

In Vanity Fair.
A Woman wishing to purchase Happiness at any price was directed to a booth in Vanity Fair.
"I wish," she said, "to buy a Woman's Friendship."
"Madam," said the Clerk in attendance, "such commodities are not for sale. I am told, however, that they are awarded to deserving applicants at a house on Good Fellow Street. There are two women passing yonder with a Friendship between them."
"I have neither time nor strength to go so far," said the Woman wearily. "I shall have to buy Love instead."
"That is not for sale here either, but you will find many Occasions when it is given away unasked."
"Why do you continue searching among your wares?"
"I find I have been mistaken. Here, after all, is something labeled Love."
"Ah, but I see quite well that this is not the genuine article."
"Madam," whispered the Shopman, not to be overheard, "we have no genuine articles. All our wares are imitation."—New York Times.

A Story of Joe Manley.
Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court was on a visit to Maine some years ago and while there was entertained by Joe Manley. Mr. Manley was held in great reverence by his fellow citizens all over Maine and especially in Augusta, his home. He took Mr. Fuller for a drive about the place, but was forced by a pressing business engagement to leave his guest before the drive was finished. When Mr. Manley had disappeared the driver turned to the judge, whom he did not know, and drawing out a cigar, said: "I suppose you don't mind if I smoke. When we are driving Mr. Manley we never light up, because he's rather a distinguished citizen." Fuller repressed a laugh and told the driver to go ahead, which he did. Later the chief justice retailed the joke to Mr. Manley, who at the first opportunity told the driver a few things, winding up, "You miserable three ply idiot, that was the chief justice of the United States."

A Polite Discharge.
"It is possible," said a New York man, "to be polite always. It is possible to be polite even when discharging a drunken coachman. I know that this is so, for I have seen the thing done."
"A friend of mine found himself obliged to get rid of his coachman for drunkenness. He summoned the man into his presence and discharged him with this polite speech:
"I fear, Montgomery, that we must part. It has been impossible for me to avoid noticing that several times during the past month you have been—er—sober. Now, I don't believe that any man can attend properly to drinking if he has driving to do, and, therefore, at the month's end you will be free to devote yourself exclusively to your chosen occupation."

Cutting Jewels Under Water.
"The precious stone workers of Germany are among the most interesting persons I have ever seen when engaged in cutting their jewels," said a well known traveler. "The principal industry is at Freiberg, on the edge of the Black forest, in which the precious stones are found. The principal jewels are amethyst, lapis lazuli and malachite. The process of cutting them is the interesting part of the work. All of them are cut under water. The jewel cutters lie flat upon their stomachs while at work, with their hands under water, holding the stone which is being prepared, and the motion of the wheel does the cutting. The action of the water makes the process more rapid and at the same time leaves a better surface than if cut in the air."

Bears That Fish For Salmon.
Alaska's brown bears near the Bering sea live largely on salmon and are extraordinary fishers. Before beginning to fish they always place themselves on the downward side of the river. "They seem to smell the salmon by some extraordinary means," says a hunter, "and then begin dashing in and out of the river at some shallow place, rarely falling to catch a fish. They bring it out on the bank and devour it, if possible selecting some thick patches of bushes and grass in which to take their meal, which does not take them long."

True Greatness.
True greatness first of all is a thing of the heart. It is all alive with robust and generous sympathies. It is neither behind its age nor too far before it. It is up with its age and ahead of it only just so far as to be able to lead its march. It cannot slumber, for activity is a necessity of its existence. It is no reservoir, but a fountain.—Roswell D. Hitchcock.

The Way of Man.
When a man and his wife start to go anywhere, says a Missouri paper, he tells her to get out his good suit, fix the buttons in his shirt, get his cuffs, good shoes, tie his necktie, brush his hat, perfume his handkerchief and a few other little jobs. Then he puts on his hat and says: "Great Scott! Ain't you ready yet?"—Kansas City Journal.

He Was.
"Disappointed in her husband?" exclaimed Mrs. De Style in surprise. "Why, before they were married she used to tell me that he was a Greek god."
"She told me that, too," responded Mrs. Van Nobb, "but he turned out to be a regular Bacchus."—Pittsburg Post.

Unavoidable.
"Old Bankes has started his son Percy in business."
"Was he forced to?"
"Yes. He couldn't induce anybody to engage him."—Cassell's.

