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The Atchison Globe says that a wise merchant often swallows when he would like to spit. The merchant is not the only one who has to learn this painful lesson.

In politics a lot of men are against the organization claiming that it isn't good enough, when really deep down in their hearts the true reason is that it isn't bad enough to give them what they are after.

Sam Blythe, the political prophet of the Saturday Evening Post, predicts that if the Republicans can't get Hughes, they will have to nominate Roosevelt. This is evidence tending to show that T. R. is out of it for Blythe is the worst guesser that Heaven lets live. Sam has been in the prophet line now for some years and has a clean record of a thousand strike-outs in ten hundred times at bat.

Commissioner of Education Mason S. Stone is spending a few days in Bennington county visiting schools and conferring with the superintendents. Under the new laws the state has virtually taken over the control and direction of all the public schools. About all the towns and school districts have left to do is to maintain the buildings and pay the bills. As a whole this is a marked advantage except for its tendency to remove the local sense of responsibility. While it is well for the state to control the courses of study and make them uniform to a degree and also to oversee superintendency and fix the standards of teaching yet every individual community has interests that should not be lost sight of. In Bennington, for instance, a large proportion of the pupils will eventually find their way into the industries of this community while in Brattleboro, Rutland and other places the call of the shop and factory is somewhat different. One of the chief faults of the present school system is that it banks too much on the text book and too little on practical, original work. A great gain has been made in recent years through the addition of manual training, domestic science, agriculture and other practical courses. A further advance can be made by the practical abolition of the text book in many branches and teaching in part at least from practical lessons drawn from the community in which a school is located.

### JOLTED THE AUTHOR.

Story of a Tour Made by Irvin Cobb and His Friend Van Loan.

Shortly after the publication of Irvin Cobb's "Back Home" Mr. Cobb visited the Pacific coast and spent a few days in Los Angeles with his author friend, Charles E. Van Loan.

The Angel City newspaper men were very kind to Cobb, interviewing him copiously, and Van Loan suggested that it would be a successful thing to repay their courtesies with autographed copies of the new book.

"Fine," said Cobb. "Let's go buy 'em now."

With Van Loan he visited six book stores in rapid succession, and the following is a sample of the conversation which took place in each one.

Cobb—"Have you 'Back Home'?"  
Clerk—"What is it—a book or a magazine?"  
Cobb—"It's a book."  
Clerk—"Ah—er—do you recall the name of the author?"

Cobb (surprised)—A man named Cobb wrote it—C-o-double-b, Cobb!  
Clerk (hopelessly)—Syranus or Ty?  
Cobb (exploding)—No, no, no! Irvin S. Cobb.

Clerk (disappointed)—Oh, some other Cobb, eh? I don't think we have it. There hasn't been any call for it. Probably not a popular work, etc.

And so on, with variations. Nobody had a copy of the book, apparently nobody had ever heard of it. In the sixth store Cobb's patience left him, and he leaned over the counter with a glare in his eye. He had just been asked if he was not mistaken in the name of the book or the author or something.

"Listen to me, stranger!" said the exasperated Kentuckian. "The name is 'Back Home,' and there is such a book, honest Injun. I know it because I wrote it myself. It's a right nice little book, I'm told, and if you can't afford to buy any copies of it I'll send you one with my compliments! Good day!"

Cobb spent the rest of the afternoon abusing the benighted booksellers of Los Angeles. The only thing that he didn't know was that Van Loan had gone over the route earlier in the day and rebuffed the clerks, preparing them for Cobb's visit and having them remove all copies of the book from sight.

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### Walter Was Puzzled.

This is a true story. Little Walter, whose father is a professor in a middle west university, was scrutinizing his parents' checkbook and said: "Father, you have such heavy eyebrows, and mother has hardly any. What are eyebrows for?" The father replied, promptly, "Why, eyebrows are—eyebrows are to keep the perspiration from getting into people's eyes when they work hard." "But, father," protested Walter. "I don't see how that can be, for mother's would need to be many times heavier than yours." And father was lost in thought.—Christian Register.

### Over the Mark.

"Does he aim at realism in the stories he writes?"  
"He may aim at it, but he doesn't hit within a million miles of it."  
"How's that?"  
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