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SUCH NOTABLE MINDS AS
HON. EX-EDITOR CALE FLUHART
CONSTABLE NEWT PLUM AND HIS SON-IN-LAW,
PINKY KERR, TILFORD MOOTS
NILES TURNER, MISS FAWN LIPPINCUT
PROF. ALEX TANSEY AND DOCTOR MOPPS, ESQ.
TOGETHER WITH HUNDREDS OF
BRAND NEW EPIGRAMS
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To My Mother

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ABE MARTIN!—dad-burn his old picture!
P'tends he's a Brown county fixture—
A kind of comical mixture—
Of hoss-sense and no sense at all!

James Whitcomb Riley.

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Parents that name ther daughters
"Goldie" will have t' take th' conse-
quences.

Read and grow
Fat -

Walter Foster.

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When Elmer Peters wuz killed at th' saw-mill Constable Newt Plum wanted t' break th' news gently t' his mother at Greensburg, so he sent her a pustal card in a envelope.

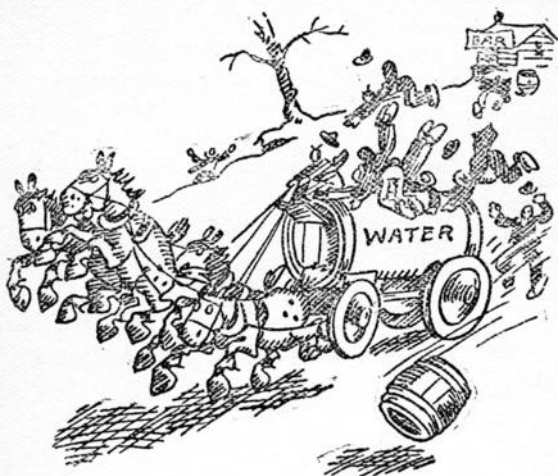


Th' photergraf art has reached such perfection that it's purty hard t' tell any-buddy from ther pictures these days unless they've got a funny nose er whiskers.



Th' price o' smokin' terbacker remains jist th' same in spite of the unparalleled alfalfa crop.

January



OUR FATE-THE ZODIAC

An Unusually Interesting Presentation of Astrological Lore and a Careful and Intelligent Analysis of the Gifts of Destiny. Compiled After Years and Years of Arduous Study and Research by the Eminent Brown County, Indiana, Astrologist, Professor Alexander Tansey.

DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 20

Sign of Capricornus (the goat)

If you were born during the latter half of December or the earlier half of January you took up the thread of life under the influence of the sign of Capricornus, a dry, dusty sign of the Zodiac.

The protégés of Capricornus are cold propositions, calculating and exclusive. They go to the theater alone and never light a cigar if they are with anybody. These

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people come into life with everything all set and are immune from the misery of indecision, never talking over a minute with a book-vender or a life-insurance agent. Their cautious feet convert the very stumbling blocks of life into a beautifully paved thoroughfare, whereby they may win out all the faster.

These people often seek distinction in the political world, always warming up with a few drinks before they start out to throw the salve into the middle classes. The more modest among them are content with becoming bankers, copper kings and traction magnates. So cautious are the Capricornus heirs that when they set out to land something they almost appear to stand still.

Naturally the women of this sign inherit a tenderer impulse than the men, but even they are never popular at school. In womanhood they stand coldly aloof and are thoroughly despised by clerks, dressmakers and street-car conductors.



January

TO EXTERMINATE ROACHES

Procure a box of roach powder from the nearest drug store, being careful to have the druggist guarantee it. Scatter the powder freely in the crevices about the sink and pantry, repeating the dose each day until the powder is all gone. In a few days the roaches will arrive at the conclusion that you are not going to buy any more and will desert the premises.

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IN THE LITERARY WORLD

Miss Germ Williams—"I seen where th' author of 'Her First Lemon' has been accused of plagiarism."

Miss Fawn Lippincut—"Isn't it strange that a person endowed with such literary instinct would burn a buildin'?"

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ike Sanders, Jonesville, Idaho, a child, January 10, 1907.

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Th' woman that tries t' keep up with
th' procession don't see near as much as
her husband who stands on th' curb.



Never feed a pup raw beefsteak if you
have a family dependent on you.



Ole Niles Turner says it begins t' look
like th' Union wuz perserved jist so base-
ball players could go South to practise.

January

HINTS TO FARMERS

A farmer may cleanse his finger nails with peroxide of hydrogen with an orange-wood stick and then apply ground pumice stone to make them look foxy. Ten times each day is often enough.

Wild-animal dealers quote trained seals at \$2,750. Next to a piano there is nothing so essential to a well-regulated farm.

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January 14, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

Citizen—"Hey, Officer, send for the ambulance! This man has been hit by an auto."

Stranger—"Man, h—l! I'm a prominent Indiana democrat."

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Th' Governor o' Wyoming is th' latest recruit t' th' Peruna beauty contest.



Th' editors o' th' Chicago Sunday papers seem t' know everything.



It's purty hard t' underpay a city official.



General Sherman evidently didn't know nothin' 'bout th' selectin' o' wall-paper when he made his famous remark.



Th' handcuff king that give an exhibition at Melodeon hall last night used t' be a private banker.



In these days when folks come a stragglin' in th' the-ater at all hours it's purty hard t' git your money's worth unless you play in the orchestra.

January

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE MOON

The moon's motion on her axis, unlike the electric-light plant in a small town, is entirely uniform. Her angular velocity in her orbit, like a vaudeville program, is subject to slight change. The moon's surface contains about 14,685,000 square miles of good brick land, but no atmosphere and no water. A profound silence reigns over the desolate clay surface sustaining the old theory that no women abide there. A great many people plant garden seeds by the moon, and, in some instances, farmers have plowed by the moon in order to get off the following day to attend the circus. Crocheting by moonlight is extremely injurious to the eyes. There will be an eclipse of the moon at Shelbyville, Ind., May 10, 1908.

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PROF. ALEX TANSEY IN
HIS STUDY

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Constable Newt Plum reads th' Thaw trial out loud at th' blacksmith shop in th' mornin', an' in th' afternoon th' woman's club gits th' paper.



Dock Mopps says that Ole Ez Pash lies like a feller with a family horse t' sell.



When anybuddy speaks of th' little town they came from they allus ring in th' city neerdest t' it.



Marry in haste an'—git a job travelin' on th' road.



"A dollar saved is a dollar made" is an ole sayin', but who wants t' do without meat all th' time?



Ez Pash says he run th' first ingine over th' ole underground railroad between Xenia, Ohio, an' Paducah, Ky.

January

Th' married man that sets 'em up is
spendin' his wife's wages.



