per pound	8c to 15c
EXTRA CREAMERIES	

RETAIL PRICES.

APPLES—cookers	1.25
BLACKBERRIES—per box	.12½
WATERMELONS—each	25c to .35
CANTELOUPES—per dozen	.25
SIBERIAN CRABS—per bushel	1.50
BEANS, green, per gallon	.20
BUTTERBEANS, gallon	.25
ONIONS—dry, per pound	.03½
ONIONS—green, bunch	.02½
OKRA, quart	.10
CORN, per doz ears	8 to 10
CABBAGE—per pound	.2½
CUCUMBERS—per dozen	[illegible] to .20
HONEY—per 1 pound sections	.20
HONEY—strained, per gallon	1.35
HONEY—comb, per [illegible]	1.65
ROASTING EARS	.12½
BEETS—3 bunches	.10
TOMATOES—per pound	.05
PLUMS—bushel	1.50

POULTRY.

TURKEYS—no demand.	
CHICKENS—fryers per dozen	$2 50 to $3 00
hens	3.00 to 3.50
EGGS—per case (case not included)	3.75 to 4 00
BUTTER—(country)	20c to 25c
BUTTER—Extra creamery	30c

Hides.

Heavy Dry Beef	12½c
Heavy Dry Fallen	12½c
Lights	10c
Dry Salt	10 to 11c
Green salt	6 to 7c

Money in Boarders.

The State of New Hampshire gets more than $5,000,000 each season from summer boarders.

For Sale or Trade.

FOR SALE—TYPEWRITERS.

Typewriters and supplies—all makes. Easy terms. Dallas Office Supply Co., and Fort

LAND.

FOR SALE—Small ranches, well improved, 1300 acres in Burnett county, 1100 acres in Jack county, 2500 acres in Montague county. H. H. Cobb, Fort Worth, Texas.

HOGS

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FOR SALE—FURNITURE and STOVES. I have a lot of second hand furniture and stoves as good as new that I will sell very cheap. I X L Store, corner First and Houston streets.

LOST

LOST—$10 REWARD.

A reward of $10 dollars will be paid for any information leading to the recovery of one chestnut sorrel horse, about 15 years old; about 15½ hands high, white spot in forehead, branded J N O on left thigh, and paces under saddle. Got away about June 1. J. H. BARWISE, Jr., Denver Building Fort Worth, Tex.

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TOADS FOUND IN ROCKS.

Scientist Explains the Reason of Their Presence There.

"Amazing!" said a scientist, "is the popularity of the belief that toads live for long spaces of time in rocks. Only last week a quarryman sent to me a toad that he had found imbedded, he said, in a solid block of stone. Of course there is no truth in the idea that these reptiles can exist shut up for years without food and air, but there is truth in the stories of their being found in rocks. The rocks, though, are not solid, as the finders incline to think, and the toads have only been in them, it is probable, for a few hours instead of for years and years. Toads, you see, take naturally to sequestered places—to clifts in rocks or trees. A quarryman or a lumberman breaks into a rock or a tree, finds a live toad imbedded and thinks the reptile has been there since time began. As a matter of fact the toad has but recently crawled there through a little passage of some sort, but the passage is so well concealed that the eyes of the man have failed to discern it."

MADE THE PLEA TOO STRONG.

Two Over-Zealous Youngsters Worked Themselves Out of a Job.

The working members of a family consisting of a father and two sons found themselves out of employment. After a diligent search, the youngest son found employment on the Roxborough filter plant, helping to dig the excavations.

On the completion of the first day's work he asked Mr. McNichol to give his brother a job. The contractor, ever on the alert for good men, asked the young man if his brother could do as much work as he, and on the strength of this recommendation the elder brother was engaged.

The next day both brothers went to to McNichol and pleaded to have their father put on the job.

"Can your father do as much work as either of you boys?" asked McNichol.

"Yes," answered the brothers; "he can do as much work as both of us together."

"Very good," replied McNichol. "Send your father around in the morning and you two stay at home."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Unhappy International Wedding.

