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PHILOPENA.

We had both of us said we would rather
It be "give or take" philopena—
Whatever one gave to the other
In any way during that even
The other should surely repay.
A gift and a keepsake to be
She meant in good faith I will say,
But I—well, who could have blamed me?
For soon as our compact was sealed
I gave her a kiss on the cheek—
"Philopena!" I cried, "you must yield
And pay me another next week."
She had promised; she knew she was
caught.
And the bright color mantled her brow.
And she said, "I will pay if I ought.
But—let it be over with—now!"
—Abbie F. Brown in Yankee Blade.

The Cost of Ginseng.

In England we have been accustomed
to pay high prices at certain times for
drugs, such as quinine, cocaine and
others, but a drug is used in New China
which in actual value far surpasses any-
thing which has been known here.
The substance in question is called
ginseng and is the root of Aralia quin-
quefolia. It is so highly valued as a
tonic and stimulant medicine in China
that it is sold at from 20 to 250 times its
weight in silver, sometimes for 500 times
that amount. Authorities state, how-
ever, that it possesses no important
medicinal properties. Next to China
the drug is produced in good quality in
Korea and is the principal article of ex-
port from Korea into China. So much
is this the case that the Koreans are loath
to part with any seeds of the plant lest
their practical monopoly in this root
should be invaded.
The wonder is that with such a much
needed commodity at such a price steps are
not taken to cultivate it in sufficient
quantity so as to adjust the balance be-
tween supply and demand. The reduc-
tion, for example, in the price of quin-
ine was largely the result of increased
cultivation of the cinchona plant, and
the same may be said of cocaine in re-
spect to the coca plant.—Pearson's
Weekly.

The Man Got a Whipping.

Some few years ago in the depths of
winter an old pair had succeeded the
"woolen hill" for their night's rest.
They had been there some time when
the old clock struck 2. The next minu-
te they were startled by their bed-
room door opening, and in walked their
son Will, with a face as long as a fiddle.
"Well, Will," exclaimed the father,
"what is the matter?"
"There's a man in the house," said the
hopeful.
The father jumped out of bed, snatch-
ed up the poker, the wife following suit
with the tongs, and they went down-
stairs, followed by Will. The house was
searched, but no man was found.
"Where's the man?" said the father.
Will, with a twist of the few bristles
on his upper lip, straightened himself,
and pointing to his breast said:
"Father, here is his twenty-first birthday!
He got a whipping for it, man or no man—
Yankee Blade.

Wholesale Platting.

One of the most remarkable illustra-
tions of progress in electrical appliances
is electroplating. Hitherto if cop-
per or other metal had to be deposited
electrically a bath of solution was need-
ed. Now all this is changed, and a ship's
hull can be plated as easily as a spoon
or a teapot. Instead of a bath, insolu-
ble salts, ground to a fine powder, and
mixed with water are used. This mix-
ture is painted on the metal to be plated
by a fine wire brush, to which one pole
of a dynamo conductor is attached, the
other pole being connected to a plate.
Not only pure metal, but all sorts of al-
loys can be used.—Exchange.

Advice For Young Rhymesters.

Ridiculous and serious advice are both
bestowed freely upon youthful versifiers
to convince them of what is usually evi-
dent to everybody but themselves—that
they are not poets.
Poetry, they are told, can only be pro-
duced by men and women born to gen-
ius and is a sorry recreation for sensi-
ble young people, who would do better
either to play or to study than to waste
time in making rhymes and sentimental-
isms. All such nonsense should be put
aside, and if writing is to be done at all
it should be in plain prose.
In the main the advice is good. Real
poets are almost as rare as white black-
birds. Struggling rhymesters who re-
gard themselves as the Great Unrecog-
nized and who think their homely critics
ignorant persons who will be confuted
in the distant future by the dazzling
fame of immortal works they some day
will produce are absurd enough. Nev-
ertheless versifying is a gift which may
be turned to agreeable use even when it
does not approach the realm of poetry.