John and Ida got married
And lived in Idaho forlorn,
John hung around the billiard hall
And let Idaho the corn.

—*Old Song.*

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January 27—Septuagesima Sunday—whatever that may be.

January 30, 1649—Charles I
lost his head.

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Ex-Editor Cale Fluhart has discovered another kind o' undesirable citizen—th' feller that eats soup like a walrus.



It wuz thought fer a while Sunday that th' pustoffice wuz burnin' up, but it proved t' be a grocery se-gar.



Young Lafe Bud has a great eye fer distances. He says he hasn't missed a cuspidor fer nine years.



Th' plug fell out o' th' waterin'-trough on th' public square Saturday causin' much damage in th' business district.

February



JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 19

Sign of Aquarius (the Water Bearer)

The Romans got together and dedicated the first month of the year to Janus, the two-faced god. There was some dissatisfaction over the dedication, but it was allowed to stand. Persons born during the latter half of this month or the first half of the next start out handicapped by the influence of Aquarius, and in innumerable instances have become piano tuners. Mozart and Mendelssohn belonged to this sign. Prof. Clem Harner is now a member. Such men attain much, but seldom realize the fulfilment of all their desires because they are disposed to fiddle around and discuss the Panama Canal. An heir of Aquarius finds it much easier to order a blue serge suit than to pay for it. Like

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a turtle, he is impelled to retire within himself through his own sensitive nature when asked to pay a bill. Their swift soaring fancy often ends in their marrying persons of less sympathetic planets with disastrous results, the wife in almost every instance being allowed the custody of the children and the old home on Chestnut street.



February

Th' feller that belittles his wife in company is only tryin' t' pull her down t' his own size.



Another bad thing about "prosperity" is that you can't jingle any money without bein' under suspicion.

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February 2, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

A BAD OMEN

It is a bad omen to get mixed up in a stuffy jam with a stout lady wearing goat furs.

Walter Wellman may make a dash for the Pole any day now.

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What has become o' th' ole fashioned family doctor with th' long whiskers, that allus wanted t' be cuttin' somebuddy's leg off?



Tell Binkley, cashier o' th' Bean Blossom Trust Company has skipped out after wreckin' th' concern t' th' last penny. He wuz very popular an' had been investin' heavily in tourin' car repairs.

February

SOME HOMELY SUGGESTIONS

Never crack walnuts with a gold tooth.

When a skirt can not be packed full length in a trunk, gently fold one end of it.

Never wear old underwear while traveling. You might get cut up in a wreck.

To improve the appearance of clothes-posts, paint them green and train nasturtiums around them, being careful to pull the clothes as they begin to turn and allow them to ripen in the sun.

In using a carpet-sweeper with one hand and carrying the baby with the other it will be found very difficult to reach a hair-pin back of the piano.

It is not proper to eat soup so you can notice it.

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PROBABLY NOT

There is nothing so aggravating as a fresh boy that is too old to ignore or too young to kick.

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Th' first thing a young woman should learn after she gits married is how t' tell a Ben Davis apple from th' genuine.



Miss Germ Williams has an uncle buried under a tourin' car.



You never know how many comical fellers live in your town till you walk thro' th' street with a new hoe on your shoulder.



Dr. Knapp, o' Berlin, Germany, has 'discovered a cure fer red noses, but then a feller that boozes wouldn't waste money on an ocean trip.



It don't cost half as much t' live if you don't go down town after supper.

February

SOME HOMELY SUGGESTIONS

The father of a bride-to-be should consider himself lucky if he has clothes enough to appear on the veranda.

Olives should be picked up with the thumb and index finger.

When eating spaghetti the head should hang well over the plate.

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JUST EXACTLY

Enlisting in the United States navy to see the world is like going to the workhouse to learn broom-making.

February 22, 1732—George Washington was born. The old fellow wouldn't be in it to-day.

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Pinky Kerr hez a new inner-seal cap an' you can't tell it from th' real thing.



If a feller screwed up his face when he asked fer credit like he does when he's asked t' settle, he wouldn't git it.



No servant girl ever gits so well situated that she quits readin' th' "Help Wanted" column.



Givin' half th' road t' an ortomobile is th' hardest thing a farmer does next t' plowin'.



When th' temperature drops 10 degrees below zero th' ice man ought t' put up er shut up.

February

Jist t' show you how some fellers' minds run, young Lafe Bud has got back from a pleasure trip through th' Northwest, an' he says th' Iowa corn crop is a disappointment.



Distant relatives er th' best kind, an' th' further th' better.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP A FAILURE

After the City Council of Barnesville, Ore., has tried for two years to keep a tin cup on the town pump it has finally given it up and has plugged the well.

In Indiana it is considered good luck if, while riding on an interurban car, a white-headed boy with a box of rabbits shares your seat.

HINTS TO FARMERS

After a farmer's wife cuts his hair she should always scald the crock before putting it back in the milk-house.

If you have buggy harness, use insect powder.

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Tilford Moots' youngest boy has lost five glass eyes since th' marble season begun.



A feller feels simple when he's gittin' his photograf took an' th' result generally shows it.



Miss Tawney Apple has a new forty-nine-cent east aisle hat.



You never see no safety razors at a dance.



Prof. Alex Tansey has given th' medical world a jolt by declarin' that a wig grows after death.



What has become o' th' old-fashioned wife that used t' think it wuz wrong t' neglect her household work?

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FEBRUARY 19 TO MARCH 20

The Sign of Pisces (the Fishes)

The Romans made the second month of the year sacred to Neptune, a sea-god who was very fond of water—afterward. People born during the latter half of February or the early half of March enter life under the immediate supervision of Pisces, a sort of watery sign that indicates a disposition to own and operate a milk route, serving their customers at three or four o'clock in the morning and awakening everybody in the flat.

While not in the dairy business Darwin, Hugo and Chopin happened in under this sign. Though the natural inclination of the Pisces-born is toward the milk business, should their paths lie in less pleasant places, they may achieve a certain amount of success

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in the profession of the law. But they will be many times hungry and discouraged before they can hook up to any coin. The women of this sign delight in Spring's first tender greens and the pale, faint flushes of waking day. In all probability it was of such women that Cale Fluhart was thinking when he penned the beautiful lines:

She stood beside the depot door,
She was waiting with the rest.
The June sun played upon her nose.
Sweet emotions filled her chest.

Having once overcome their inborn desire to hang around the depot when the trains come in, these women take readily to general housework and become ideal wives and neighbors. The protégés of Pisces are advised to conduct their affairs with as little agitation as possible, never quarreling over a gas bill or arguing with paper-hangers.

