

# SMILES

**Gadapora's Luck.**  
"I feel like apologizing to Gadapora."  
"Why so?"  
"I have always thought him a hard man, but yesterday when I called on him to see if he would pay an account he has owed our firm for some time, I found him with a handkerchief to his eyes, apparently in tears. Not wishing to intrude on a man at such a painful moment, I hastily withdrew."  
"His! ha! I also called on Gadapora shortly after you did and found him still in tears."  
"And did you sympathize with him?"  
"Sure. In fact I got the cinder out of his eye that was bothering him so much."

## WHAT PUZZLED PETE.

The clergyman of a small town had a fine orchard and one night it was robbed, the only one left being the robber's finger-print on an overripe peach. The minister had an enormous photographic enlargement of the finger-print made and, with it under his arm, accosted the man he suspected.  
"Pete," he said, "someone robbed my orchard last night."  
Pete gulped nervously. "Is that so, sir?" he said.  
"Yes, Pete, that's so," replied the minister; "but the thief left his mark behind him and I shall easily find him."  
"Yes, sir," said Pete, huskily.  
"Yes. Do you see this, Pete?" and the minister held up the huge enlargement of the finger-print.  
Pete made a gesture of despair. "I see there ain't no use denying it, parson," he said. "I done it. But I sure would like to know where you got that impression of my corduroy pants."

## POINT IN HIS FAVOR.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself to roam aimlessly about and never do any work," said Mrs. Naggers, to the ragged specimen of humanity who stood at her door.  
"That's true, mum," replied the wanderer. "And yet you must give me credit for one thing."  
"And what is that?"  
"Although I have been traveling over the world for more than twenty years, I have never yet acquired the souvenir habit."

## HER SPECIALTY.

"So you took your wife to the baseball game?"  
"Yes," replied Mr. Menckton.  
"Did she enjoy it?"  
"Only part of it. She thought they wasted a great deal of time running around the lot, but she thought the arguments with the umpire were quite interesting."

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## How One Young Physician Literally Fought His Way Into Fame and Practice.

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When a medical student has received his diploma and is turned adrift to succeed or fail it is the crisis of his life. Not one in ten can figure out how he is going to support himself until he can get a foothold. When he has selected his town and his office and his home he must wait for patients, and weeks and months may go by before his prescriptions begin to be handed in to the drug store.  
When Dr. Charles Chisholm made his advent at Lansing he found seven M. D.'s for a population of 3,500. There was 500 each. In the course of a year, as doctors figure, ten people out of every 500 will need the service of a physician. That is the average, outside of epidemics. Taking the doctors' figures again, the charge to the ten patients will not average over \$15 each. That means an income of \$150 per year, and an outgo of \$600. Out of seven doctors in a town with the population given, two will make a fair income. The other five will simply hang on and wish they had learned the carpenter's trade.

Doctor Chisholm had this all figured out, and yet he decided to take chances and hope for luck. Another man might have been kept waiting for months. He was taking his first drive into the country to get the lay of the land, when luck came galloping up. Miss Nellie Mayfield, daughter of the owner of the big shoe factory, was taking a walk in the suburbs with her little dog at her heels when she suddenly found herself face to face with an evil-faced vagabond. It was her screams as he laid hands on her purse that reached the young doctor's car from around a bend in the road and caused him to apply the whip to his somewhat lethargic horse.

The shindy did not last more than two minutes. The doctor leaped from his buggy and knocked the fellow down, but that wasn't the finish. When the vagabond scrambled up he drew a knife and made a slash that scratched the doctor's shoulder. Down he went again, and this time he got the full dose. His knife was left behind, and he had seven different limbs as he disappeared into the bushes. When the victor turned to the girl she was a quarter of a mile down the road and still running. Young Chisholm drove home without a word to anyone of the affair, but within a day he was being congratulated.

Among those who called was Mr. Mayfield. He was a man of few words. "They say he had a knife and used it," he said as he held out his hand. "It was only a scratch," was the reply.  
"Have you set up here as a doctor?"  
"Yes."  
"Think you can make a go of it?"  
"I shall try hard."

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# MISSISSIPPI BRIEFS.

**Jackson.**—A number of convicts received Christmas pardons from Governor Brewer, the majority of them being negroes.

**Vicksburg.**—Federal court convenes here the first Monday in January. No cases of unusual importance are at this time known to be on the docket.

