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**Trained Wolves.**  
Bert Decker, a young sportsman of Tuscola, Ill., has succeeded in taming two wolves, and they are very valuable as hunters. He captured them when young, raised them as "kittens," and now, though they are as large as shepherd dogs, they are quite tame and playful. Decker says the wolves can outrun dogs on the hunt, and are very long-winded. Their favorite way of catching a rabbit is to run alongside of him, put their nose underneath Mr. Cottontail, and throw him ten or twelve feet in the air, catching him in their mouths as he falls. The wolves always return to their master when called.

Decker's success has caused other sportsmen to undertake the training of wolves to supplant dogs in hunting, and it is probable that wolves will find a place in future kennels.—Charleston (Ill.) Correspondence Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Senator Pettus' Library.**  
Senator Pettus was quoting Scripture to some of his colleagues in the cloak-room the other day. "How in the world do you happen to be so familiar with the Bible?" asked one of the audience. "I went to California in 1849," replied the Senator, smiling, "and I took a complete library in my kit. It comprised the Bible, Shakespeare and Bobbie Burns. You'll find I am pretty familiar with all three."

**Newspapers in Paris.**  
New York is pretty well supplied with newspapers. I doubt if capitalists could be persuaded that additional ones would be good investments. But so far as mere numbers are concerned, our papers are only a tithe of what we find in Paris. There are about 2500 organs of the press in the French capital, 163 of which are political journals. In this country nothing is a newspaper unless it issues daily. Of political dailies in Paris there are 79, of tri-weeklies 1, of weeklies 73, of bi-monthlies 6, of monthlies 2 and of annuals 1. Of the whole number 122 are Republican, 31 are Conservative and 10 cannot be classified. The reviews number 10 weekly, 60 monthly, 31 bi-monthly, 26 quarterly, 28 are issued six times a year and 11 appear at irregular intervals. Napoleon suppressed several hundred newspapers, leaving only thirteen in existence during his reign. There are 500 papers in London.

**The Sultan's Fortress Kitchen.**  
The private kitchen of the Sultan of Turkey is a veritable fortress, consisting of a small chamber situated to the right of the great entrance, and is guarded by barred windows and an armored door. The cook officiates under the ever-watchful eye of the keldarji bachi, one of the most weighty functionaries in Yildiz Palace at Constantinople, for the health, the very life, even, of the ruler is at his mercy. When cooked, each dish is fastened with red wax, bearing the official seal of the keldarji, and remains hermetically closed until the seals are broken in the Sultan's own presence. His Majesty's life is passed in a long series of elaborate precautions. However, in spite of the care he takes of his health, Abdul Hamid, after a reign of twenty-five years, looks prematurely old and broken. His weakness is extreme and his body so thin that it is little more than a skeleton.

**Effective Discipline.**  
"Mamma," said little Dorothy as she rubbed her stomach caressingly with her left hand while with her right she shoved her dessert most industriously into her mouth, "mamma, do you know what makes this blanc manne and cream so awfully, awfully good?"  
"No, daughter, do you?"  
"Yes, course I do, because it's been whipped!"

**Incog.**  
First American—Have a good time abroad?  
Second American—Fine. I traveled and escaped the vulgar curiosity of the gaping crowd.  
"Eh? How did you travel?"  
"Incognito, I said. I didn't let 'em know I was a rich American. Just pretended I wasn't anybody but an ordinary English lord."

**No Fear of Burglars.**  
"I am so glad the boys of our regiment gave you that handsome revolver," said the militia captain's wife. "We need have no fear now of the burglars who have been infesting our neighborhood."  
"That's so, my dear," he replied. "I've locked it up in the office safe where they can't get at it."

**Magnanmous.**  
Foreign Visitor—You have a glorious country here, and fairly replete in the blessings of freedom, I suppose.  
Mr. Crossroads—Well, as to that, we don't take much interest in politics up our way. The postoffice don't half pay expenses, and so all parties patriotically agreed to retire from the political field and let a soldier's widow have it.

**The Heathen's Puss.**  
"My friend," said the missionary who was trying to convert the wealthy mandarin, "do you not know that it is easier for the camel to get through the eye of a needle than—"  
"Than it is for me," the mandarin interrupted, "to get through the need of an idol, eh? Very true."