March

GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR 1908

BY PROF. ALEX TANSEY

The year 1908 comprises the latter part of the 132nd and the beginning of the 133rd year of American Independence, a fact almost lost sight of. The first day of January, 1908, is the 2,417,578th day since the beginning of the Julian Period.

During the year 1908, as heretofore, there will be several eclipses of the sun and the same number of eclipses of the moon. Some will be visible only in Asia, while others can be seen from any seat in the house. Except in rare instances, chronological eras and cycles will remain unchanged.

The winter of 1908 will be marked by violent snowstorms in some sections and rain and sleet in

others. Through the literary belt of Indiana there will be the toughest sledding known in years. An unusually large batch of "number two" companies playing New York successes will invade the smaller cities of the Middle West with a scale of prices ranging from thirty-five cents to two dollars. These counterfeits may be detected by the yellow date bill posted across the original star's name. Vaudeville will remain as popular as ever, and you will laugh at Bryant and Saville just as hard as you did fifty years ago. Every indication points to another successful season of melodrama, and, "The marriage was not a happy one. A separation soon followed. The wife went to London, where, save for a small annuity settled upon her by a great-aunt, she would have died penniless in the streets.

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etc., etc.," will play havoc with the emotions as of old.

The winter of 1908 will be particularly hard on those of us who bought meat and other necessities the preceding summer and fall. The summer season will be pretty much the same old thing, except the strawberry boxes will be smaller and two national political conventions will be held. The Democratic platform will contain the party's time-honored appeal to the intelligence of the people, while the Republican platform will dwell at great length on our unparalleled prosperity and take the credit for the blue skies, bounteous crops and wise foreign policy.

The same splendid scale of wages for circus musicians that has prevailed in the past will continue: plain, twenty dollars per month; fancy, thirty dollars per month—the players assuming all risk and eating on the lot.

The summer of 1908 will last far into September, with a little dash of jacket weather here and there in August. A slight decrease in the price of bacon is promised for November, but at that the cost of living will still be several blocks ahead of salaries and wages. From time to time during the month of December the newspapers will publish most valuable suggestions to Christmas shoppers.

Blue serge for men's suitings will hold its own as in former years, the trousers being cut thirty-six at the hips and fifteen at the bottoms, with both side and back pockets. Many new creations for women's apparel will distinguish the year of 1908, and you will probably see more of them than in any preceding year.

Taking it all in all, the year of 1908 will be a hummer in lots of respects, and you will have to scheme around and hustle harder than ever to make any kind of a showing at all.

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HINTS TO FARMERS

In selecting fruit-trees be careful to note the personal appearance of the agent. If he wears a celluloid collar and sea bean cuff-buttons tell him you don't wish any to-day.

Never pick apples with a croquet mallet.

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March 15, 1907—Circuses advertise for sober calliope players.

Shamrock—A cement block.

Spring begins at 1 P. M. to-day.

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Th' feller that's allus quotin' his wife
is generally bald-headed.



Th' feller that brags 'bout how cheap
he heats his home allus sees th' first robin.



Constable Newt Plum says a straight
life is th' best policy after all.



'A baled hay company has leased Melo-
deon hall fer th' balance o' th' season.



Everything seems t' be goin' up these
days except self-reducin' corsets.



You can't buy nothin' in Noblesville,
Indianny, on th' Sabbath but Sunday
newspapers an' ther hain't nothin' in them
after you blow th' froth off.



Now that we've got th' Standard Oil
Company on th' run Uncle Sam ought t'
git after th' baby food concerns that send
circulars through th' mails t' scare
mothers.

March

MORE HINTS TO FARMERS

Any Republican will tell you that the tariff on wool makes wool higher and woolen clothes cheaper.

When you go to a circus never take any paper money with you.

To cure a fresh cow utterly ignore her and don't laugh at anything she says.

After working hard the year round it is perfectly proper for the farmer to go to the theater.

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March 22, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

March, 1869—Brand Whitlock, Mayor of Toledo, Ohio, born at Urbana, Ohio.

Walter Wellman will probably make a dash for the Pole during this month.

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Tipton Bud has only got one more lodge t' join before he runs fer County Clerk.



Times er so good that it'll be purty hard t' git anybuddy t' lay off long enough t' run fer president on th' Dimmycratic ticket.

March

MORE HINTS TO FARMERS

There is nothing much to be said in favor of late plowing. Eminent authorities say that under no circumstances should a farmer plow later than 10 o'clock. It keeps the horses up late and the dew rusts the plow.

Be very careful about currying favor with a mule.

A farmer should never pay less than \$7 for a plug hat.

When drilling for wheat a farmer should see to it that his horses stand erect, keep perfect step and are provided with both right and left flanks.

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A farmer should never keep any ink about the house. Only recently a farmer near Roundhead, Ohio, signed away the earnings of a life-time by one stroke of the pen.

The farmer is the most independent man in the world. He has all the work he can do and is never troubled with having to set a price on anything he raises. He can farm in any position. If he tires of plowing he can sit down in a rocking chair and husk corn.

If a farmer boy shows a disposition to run away and join the regular army give him a quarter to spend occasionally.

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I should think that one o' th' worst features o' sudden adversity would be gittin' used t' five-cent segars.



Th' higher some fellers cocks their feet th' less they amount t'.

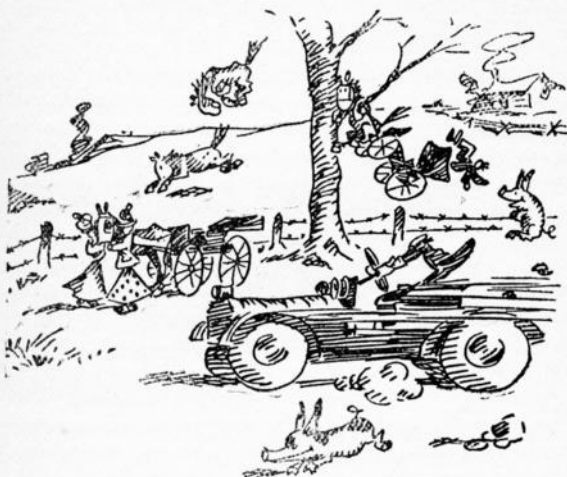


Ther wuz quite a discussion down at th' blacksmith shop this mornin' 'bout th' price o' lobsters. Tipton Bud said: "I bought one once under Cleveland fer thirty cents but I don't know what ther gittin' fer 'em now."



A' undesirable citizen is a feller that raises chickens in town.

April



MARCH 20 TO APRIL 19

Sign of Aries (the Ram)

A tailor is not a tailor who kicks when an alteration is to be made.
—James DeWolf.

