

**Greatest Works of Century.**  
Many of the most eminent Germans were recently asked to express their opinion as to which was the greatest work of the last century, and their answers, when classified, showed that the majority attached most importance to the following achievements:

1. The establishment of the German Empire.
2. The proclamation of the rights of man.
3. The discovery of steam as a motive power.
4. Applied electricity.
5. The discovery of narcotics and of antiseptics.
6. The promulgation of the law of conservation of energy.
7. The work of Darwin.
8. The discovery of the modern scientific method of judging things, which is based on exact observation.
9. The discovery of the spectral analysis.
10. The discovery of the X-rays.
11. Beethoven's ninth symphony.
12. The second part of "Faust."
13. The convention at Geneva.
14. The primary school and compulsory education.
15. The movement in favor of woman's rights.
16. The exploration of Africa by Europeans.

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Scribbler—Oh yes; it went off, all right.

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Mrs. McCall—Why on earth did you get such a plain gown?  
Mrs. Hauskeep—All on account of our cook.  
Mrs. McCall—I don't understand.  
Mrs. Hauskeep—Well, she always goes in for gaudy things, and I want to have just one dress that she won't copy.—Philadelphia Press.

**The Woman of It.**  
Maude—Charlie Wiggins sent me a handsome mirror for a birthday present.  
Clara—That accounts for the funny question he asked me the other evening.  
Maude—What did he ask you?  
Clara—If a woman ever got too old to be pleased with a looking glass.—Chicago News.

**Very Simple.**



"I'm very sorry, Minna, but my husband is not satisfied with your cooking."  
"Hi! That's his fault, ma'am! Why don't you get another husband?"—Lustige Welt.

**Not So Taciturn as That.**  
She—Mrs. Boretton called to-day and I thought she would never go.  
He—But you are so amiable, I suppose you never gave her the slightest hint that you wanted her to go.  
She—Indeed, I did not. If I had, she'd be here now.—Brooklyn Life.

**Had Her Bluffs.**  
"How does the new cook strike you, my dear?" asked the head of the house as he sat down to dinner.  
"She hasn't struck me yet," replied the weary other half, "but I believe she would if I gave her any back talk."—Chicago Daily News.

**The Front Door Always Open.**  
"I may be up your way pretty soon," said the scientist to the crater.  
"Good," said the crater. "Drop in at any time."—Exchange.

**Wise Wife.**  
He—Mrs. Wise seems to understand how to manage her husband pretty well.  
She—Yes. She lets him have her own way in everything.—Life.

**A Great Success.**  
Jack—Was the church garden party a success?  
Julia—Well, I worked hard enough; I ate ice cream with every young man on the grounds.—Detroit Free Press.

**As It Seemed.**  
"What's his business?"  
"Everybody's."—Exchange.

**Cholly's Occupation.**  
"Has Cholly any occupation—does he condescend to work for money?"  
"O, yes!" He's courting Miss Millions.—Exchange.



**Mugsy—I ain't a-goin' to fight yer; cos if I do me mudder will find it out on lick me.**  
Mickey—Aw! How will she know dat you fought wid me?  
Mugsy—She'll see de crape on yer door.

**Sisterly Wax.**  
Ida—Was Harry disturbed when you would be a sister to him?  
May—No; the mean thing looked happy and said he'd send up his old smoking-jacket for me to darn. Said a sister should look after her brother's little needs.

**The American Plan.**  
Foreigner—What do you Americans do when the officials you elect fail in their duty to the public, and line their own pockets?  
American—Do? Why, sir, we hold indignation meetings—yes, sir; and sometimes, sir, our righteous wrath passes all bounds of propriety, and we actually burn them in effigy—yes, sir.  
"What do you do next?"  
"Next—why—er—we go back to our business, forget all about it, and elect 'em again."—New York Weekly.

**Selecting an Occasion.**  
"When are you going to call on the Van Duils?" asked the daughter.  
"Just as soon," answered the mother, "as I can find out when they are not going to be at home."—Washington Star.

**Why She Was Angry.**  
Kate—Yes, he threatened to kiss me and I was alarmed.  
Ernie—And then you were angry?  
Kate—No wonder; it was a false alarm.

**A Quiet Affair.**  
Assistant—Here's an account of a deaf mute's funeral service all in sign language. How'll I head it?  
Editor—Call it a quiet affair.

**A Hospitable Chinese.**

It was high noon, and Monday. Worse yet, it was the thirteenth day of the month. A knock was heard at the kitchen door of the Burns mansion. The Chinese servant opened the door. A tramp of long and varied experience accosted him.

"I've been traveling, and have played in mighty hard luck," observed the tramp. "I lost all of my money in an attempt to corner oats, and now I'm hungry; very, very hungry. Can't you please give me a little bite of something to eat?"

The Chinaman comprehended the situation at once. A benevolent, placid smile spread itself over his entire countenance.  
"You likee fish?" he asked of the tramp.  
"Yes, I like fish first rate. That will do well as anything."  
"Come Pilday," said the hospitable heathen.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**An Exception.**  
"Remember the dumb carry no tales," remarked Carlton.  
"How about the dumb-waiter?" queried Flattie. "That is the medium by which we know how much harmony exists among the families upstairs."

