

The sale of Lumber...
Philadelphia expects to have a subway under construction within a few months.

An Omaha man has invented a whisky tablet. Take two in a glass of water, and the earth is yours.

The new society recreation called progressive peanuts is not the first still game introduced into society.

Colorado's legislature has adjourned, in order that the rural members may get in more time for golf.

If Joseph Chamberlain is not a blank for what kind of a distinguished statesman is he? Ireland passes for a reply.

If John L. Sullivan has really quit striking for gold, it means an awful loss to the brewers and distillers of the country.

The principal motive in writing a novel nowadays seems to be that the author may get the benefit of the dramatization.

Young Mr. Havermeyer, who sent his coachman to represent him in court, discovered that the law is no respecter of millionaires.

To a photographer belongs the distinction of being the only man in America who succeeded in making the prince look unpleasant.

The story of the tramp who stole a bar of soap is preposterously conflicting. Either he was not a tramp or he did not steal a bar of soap.

A Baltimore man was suddenly struck dumb while sweating at his wife. It is not stated whether she used the rollup or a flatiron.

The growth of the concentration idea has induced the invention of the whisky tablet. Eventually the invitation will be to take a chew instead of a drink.

Columbia evidently wants to impress the world with the idea that its revolution is to be taken seriously, for it has issued orders that all news must be censored.

A big piano factory in New York has just burned down. Of course, when the company gets keyed up to the right pitch they will have a new factory on the string.

It is said that there are more than 2,000,000 brands of cigars on the market. The campaign cigar, however, always smells the same, no matter what name it goes by.

The Bacon enthusiasts will sniff, of course, when they hear that a quarterly magazine devoted to Shakespeare and Stratford-on-Avon is about to appear in London.

A bigamist in Lima, Ohio, has asked the police to arrest him because he wants to be published. A jury might decide that the poor fellow has suffered enough already.

Congressman Moody's declaration that he hardly knows the bow from the stern of a war vessel is frank, at all events. And he hasn't begun hitching up his trousers yet.

A gentleman of the name of Moss has been seated in the national house of representatives from a contested district in Kentucky. Congress proudly points to the fact that it gathered him.

In a city in Russian Poland students set fire to the schools and attempted to lynch the teachers. The Chicago small boy who has supposed that he held the record will have to give up the competition.

Two men have declined the assistant postmaster generalship with its salary of \$4,000 a year. It isn't likely, however, that the office will have to be left vacant permanently because of a lack of applicants for the job.

After the Brooklyn women got through hugging and kissing Fiddler Kugelblit he was so limp that he couldn't walk alone. It is beginning to look as if the poor boy may in future be able to slide only under police protection.

An Illinois teacher inflicted corporal punishment on a pretty girl pupil, and then they were married. The sudden development of love on the part of the teacher is understandable, but how about the girl? Are we to understand that that is the proper way to woo?

A Baltimore lady donned an \$18 new hat for a promenade and wondered why the first admiring glances on the street were changed to stares. Eventually she found that the hat had dropped off, and a search for it proved vain.

The latest literary quip is an argument that the poems of Robert Burns were really written by Adam Smith, author of "The Wealth of Nations." It is as plausible as most of the books on the Babylonian origin of Shakespeare's plays.

The Sultan of Turkey is giving away some of his wives to favorite pashas. The Sultan has a large supply of old and slightly pained wives that he can spare just as well as not, but hasn't he wit enough to see that his method of getting rid of them may be the cause of a good many of the troubles that are cropping out in Turkey?

Emperor William has taken a particular liking to buckwheat cakes, but sooth until broken. Henry tells him about baked beans, codfish, Mulligan stew, terrapin and scalloped oysters.

Russell Sage has lost a lot of money as a real estate and investment company. Clearly Uncle Russ has reached the age when retirement from business should be discreet and profitable.

That Connecticut woman who is carrying a rural-mail route seems to be also noting the males out of a position which was made for man.

Finally the women who are so anxious to admit men to membership in their clubs have a foolish idea that the men will reciprocate.

A Swords' Points;

OR,
A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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CHAPTER XXI.

Paul Flays for Time.

Rhineland needed no lesson to tell him facts that were as plainly marked as daylight before his eyes. No sooner had his eyes fallen upon the face of the dapper captain who came fast month into the apartment behind the soldier than the truth burst upon him like a flash.

It was the countess!

The eager look upon her face as she entered the room told him it was with her a moment of considerable satisfaction, a time of triumph.

Paul was calm.

He knew the crisis of his life, perhaps, had come.

There was a foe more to be feared than the duelist through whose living shoulder he had thrust his ready blade in the gray of dawn.

It was his duty, of course, to appear indignant, and to demand what such an unannounced entrance might signify.

The major was good enough to listen to Paul's little protest, though the contemptuous smile never once left his florid face.

He begged to assure the gentleman that it was with deepest regret the soldiers of His Majesty the Emperor showed him his mother-in-law's house in the city of Metz, but these were times when all ordinary rules and regulations had to be set aside, and they had been given positive assurance that those who were plotting treason against France, had sought refuge behind this roof.

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signature you know. I rely upon that passport to take me where I please within the city walls. You have been influenced by one who hates me to make this arrest. But, M. le major, I stand upon my dignity as the great of the city of Metz, and I defy you to arrest me. I warn you plainly that if you order one of these men to place a hand on me you will be the first to suffer. Because my life is in danger from your woman I have been generously allowed to carry arms, a most unusual thing in the case of a prisoner on parole. So you see I have here a revolver, yet finding an opportunity to bolt, it is not unless he chose to forget he was a gentleman, and he would sooner die than do that.

He had kept the major in suspense just three full minutes, loaded to the muzzle all the while with an order for his own defense of a pistol, for Paul was holding his own life in the balance.

A few minutes at the most, was all he wanted, and, thanks to his surprising tactics, he won.

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