The Romans dedicated the blustering month of March to Mars, decorating their business houses and homes in his honor on the first day.

People born during the latter half of this month or the earlier half of the next begin life's weary struggle under the influence of the fiery sign of Aries, indicating an overbearing nature and a fast career. These people make their grand entry with a noodle full of life and drum music that forces them forward to conquer or get a good beating. Once mastering indecision they will bite the hand

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that feeds them rather than lose out on something they are after, often marching to success over their own dead bodies. They are wonderfully generous to themselves and have five or six suits of clothes and no end of neckties. The women of this sign have a positive genius for burning money and not listening to reason. Any attempt at coercion and they will go straight back to their mothers and take the children. The men take readily to politics and often become poll-book holders. Henry Clay, Bismarck and Shakespeare belonged to this sign, but only showed up occasionally when there was an initiation.

The Aries born thrive in the southern part of the United States and China, and will have frequent recourse to courts of justice. They waste little time repining over unrequited love, and, as some towns do not have a Sunday closing ordinance, so some Aries love affairs reach a happy consummation. The flower of this storm-tossed, skirt-blowing month is the Amaryllis, signifying a stuck-up disposition and loud hosiery.



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A FEW MORE HINTS TO FARMERS

To be a successful farmer it is by no means necessary to cultivate a big crop of troublesome whiskers. It was shown recently in an article in "Farm Life in the Middle West" that some of our most prominent agriculturists are smooth-faced, while others have just the faintest suggestion of a mustache.

In operating a corn shredder a farmer should caution his wife against getting her apron caught in the machinery while he is in town playing pool.

GREENS

Speaking of dandelion greens, the poet says:

Dear common flower, that grow'st
beside the way,
Fringing the dusty road with
harmless gold,
First pledge of blithesome May.

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Pinky Kerr says he seen a Pittsburg girl once an' she wuz undershot from blowin' sut off her nose.



Where ignorance is bliss it's foolish to borrow your neighbor's newspaper.

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ANOTHER HINT TO FARMERS

A farmer should never wear celluloid cuffs while playing croquet. The rattle confuses the other players.

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It is said by those in a position to know that Walter Wellman's dash for the Pole will occur the latter part of this month.

April 17, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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A paper-hanger will promise anything.



Next t' a sound Dimmycrat th' most scarce thing is grass in front of a cheap flat.



Miss Fawn Lippincut went out t' play cards t'day an' win a little bric-à-brac fer th' house.



No family is ever so poor that they don't have a couple o' crayon portraits hangin' in the parlor—Paw and Maw.



No one kin possibly have any idea how really good times er in this country till they try t' build a four-room house.

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BIOGRAPHY OF CALE FLUHART

Ex-Editor Cale Fluhart

Ex-Editor Cale Fluhart was stolen by the Indians just out of Haverhill, Mass., many years ago at the age of four. He afterwards escaped and wandered through the unbroken wilderness to the home of his parents at Lafayette, Ind. After graduating from Purdue University he went to Pickreltown, Ohio, then a small village, and launched *The Pilot*, a vig-



orous publication for "the plain people," and his fame as a fearless and forcible writer spread rapidly, not only through Logan County, but as far east as Larue. Mr. Fluhart had much to do with the development of the Madriver Valley and the establishment of a post-office at West Liberty. During the memorable campaign of '76 Editor Fluhart's scorching editorials were read and re-read by dozens of the most prominent farmers, whose productive bottom-land acres stretched from Slaty Hollow to the McKee's Creek Church. During the strenuous days that followed the counting out of Tilden *The Pilot* fairly sizzled with hot stuff. One cold, dark night Editor Fluhart slipped out of his home and started by a circuitous route to the grocery to get a can of cove oysters, when some assassin fired

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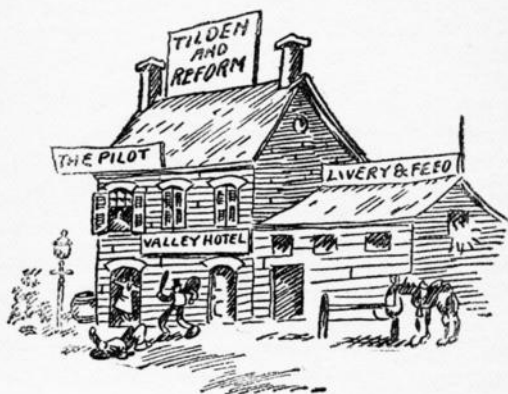
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from ambush and forever stilled his pencil hand with a volley of buckshot. That discouraging episode in the life of Mr. Fluhart ruined his ambition and squashed his brilliant career.

Having outlived his usefulness by more than a score of years Mr. Fluhart is still keenly alert,



watching events with all the interest of a man in his prime. He is a daily visitor at the barber shop, and revels among the newspapers and magazines, his journalistic instinct never deserting him.

April

MORNING AND EVENING STARS, 1908

Mercury will be Evening Star about March 1, June 27 and October 23; and Morning Star about April 14, August 12 and December 1.

Venus will be Morning Star till September 14; then Evening Star the rest of the year.

Jupiter will be Evening Star till July 16; then Morning Star the rest of the year. Subject to change.

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Walter Wellman has received advices from the Pole requesting him to defer his dash on account of an ice-makers' convention filling all the hotels. This month will probably see him off.

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Mushyroons er purty scarce this year,
but th' cool, bracin' weather only seems t'
stimulate th' liars.



Ex-Editor Cale Fluhart seen a blue
racer on th' ole Pash place yisterday but
he didn' have no tape measure with him
so he didn' kill it.



Buildin' material, clothin', bacon,
radishes, onions—a few more warm days
an' everything will be up.



Th' more insignificant a feller is th'
bigger th' pipe he smokes.

May



APRIL 19 TO MAY 20

Sign of Taurus (the Bull)

The Romans dedicated the month of April to the bright planet, Venus, holding the twenty-third day sacred to her honor. People born between the dates of April 19 and May 20, inclusive, enter life under the guidance of Taurus, a strong, husky sign bequeathing to its protégés all the sterling attributes a newspaper hands to a prominent citizen after he is dead—if he has been a subscriber.