**An Aesthetic Soul.**  
"Well, did she buy the book?"  
"No," replied the clerk; "she said she didn't like the cover design."

**Beginning of the End.**  
Long—Is Blank a friend of yours?  
Short—He was, but I've lost all confidence in him recently.  
Long—How did it come about?  
Short—He refused to lend me \$5 the other day.

**Fixing the Limit.**  
"Would you like a half-size or a quarter view?" asked the photographer.  
"Better gimme one o' the quarter kind, I reckon," replied the rural party from the uncut grass. "Fifty cents air tew blam'd much for a picture."

**His Situation.**  
"So you ran across Dingbat in New York, did you? Has he got a good position there?"  
"He had when I saw him last. He was sitting in a hammock with the daughter of a big banker."—Chicago Tribune.

**Her Remarkable Voice.**  
"Mis' Tomkins got a remarkable voice."  
"She suttinly do make some remarkable remarks with it."

**A Sufficient Test.**  
"Is he competent?"  
"I don't think so. He was indignant when I offered to make a few suggestions."

**Confidence.**  
Lawyer Sharp—Have you told me the facts precisely as they occurred?  
"Rastus—Deed I have. I thought it best to tell yo' the troof and let yo' put in the lies yo'self."

**Her Reason.**  
"Why did you marry another dyspeptic?" asked the inquisitive friend of the ex-widow who had just annexed specimen No. 2. "Your first husband was a martyr to indigestion, and I should think one of the kind was enough."  
"Yes, it would seem so," replied the ex-widow, with a sigh. "but, you see, my first husband left a lot of medicine behind when he shuffled off and I hated to see it go to waste."

**Exempt.**  
Teacher—Tommy, who made the beautiful mountains?  
Tommy—I dunno, ma'am. I only moved here last week.

**The Fruits.**  
"I planted a kiss on her cheek," said the ardent young lover.  
"Raise anything?" queried the buffoon friend.  
"Yes—her father raised Cain."

**Very Likely.**  
Sharpe—Here is a railroad pamphlet entitled "What Fills the Eye of the Traveling Public."  
Whetton—H'm! It must allude to cinders.

**Impertinent Query.**  
Maude—Charlie Freshleigh actually tried to kiss me last night.  
Clara—Indeed! How did it happen he had to try?

**Atlas Not So Much.**  
"Atlas must have been strong to have held the world on his shoulders."  
"Yes, but I met a thin Boston girl the other day who was carrying Boston around with her wherever she went."—Life.

**Estimated.**  
Briggs—How long were you out at the shore?  
Griggs—About a week, or one square meal.

**A Reason for Patronage.**  
"People have strange reasons sometimes for patronizing particular grocery stores, steamboat lines and railway lines," said the vice president.  
"When I was a ticket agent, back in the '50s, I heard all sorts of them. One day an old lady came to the window and asked for a ticket up the line a short distance.  
"I thought I'd take this road 'stead of the other," she said, "cause I fell like I had an interest in this road."  
"How's that?" I asked, thinking she might have a son connected with the road in some capacity. I knew a lot of clerks at various stations, and if this was a friend's mother I wished to help her in a way.  
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**Like Some Stocks.**  
"Poetry" he sniffed, scornfully. "An Ode to the Sun." I don't take any stock in such things."  
"Still, poets are all right."  
"I don't take stock in them," persisted the prosaic broker, "because the sun, no matter how high it is at noon, is sure to go down before night."

**Severe.**  
She—What are you thinking about?  
He—Nothing.  
She—Isn't that rather egotistical?—Exchange.

**GOLD MINING—The Saturday Mining Edition of the Lead Daily Call gives full, reliable news about the mining industry of the Black Hills of South Dakota. \$2 per year; \$1 for six months. The American Mining Congress will hold its annual session in the twin cities of Lead and Deadwood in 1903.**

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**Sympathetic.**  
Lady—Now that you have had a good dinner will you save some wood for me?  
Tramp—I'd be tickled to death to do it, ma'am, but it's erginest me principles ter do me feller creatures dirt like dat.

**So Different.**  
Jibbs—Why? What's the matter with you, old man?  
Jabbs (groaning)—I've just been bitten by a dog!  
Jibbs—What an outrage! Why don't you shoot the beast? He may be rabid. Anyhow, it is a duty you owe to society, and the dog's owner ought to be prosecuted.  
"But it was your own dog!"  
"Oh! Ah—er, why, old man, he was probably playing with you and bit deeper than he intended! He's such a playful dog."—San Francisco Bulletin.

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School Teacher—What are the principal things we get out of the earth?  
Johnny (who goes fishing)—Worms.

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"What, my son! A fraudulent bankruptcy?"  
"Be tranquil, dad," is the reply; "nothing is lost, except honor."

**How It Happened.**  
"Why did you throw a stone at Willie to-day?"  
"He—he got mad, sir, and looked as if he wanted to hurt me with something, so I threw the stone over to him that he might have something to throw at me."—Savage-Nisse.

**A Cure for Rheumatism.**  
Bridgeport, Wash., Oct. 20.—Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble seem to be the prevailing ailments in this territory and particularly in Douglas County.

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