

He Explained.
"It was an unusual flood of blood to the head," said a young physician who was summoned to attend a woman who had been overcome at the matinee. "This rush," he continued to the new shorthand reporter, "congested the hypertrophied tissues, causing them to close the lacrymal ducts, exciting the tear glands, so that they secreted a surplus of water. The ducts being closed the tears overflowed." "Then her condition is not the result of the emotional lines of the hero in the play?" asked a young woman whose eyelids were illuminated.
Bound to Please.
Young Lady—I have prevailed on my father to allow you to paint my portrait, but he doesn't like your work.
D'Auber—Why not?
Young Lady—He says it lacks repose.
D'Auber—Huh! He does, eh? Well, I'll paint you as the "Sleeping Beauty," and then see.

The Lower Four Hundred.
Little Miss Backcourt—Don't you dare speak to me. Youse don't belong in our set any more. Youse is just nobody. Your dad has been sent up for larceny.
Little Miss Allway—Huh! Your dad is there, too.
Little Miss Backcourt, haughtily—The charge agin my dad was grand larceny.
A man is known by the money he keeps.

Knowledge
Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

It is excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.
Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

At last the pale lady said that her work was useless. Sadly she looked at the bloody garment and said half aloud:
"My veil I have washed for three hundred years, but as bloody as ever it still appears."
Then the maiden was seized with terror; she jumped up and ran in wild haste away from the uncanny washerwoman and back to the village.
In the village lived an old wise-woman who could give advice about all sorts of things. After the angelus, the young girl went to her and told her what had happened.
"That was the enchanted lady of the mountain-castle," said the old woman, and then she related what she knew of her history.
"Many years ago a knight lived up there in the castle, and he had a wife who was beautiful beyond all compare, but likewise proud and vain. And because she prized beauty above everything else, she had recourse to witchcraft, and committed a most horrible deed. When her little child was born she stabbed it through the heart and bathed herself in the warm blood. By this means she expected to win eternal youth and imperishable beauty. As the penalty for her crime, she finds no rest in the grave, but has to wander about in the ruins of the old castle. The huntsmen and wood-cutters often see her as she goes about wailing and wringing her hands.
"The long veil which floats down from her head is dotted with red pinks; in reality they are drops of blood. And when the day on which she committed the horrible crime comes around, she goes down to the water in the forest to wash the blood stains from her veil, but she never has succeeded and never will. They say besides that she guards a treasure, which lies buried in the old castle, and who knows, my child, but it might have fallen to your lot, if you had held your ground."
The young girl listened to the old woman with awe.
But in spite of her fear she ventured the next day to go to the brook again, where the ghostly washerwoman had appeared to her, but the pale lady did not come. Indeed the old woman

spoke truly, when she said the enchanted one appeared by the water, only on the anniversary of her evil deed. So the girl took notice of the exact day and hour and waited patiently a whole year long.
When the year had passed away and the day had come back again, the courageous maiden went with a bundle of washing on her head, to the place where the spell-bound lady of the castle had appeared. She took the precaution to hide a little wooden cross in her bodice as a charm against evil spirits. But the nearer she came to the brook, the more her footsteps faltered, and her heart beat louder and louder, and when she really saw the enchanted washerwoman by the edge of the water, she came very near turning back. But the pale lady gave her a look so inexpressibly sad, that the young girl overcame her fears and lingered.
"My veil I have washed for three hundred years, but as bloody as ever it still appears," murmured the unhappy woman, and she rubbed and rinsed the bloody linen while she groaned and sighed.
Then the young girl took heart and said: "In the name of the Lord, give me the cloth!" The pale lady looked up with delight and handed the veil to the maiden. And lo, beneath the hands of the virgin, the red stains disappeared, and the linen became as white and clean as newly-fallen snow.
Then bright tears rolled down the pale face of the spell-bound lady; she took the proffered veil and beckoned to the maiden with her white hand.
Like a will-o'-the-wisp she glided over the ground, swerving now to the right, now to the left among the fir trees. From time to time she turned her head to see whether the maiden was following her. She had grasped her little cross and walked bravely behind her weird leader, who went toward the ruined castle.
In an underground vault, whose roof had fallen in, the pale lady checked her footsteps and pointed to a stone, which was set into the floor.
The maiden raised the stone with her strong arm, but the next moment she started back with horror. In the hole stood a kettle, filled with gold pieces and costly ornaments, but on the top of it lay a little dead child with a bloody wound in its breast.
The young girl was about to run away, but when she saw how the pale lady wrung her hands in deep distress, she remained where she was, and laid the wooden cross she carried in her hand, on the dead child's breast.
Then the lady in white folded her hands and bent her head low. She grew paler and paler like a dream at the crowing of the morn-heralding cock, and finally the misty form faded from sight.
When the young girl turned her eyes again toward the hole, the dead child had disappeared, the cross lay on the precious kettle, the yellow gold shone and glistened in the sunlight, which came through the broken wall.
Without any further fears of apparitions, she carried her treasure-trove safely home, and in the eyes of the young men became three times as beautiful as before.