TROOPS KILL THREE STRIKERS
Situation is Reported Worse at Milan and Naples.
Rome, April 19.—The railway strike situation is worse at Milan, Naples and Foggia. At Milan general industries are feeling the effect of the strike in causing a scarcity of coal. The supply of meat is also very low at Naples and Genoa. Marquis Nicolini, mayor of Florence, has issued an address to the citizens of that place, urging them to discountenance strikers and extend their assistance to those railway men who have continued at their places. In a number of the larger cities, several arrests have been made of strikers who threatened violence against railway men who did not strike. Troops fired on railway strikers at Foggia, killing three and wounding many more.

Reading a Telegram.
There are two members of the racing fraternity, both ardent horse owners, whose early education was sadly neglected, and neither can read. Both conceal to the best of their ability their shortcomings in this regard. One of them received a telegram the other day, but he could not read it and did not wish to expose his ignorance. He met the second horseman, and as he was looking anything but pleasant he was accosted with:
"What's the matter? You look like trouble."

"Trouble? Sure. Just read that." And he thrust the telegram into his friend's hands.
"Well, I should say it was trouble!" was the unexpected reply. "I'm sorry for you, old fellow." And the telegram was handed back, neither being any wiser as to its contents.

At this juncture a stable boy came whistling along, and the recipient of the message hailed him with a jocular remark and after quizzing him awhile said:
"I'll bet you can't read, son."
"Huh, that's where you're way off! I kin read as good as you kin."

"Well, let's hear you read that. If you can it's a two bit piece for you."
The harmless telegram was read, and now both of the men are wondering what the other meant by saying the message denoted trouble.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Duty of a Gentleman.
On another occasion, having returned from playing poker at the club, my grandfather said:
"When a man is hard up he should borrow, but he must devote his energies to paying back and remaining the equal of the man from whom he has borrowed. If he cannot pay back, let him be frank about it, for it is better to steal than to cheat."

And again:
"To ride straight and to shoot straight, to win money cheerfully and to lose it cheerfully, never to be boorishly in debt or swinishly drunk, to enjoy flowers and music, and if possible to be in love with at least one good woman, is half the duty of a gentleman."
"What's the other half, grandpa?" I had asked him.
"Why, to be a gentleman, of course."
—Gouverneur Morris in Reader Magazine.

A Quotation Traced.
Who wrote the words "a prospect all on fire?" They are quoted by Wordsworth in his "Evening Walk," and Professor Knight and his helpers had been unable to trace it. But Nowell Smith communicates to the Athenaeum his discovery that it comes from a long forgotten poem, "Sunday Thoughts," by Moses Browne. Moses Browne's phrase lives like a fossil in Wordsworth's poem. Browne died in 1787 and was not unknown to Dr. Johnson, at whose suggestion he brought out an annotated edition of the "Compliment Angler." His "Sunday Thoughts" was reprinted as late as 1806. He held the living of Olney for a short time during Cowper's residence there and had John Newton for his curate.—London Globe.

Provident Animals.
All birds of the crow tribe, rooks especially, exhibit a tendency toward winter—like squirrels and some other animals—to lay up a store of provisions for their sustenance against a season of scarcity. While jackdaws select holes of trees and old buildings to store away such provisions, rooks convey them away to their rookeries. There in last season's nests they deposit them. Toward springtime, when they begin thinking about setting their houses in order, they visit their rookeries and when rebuilding their nests throw out the unused store. Thus it is we often find an accumulation of acorns, potatoes and what not on the ground under their nests.—Nature Notes.

An Ancient Tunnel.
Tunnels are no new things in history. The only known inscription in early Hebrew records that the conduit which conveys water from a spring to the pool of Siloam, on the west side of Jerusalem, was, like the Siphon tunnel, cut from both ends of the intervening ridge. But the Hebrew workers miscalculated, and while there should have been still three cubits (about five feet) to excavate they heard the voices of the workers in the other tunnel, as there was a deviation of the lines, which should have joined.

A Variation With a Big Difference.
"Yes, he used to be in the newspaper business, but he's studying for the ministry now. He says he decided that he couldn't be a reporter and save his soul."
"Indeed? I believe his old city editor put it differently. He says he couldn't be a reporter to save his soul."—Exchange.

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