These people are the squatty, snarled apple-trees of society. They assume Life's heritage at a time when Tennessee strawberries and long, bright green, tasteless cucumbers invade the markets, and Nature, tired of her mantle of snow and ice, warms up to the situation. The heirs of Taurus have

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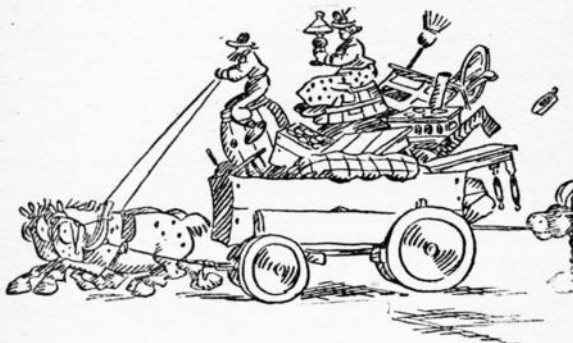
self-reliance and buoyancy of spirit, and frequently reach high places—such positions as postmaster and constable. They are seldom talkative and are fond of canned corn. Especially is this true of the men who marry Taurus women, for it matters not how much money he owes, you can never tell it by looking at his wife. As long as he can get credit, her faithful feet will follow. Hers is the devotion of Clytie, who lived just out of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and became enamored of Helios, a pianola salesman of good address, and followed him to Niles, Ohio, where he died as he had lived—a profligate.

Taurus people inherit an excellent physique that endures many years. A well-known and popular Taurus woman is to-day traveling with a burlesque company, posing in *Rock of Ages* at the age of 79. When Fate directs them toward Italy, Sicily, Northern Spain or Louisville, Kentucky, they lose their buoyancy.



May

THE ORIGIN OF MAY MOVING



The now almost universal custom of moving on the first day of May was first noticeable at Fremont,

Ohio, on May first, 1822, and spread rapidly east and then south along what is known as the Cincinnati range of hills. It is due principally to our restless American spirit and poor janitor service. It is getting to be a popular fad among flat owners to insist on tenants signing leases. People have been known to live in the same flat one year, thinking that a lease held them. If a tenant owes seven or eight months' rent and desires to move into a more select neighborhood, a lease will not detain him. In such cases, however, it is well to have the furniture in your wife's name.

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Ascension Day, May 9, 1891—Prof. Leonza fell out of a balloon about two miles and a half above Lewiston, Ohio, and died in a cornfield.

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Long before a feller recovers from his wife's Easter hat, she begins t' fret 'bout th' fall shapes.



Miss Fawn Lippincut bought a set o' Shakespeare yisterday, payin' one dollar down an' th' rest eventually.



Newt Plum's son-in-law has advertised fer a girl t' do general housework an' no questions asked.



It don't take a landlady long t' prune out her boarders.



HAPPY DAYS

May

THE SEASONS (Pittsburgh Time)

CORRECTED DAILY BY THE EMERSON SHOE COMPANY

Vernal Equinox.....Spring begins....March 21 d. 1 h. 13 m. P. M.
 Summer Solstice.....Summer "June 22 d. 9 h. 3 m. A. M.
 Autumnal Equinox...Autumn "Sept. 22 d. 11 h. 49 m. P. M.
 Winter Solstice.....Winter "Dec. 22 d. 6 h. 31 m. P. M.

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May, 1898—Spanish - American War. Cigarettes and ice-boxes.

May, 1898—Admiral George Dewey, U. S. A., blew a few old disabled Spanish hulks out of Manila Bay, awakening the officers and men and scattering them in the surf. Little or nothing is ever heard of Dewey these days.

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When you see your groceryman put two quarts o' strawberries in a one quart paper bucket you sort o' lose interest in things.



Some church members would never git t' see th' inside of a the-ater if it wuzn't fer th' great, immortal play, Uncle Tom's Cabin, with its corn shredder musicians, burr head jubilee singers an' mouse colored mule.



It strikes me that our boasted prosperity has jist about reached th' limit when a catfish bites on a wooden minnie.



Th' feller that calls you "brother" generally wants something that don't belong to him.



It must be blamed embarrassin' t' ask a rich wife fer a quarter now an' then.

May

Sound travels at the rate of 1,142 feet per second—about thirteen miles in a minute. So that if we hear a clap of thunder half a minute after the flash, we may calculate that the discharge of electricity is six and a half miles off,

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May, 1907—The roller-skating craze strikes Indiana. Many saddened homes.

May, 1906—Long-sleeve glove famine spreads throughout the United States. Much suffering below the elbows,

May 23, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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You never see no "to let" signs on Easy street.



If your own wife won't do housework what's th' use o' lookin' any further?



Lots o' blamed lazy farmers chew an' smoke that never "touch th' weed."



No matter how bad things may go at home th' average housewife will "bridge" 'em over.



Pinky Kerr says a nature faker is a bum actor that travels jist t' see th' scenery.



Ole Niles Turner talks so much he can't smoke a pipe.

May

Cheap shoes don't begin t' hurt fer two er three days after you put 'em on.



'A bunch o' nice celery makes a great decoy fer a bum dinin' hall.

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'A friend of Walter Wellman has just received a postal card from the eminent explorer, saying that he had been persuaded to remain over for a dance at Spitzbergen, and it is not likely that he will make a dash for the Pole for some weeks yet.

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Th' farmer that drives t' town t' play
pool 'cause it's too wet t' plow never
gathers no moss.



Young Lafe Bud says his wife spent a
hundred an' eighty dollars last year prac-
tisin' on newspaper recipes.



It'll soon be time fer th' feller that
looks bum in a straw hat t' grow despon-
dent.



May is th' month when th' ole clothes
man swindles your wife out o' your over-
coat.



Never ask th' feller that makes th' most
of his opportunities t' watch your store
while you go t' dinner.

May

Th' feller that sets on a store box with his mouth full of scrap terbacker while his wife is at home sewin' fer a livin' knows jist exactly how t' regulate th' railroads.

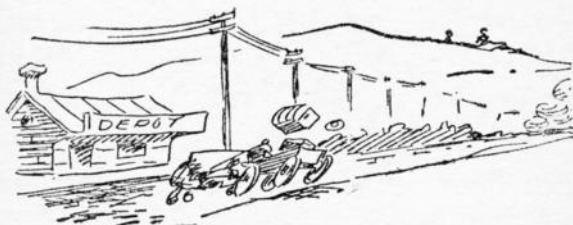


No matter where they are, jist one bottle o' red pop an' some fellers want t' hug ther girls,

Sunday 31

June brides grow uneasy.

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While talkin' 'bout ortomobiles th' other day, Ez Pash remarked that he'd like t' see that Taft machine in Ohio.



One good thing 'bout this cold spring—phonergraf owners can't raise ther windows.



Ther's plenty o' people makin' a hit in society that couldn't stand th' Romburg test.



Every 'day ushers in some new kind of a grafter.

June



MAY 20 TO JUNE 21

Sign of Gemini (the Twins)

The old Romans called May the boundary day 'twixt the bleak, leafless, coal-buying season and the hot, sweltering months when newspaper circulations dwindle and cheap rates to Niagara Falls prevail. May was dedicated to the Goddess Maia, and the opening of the general Assizes, whatever that means, was fixed for the first day.

