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WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN.

When the frost is on the punkin, and the fodder's in the shock,
 And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
 And the cluckin' of the guinea and the cluckin' of the hens,
 And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tips-toes on the fence;
 O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,
 With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
 As he leaves the house, bare-headed, and goes out to feed the stock,
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They's something kindo' harty-like about the amuserse,
 When the heat of summer's over, and the coolin' fall is here—
 Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,
 And the mumble of the hummin' birds and buzzin' of the bees;
 But the air's so appetizin', and the landscape through the haze
 Of a crisp and sunny morning of the early autumn days
 Is a plecter that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
 When the frost is on the punkin, and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russet of the tassels of the corn,
 And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;
 The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still
 A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they grewed to fill;
 The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed,
 The horses in their stalls below—the clover overhead—
 O it sets my heart a-dickin' like the tickin' of a clock,
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

Then your apples all is gathered, and the ones a feller keeps
 Is poured around the cellar floor in red and yellor heaps;
 And your cider-makin' over and your wimmen-folks is through
 With their mince and apple butter, and their sausage and sausage too!
 I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be
 As the angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—
 I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-in-durin' flock—
 When the frost is on the punkin, and the fodder's in the shock!
 —James Whitcomb Riley.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance.—C. W. Wendte.

It has not escaped public attention that the President seems to be for the merit system, but against its enforcement.

An optimist is defined by Abe Martin as a fellow who lives for today and lets tomorrow and the grocer look out for themselves.

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The Atlanta Journal of recent date contains an editorial entitled "Nothing a Woman Can't Do." It is based upon a report from Toledo that young women in that city are studying carpentry in the manual training school and are as apt as the young men in handling mallets and saws. In conclusion, the Journal says:
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Broom corn growers in Kansas and Oklahoma have agreed to plant no crop for 1914. They figure that they have been getting the worst of the deal with the buyers for some time and they propose to even things up.

Classes of modern fiction as second-hand down by the literary editor of the Davenport Times:
 Neurotic
 Erotic
 Dammrotic
 *May be changed to Tomrotic for parlor use.

United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis has been chosen grand orator of the grand lodge of Illinois Masons. The selection is warmly endorsed by the Jacksonville Courier which says that "Mr. Lewis not only brings to this position his great ability as an orator, but as well his handsome and charming presence." The Courier adds that he is wisdom, strength and beauty personified.

The Arkansas Sanitary officers, in state convention at Little Rock on Wednesday, went on record as being opposed to the teaching of sex hygiene in the public schools. A resolution was adopted unanimously requesting that a paper of Dr. Olive Wilson, health officer of Paragould, dealing with the subject, be published and sent to all women's clubs throughout the state and to school boards and county officers.

The office of the attorney general in Des Moines has been called upon to decide whether or not it would be a violation of law for such an agency to advertise in the papers of the town where located and in the state papers lists of bad accounts for sale, thus exposing to the public the names of persons from whom collections are hard. The attorney general finds no direct statute on the subject but that it would probably be held to be a violation of the law.

The Fairfield Ledger in its issue for the current week has this editorial reference to our Keokuk speed ordinance:
 Keokuk and Ft. Madison have recently passed ordinances which limit the speed of automobiles on business streets to twelve miles an hour and on other streets to fifteen miles an hour. That should be fast enough for anybody but a speed fiend, and it is a little too swift for business districts built around a square, as is the case in Fairfield.

A motor fire truck of the latest design and highest efficiency is one of Keokuk's urgent needs. Such a machine can be purchased for \$5,000 or \$6,000 and it would save many times its cost every year. Promptness in reaching a fire counts for a great deal in lessening loss, and the experience of other cities is to the effect that the cost of upkeep of a motor is less than that of a team of horses. It is to be hoped that the city authorities will see their way clear to make the investment.

THE INCOME TAX.

Internal Revenue Collector Louis Murphy of Dubuque announces that he will give personal attention to all questions which inquirers may send to The Gate City or other Iowa papers and are forwarded to him relative to the income tax law and will answer them to the end that the people of his district, the state of Iowa, may be informed on the subject. Readers of The Gate City are therefore invited to send in their inquiries, making them as brief as possible, and they will be forwarded to Mr. Murphy who will furnish the desired information. The subject is one of general interest at the present time and many persons will no doubt avail themselves of Mr. Murphy's kindly offer. His answers will be authoritative and will have the effect of official rulings. It seems to be the idea of the law that every citizen is supposed to be subject to the tax until he establishes the fact that he is exempt. This attitude on the part of the government makes the matter one of interest to every citizen regardless of the amount of his income. Any questions addressed to The Gate City will be promptly forwarded to the collector at Dubuque.