**Lumberton.**—The R. W. Hinton Company of this place has just closed a deal with Mr. John W. Gary of Chicago for 30,000,000 feet of timber. This timber covers from 2,500 to 3,000 acres of land north and east of Lumberton.

**Jackson.**—At its January meeting the board of supervisors of Copiah county will order a special election to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of State Senator E. A. Rowan, recently killed by a train at Wesson. There will be several aspirants for the unexpired term.

**Jackson.**—A special election has been ordered in the county of Amite, to be held January 11, for the purpose of passing on the proposal to issue \$50,000 in bonds to be used in constructing good roads leading into the town of Liberty, the county seat.

**Jackson.**—A special election has been ordered in DeSoto county to fill the vacancy in the office of sheriff, caused by the tragic death of W. P. Harris, who was killed by desperadoes while in discharge of his duties several weeks ago. The election will be held on January 2, and there are six candidates in the field: J. W. Hudson, Jr., E. E. Nichols, N. B. VanHook, German Baker, W. H. Entrikin and W. R. Counts.

**Jackson.**—Christmas presents in the shape of checks for official publication of constitutional amendments before the election were mailed by Secretary of State Power to 79 Mississippi editors. The total cost of the publication of the documents was \$1,194.24, and the appropriation for the service was \$1,000. Secretary Power "blended" the bills \$2.41 each and at the next session of the legislature will try to have the difference made up by extra appropriation.

**Jackson.**—Half a hundred Holland families may move to Mississippi to engage in truck and dairy farming in the near future. Right now the Hollanders are in Chicago, and they have sent E. L. Van Dellen to this state to investigate several land propositions that have attracted their notice. Upon his report largely will depend whether they will come to Mississippi or go elsewhere. Mr. Van Dellen spent a short time in Jackson, and while here visited the offices of Commissioner of Agriculture H. E. Blakeslee, with the object of gaining data.

**Jackson.**—A number of charters, recently signed by Secretary of State J. W. Power and Atty. General Rosa A. Collins, were approved by Governor Brewer. They are as follows: Greenville Public Library of Greenville, Miss. The charter gives the incorporators the right to equip and maintain a public library at Greenville. Colored Mercantile Company of Kiln, Miss. The capital stock of this firm is \$5,000. Bude Furniture Company of Bude, Franklin county. The capital stock of this new firm is \$10,000, and it will conduct a general furniture establishment at Bude, Peoples Bank of Sidon in LeFlore county. This bank will conduct a general banking business at Sidon.

**Jackson.**—C. A. Cary of Alabama, chairman of the committee on tick eradication, has notified Commissioner of Agriculture H. E. Blakeslee, the Mississippi member of the committee, that Congressman Lamb, chairman of the House committee on agriculture, has informed him that the committee will grant a hearing to the tick eradication committee on January 34, in Washington. Commissioner Blakeslee is anxious to go to Washington, and is now arranging matters in his office so that he will be able to go before the House committee. The tick eradication committee is composed of men representing every southern state, who are trying to secure a federal appropriation of \$400,000 for tick eradication work in the south.

**Jackson.**—The banking year in Mississippi is drawing to a close and calls are now being issued for the annual meetings of stockholders and directors to declare dividends and elect officers for the ensuing year. Statements being filed at the state auditor's office from state banking institutions setting forth their financial condition at the close of business on December 13th, indicate that the banks have earned their usual dividends, despite short crops and other adverse conditions in some portions of the state. This is also true of the national banks, 39 in number, and which operate chiefly at the large commercial centers. The number of bank failures in Mississippi this year has been larger than usual. 12 banks having closed their doors since the 1st of January. Records at the auditor's office show 332 state banks in operation, 20 having suspended since the last report in October. The two failures were at Meridian and Oveit.

**Agricultural College.**—To meet the growing demand of the farmer for better methods of managing his farm the agricultural faculty of the A. and M. College has decided to have two short winter courses, one to be at Hattiesburg and the other at Holly Springs. The agricultural faculty of the college, assisted by others, will conduct a regular school. A car load of stock will be shipped if arrangements can be made to get them there. The date of the school at Hattiesburg will be January 26, closing the 25th. The school at Holly Springs will begin Jan. 27.