A rumor gathers strength in New York that the young duchess of Marlborough will return to her native land this summer and will never return to England. Her husband is said to be tired of conjugal fetters and among his intimates makes no secret of the fact. In fact, it is said, his heart belongs and always has belonged to another. Sometimes there are whispers of an occasion when his father-in-law William K. Vanderbilt, took him by the throat in a clubroom and was about to "mop the floor with him" when friends separated them.

Schley Thinks Well of Mexico.

Rear Admiral Schley is just back from Mexico and enthusiastic. "Why," he says, "the mineral wealth of that country has not even been scratched; I consider Mexico one of the greatest mining countries of the world." He had a nice time with President Diaz and came away admiring him more than ever. As to himself, the rear admiral reports that he sleeps nine hours a night, wakes up "as fresh as a baby," hopes the country will have thirty years of unbroken peace and hasn't a political ambition.

"Old Wine" Theory Exploded.

There is hardly a man who does not believe that the old wine is the best wine, yet a short time ago some cases of claret were sold in London at $25 a bottle, of the famous "Comet" vintage of 1811, and the wine was found to be utterly worthless. It was simply worn out with age. Wine experts and wealthy connoisseurs had come from great distances to buy the wine at any price, and were edified upon opening it to find it was as flat as soda water. In the same way, not long since, a quantity of hock from the cellars of a country house, of the year preceding Napoleon's retreat from Moscow, fetched $20 per bottle, and was found to have lost everything except color.

Discontent.

I knew a fellow once that had a horse
That trotted at a very merry clip;
But he was very sad at heart because
He had no whip.

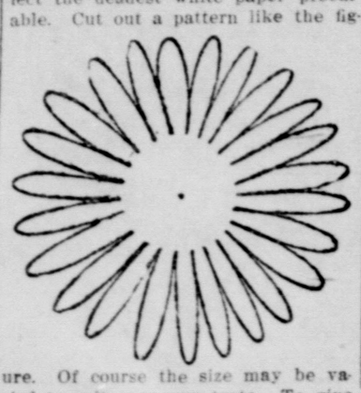
I knew a fellow once that found a whip,
But he was not content with it, of course,
For after that he wished and wished and wished
He had a horse!

Now, if the two had met and made a swap,
Each would have got the thing he so desired;
But neither would have been quite satisfied—
Which makes me tired!

—Baltimore News.

Paper Flowers.

One of the simplest paper flowers to make is the daisy. To make this, select the deadest white paper procurable. Cut out a pattern like the figure.



Of course the size may be varied to suit your own taste. To give the appearance of reality, press lightly in straight lines, either with the scissors point or a pin, on each leaf. Then glue the yellow heart in the center.

The stem, like that of all paper flowers, is made of fine wire, that comes especially for the purpose at 5 cents a spool. This wire is covered by twisting strips of green paper around it, and is then attached to the back of the flower. To make it firmer, in making the daisy, stick the end of the wire stem into the yellow center.

To make a daisy bud simply press together the petals of one of the full-blown flowers. Cut calyx like same figure, only smaller and of green paper.

Bound Without a Rope.

Here is a good way to bind prisoners captured in play battles. The captive is taken to a post or smooth trunked sapling and compelled to put his arms and legs around it as if he were about to climb. The right leg crosses the left leg, and the toe of the right shoe is pushed behind the post or tree trunk in the position shown by the illustration. After taking this position the prisoner is gently pushed down into a sitting position. It is next to impossible for a person so fixed to arise without help. The toe of the left shoe binds the right leg; the toe of the right shoe binds the

Prisoner of War.

post, and the arms can be only used to hold on by. When a friend reaches the captive, he takes him by the arm and lifts him up. As soon as the prisoner assumes an upright position he can free himself without difficulty.

Thought Reading Feat.

It takes two persons, boys or girls, to perform this feat, which is very simple, but nevertheless, mystifying to everyone who has not seen it.

One of the performers leaves the room and the door is closed so that he cannot hear what goes on. Then the company names some object that the absent player is to tell when he returns.