**His Experience.**  
"You can't imagine," said the musical young woman, "how distressing it is when a singer realizes that she has lost her voice."  
"Perhaps not," replied the man, "but I've got a fair idea of how distressing it is when she doesn't realize it."

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MISS VIRGINIA GRANES, President of Nurses' Association, Watertown, N. Y., most distressing cases of inflammation and ulceration of the ovaries and womb. I have known that doctors used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound when everything else failed with their patients. I have advised my patients and friends to use it and have yet to hear of its first failure to cure."  
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## POPULAR SCIENCE

Professional divers, who remain under water from two to five minutes at a time, are accustomed, before submerging themselves, to take deep respirations for ten minutes. The object is said to be to store up oxygen, not in the lung cells, but in the blood-corpuses. This renders a temporary suspension of the breathing possible by supplying the corpuscles with an extra quantity of oxygen, to be exchanged chemically with the carbonic acid, produced by vital processes, in the blood.

A correspondent of Nature has found that the spiral horn of a wild sheep, when so placed that the ear is the axis of the coil, makes the ticking of a watch more audible in one particular direction. Since the ear of the sheep is surrounded by the horn he infers that the latter acts as an ear-trumpet, not improving the hearing for distant sounds, but disclosing the direction of a sound. This would be useful in enabling the sheep to ascertain the exact points from which sounds come when there is a mist or fog covering its feeding grounds.

At present, when so many efforts are being made to reach the northern termination of the earth's axis, the geographical north pole, comparatively little popular interest is expressed concerning another north pole, quite as important in many ways, the pole of magnetism. But scientific men do not lose their interest in the latter, and Professor Amundsen intends to spend three years in the peninsula of Boothia Felix, the northernmost point of the mainland of North America, wherein the north magnetic pole is situated. He will make his headquarters exactly at the pole if he can.

M. Stazzano has noted several facts going to show that the aurora borealis is of terrestrial origin; that it is intimately connected with phenomena classed as meteorological; and now shows from statistics that low pressures of the barometer are the sign of the most direct connection, auroras increasing in frequency with low pressures. They act not only to extend the auroral zone which, in both hemispheres, follows the line of low polar pressure, but also the period of the low pressure influences both the diurnal and the monthly period of the aurora.

**Bells of John Bull.**  
In the making of bells Ireland has without doubt attained pre-eminence, but she has by no means established a monopoly. Indeed, John Bull is not often able to poke fun at her upon that score without being promptly reminded of his own achievements in the same line. A recent newspaper controversy has called forth some fine examples of the purely British bull, of which two were contributed by members of Parliament, although not within the walls of the House. They occurred, however, in the course of the campaign eloquence which admitted the speakers to its precincts.

**The Differing Intelligence of Animals.**  
Elephants are among the most severely drilled of animals; their intelligence does not have free play in consequence. But all English trainers agree that there is a great difference in capacity between them, and that some will learn and remember a lesson far more quickly than others. Cats have very "level" brains, and are too self-centred and self-contained, as a rule, to show the distinctions which exist between them. Their strongest instinct is toward a kind of domestic comfort not exactly shared with human beings, but enjoyed in their company, to which the cat perfectly adapts itself. Yet there are misanthropic cats which make no secret of their dislike and contempt for mankind in general, only come into the house under protest and would prefer to sleep in a coal cellar to taking their nap in good society. These are the exceptions in the cat world, but every one has met with them. Birds are usually regarded as possessing brains in "classes," not as individuals, the origin of the belief being probably the fact that birds of one species usually build exactly the same kind of nest. The generalization is not correct. The same species may have brains of all capacities.—London Spectator.

**A Recipe.**  
A correspondent writes: Tried recipe for a tempting ad: Take one crisp, fresh idea, one sound, strong catch-line, a hundred short words and half as much more white space. Mix intelligently and serve in a tasty border.—Printers' Ink.

## TRAPPING A WITNESS.

The Clock Had Not Moved For Over Six Months.