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HOG CHOLERA "CURES."

Hog cholera is incurable and it is a most useless waste of money for farmers to invest in any of the so-called cures for cholera—they are fakes, according to Dr. C. C. Lipp, veterinarian at the South Dakota state college at Brookings.
 Dr. Lipp was asked why so many hog owners dope their animals with the drugs which flood the market, and said in reply that "a drowning man grasps at a straw. The hog owner becomes the drowning man just as soon as cholera makes its appearance in his neighborhood. The straw he grasps at in a most frantic manner is any so-called cholera cure." But the farmer is not to be blamed, in the doctor's opinion, for he is not fully aware that hog cholera is incurable and is so regarded by the highest veterinary authorities in all countries. He thinks that perhaps some untried drug or chemical may stay his losses. When an advertisement or an agent guaranteeing a cure for cholera gains the farmer's attention the latter frequently grasps at what he considers his opportunity to save his hogs. Dr. Lipp went on to say in a recent interview:
 "Many farmers claim to have a cure for this disease. Many firms are flaunting the most useless preparations before the farmers whose hogs are dying of cholera, knowing that as a last resort the farmers will grasp at anything which offers relief. When it is remembered that all drugs offering the faintest hope for cure have been repeatedly tried in this and every other hog raising country and found useless, it seems most absurd that any man or group of men, often without accurate and scientific knowledge of the disease processes of hog cholera, or of the action of the drugs used, should announce a cure for cholera. To say that cholera can be cured is like saying that coal can be made into gold.
 "In view of these facts not only do farmers waste their money in buying such 'cures,' but the disappointment they receive is of no small importance. It naturally makes him skeptical about the value of all cholera treatment and even raises a serious question in his mind concerning the value of hog cholera serum as a preventive. Disappointment following the use of fake cures has made doubting Thomases of many farmers when ever hog cholera serum is mentioned. Much of this is due not to the inefficiency of serum, but to valueless remedies so often advised."

NOTES AND COMMENT.

It has been observed that a man who doesn't bet more than he can afford to lose, isn't apt to bet.
 The Mason City Times suggests that perhaps Colonel Roosevelt is figuring on coming up from the south and attacking Huerta from the rear.
 The Des Moines Capital says the men in politics who are out for the stuff or for the offices are powerful because they work—work early and late.
 The Des Moines Register and Leader observes that "Safety first" is also the slogan of the man who starts in to explain to his wife what kept him out so late.
 The Iowa City Press says the progressive party in that New York district must be hard up for material when it tries to capitalize Sulzer's infamy to get votes.
 "This little touch of squaw winter doesn't amount to anything," says the Marshalltown Times-Republican. "Let it alone and it will end in weather as smiling as a Musquaki girl at a circus."
 "Up to date the appeal of the Des Moines Register and Leader for the return of our senior senator has elicited no friendly response," observes the Charles City Press. "It was a far away cry in the wilderness."
 The Cedar Rapids Republican has concluded that it is the man with a crooked record who is destroyed in politics. The man who walks in the road called straight, has nothing to fear in politics, nor in anything else.

MAN IS A CURIOUS CREATURE;

He'll watch for an hour a street faker.
 But if for the show his wife's two minutes late.
 He will call on the name of his Maker.
 —Chicago Inter Ocean.

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 Will Shallenberger's little sons returned home Monday after a two weeks' visit with their grandma Mrs. L. L. Shallenberger.
 Myrtle Walker spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her brother Chas. Walker and family.
 Miss Josephine Hume spent Saturday and Sunday with her Grandma Gregory in Kahoka.
 Geo. Clark and family were Sunday visitors at Grandpa Fisher's.
 Miss Martha Shallenberger is visiting her brother Frank and family.
 Geo. Allen spent last Sunday with his parents at Williamstown.
 Listen for the wedding bells in the near future for they are expected to ring in Sugar Creek.

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