Persons waking to life the latter half of this month or the earlier half of the next take their inheritance from the sign of Gemini II, which indicates a changeable existence. The Gemini born usually marry at the age of nineteen without a single prospect. They love to sit in a park and look over the daily papers, and read the lavish offers of fifty to one hundred dol-

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lars a day to bright, hustling young men of character and no capital. During the course of their restless, feverish careers they solicit insurance, collect for instalment houses, work advertising schemes, and finally land square on the hummer. These wayward children of Gemini inherit an extravagant love for sea travel, and often peel potatoes on the steamers that ply between Cleveland and Buffalo. Whatever the country or clime, however, they will be found hanging around the cheap boarding-house districts, impelled hither more on account of hunger than by mere idle amusement. If the protégés of Gemini ever do enter into the competition of the business world, it is best that they shift the undertaking of important affairs as much as possible to the months of July and August, when well-to-do people have gone North to escape the hot weather and there is no one left behind to watch their homes.



June

A liar is a person that disagrees with President Roosevelt.

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June 9, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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1852—Harriet Beecher Stowe writes Uncle Tom's Cabin, little dreaming that it would be the stepping-stone to the stage for 20,000 blonde children.

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June, 1763—Pontiac's Indian ball club wins from Fort Mackinaw.

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Prof. Alex Tansey, our school teacher, predicts that in th' next ten years ther will be dollar excursions t' th' moon an' tickets will be good returnin' Monday via Clyde, Ohio.



[Th' popularity o' round steaks an' liver wuz greater in 1907 than in all other years combined.

June

Th' feller that will pay if he's got it,
an' th' feller that is slow pay an' th' dead
beat er all purty much tarred with th'
same stick.

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June 15, 1215—King John
granted Magna Charta.

June 18, 1778—The British
evacuate Philadelphia on account
of the Sunday closing ordinance.

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Uncle Niles Turner says he used t' know a feller in Pickreltown, Ohio, that could make a speech without first takin' two er three drinks.



Miss Tawney Apple is undecided whether t' teach kindergarten er chiny paintin' er git married.



Miss Jane Fluhart who has been dyin' t' git married fer years passed quietly away Monday.



It's funny somebuddy don't invent a collar that'll fit a home-made shirt.



Things er never the same again after you have your 'phone taken out.

June

"I am dumfounded at the preposterous arguments sometimes offered by our friends of the gold standard, and it seems to me that it will be many decades before our country recovers its equilibrium after that greatest of all national disgraces, the silver crime of seventy-three. The workings of the gold standard can no better be illustrated than by the fact that if you toss a five-dollar gold piece into a crowd one man gets it. If you fling five silver dollars into the same throng five men get them, thus proving conclusively a vicious and discriminating system of distribution under the gold standard." —Extract from the famous speech of Ex-Editor Cale Fluhart, delivered at Roundhead, Ohio, before the Society for the Suppression of Blind Accordion Players.

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Summer begins at 9 A. M. to-day.

NOT VERY LONG

If the newspapers of this country would refuse to print foot-ball fatalities and pictures of the players the game would not last as long as a circus concert.

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Th' feller that kin tell th' exact number o' days since he quit drinkin' allus breaks over.



One o' th' hardest things 'bout livin' in a flat is beggin' fer wall paper.



Young Lafe Bud says whoever designed th' women's stockin's this spring must a been a landscape gardener er a tattooed man.



You don't often run against anything as silly as a young widower.



Th' biggest "rubes" at a State Fair er city people.



Mrs. Tilford Moots' nephew from Ohio is visitin' her. He's quite a feller an' makes twenty-one dollars a week when he's not strikin'.

June

KEBOBBED OYSTERS

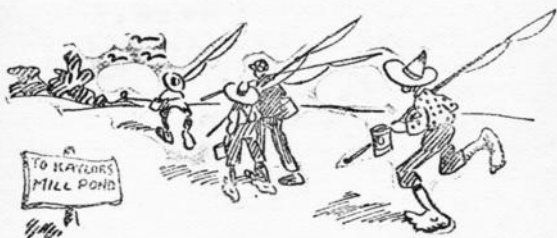
Strangle fifty oysters and singe over an alcohol lamp. Chop enough hay for one truck horse and add a little dash of parsley. Beat two real eggs into insensibility and scatter. Have at easy hailing distance an ordinary baking dish such as magicians use, lift the oysters by the wings and dip them first in the eggs and then in sawdust (in the absence of sawdust bird sand will answer), and throw at once into the baking dish. Cut a table-spoon into small pieces and sprinkle freely over the top and cook in quick oven. Then give them to the man that hauls your ashes.

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June 28, 1778—The first Pitcher was rushed at Monmouth.

A mollycoddle is a fellow who washes dishes while his wife plays golf.

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Young Lafe Bud speaks two languages
—English an' baseball.



Miss Fawn Lippincut has been laid up
fer a day er two an' she looks as pale an'
thin as a carriage painter's arm.



Th' chronic grumbler is a church so-
cial compared t' th' feller that agrees
with everything you say.



Ther's been a noticeable fallin' off o'
editors at Niagry Falls this year on ac-
count o' th' anti-pass laws.

July



JUNE 21 TO JULY 22

Sign of Cancer (the Crab)

After a stormy debate lasting some days, the Romans decided to dedicate the radiant month of June to Luna, the moon-eyed goddess. Persons ushered into this vale of tears during the latter half of this fickle month, or along about the Fourth of July, enter life under doubtful influences, and are liable to be cancer specialists. Though gifted in many directions to the brink of genius, they are described by Emerson as "always looking for money from home." Being neither broad-minded nor open to conviction, nothing will shake their belief that the foreigner pays the tax. Domestic in their nature, they long for the close companionship of home life, and will often stick there till they are forty

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or forty-five years old without paying any board. They occasionally pursue harmonious, conventional ways of life, but seldom vote the Democratic ticket.



July

Ther'll never be no safe an' sane Fourth o' July in this country as long as women an' girls er allowed t' shoot Roman candles.

LOOK!!

Instead of starting your kitchen fire with kerosene, first arrange your earthly affairs and then procure a quarter of a yard of flannel. Fold the cloth into a square pad and saturate it thoroughly with chloroform and apply to the nose and mouth, being careful to secure it by means of a cord tied about the head. Then retire.

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Newt Plum's son-in-law hain't got no tellyphone, so he has t' go home t' his dinner ever' day.



Th' Grand Exalted Ruler o' th' Elks has decided t' do away with celluloid elk teeth fer watch charms in order t' help preserve th' graceful animal.

