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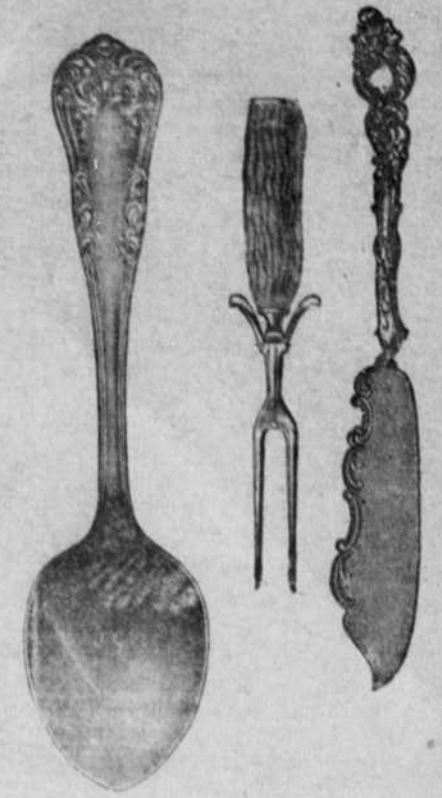
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### KEEP STEPPING

"Keep stepping, Joe," was the telegram sent by Mrs. Gans to her son, the colored pugilist, before his New Year's Day battle.

It's mighty good advice for all—  
Keep stepping;  
It holds in hovel or in hall.  
On this old rushing, tormented ball,  
Sa pay attention to this call—  
Keep stepping.

Don't dally on the primrose way—  
Keep stepping;  
Count not a single wasted day;  
Just think what Mrs. Gans would say,  
And let this be your joyous lay—  
Keep stepping!

If parson or if pugilist,  
Keep stepping;  
If using brains or heels or fist  
Don't let another get the gist,  
Or by the world you'll ne'er be mis-  
sed—  
Keep stepping!

If fate on you the cards has stacked  
Keep stepping;  
There's no use crying, that's a  
fact;  
So, if both pedals you have lacked,  
Just do a legless wonder act—  
Keep stepping!  
—Denver Republican.

### SUCCESS.

Sorely tired and sorely tempted,  
From no agonies exempted,  
In the penance of his trial,  
And the discipline of pain;  
Often by illusions cheated,  
Often baffled and defeated  
In the task to be completed,  
He by toll and self denial,  
To the highest shall attain.  
—Longfellow.

### RAILROADS AS COAL MERCHANTS

There is nothing new in the report of the Interstate commerce commission condemning the ownership of coal companies by railways, but it is certainly to be hoped that if the recommendation shall be acted upon, the proposed federal legislation will prove more effective than the measures to the same end which have been tried by the states. The commission has been investigating the situation in the eastern bituminous fields, but the abuse complained of is well known to exist in the anthracite fields, as well, and to be the root of many of the evils there existing. It has entrenched an already powerful monopoly by en-

abling the transportation companies, which are at the same time coal merchants, to hamper seriously and often completely strangle the independent operators who seek a share of the business. There can be no objection to allowing railway companies to mine coal for their own purpose, but to permit them also to traffic in it is a perversion of the purpose for which they were chartered and an abuse of their corporate privilege. Pennsylvania has tried in vain to cope with the evil. The federal government's arm should prove longer and its grip more tenacious.

The practice complained of is very close to the root of the railway evil, and its abolishment would go far to solve the railway problem. Manifestly this is not to be solved unless the railroads shall become,

voluntarily or otherwise, what they were intended to be, once were, and even now are supposed to be—neither more nor less than common carriers, serving all shippers alike. This consummation is not to be expected as long as they are allowed to mine and sell coal. Their own interests are certain to be given the preference.—Plain Dealer.

It is not generally known that one of the first corners formed in any market was a corner in harps. There is a story, told of one of the famous Llewellyns, who had taken up his residence in England, to the effect that during the great famine in Ireland he went through almost every section of the Emerald Isle exchanging much desired gold for harps belonging to famine-stricken peasants. Naturally the peas-

ants were glad enough to sell their harps and anything else they possessed for food, or money to buy food, and the first thing Irishmen knew they were practically harpless. Scarcely a single Irish instrument could be secured up in any community and then they began to wonder what had become of their harps. By that time the dread and horror of the famine had passed and the ephemeral spirits of the sons of Erin were light and would make merry, but how could they sing and dance without their beloved harps? Then it was discovered one man owned practically all the Irish harps and when he did part with them it is said that the price received was far in advance of that given some time before. History has recorded no second corner in these celestial instruments.

A Chicago judge has had a jury of women drawn to hear the case of Mrs. M. A. Snyder against Mrs. Mary Murphy for slander. He said that men could not accurately assess the injury if any.

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