When the object has been agreed upon the absent one is recalled and the first performer says:

"While you were out of the room I told the boys and girls here that if they would name some object, no matter what, you would guess it the first trial on your return. Did you hear the object named? No, of course you didn't, for the door was closed and the name was spoken in so low a tone that you could not have heard. Now, let me ask you: "Was it a book?" "No." "Was it a vase?" "No," "Was it a chandelier?" "No." "Was it a chair?" "No." "Was it a flower?" "Yes."

Now, how did the player know that it was a "flower?" Simply because the understanding between the two performers is that the first performer in asking those questions names some four-legged object just before he names the one that the company agreed upon. When, therefore, he asked "Was it a chair?" His confederate knew that he would name the real object next, because a chair has four legs.

Left-Hand Party Makes Much Fun.

You have birthday parties, Christmas parties, surprise parties and parties of various other kinds; now, why not have a left-hand party? Try it; you will find it lots of fun.

Just before the time for the arrival of your guests, put your right hand in a sling and receive them in that way. Have a sling ready for each guest, so that his or her right hand may be imprisoned on arrival. A strip of any kind of soft cloth will do for the sling, but it would add much to the effect if you would select bright colors.

When all your guests have arrived you begin your left-hand amusements. These amusements may be of various kinds. First, provide a sheet of paper and a pencil for each guest, and have him write a certain sentence with his left hand. They should all write the same sentence, and when it is done gather the papers and award a prize to the one that has done the best.

Then tack a broad sheet of white paper to the wall, and have each guest draw a picture of an animal on it, using colored crayons. For this a prize may be offered, too.

If your party is held in the daytime you may have much amusement by playing outdoor games with the left hand, say, croquet or throwing balls at a mark or pitching quoits. There are many ways in which the sport may be varied, and the awkward efforts made with the left hand will give the players more enjoyment than any game played in the ordinary way.

When the sport is over ask your guests to the refreshment table, and there the fun will be renewed, for they must rely wholly on the left hand to help them in eating.

Puzzle Picture.

The devil has his eye on him.

Flower Meanings.

Grass—Utility.
Arbutus—Love or friendship.
Lichen—Dejection.
Variegated holly—Always cheerful.
Crocus—Abuse not.
Thyme—Thriftiness.
Purple violet—You occupy my thoughts.
Reeds—Music.
Variegated laurel—Attractive.
Garden daisy—I share your sentiments.
Blue violet—Faithfulness.
Wallflower—Fidelity.
Garden anemone—Forsaken.
Hyacinth—Sport.
Kingcup—I wish I were rich.
Double daffodil—Regard.
Wild violet—Love in idleness.
Double daisy—Participation.
Palm—Victory.
Cowslip—Pensiveness.
Wood anemone—Sickness.
Garden forget-me-not—Forget me not.

Pretty Way to Plant Seeds.

A pretty experiment with flower seeds may be made by girls who are in the habit of planting them in the spring. Get a small twig of elder, and split it lengthwise. Having cleaned out the pith, fill each of the two sections with seeds of flowers of different colors, but which bloom at about the same time. Now cover the seeds with mould, and then, tying together the two sections, plant the whole in a pot filled with earth, properly prepared.

The effect wil be very peculiar, for when the plants grow out of the pot,

Mixed Flowers on One Stem.

the stems will be so incorporated as to appear only one, and yet the branches will bear flowers of different kinds and colors.

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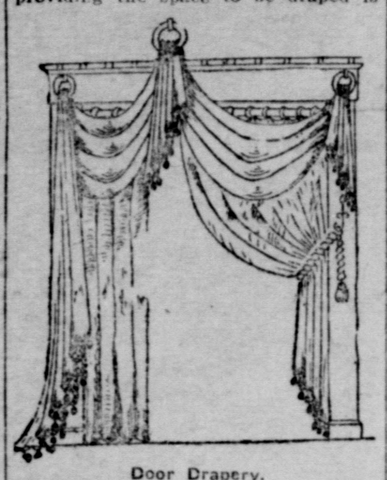

Door Drapery.

five feet and does not exceed seven feet wide. This alone makes a complete drapery devoid the straight hangings at the sides. The overdrape is arranged with the aid of three 4½-inch brass or wood rings. The center ring should be placed about twelve inches above the door facing and rest on an 8-inch brass extension bracket. The other two rings are placed on the door facing as seen in the illustration.