July

Th' Indynoplus saloons will close ther front bars on th' Fourth, but lots o' people will git shot in th' back.

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1899—The South African War began, the Boers fighting behind rocks and the English fighting behind the Irish.

July 17, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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Time will never be any great success as a healer as long as we have t' pay taxes.



It seems t' me that when a feller hain't got neither time ner money t' do a thing our celebrated prosperity has reached th' limit.



A feller's wife never runs off when he wants her to.



Miss Germ Williams says they have nine kittens at her home—literally speakin'.



Th' greatest o' all "trunk mysteries" is how a woman kin put so much in 'em.

July

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CONDUCTED BY DR. MOPPS

I am often kidded about my slender arms. How can I develop them?

ELCIE.

Answer—Scrubbing is a splendid remedy. Get down on your knees and scrub first with one hand and then with the other for eight hours each day, letting your full weight rest on the thumb and forefinger of either hand.

May I dye a pair of duck slippers to match an olive green touring car?

EILLEN.

Answer—Certainly.

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Is there no simple home preparation that will make my hands soft and pretty?

LUCILE.

Answer—One cupful of milk, one cupful of cornmeal, one cupful of sugar. Put the baking powder in the last thing.

How may I tell a good canteloup?

LOUISE.

Answer—See a clairvoyant.

Papa is thinking some of breaking up and losing everything. Kindly suggest some honorable employment for a sensible young lady of eighteen.

MILDRED.

Answer—General housework is the least worked field.

Can you inform me of anything cheaper than Sunday newspapers for fuel?

MYRTLE.

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Answer—Breakfast food samples.

I am ambitious to be a literary woman, caring little for cooking and dress. Is writing profitable?

INEZ.

Answer—Backing envelopes for a mail-order house pays fairly well.



July

Every feller that smokes cigarettes hain't a weakling but all th' weaklings smoke 'em.



Th' feller that knocks his home town is mean enough t' shave himself with a piece of a celery dish.

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Never too late to mend—a blue serge suit.

July 29, 1472—First almanack printed.

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Tilford Moots wuz held up in his own door-yard last night at eight o'clock an' robbed of a dollar an' thirty cents. Th' robbers fired at him nine times but his family, that wuz in th' front room readin' th' Thaw trial, didn't hear th' shots.



Ther's two Indiana showmen I've allus wanted t' see—Ben Hur an' Ben Wallace.



The manager o' th' Indynoplus ball club says Pitcher Bales, o' Carmel, has a fine rural delivery.



If Rockyfeller could eat he wouldn't be so rich.

August



JULY 22 TO AUGUST 22

Sign of Leo (the Lion)

July was made sacred to Jupiter Ammon by our old Roman forefathers.

Persons entering life during the latter half of July or the earlier half of August take their inheritance from the smooth, oily, magnetic Leo, a hot, fast, kaleidoscopic sign governing the heat of life. These people are all right in many respects, and make good, cool-headed janitors if handled with gloves. In their enthusiasm they frame up ideals which they worship illimitably. Their inborn magnetism and quick response to their party's call have made them formidable factors in politics. William Jennings Bryan might be a protégé of this sign, and, although he was defeated twice, he made

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many converts by the spell of his presence, and incidentally threw several doubtful states into the lap of the enemy.

Leo children rebel against any proposition that restricts freedom of action, and prefer to use their own system. If they are wise they will wend their way to the tenth climate and launch their most important undertakings during the first Tuesday in November. The flower of Leo is the morning-glory, which hangs on like a poor relation.



August

TRUE DEMOCRACY

A POWERFUL AND SENSATIONAL SPEECH DELIVERED BY HON. EX-EDITOR CALE FLUHART BEFORE THE JACKSON CLUB, OF BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA, AT ITS ANNUAL BANQUET

Mr. Chairman, Cittofellizens and Members of the Alfalfa Glee Club: Since the memorable convention of 1896, when William Jennings [tumultuous applause] Bryan thrilled the magnificent assemblage with his matchless oratory [deafening applause], the Democratic party has been floundering in the troubled waters of revolt and discord, and oozing further and further from the safe moorings of stability and intellect into the dense thickets of demoralization and deceit. This Chautauqua head-

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liner from Nebraska [unparalleled applause] has beckoned and beckoned until what was once the safest harbor in the world is now a sand-bar, the Democratic party. Since William Jennings Bryan [at this point the applause fairly shook Melodeon Hall, and a tier of improvised seats collapsed, seriously injuring an old lady, who was carried to the livery stable below] entered the councils of the grand old Democratic party we have had to be content with uproarious applause. This perennial candidate [deafening din] speaks in the forenoon at Hurley, Wisconsin, in the afternoon at Tampa, Florida, and in the evening at Bangor, Maine, always on the go, crowding halls and fair grounds at a dollar a throw, while the poor old party of Jefferson dances for liver. Why, friends, think of Jack-

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son, Jefferson, scholarly Tilden, Hancock and his military bearing, ponderous Cleveland, and other great leaders of the Democratic party in the past, and then think of the "parader of the Platte." [At the very mention of the Platte the applause continued at great length.] Why, friends, I remember once of being in Jasonville, this state, where a vast throng had gathered to hear this so-called "peerless" Nebraskan [here the applause was so prolonged and variegated in its nature that Mr. Fluhart kindly consented to quit speaking and Miss Fawn Lippincut recited "The Smoldering Embers of Democracy" in her usual charming manner, duplicating her former successes].



August

In buildin' a cement house be sure an' put two-inch studdin' an' lath on th' inside. If you don't th' loan company will have a damp house on its hands.

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August, 1907—Eradication of Pulajanism in the Isle of Leyte.

August 11, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

August 13, 1906—Charge of the dark brigade at Brownsville, Texas.

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'Th' first one t' ketch a circus in a lie is a boy.



Constable Newt Plum's son-in-law says this is th' first Summer he has ever had t' choose between somethin' t' eat an' somethin' t' wear.

August

Take a nickel's worth o' rhubarb an' add five dollars' worth o' sugar an' cook till done an' you've got one o' th' most expensive liver regulators on th' market.

'A' GOOD RULE

When you buy a cantaloup of a peddler, always take his number.

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August 22, 1607—Captain John Smith sailed for Jamestown, where he founded the Smith Manufacturing Company and supplied the United States.

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A gypsy fortune-teller told Tipton Bud yisterday that Bryan wuz right in 1896.



Elgin Tyler, who has been blowin' up stumps on th' ole Moots place fer th' past week, has gone over t' th' Pash farm where he will enter a broader field.



A chap ort t' save a few o' th' long evenings he spends with his girl till after they're married.