**Bold Things.**  
A trolley car in Ramsey, N. J., killed a deer just as the other trolley car did out west, as you read in this column a little while ago. The deer about Ramsey are becoming bold and brazen. The town is only twenty-five miles from New York city, but nevertheless the wild animals are not awed by the approach of civilization. The Ramsey people say the two Saturdays ago five deer walked down Main street in the middle of the day, as interested in proceedings as country people in a big city. It is said that they even went so far as to eat the oats that had been given to horses tied at the side of the street.

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**Womanly Reason.**  
The families of two neighboring flats were playing 10-cent limit poker together. After the busting of a pot the opener drew one card and the mistress of the flat where the game was played also drew one. She held to start with the deuce, trey, four and five of diamonds, and acquired the six of the same suit.  
The opener bet a dime and the woman merely called. When the cards were spread her husband went up in the air.  
"Why didn't you raise with that hand?" he exclaimed; "didn't you know it was worth it?"  
"Yes," answered the wife, "but I didn't want to break a quarter."

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Guarding Against Forest Fires.

(By H. S. GRAVES.)  
During the last decade forestry in the United States has developed with remarkable rapidity. The inauguration of forest management on the national forests, the activity of various states in public forestry, and the increasing interest of private owners in timber growing and protection have resulted in a marked demand for trained foresters.

When active work in forestry began there were no forest schools in this country, and those entering upon the work were obliged to go to Europe for technical training. Today there are twenty-two institutions in the United States which give courses leading to a degree in forestry, and about forty others which include forestry in their curricula.

It is estimated that there are fully 600 men in the United States with a greater or less degree of technical training, in addition to 1,500 forest rangers who began without a knowledge of the technical side of forestry, but many of whom, through their experience in national and state forest work under technical direction, have acquired considerable knowledge of certain phases of the subject. There are probably about 1,000 young men studying in the forest schools. Forestry may therefore be considered an established profession in the United States. The character of the work which the forester is called upon to do varies greatly under different conditions. Some men spend the greater part of their time in the more strictly technical work of the profession. They study such problems as the determination of the amount of merchantable timber on a given tract, its rate of growth, the best methods of cutting to secure a second crop without recourse to planting, and, in general, all problems which deal with the life history and production of the forest. Other men spend more time on the business end of the work, in devising methods of protecting the forest from fire, in organizing an efficient system of administration, in determining the cheapest and most effective methods of lumbering, and, in general, in dealing with the problem of the utilization of the forest. But most foresters, however, have to deal with both the scientific and the business aspects of the profession.

# WHEAT FIELD BEING TREATED BY ELECTRICITY



Treating the surrounding atmosphere with a strong electric current to make plants grow and to improve the soil is a new thing and not to be behind the times in the latest inventions to help the farmer, the U. S. department of agriculture has just installed an elaborate plant near Arlington, Virginia, to test its efficacy.  
The experiment is in charge of Dr. L. J. Briggs and he has obtained much of the new apparatus through the noted English scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, who is also interested in this new project.  
The wheatfield now being treated has about two inches of the grain above the ground and this is perfectly normal. Across the field about sixteen feet above the ground and about fifty feet apart are stretched heavy wires through which a strong electric current is sent for a short time morning and evening. From these heavy wires are stretched smaller ones that connect the main lines and the general effect is like that of a grape arbor. A central station supplies the current for the apparatus in the little shanty in the field and the current is disseminated over the field from it by wires that are not very high.

# FARM LEARNING MORE PRACTICAL WITH CHICKENS

## Education in Agriculture, Horticulture and Manual Training Favored.

That trend in education which is coming to lay greater stress upon those branches that have to do with the home—domestic science and with the farm—manual training, agricultural and horticultural—has much to do to commend it, as it is clear that these branches have a far more important and vital bearing on the everyday life of the people than do languages and some other branches.  
In many schools today located in rural communities attention is being especially directed to a study of agriculture, and the results are often manifest in an improved condition of the school grounds, while many of the lessons taught are being worked out on the farms of the community.

**Hen Products.**  
It is pointed out by way of government statistics that the products of the American hen aggregate a total value of \$620,000,000 annually—a sum equivalent to the value of the hay crop, the wheat crop, the combined value of oats and potato crops and nearly nine times the value of the tobacco crop.

**Many Rabbit Skins Imported.**  
Great Britain imported 1,237,765 rabbit skins the first six months this year.

**Treatment of Scaly Leg.**  
If the leg of fowls are covered with scale, the lice will find harboring places on them. The remedy is to oil the legs once a week, a mixture of one part kerosene and three parts of sweet oil being excellent.

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