Curtain rods that are very shabby can be freshened by painting with a coat of enamel of whatever color is the predominating note in the room.

A paste made of plaster of paris and well-beaten white of egg will mend valuable china, so that the point is hardly visible. But it must be washed quite clean first.

Ink spots on polished wood should be touched with sweet spirits of nitre. Use a tiny camel hair brush or feather to apply it, and rub the spot directly after with a cloth dipped in sweet oil.

Brass, if lacquered, should be rubbed with a cloth dipped in sweet oil, and afterward polished with soft cloths. Unlacquered brass can be cleaned with lemon juice or paraffin, and bath brick. Polish with dry brick finely powdered.

Piano keys that have become discolored cover with a rather thick paste made of lemon juice and prepared chalk or whiting. Be careful not to let it get between the keys. Leave a few minutes, then wash off with a soft cloth, wrung out of warm water. Polish with the tiniest drop of sweet oil, and then rub with soft duster till every trace of oil is removed.

Novel Style for Bodice.

Steel blue bodice of crepe de chine laid in stitched tucks simulating box plaits, with the lace colored to match

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Novel Card Party.

At a recent card party the hostess puzzled her guests by providing beans as tallies, instead of paper stars and hearts. Five beans were awarded to the winners at the end of each game and one to the losers, each one being solemnly warned to keep his beans carefully in a little bag provided for the purpose. There was much conjecture during the games as to the ultimate use of the beans, but no hint was given until, as the tallies for the last game were being distributed, a maid brought in dainty bills of fare bearing the following astonishing information:

Sandwiches	5 beans
Coffee	3 beans
Almonds	5 beans
Olives	5 beans
Ices	10 beans
Cakes	5 beans

Immediately there was anxious diving into bags to count up accumulated gains, and more anxious calculations by those who were short of funds as to what their store would buy. Some of the fortunate, who had seven beans more than the cost of the entire bill of fare, generously offered to share with their poorer neighbors, but when it was found that even that would not treat everyone to the entire menu, the hostess offered to advance, for forfeit, enough to make up each deficiency. This was accepted, and later on the forfeits were redeemed, which was amusement enough for the rest of the evening.—Good Housekeeping.

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Novel ornaments are the big blackberries and chestnuts fashioned of cut jet.

No hair ornament is smarter than the plain velvet bow matching the gown in color.

Pretty Afternoon Frock.

An afternoon frock of tan-colored satin crepe de chine, with lace cap of ecru. The tan parasol has a design in

browns and greens, and the dark brown hat is trimmed in light brown, trimmed with green leaves.

Frocks for Little Ones.

A noticeable feature of the new frocks for the little ones is the continued popularity of black and white. The liking for this combination of extremes has gained rather than lost with time. Frocks for almost every occasion are of soft white fabrics, trimmed with broad sashes with long loops and ends at the waist and with floating ribbons at cuffs and collar. Over this is worn the redingote of black velvet, silk, cloth or moire which has been in style so long, and a hat either of black or white.

Yellow and Black.

A popular combination in new millinery is that of yellow and black. A lovely hat is in black Neapolitan straw and pale yellow tulle. The crown is of fluted tulle, while the brim is of straw, faced with the tulle. Round the crown is a wreath of yellow and black roses and the same flowers trim the bandeau, which raises the hat from the hair on the left side.

Clean the steelwork of your kitchen range when discolored by rubbing with vinegar.

When making a cake, if you want it to slip easily out of the tin, grease the tin first and then sprinkle well with flour.

To clean tin or nickel kettles, rub first with turpentine or paraffin, and afterwards with a cloth, dipped in dry, prepared whiting or chalk.

Flatiron holders if lined with a layer of old soft leather, like the top of a boot, will protect your hand from heat far better than if made in the ordinary way.

Burners should periodically be taken apart and well brushed. Remove the little bolt which is on the side opposite to the handle that turns the wick, and the whole thing will come apart quite easily.

Just in Hard Luck.

Irate Guest (to waiter)—Look here, didn't I order a Swiss cheese sandwich?

Polite Waiter—Yes, sir, and there it is.