A case was being tried in a country court. A horse had been stolen from a field, and the evidence all pointed to a certain doubtful character of the neighborhood as the culprit. Though his guilt seemed clear, he had found a lawyer to undertake his defense. At the trial the defendant's counsel expended his energy in trying to confuse and frighten the opposing witnesses, especially a farmer whose testimony was particularly damaging. The lawyer kept up a fire of questions, asking many foolish ones, in the hope of deceiving the witness into a contradiction.

"You say," the lawyer went on, "that you can swear to having seen this man drive a horse past your farm on the day in question?"  
"I can," replied the witness, wearily, for he had already answered the question a dozen times.  
"What time was this?"  
"I told you it was about the middle of the forenoon."

"But I don't want any 'abouts' or 'middles.' I want you to tell the jury exactly the time."  
"Why," said the farmer, "I don't always carry a gold watch with me when I'm digging potatoes."  
"But you have a clock in the house, haven't you?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, what time was it by that?"  
"Why, by that clock it was just 10 minutes past 10."  
"You were in the field all the morning?" went on the lawyer, smiling suggestively.  
"I was."  
"How far from the house is this field?"  
"About half a mile."  
"You swear, do you, that by the clock in your house it was just 10 minutes past 10?"  
"I do."

The lawyer paused and looked triumphantly at the jury. At last he had entrapped the witness into a contradictory statement that would greatly weaken his evidence. The farmer leisurely picked up his hat and started to leave the witness stand. Then, turning slowly about, he added:  
"I ought, perhaps, to say that too much reliance should not be placed on that clock, as it got out of gear about six months ago, and it's been 10 minutes past 10 ever since."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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**Expenditure on so vast a scale,** proclaimed one of them who was urging national economy, "will in time empty even the inexhaustible coffers of Britain, and convince her reckless legislators too late, when the mare is stolon, that they must close that barn door through which for years the flood of extravagance has poured unchecked."  
The second speaker did even better, although it is fair to allow something for a man who, hooted down by a derisive opposition, is naturally too excited and indignant to carefully consider his words.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen," he protested. "The cry of the cat, the crow of the cock and the hiss of the gander are not argument. True, they may for the time overwhelm the feeble voice of one man in the roaring tide, but not all their leagured forces, howsoever armed and arrayed for combat, shall avail finally to extinguish that beacon torch of experience, still gripped fast and held high in his unflinching hand to guide safely through the breakers the straining eyes of posterity!"

**Forest Reserves.**  
The part of the twenty-first annual report of the United States geological survey, dealing with forest reserves, edited by Mr. Henry Gannett, geographer, is now passing through the press, though not yet published. The areas of all the reserves amount to 70,647 square miles, and these (thirty-seven in number) lie in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, three of them lying also partly in Idaho and South Dakota.

The reserves treated of in this report are the Lewis and Clark forest reserves, 4572 square miles, of Montana; the Mount Ranier forest reserve, 1655 square miles, and the Olympic forest reserve, 3006 square miles, of Washington; the Ashland forest reserve, 296 square miles, and the southern part of the Cascade range forest reserve of Oregon; the Lake Tahoe, 213 square miles, and the Stanislaus, 1080 square miles, forest reserve of California. There are included also a classifier according to timber of lands in the Yosemite, the Sonora and other quadrangles; a detailed description by township and range of the woodlands of Indian Territory, and a discussion of timber conditions of the pine region of Minnesota. These reports are of interest to the botanist as well as to the general public.

A woman feels that she has not lived unless she has experienced the joys of a broken heart.

## THE STREET CAR BLOCKADE.

**THE CALAMITY.**  
All at once the street car sort of hopped, and then, with a jolt and bump, it stopped. For another car was just ahead. As motionless as if 'twere dead; Another car was ahead of that. Two men inside, one lean, one fat, And ahead of that was another car. With one lone man of the G. A. R. Another car was ahead of that, In which a sleeping copper sat, And another car ahead of that, Was as empty as a looted flat, Ahead of that was another car, And ahead of that another car, And ahead of that another car, And ahead of that another car, And another car ahead of that, And another car ahead of that, And another car ahead of that, And other cars ahead of those, And still more cars ahead of those, And ahead of those were others still, And stretching ahead were others still, While each was as silent as the tomb And a veritable cave of gloom.