We do not consider that the person
gifted with a facile pencil should not
draw lest he should fancy himself an
artist. Why then need we discourage
the person gifted with a knack at rhyme
from versifying lest he should believe
himself a poet?
Indeed stern discouragement rather
than kindly criticism or judicious praise
is what oftenest drives young and ardent
writers of verse to believe the power
which they know themselves to possess
something more important than it is.
Rhyming is a pretty art in itself.
There is something winning to most
ears in its swing and lilt, and it may
frequently be used effectively by amate-
urs if they will accept the limits of their
talent and deal with thoughts and
themes which are not imitated, but hon-
estly their own.—Youth's Companion.

Doubt In Her Adviser.

Old Lady—My doctor recommends me
a six months' sea voyage, but I have my
doubts about his motives.
The Captain—Why?
Old Lady—Because my doctor is my
son-in-law—London Tit-Bits.

A Mortuary Joke.

"I have recently had a strange experi-
ence," said a gentleman yesterday.
"What was it? Well, the other day I
met a lady acquaintance on the street,
and after the exchange of the usual
greetings she proceeded to condole with
me over the death of my wife. I was
dumfounded over her pathetic and pro-
fess sympathy. When I recovered my
senses, I ventured to enlighten the lady
by assuring her that my wife was in the
land of the living, well and hearty. The
lady was astonished to learn that Mrs.
—, an intimate friend of my wife, who
had told her, could have been so mis-
taken. In less than an hour after cor-
recting this error I met another mutual
friend, and she had also been told by
Mrs. — that my wife had gone to that
undiscovered country.

"During that afternoon and the day
following a dozen acquaintances expressed their
sympathy over my loss, and strange to
say all of them had learned the story
from Mrs. —. I of course told my
better half, and I determined to call on
Mrs. — for an explanation. It was
early in the evening when in answer to
the ringing of the doorbell Mrs. —
opened the door. She pretended to be
startled by my wife's presence and
screamed: 'Why, Mary, can this be you?
I thought you were dead.'"

"So I have heard from a dozen sources,"
responded Mary, "and I want you to ex-
plain."
"Explain? Why, that is easy. You
told me a week ago that if you were alive
you would come out on Wednesday and
spend the day with me. You didn't come;
hence I concluded that you were dead;
and said so to those acquaintances I
met."
"The women kissed, and Mary called
Mrs. — a mean rogue and so termi-
nated the mortuary joke, in which I
failed to discover the humor."—Louis-
ville Courier-Journal.

The Best Kind of Exercise.

There is no single exercise which com-
bines so many health giving qualities as
riding. It is peculiarly valuable to
children, for it is the most certain and
gentle developer of the back and stom-
ach muscles and imparts a tone to the
entire system that cannot possibly be
attained in any other way. Even foot-
ball, the hardest of all games, falls
short of having the same invigorating
effect on the body. If this be true for
the boy—and such it is now generally
admitted to be—how much more neces-
sary is riding to the young girl who has
no game but lawn tennis, which fails to
exercise the most important parts of her
body?

Few boys and girls, and almost as few
men and women, think twice of the value
of different kinds of exercise to them,
or would know much about it if they
did think. Any exercise of course, mod-
erately taken, is better than none, but
the exercise which acts upon arms and
legs only is of not one-half the value of
that which acts on the body, the chest,
stomach and back. When, then, an ex-
ercise is found that acts on all, its value
is apparent without further argument.
—Harper's Young People.

What Aluminum Is.

There are many misconceptions about
aluminum that are widespread and
which it seems difficult to correct in
the public mind. Aluminum is not
section for section, a very strong metal,
it is only one-half as strong as wrought
iron. It has a very low elastic limit. It
is not rigid, but bends under a trans-
verse strain readily. It is in its alloys
that its utility commences to appear.
With 8 to 12 per cent of copper or alu-
minium bronze we have one of the most
dense, finest grained and strongest met-
als known.—New York Telegram.

For the Canary Bird.

Canary birds are often covered with
vermin. They may be relieved of them
by placing a clean white cloth over their
cage at night. In the morning the cloth
will be covered with minute red spots,
so small that they can hardly be seen
with the naked eye. These are the para-
sites, a source of great annoyance to the
birds.—Philadelphia Press.

Very Polite.