Irate Guest—There's two slices of bread, but can you find any cheese on them?

Polite Waiter—I'm sorry, sir, the cheese is there all right, only—you happened to hit on one of the holes.

Getting Back at Her.

"No, Mr. Wooster," said the frigid maid with the imported complexion, "it can never be. I'm satisfied I would not make a good wife for a poor man."

"I guess that's the unadulterated truth," rejoined the young man who had been given the dizzy whirl, "but you will undoubtedly make a poor wife for some good man."

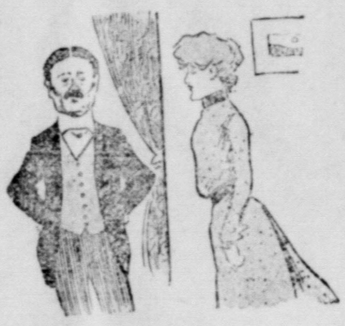
Modern Precaution.

"Adam would have never eaten that apple in these days."

"Why not?"

"Well, his physician would have told him to remove the skin to avoid indigestion and to remove the seeds to avoid appendicitis. By the time he did all this he would have thought better of the matter and not eaten the apple at all."

Then He Got Wild.



Wife—Drunk again, last night?

Husband (sulkily)—That's my business.

Wife—So it seems.

Intuition, Perhaps.

"If you can't have a boy any more," she said, looking sweetly up into his eyes, "may I not be your candy?"

"Ah, Miss Rockingham—Bertha," he replied, "may I—may I—ask you to carry the sticks for me through life?"

"Dearest," she asked after they had pulled their faces apart, "how did you guess that I—that I—cared for you?"

A Prudent Father.

"What profession do you intend to have your son take up after he gets through college?"

"I did think of having him become an architect, but I've changed my mind. It will be easier for him to put things up by going into the ice business."

Recognized the Place.

"Come, come," said His Satanic Majesty impatiently yet not unkindly to the new arrival, "there's no use of your calling for water. We don't keep it here."

As the full force of Mr. Satan's announcement broke on the trust magnate he turned pale.

"This is hell!" he exclaimed.

It Was All Right.

"And now, my dear," said the delighted youth, "when may I speak to your father?"

"You don't have to, George," replied the sweet young thing, who had just accepted him. "He told me to-day that if you didn't speak to me to-night he'd speak to you to-morrow."

Papa's Dutiful Child.

"You must admit that you gave me some encouragement," said the young man who had been jilted.

"Yes," said the girl, "you see, father says that the first essential in the development of character is to learn to say no; and I wanted you to practice on."

Poor Child.

"I hear Jack Kandor was here to see the baby," said Mr. Hoamley.

"Yes," his wife replied.

"I suppose the first thing he said was: 'He looks just like his father.'"

"No, the first thing he said was 'Good Heavens!' Then he said that."

Easy to Choose a Side.

"Cicero," said the lawyer's wife fidgeting about in a fruitless effort to woo sleep, "which is the best side to lie on?"

"The side that puts up the biggest retaining fee; go to sleep and don't bother me with silly questions."

Those Educated Sandwiches.

College Idiot (in the lunch-room)—There's one good thing I can say about these sandwiches.

Kind Friend—What's that?

College Idiot—That they're college bred.—Columbia Jester.

Activity.

"You say you take automobile rides for the sake of exercise?"

"Certainly."

"But where does the physical exercise come in?"

"Getting out to see what the matter is."

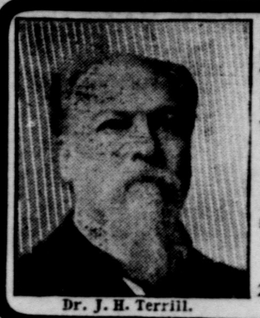
Not Many Such.

Mae—What is your ideal of a man?

Lehel—One who is clever enough to make money, and foolish enough to spend it freely.—Life.

A Translation.

"In vino veritas" means that the truth is liable to leak out of even an exceedingly tight man.—Puck.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David A. Curtis, in the "Focus," deprecates what is commonly called "popular music," and longs for the simpler melodies that ring true Wonder how this would suit him:

Give me the songs of yesterday,
The melodies that thrill;
The songs my mother sang to me—
The songs I reverence still.