**THE CAUSE.**  
For a wagon filled with soft coal slack had broken down on the street car track.—Chicago Tribune.



**Jingles and Jest.**  
Ruggles—"What are you doing for a living these days?"  
Chimshaw—"Dodging trolley cars."—Chicago Tribune.

Crabshaw—"I tell you we can't afford it." Mrs. Crabshaw—"If we could, my dear, I wouldn't care two cents for it."—Judge.

Hoax—"Bones complains because he can never keep a dog long." Joax—"Why don't he try a dachshund?"—Philadelphia Record.

She (at the piano)—"Listen; how do you enjoy this refrain?" He—"Very much. The more you refrain the better I like it."—Tit-Bits.

If brevity's the soul of wit, I do not want that sort. Too well I know there's not a bit of fun in being short.—Philadelphia Record.

Friend—"Was it a serious accident?" Chauffeur—"Not at all. Only two pedestrians killed, and the automobile wasn't even scratched."—Life.

Wife—"I've done nothing but practice economy ever since we were married." Husband—"And I've had to pay for it!"—Detroit Free Press.

"If time is money," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "what's the use of spending our time in saving our money?"—Philadelphia Record.

Miss Goose—"That animal conversing with the owl says quite spicy things." Miss Fox—"Oh, yes! He's a cinnamon bear, you know!"—Brooklyn Life.

A girl who was fond of her F's Attended so many pink T's That she ruined her I's, Which was not very Y's, And it's only at times that she C's.—Philadelphia Record.

He—"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, you know." She—"Yes; I never saw any one who could pass a florist's as often as you can without stopping to even look in the window."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"She doesn't have any trouble in keeping a servant girl." "No. Her husband is political boss of the ward." "What has that to do with it?" "Why, he has the handsomest policeman assigned to that beat."—Philadelphia Press.

First Burglar—"What did yer take that brickybrac for?" "Tain't no good!" Second Burglar—"Tain't?" First Burglar—"Naw, I tell yer, Jimmy, if yer wanta make a fast-class success in dis business yer got to know somethin' about art!"—Puck.

"George," said the young wife, "I think you said you wanted your two suits to go as far as possible?" "I think I did," agreed George. "Well, I have helped you. I gave them to the missionary society to send to the South Sea Islands."—Chicago News.

**London's Immensity Shown.**  
The immensity of London can only be understood when we come to deal with the many sides of the people's lives. Every year about 130,000 babies are born in London. There are always more boys born than girls. More than 400 out of every 1000 never live to be two years old, over 30,000 little coffins being used every year to bury their remains. More than 20,000 people die every year in London workhouses and infirmaries; but, in spite of the fact that about 82,000 Londoners go to their last account, there are 50,000 more persons alive in London each New Year's Day than there were on the previous occasion.

There are more than 40,000 weddings each twelvemonth, 30,000 of which are celebrated in the churches of the establishment. Strange as it may seem, seeing that we have had compulsory education now for over thirty years, there are every year more than 2000 persons married in London who can neither read nor write.

It is a common mistake to suppose that everybody who can come to London, and that the population is increased almost entirely by this process. As a matter of fact, close upon 40,000 Londoners leave the metropolis every year for the country or for places abroad.—London Express.

**Attar of Roses From Bulgaria.**  
One of the most profitable products of Bulgaria is the oil or attar of roses, which amounts to more than \$1,000,000 annually. The town of Snipke, where was fought the decisive battle of the Russo-Bulgarian war, on July 7, 1877, is the centre of the rose gardens.

People who are always talking about their ancestors never have time to talk about their neighbors.

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List of Officers Together With Time and Place of Meeting.

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**OFFICERS:**  
President, William H. Ernest; Vice-President, Hugh A. Kane; Secretary, J. M. Wood; Treasurer, Aug. W. Stubener. Total membership about 75.

### Brightwood Park Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Third Tuesday Evening in each month in Thomas' Hall.

**OFFICERS:**  
President, W. McK. Clayton; Vice-President, Chas. W. Parker; Secretary, Frank J. Metcalf; Treasurer, W. S. Detwiler. Total membership about 75.

### Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association.

Meetings are held the First Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Tenleytown, D. C.

**OFFICERS:**  
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Meetings are held the Last Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Takoma Park, D. C.

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