



The earnest question of the hour, And general theme, no doubt, Is not of love or politics, But, "Will the coal hold out?"—Chicago Record.

Remains to be seen: The boy who has an appointment with the teacher after school is dismissed.—Boston Transcript.

Kean—Isn't your wife afraid to drive that horse? Steam—Not at all. It's the people she meets who are scared.—Hartford Times.

First Office Boy—It says "Our hero now partook of a frugal repast." What does that mean? Second Office Boy—Quick lunch.—Puck.

Husband—Why should you blame me because we were late to the theater? Wife—You forget, dear, that you hurried me up so.—Puck.

"Wobbles rides his bicycle in his flat now." "In his flat?" "Yes; it's steam-heated, and he has to scorch up and down the hall to keep warm."—Life.

I went into the theater. But left it with a sigh: The play was long, the jokes were broad, The hats were very high.—Pick-Me-Up.

"Do you think opals are unlucky?" inquired the superstitious man. "Yes," was the reply. "My wife wants one, and it's going to cost me \$50."—Washington Star.

"Does your latest novel enjoy a large sale?" he inquired. "I don't know whether the novel does or not," replied the author, "but I do."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Rural Teacher—What current event of great interest can you give me this morning? Small Girl (eagerly)—My ma has just made twenty tumbler of jelly.—Judge.

Willie—It's always in damp places where mushrooms grow, isn't it, papa? Papa—Yes, my boy. "Is that the reason they look like umbrellas, papa?"—Yonkers Statesman.

"Did you ever get so mad that words failed you?" "Yes—once." "When was that?" "Just one-eighth of a second after I called a prize-fighter a liar."—Chicago Record.

Mudge—Oh, yes, we had a real lively time, Simmons and I. It cost us nearly \$50. Wickwire—Yes, I saw Simmons this morning, and he told me he spent \$45.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Come, Julie, let's go and have a friendship oyster stew together." "Friendship oyster stew? What's that?" "Why, you pay for mine, and I'll pay for yours."—New York Journal.

She—And you say that you have never been in love? He—Never, I have thought I was, seventy-five or eighty times, but I always found out afterward that I wasn't.—Somerville Journal.

The subordinate—Here is a letter from a young woman wanting us to give some of the legends about the origin of the fan. The Chief—Turn it over to the base-ball editor.—Indianapolis Journal.

However long the line may be With civic folk and troopers, Each marcher proudly feels that he is the grandest in that pageantry; The rest are merely supers.—Washington Star.

"And is she really the trained singer she claims to be?" "Beyond a doubt. She can sing 'Comin' Through the Rye' so that nobody can tell what it is without looking at the program."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

First Doctor—Well, that's just like these actresses! Second Doctor—What is? First Doctor—Why, that Miss May Cupp won't let us look into her head with the X ray until she makes up her mind.—Puck.

Brown—The sporting editor of this paper doesn't know his business. He says here that that lightweight boxer weighed 118 pounds. Jones—Isn't that right? Brown—No. He should have said "tipped the scales."—Judge.

Couldn't Stand Alone.—"They tell me Van Wither is very weak since his last sickness." "He is. I saw him on the street just now and asked him for a five; but he couldn't stand a loan."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"Amy, my love, I wish we lived in the good old days when a knight could fight for his lady love." "Why, George, dear, as for that, you haven't asked papa's consent to our engagement as yet, you know."—Forget-Me-Not.

The Comedian (on the defensive)—But you know there are only seven real jokes in the world, it is said. The Sourette—I know; what puzzles me is that you have never happened upon any of them.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Nelle—I don't see why Charley Dimpleton has suddenly been so taken with Dot Thurston. How do you account for it? Jessie—Oh, I believe she was the first one to notice that he was raising a mustache.—Cleveland Leader.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "de man dat pays hundu'nds ob dollars for flags an' decorations ain' ez much ob er patriot ez de one dat goes quietly 'long an' pays 'is taxes an' serves on de jury wifout kickin'."—Washington Star.

Arizona Al—Wal, what do you think of that? Here's Jim goin' an' gittin' married! Chloride Charley—Wal, that's the way of the world! Arizona Al—Right enough; but look at this: "No Cards." That's what comes of marryin' inter a pious family.—Puck.

The whale spouted in triumph. "Never you mind!" shouted Jonah, vindictively: "you've given me a good deal of trouble. I'll admit, but you just wait till the latter-day theologians tackle you!" With a hoarse chuckle he struck out over the sand dunes toward Nineveh.—New York Press.