Listen, my heart, to memories
Of tender lays of yore,
The music of maternal love,
The songs of simpler score.

Give to my weary ear the airs
That stir me through and through,
The old-time songs, the heart-throb songs,
The songs forever new!

Grant me the pulse of ecstasy
I felt in ancient tune
My mother sang in quavering voice,
In words of simple rune.

Sound me no grand orchestral flights,
No peans of the time—
Give me the songs of yesteryear,
The soulful songs, divine.

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The new king of Servia should not be scoffed at for being the descendant of a swine seller. We feel like we would enjoy descending to a (s)wine seller ourselves to-day with the thermometer 92 in the shade and very little shade.

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There is only one thing that raises more dust on the boulevard than the devil wagon. You know what that is—two devil wagons. And sometimes there are as many as seven with eleven coming a block away.

❦ ❦ ❦

One of the saddest thoughts that comes to a young man graduate is that father seems to notice him putting his feet under the table at meal time and him just getting ready to halter and tame the wide, wide world, too!

❦ ❦ ❦

A writer claims the dog star Sirius, causes the heat. A case of "hot dog" probably—but we hope the warm little rascal never gets to chasing his tail. It's hot enough now. This is Serius.

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CHICAGO WEATHER.

He stood in his robe at day-break,
In his scarlet robe-de-nuit,
And he pondered well the problem
Of a summer or winter suit.

The sun fell aslant his cottage,
As the cars sped swift away,
And he questioned the new born zephyr
In what he should dress that day.

To dazzle the crowd with his linens
And pose as a hero bold?
Or to stick to his winter rigging
And laugh at the chilling cold?

How often, Oh, how often,
He had studied the sky at morn—
Gone forth in his pristine spring-things
To shiver and shake forlorn.

King Sol, in his royal splendor,
Now tempted with balmy heat,
But by night would be order sneezing
And admonish to soak his feet?

The sun fell aslant the cottage,
As the cars sped swift away,
And he questioned the new born zephyr
In what he should dress that day.

And a nameless longing filled him—
A longing almost a pain,
To know if the morn's effulgence
Meant hailstones, snow or rain!

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There are several words not to be found in the dictionary that a man feels like saying out loud when he pays his summer resort bill. Webster did not corral everything worth utterance.

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A poet worked himself into an awful mess about "The Songs My Mother Sang" but never a word was there in it regarding pa's calling him the second time for breakfast!

❦

The June bride looked like a magnificent picture—every one of her. But wait until August weather, and she will look like a goat has licked the paint off that picture.

❦

It is not considered good form to ask the pork packer's wife to "render" something on the piano; just ask her to get busy with the ivories.

❦

"Our horse is getting so touchy these days, he won't pass a grocery wagon with a can of gasoline in it. He auto be more reasonable.—Uncle By.

❦

A tugboat is called "she" because it always has something on the string, insists on leading the procession, and generally blows about it.

❦

No man ever started a chain scheme that carried as far and as rapidly as that secret he told a dear friend who promised not to tell.

❦

Some men could enjoy their summer vacations were it not for hustling around in the heat trying to find new jobs.

❦

An optimist is a man who goes about his own business and never asks, "Is this hot enough for you?"

❦

Some men are not seasick going to Europe. They don't go.

❦

Keep cool! If you can't keep cool, keep still about it!

SOME WITTY SALLIES

LITTLE SHAFTS OF HUMOR AND SATIRE.

Mr. Gayboy's Unintended Admission—No Doubt About the Position of the Cook—Couldn't Understand the Angel's Desperation.

A Bargain.

Fred—Kitty didn't marry that millionaire duffer after all, did she?

Jack—No, he backed out and she sued him for breach of promise.

Fred—What damages?

Jack—Twenty-five thousand, and she got it.

Fred—Clear case of $25,000 off for cash, wasn't it? I didn't think Kitty was so sharp at driving a bargain.—Comfort.

Wants and Wishes.

"There's a strange man at the door, sir," announced the new servant from Boston.

"What does he want," asked the master of the house, impatiently.

