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When a man is generous to a fault it is never one of his wife's.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

There is no help for the case of the woman who can't get a servant.—Philadelphia Record.

Samson was the first man on record to bring down the house.—Union County Standard.

Odd as it may seem, the professional lady-killers seldom sleigh their girls.—Chicago Times.

The man who buckles down to business runs but little chance of being strapped.—Troy Press.

It appears to be the business of the needy tramp to go around looking for success.—Binghamton Leader.

She—"If I refuse you, what will you do?" He—"Propose to some other girl." She—"Then I accept."—Chicago News Record.

She—"Maude—Oh, she's one of the friends of my youth." He—"I didn't take her to be as old as that."—Kate Field's Washington.

He (painting)—"If you were I, Miss Maude, I wonder how you'd treat this subject?" She (posing)—"Oysters."—Kate Field's Washington.

When a wife counsels her husband to come straight home after an evening banquet she means it in more senses than one.—Boston Transcript.

George—"I wonder why Ethel calls me her chrysanthemum?" Binks—"She may have discovered the fact that you haven't a cent."—Brooklyn Life.

A difference between a knife-blade losing its temper and a woman is that the former becomes duller and the latter more cutting.—Philadelphia Times.

"I hear you've been cultivating the society of that pretty widow, Van; what are you up to?" "I'm trying to kill the weeds."—Kate Field's Washington.

An old maid over in New Jersey fainted after reading in the local paper that in the manufacture of champagne the grapes are squeezed six times.—New York World.

"Hit doan do," said Uncle Eben, "ter take too much count of de fac' dat er man looks good natured. De crocodile hab de broades' grin on record."—Washington Star.

He talked of love in a cottage;
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"Won't you try to love me?" he pleaded. "No, Mr. Adams, I cannot," she answered. "I am not over-strong, and my physician has advised me not to do too much."—Vogue.

Miss Bewty (romantically)—"Men never do brave deeds nowadays to show their love for women." Mr. Best—"They don't, eh? Don't they marry them?"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

"I don't think that fellow will be quite so fresh hereafter," remarked old Farmer Huskey, the other night, as he sent a load of rock-salt into the fleeing figure of the chicken thief.—Philadelphia Record.

New Patient—"Do you think you can help me, doctor?"

Doctor—"Well, I ought to. I have had experience enough. I have been attending a man with the same disease for the last twenty years."—Puck.

A man killed a hog in Clinch county and found a $5 gold piece on the inside. All the farmers in that section have since gone to stock raising. We have always said that there is money in hogs.—Atlanta Constitution.

Amy—"So you accepted Mr. Thorpley last night? I thought you told me you didn't care for him?" Maude—"What was I to do? He was putting on my skates, and had fixed one all right, when he proposed. I had either to accept or fall down."—Boston News.

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Regularity in Meals.

Several articles have been written by physicians and laymen on the injuries to health from insufficient food. People in this country, of every class, from the highest to the lowest, are subject to criticism, both on account of their method of preparing, and also of using their daily food. Much may be said of the preparation of food, but of late the chief stress seems to be laid upon the amount eaten. A writer's statement in a recent issue of the Globe-Democrat that many women neglect the midday meal, or make it a light luncheon instead of a hearty meal, is, as every housewife knows, true. When there are neither husband nor children for whom to prepare the meal, a woman who is not fond of cooking will resort to any sort of a makeshift in order to save herself from a visit to the kitchen. This, of course, is applicable to those who are not in affluent circumstances. Criticism on our food are not applicable to any one class of our people, however, for the wealthiest merit even more criticism than the poorest.

In order to fulfill the objects sought our food should possess three requisites: It should be sufficient in amount; it should be nutritious; and it should be eaten at regular intervals. Much has been written of the first two requisites, but little attention has been paid to the third, which is most important. The food in most households is usually sufficient in amount, because nature regulates this, and her demands, if possible are complied with. It too often happens that the food is not as nutritious as it should be, and this deserves attention. But spasmodic and irregular methods of eating are the most serious evils that threaten the health of the household. When women, as stated, neglect the noontide meal, or take a late luncheon, it is not the small amount eaten, but the change of hour, or failure to eat at all, which causes the undermining of health, and ultimately dyspepsia in its final stages. The reason for this seems evident. Nature is regular and systematic in her operations, and to crowd the stomach with work at one time and to leave it nothing to do at another; to let it be surfeited one day and hungry for food the next; to possibly follow regular rules for years and then break them without regard to consequences, will ruin the best digestive organs ever in existence. If mothers knew and appreciated this fact there might be less sweetmeats and dainties given to children between meals. There is nothing truer than that regular habits prolong life, and yet it takes many people all their lives to learn it. People might expect to jump from a hot bath to a cold draft without a shock as to go from a feast to a famine at all sorts of irregular hours without serious injury to their digestive organs.—Globe-Democrat.

Through Death Valley.

Death Valley was, in the main, disappointing, as I think it will be to any tourist. I could not realize that Telescope Peak, the loftiest Penamint, rose about two miles above the lowest part of the valley; nor that this lowest point was 200 feet below sea level; nor—the weather being then comfortable—that in summer the air is kilndried until it contains but one per cent. of humidity; nor that the well-shaded thermometer has ranged, according to various authentic observers, all the way from 122 to 135 degrees Fahrenheit. But there were some things I appreciated fully, and one of them was a sandstorm. I saw the air filled with a dusty fog clear to the mountain tops, while the sun grew dark and bright by turns as the fog increased and lessened; I saw plumes of dust waving above the cloud masses as do the feathery plumes of fog above the cyclone, and saw slender, sinuous sand-spouts a mile high, careening down the valley in the arms of the gale. It was a marvelous exhibit of the powers of nature.

To most tourists Death Valley presents a complete picture of desolation. The mountains are rugged and devoid of verdure; the lowland is a salty waste, where only the mesquite, thorny and guarled, and the sage-bush of the color of ashes thrive. Even these have a constant struggle for life with the searing sand-storms. As to the fauna of the country, one finds the gauntest of coyotes and the leanest of wild cats; the lizard and the rattlesnake, each with horns; the centipede and the tarantula. In the wailings of its mammals, the terror of its reptiles, and the suffocation and oppression of its atmosphere, Death Valley is in the season a veritable type of the fabled sheol. Its dangers have never been, nor can scarcely be adequately described.—And yet because of its magnificent geological pictures of the wonderful powers of nature, because of its resources in salts and minerals, because of the enthropological studies of the region roundabout, and because of the novel experiences which the tourist will surely have, there are few places that will better repay him for his time and trouble.—John R. Spears, in Feb. Californian.

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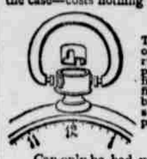
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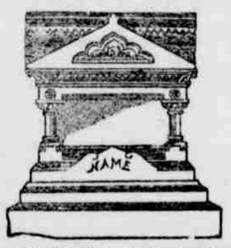
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