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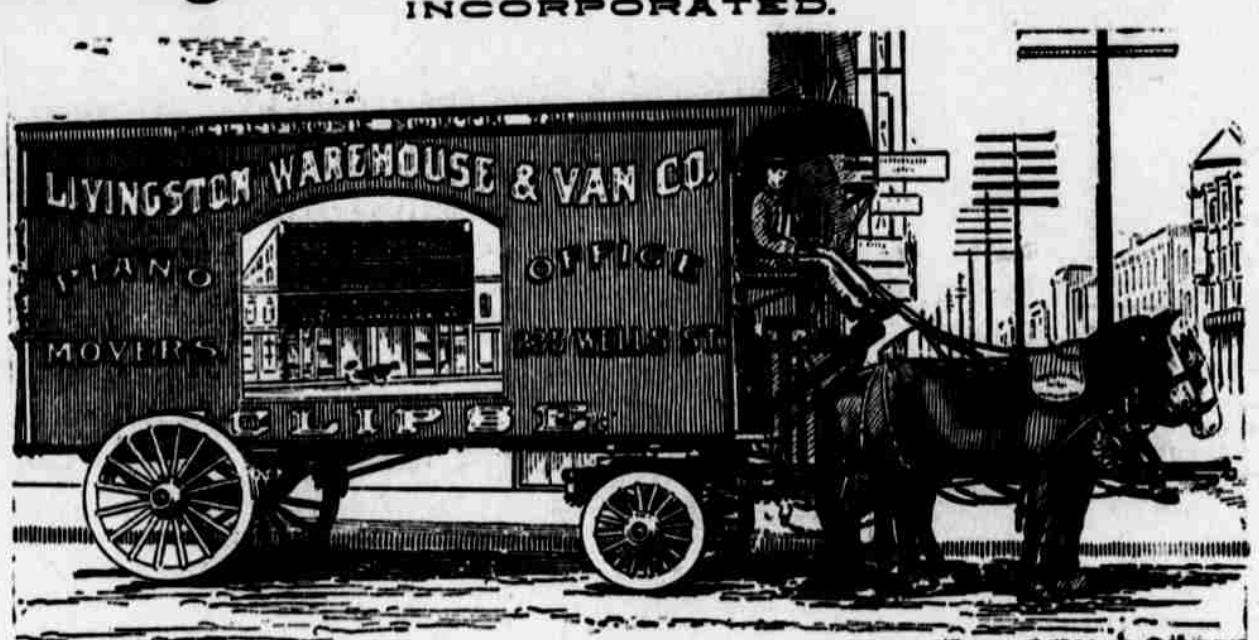
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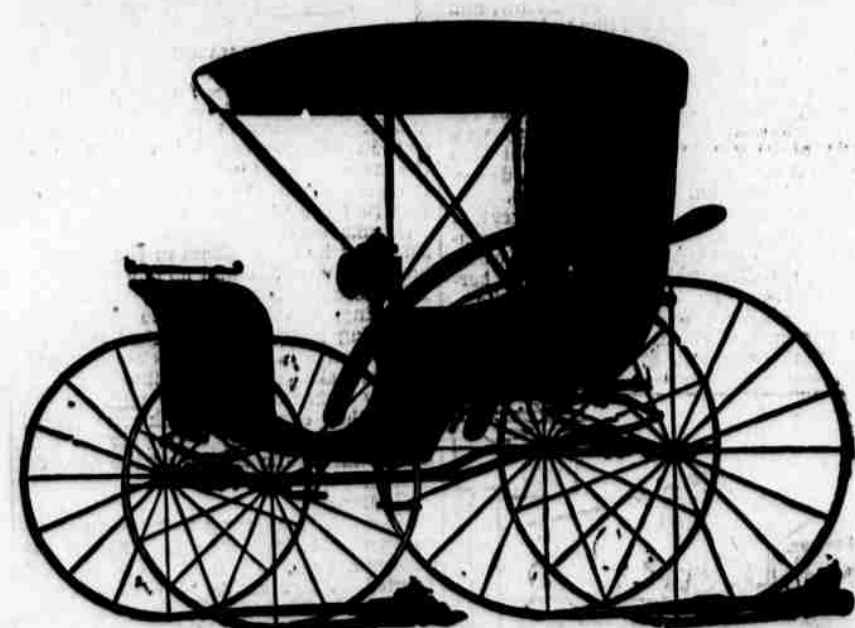
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