"Begging your pardon, sir," replied the servant, a shade of disapproval manifest in his voice, "he wants a bath, but what he is asking for is something to eat."

Professional Sprinters.

Comedian—What is MacHam, the tragedian, doing now?

Sweet Singer—Why, he's a hotel runner.

Comedian—You don't mean to say he waits around the stations to catch strangers?

Sweet Singer—Oh, no. He just runs from the hotel when his bill comes around.

Easily Located.

Wife—I ought to go to bed, for I'm awfully sleepy, but I'm hungry, too.

Husband—Wait; we'll have some lunch. I brought home a tidbit to-day, and left it in the back kitchen.

Wife—It's dark out there; you'll find a candle——

Husband—Oh, I can find it in the dark. It's Limburger cheese.

Pay Day in Sight.

Miles—Shortun married an heiress last week and he declares she is all the world to him.

Giles—So he's getting ready to collect the debt, eh?

Miles—What debt?

Giles—Why, the one his wife owes him. I heard him say one time that the world owed him a living.

Timely Warning to Noah.

"Noah," exclaimed the grand old sailor's wife, "what are you slapping at?"

"Confound that mosquito," he answered. "I'll smash it yet, you see if I don't."

"Henry W. Noah, what do you mean? Have you forgotten that we have only two mosquitos in the ark?"

A Mystery.

"Well, well!" exclaimed Mrs. Henpeck, laying down her copy of "Paradise Lost," "there couldn't be anything more awful than the fall of all those angels. I can't imagine what excuse they had to become so desperate."

"That's so," replied Henpeck, musingly. "None of them were married."

Rather Different.

Mrs. Newlywed—You used to think it a great privilege once just to hold my hand.

Mr. Newlywed—And don't I think just as much of you as ever?

Mrs. Newlywed—If you did you wouldn't be away every night holding other hands at the poker table.

Sallie and Willie.

"I notice, Willie, that berries are becoming pretty plentiful upon the market."

"Yes, Sallie, and they will remain more plentiful upon the market than upon our table until the price gets smaller and the boxes get larger."—Roller Monthly.

Hostile.

Briggs—Has your cook been with you long?

Driggs—With us? Good heavens, no! She's been against us almost from the first.

Getting Acquainted.

Mr. Stayout—Say, old boy, they tell me you have given up all of your clubs and that you never go out at night any more.

Mr. Stayin—Yes; getting so well acquainted at home that my wife is beginning to call me by my first name.

Asked and Answered.

Irate Father—Ah! how is it I catch you kissing my daughter, sir? Answer me, sir; how is it?

Young Man—Fine, sir; fine!

CHICAGO MAN'S HEAD BIGGEST.

How the Sizes Vary in Different Sections of the United States.

A hatter had just finished selling a hat to an Irishman.

"The Irish," he said, "have heads of a graceful shape; long and oval, and very large. The American has a head shaped very much like the Irishman's only it is smaller and slightly rounder.

"The German has a square head, flat on top and very wide between the ears. A German's hat always looks too big for him. It looks so because it is so. In order that it may encompass the head's great breadth it must be bought a little too loose in its other dimensions. Some Germans, who are particular, have their hats made to order on this account.

"I sell hats all over the Unted States, and I find that heads run bigger West than anywhere else. The Chicago man has the biggest head in America. The Southerner has the smallest. We Easterners—Philadelphians, New Yorkers and Bostonians—all have heads about the same size. That size is on the average 7. The Westerner's size is 7¼. The Southerner's is 6⅞."—Philadelphia Record.

High Prices for Antiques.

Old furniture collectors in this city have lately been driving prices higher and higher. The rage for Chippendale and Sheraton patterns of the finer lines is greater than ever. Chairs especially fetch astonishing prices. Even dealers are paying in some cases as much as $50 for a single Chippendale chair of rare pattern, though it be out of repair. A collector in this city paid the other day $275 for a Chippendale armchair. Chairs of less unusual pattern are sold every day for $40, $50 and $100.—New York letter.

Lots of Work for Idle Hands.