"How do you like your new music
master?"
"He is a very nice, polite young man.
When I made a mistake yesterday, he
said, 'Pray, mademoiselle, why do you
take so much pains to improve upon
Beethoven?'"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

The throne, the grandees, the high
ecclesiastics, the captains general, the
admirals and the ministers of state in
Spain wield a very powerful influence in
Spanish politics and control the upper
house of the cortes.

The thinnest tissue paper measures
1-1000 of an inch in thickness. The
Krupp gun works claims a machine
which will roll iron so thin that it would
take 1,800 sheets to make an inch.

Teach children to say, "Yes, mother
(or father)," and "No, mother," and to
say, "Yes, sir (or madam)," to old peo-
ple or to those who adhere to the old
ways of speech.

The advice of your dentist should be
sought as to the proper tooth powder to
use, as many of the compounds on the
market contain harmful acids and gritty
substances.

Travelers by rail in Russia are divided
into three classes—civil, military and
convict, with the further subdivision of
paying and nonpaying.

Why Children Are Always Doing Things.
Temptation, which is continual in
children because everything is new to
them, is nothing else than the force of
an idea and the motive impulse that ac-
companies it.—Alfred Fonllee in Popu-
lar Science Monthly.

California Names Ending In O.

Attention has not been called, we be-
lieve, to one peculiarity—that is, the
number of geographical names in Cali-
fornia which end with o. In this respect
this state must be awarded the champion-
ship medal, as a brief inspection of any
list of names of places will show. First,
among the 80 counties of California there
are no less than 14 which end with the
round letter. They are El Dorado, Free-
no, Inyo, Mendocino, Mono, Sacramento,
San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego,
San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San
Mateo, Solano and Yolo. It is to be ob-
served that only a portion of these are
named from masculine saints in the
Spanish calendar, Fresno, Inyo, Mono,
Solano and others being presumably In-
dian names, though the termination may
have been put on by the early Spanish
settlers. When we come to towns in
California whose names end in o, their
number is legion. There are, among others,
Acampo, Arroyo, Bernardo, Blanca, Cal-
ho, Capitranco, Decoto, Echo, El Casco,
Fruita, Igo, Jacinto, Largo, Llano, Milo,
Moreno, Navarro, Nicasio, Ono, Pale-
mo, Pilo, Rialto, Sausalito, Tropicco,
Venado and Volcano.
In the compilation of this imperfect
catalogue the towns and cities named for
saints have been omitted, as the list
would be entirely too long, running from
San Antonio through most of the letters
of the alphabet to San Ysidro. There is
said to be a reason for all things, and it
is not unlikely that the names given by
the early and pious Spanish settlers to
their settlements may have sounded
pleasant to the gringos who came after
them and have influenced them, perhaps
unconsciously, to confer upon their own
mining camps and villages and towns
names ending with the letter o.—San
Francisco Chronicle.

A Touch of Fellow Feeling.

"We do indeed have some queer ex-
periences," said the trained nurse, tak-
ing off her white cap and giving its
dainty bow a few deft, reconstructing
touches, "and many interesting and di-
verting episodes also. Not long ago I
was sent for to attend a minister's wife
and must confess that I responded to
the call with some trepidation and ap-
prehension. It was my first experience
in a minister's family, and I was afraid
that my patient might ask me to pray
with her or read the Bible to her, which
most excellent offices would be wholly
out of my line and would cause me
much embarrassment.

"When I reached my post of duty, I
found the minister's wife suffering a
great deal, and my first office was to
make and apply a mustard plaster. I
concocted it with a generous and com-
passionate hand, and it must have been
pretty warm, for several seconds after I
had differentially applied the mustard
plaster on the person of the minister's
wife she groaned dismally. Leaning
over her to discover whether her pain
had increased, I heard her murmur softly
but energetically:
"Oh, jimmie! It's too hot! I can't
stand it!"

"Perhaps you can imagine how my
heart leaped toward the dear woman at
this touch of nature. We had a deli-
cious time together when she got better.
She was a good woman, too, but like the
rest of us she had her favorite ejacula-
tions under compelling circumstances."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Only One Week.

"Did you know dis is mamma's birth-
day?" asked little Bessie of the caller.
"No. Is it?"
"Yes, and my birthday is next Monday.
Mamma is a week older dan me."—Har-
per's Bazar.

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