THE ENCHANTED LADY.
[From the German.]
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Three days afterward the beautiful girl took her apron to the brook to wash out the drops of blood which had fallen on it. The water came down from a wooded hill, which was crowned with an old, ruined, castle, and not far from its source formed a wide, deep basin, on whose shores grew willows and alder-bushes. The maiden knelt down by the edge of the water and began her work without looking up.
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A BATHING SUIT OF PLACE.
An Odd Costume in Which to Attend a Dancing School.
A Chicago lady related in the hearing of a reporter the following bit of experience: I imagined that it would do me good to visit the natatorium for a daily swim, and supposing, of course, that the place was open to the public all the year round, I went over there to get what information I could about lessons and terms for the course. I met in the office a very pleasant young lady, and I asked her if she was in charge. She said she was. I requested a catalogue, but she said the catalogues were locked up, though if I would sit down for a few minutes the teacher would be in and give me one. I sat down, and for ten or fifteen minutes I chatted pleasantly with the polite young girl.
Finally I said: "I suppose all I need is a bathing suit?" A look of horror overspread the young girl's innocent face as she said: "What? I couldn't make her out. 'Must I have more than a bathing suit?' I asked. 'Well, I should hope so!' exclaimed the girl. Then I began to suspect that something was wrong. 'Isn't this the natatorium?' I asked. A smile chased away the girl's look of horror. "No," she answered, "it is the natatorium in the summer, but now it is a dancing school."
His Implements.
Police Court Shyster (to plainly dressed witness).—"I presume my good fellow, you are a laborer?"
Witness (civil engineer).—"You are right. I am a workman, sir."
"Familiar with the use of pick, shovel and spade, I presume."
"To some extent. Those are not the principal implements of my trade, though."
"Perhaps you will condescend to enlighten me as to your principal implements?"
"It is hardly worth while. You don't understand their nature or use."
"Probably not, but I insist on knowing what they are."
"Brains."—Chicago Tribune.

THE COUNTRY WOMAN.
Before the blacksmith's shop she waits,
In her high country wagon sitting,
While the good smith, with friendly haste,
Her horse's clumsy shoe is fitting.
He pares and measures, stirs his fire;
His hammer blows ring out with shrillness
Into the August afternoon.
Steeped in its dreamy twilight stillness,
With anxious eyes she watches him,
Her busy thoughts are homeward straying;
Shadows grow long o'er field and road,
And weary farmers leave their hay,
High in the elm tree o'er the way,
On sunlight boughs the birds are singing
Their cradle songs above their nests,
Within the whispering sweetness swinging.
She knows at home the patient cows
Stand lowing at the bars to greet her,
And anxious goodman scans the road,
And sends the children out to meet her.
She knows the supper fire is lit,
The hearth sweet clean, the kettle singing,
The kitchen table cleared to hold
The things from town that she is bringing.
And smiles in honest, rustic pride,
At shrewd, hard bargains she's been making.
Of snowy eggs and creamy cheese,
For cloth, and shoes, and "things for bairn."
The setting sun lights up her face,
Turning its harshness into beauty—
Picture of rustic peace and pride,
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PEACE PROPOSALS.
Probable Terms Upon Which the Eastern War Will be Terminated.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—As the result of the negotiations between Minister Dun in Japan and Minister Denby in China, the terms of peace about to be concluded between China and Japan are now known with little short of exactness. As understood in high official circles they are:
First—The treaty between Japan and China has ceased to exist by reason of war, but on the renewal of peace the new treaty will grant Japan extra territorial jurisdiction over China, but the latter country will surrender the extra territorial jurisdiction she formerly held in Japan.
Second—There will be no extension of Japanese territory on the mainland of Asia, but the island of Formosa, a Chinese possession lying off the coast, will be permanently ceded to Japan.
Third—The Japanese will by treaty be granted the right to continue the occupation of Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei, the two great naval stations leading to the Gulf of Pechili, for a term of years.
Fourth—The claim that Korea is a dependency of hers shall be forever relinquished and Korea shall henceforth be independent.
Fifth—A cash indemnity will be paid by China not to exceed \$50,000,000 in gold.
The purpose not to extend the Japanese territory to the mainland, but to confine it to the outlying island of Formosa, assures the conclusion of peace without European intervention. In conformity with the new treaty Japan now terminates China's consular courts in Japan, although Japan's consular courts in China are to be continued. This presents the singular spectacle of China conceding the advance of Japan into modern methods, while at the same time conceding that she is still in a benighted condition, requiring extra territorial jurisdiction to protect foreigners in China. Probably the most important concession is Japan's occupation of Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei for a term of years. This will assure the continuance of peace for many years.
ORIZABA STEAMS UP.
Fires of the Ancient Mexican Volcano Are Again Started.
CORDOVA, State of Vera Cruz, Mexico, March 13.—The peak of Orizaba, an ancient volcano, is in a state of eruption. The signs of disturbance began to manifest themselves on the 10th, and have increased in force constantly since that time. The crater is now emitting poisonous gases and thick volumes of smoke from 100 apertures in the great yaw. The earth for 100 miles around is shaken periodically with subterranean vibrations. Great alarm exists among the dwellers in the cities of Cordova, Orizaba, Kalaha, and the dozens of small villages scattered within the scope of the phenomenon. The shocks as yet have not been of a disastrous nature, and no damage from them has been reported. The rim of the crater glows like fire, and the lava rolling down the mountain sides has set a flame the grass and vegetation clothing the sides of the summit, which adds to the density of the smoke and the grandeur of the spectacle.

NEEDS EXPLANATION.
American Vessel Chased by a Spanish Man-of-War.
NEW YORK, March 14.—The American mail steamer Alliance, arrived from Colon, reports that on the 8th inst. off the eastern edge of Cuba a Spanish man-of-war headed directly toward her. The vessels exchanged salutes at a distance of two and one-half miles. The Spaniard fired a blank cartridge, followed by another. As the Alliance was on the open sea, no attention was paid to it, and the Spaniard gave chase, firing three solid shots at the American vessel, chasing her twenty-five miles. The latter crowded on steam and ran away from the Spaniard. Captain Grossman, of the Alliance, reported the matter to the secretary of state, and no doubt a prompt demand will be made on the Spanish government for an explanation.
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