Loud and urgent are the calls from western farms and orchards for scores of thousands of wage earners for the harvesting of the crops and the garnering of the fruits. But too many idlers, tramps and beggars in our cities, and in the country regions also, turn deaf ears to such appeals and refuse tempting opportunities to earn honest and comfortable livings. The vagrant spirit, the "dead-beat" desire to get along without working, is too conspicuous everywhere.—New York Tribune.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUITS.

Some Interesting Deductions Drawn From Published Statistics.

Of every thousand suits for breach of promise to marry at least 999 are brought by women. Now it is probable that men are the victims of such breaches at least as often as women and therefore the question arises whether the vast predominance of feminine plaintiffs has any significance as to the relative delicacy of mind possessed by the two sexes. For a breach of promise suit is essentially indelicate. To bring it requires a more or less brutal indifference to public ridicule and an amazing willingness to place one's self and one's private emotions under derisive inspection and vulgar commentary. And men rarely do all this, while women do it frequently. It's very puzzling. Of course there is the matter of money, more commonly in the possession of men than of women, but that explanation is not kind to the women, for it involves the assumption that they are mercenary and that for the sake of money they are willing to go through an ordeal that would be simply frightful for men in most respect scallous.—New York Times.

Why Du Chaillu Was a Bachelor.

The late Paul du Chillu was on one occasion asked why he had never married. "Well, once upon a time," he answered, without a smile, "an old African king who was very fond of me offered me my choice of 853 women as a wife. 'Your majesty,' I replied, 'if I should marry one of these beauties of yours there would be 852 jealous women here.' 'Well,' replied the king, 'that is easily settled. Take them all.' That was a little too strong for me, however, and, as I have never had such a field to choose from since, I am still a bachelor."

Two Retailers of Chestnuts.

Joseph H. Choate told a story at a banquet. Chauncey M. Depew arrived late and in his turn told the same story. He did not understand the premature laughter and the lack of tumult when he concluded and asked his neighbor what was the matter. "You told Joe Choate's story five minutes after he had finished it." Mr. Depew laughed. "Choate's story?" he said. "Why, Adam told that to the snake at their first meeting. I knew Choate would tell it, but thought he followed me.'

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Fresh Young Man Who Bantered a Jap Answered in Kind.

A young Japanese compositor employed on a Japanese paper hardly a stone's throw from the Mail and Express building, was riding down town in a city hall train the other morning. He was engrossed in his morning paper and paid little attention to the other passengers. But a fresh-looking young man who sat next to him, and who had been eyeing him all along, suddenly said:

"What sort of a 'nese' are you, anyway? A Chinese or a Japanese?"

The little Jap was not caught napping. Quick as a wink he replied:

"What sort of a 'key' are you anyway; a monkey, a donkey, or a Yankee?"

The fresh young man had no more to say, and left the train quickly when City Hall station was reached.—New York Mail and Express.

Manners of East New York.

A woman dropped her chatelaine bag in a lower East Side street the other day. A nicely dressed young man started forward and stooped to pick it up. While he was in this defenseless position the woman brought down her umbrella on the back of his neck. A policeman rushed up, and the woman accused the gallant young man of attempted grand larceny. With great difficulty the young man succeeded in pacifying her and explaining to the policeman, who let him go with this reprimand: "Them manners don't go down here, young feller. Just keep yer hat on an' blow smoke in the ladies' faces an' you'll be all right."—New York Sun.

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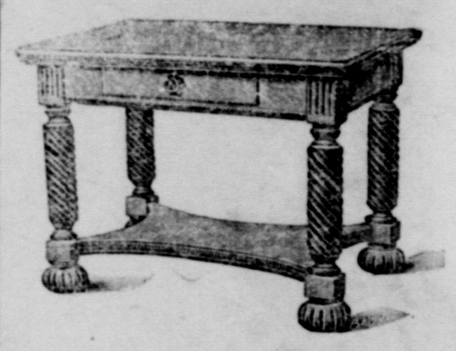

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Queen Alexandra's Epigram.

"It is a pity," said Queen Alexandra to the late Bishop of London, one day, "that women are not as devoted to the birds in the air as they are to the birds in their hats."

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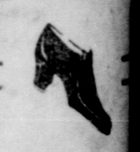

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