Pinky Kerr says he never heerd o' any-buddy payin' cash fer a pianner.



What has become o' th' ole fashioned round-faced butcher that used t' give you a piece o' bologna with ever' purchase.

August

Th' smartest girl in school an' the purtiest girl in town er never mistaken fer one another.



Ever' once in awhile you meet a feller in some honorable walk o' life that wuz once admitted t' th' bar.

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"Friend after friend departs.
Oh, who has not loaned an umbrella?"

August 28, 1830—First locomotive was built in the United States.

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Tilford Moots says it's purty hard t' tell jist what would happen on th' Potomac if President Roosyfel would wake up some mornin' an' not find his name in th' paper.



In these Babylonian days ever' young woman should know how t' scream.



Miss Germ Williams says peroxide blondes ort t' be tagged jist like oleo-margarine.



A long memory an' a long tongue er reg'lar ole cronies.



Tipton Bud went over t' th' Morgan County poorhouse t' day t' see an ole friend that studied bookkeepin' th' same time he did.

August

Overwork has killed more people than all th' loafin' put together.



This has been a great year fer breakin' records, but Lafe Bud's phonergraf seems t' have escaped.

WARNING!

The touring car mortality statistics of the United States for nineteen hundred and seven prove conclusively that it is dangerous to mix booze with gasoline.

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Uncle Ez Pash asked Pinky Kerr what States he went through when he wuz with a circus an' Pinky said, "How'd I know? We traveled at night."



People that shirk around all winter er th' first ones t' take a vacation in th' spring.

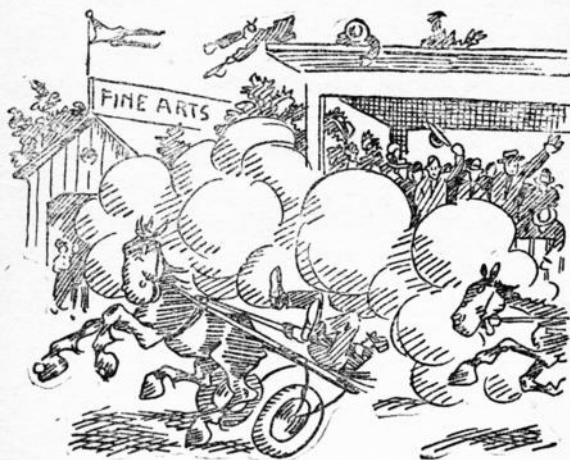


Uncle Niles Turner's nephew died et Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Monday. He used t' be a life insurance solicitor till he lost his cunning.



Th' average young man thinks he's a great financier if he only spends all he makes fer clothes.

September



AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 22

Sign of Virgo (the Virgin)

'August, the month when Kansas yells for help, was dedicated to Ceres, goddess of corn, by the old-timers.

Folks born the latter half of this month or the first two weeks of September belong to the dry food class, and enter upon the stage of life under the sign of Virgo, indicating an inborn aptitude to voice the mind of the public before the public is really aware of the issues. Virgo heirs make great newspaper reporters. Their manner of digging up news is so engaging that their informant does not wake up until the paper has gone to press and the reporter is well on his way to the golf links, chuckling all the while. A Virgo reporter always carries an old

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sleeve to laugh in. Excellent as this investigative turn of mind may be, the protégés of Virgo often get their newspapers in a jam on account of their unconquerable mania for getting all the news, and their editors have to go home in closed carriages for weeks at a time.

Next to the love of excitement attending the gathering of sensational news comes the fondness for getting a prominent position on a grand stand or the end of a special car while President Roosevelt shows his teeth and burns Bryan powder. The Virgo women are fond of finery and social distinction, but a little shy when it comes to laying out their husband's underwear and putting his other shirt where he can find it if he should suddenly receive an assignment to go to French Lick and interview Tom Taggart on the future plans of the Democratic party. Any month in the year will prove congenial for Virgo interests.



September

Miss Immortelle Bud says ther hain't no use in sendin' out weddin' invitations if you've already got a pair o' candle labras.



An ole theatrical friend o' Pinky Kerr's married a circus rider th' other day an' used th' three ring ceremony.

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If you can't be good, solicit insurance.

September 12, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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Miss Tawney Apple says th' ole wheezy phonergraf down at th' milinery store has been singin' "Shy—anne, Shy—anne" so blamed much that she has no desire t' see Buffalo Bill's show.



'Aunt Tabithy Plum says ther hain't nothin' like goose grease and onions fer babies. She ort t' know. She's buried nine.

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“Peace has its victories no less than war,” but it doesn’t have as many monuments t’ unveil.

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Saturday, October 14, 1769—
Humboldt born. (Published by
request.)

An architect is a fellow that
talks you into going in debt three
or four thousand dollars more.

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Miss Tawney Apple is doin' some fine burnt wood work these days. She used t' iron shirts in a laundry.



I told ole Ez Pash that Link Gage had jist died of a complication of diseases, an' he said, "Why, I never knowed he drank."



Constable Newt Plum's son-in-law expects t' move in a cottage this fall if he kin find one next t' somebuddy that's got a tellyphone.



Ther's not much weight t' anything a coal dealer says.



Selling out at cost—"Wuz \$19 now \$4."

September

Even a clean collar makes some fellers look like they'd jist got out of a sick bed.



Doc Mopps extracted a side comb from th' stomach o' young Lafe Bud yisterday. He says people can't be too careful when eatin' home-made pies.

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September 24—Autumn begins at 12 M. to-day.

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Newt Plum's son-in-law says he hopes th' Hague peace conference won't stop th' ice wars.



The increased price o' horseshoe nails don't make no difference t' th' feller that wears a belt.



Ther's lots o' folks sportin' around in tourin' cars that don't know where ther next quart o' gasoline is comin' from.



Prize fighters er rapped up in ther own business.

September

Th' feller that hires an eminent lawyer
t' defend him never gits off very easy.

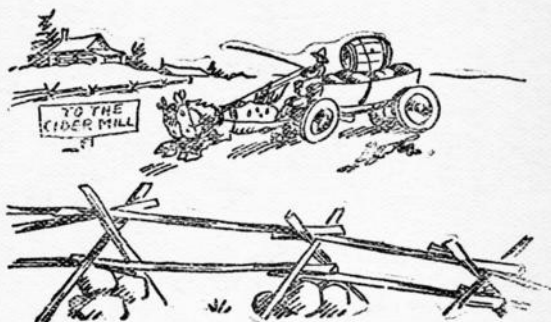
CONSTABLE NEWT PLUM

On September 27, 1908, Newt Plum enters on his thirty-third year as constable. His unfailing devotion to duty, in addition to his unswerving free trade proclivities, is the admiration of all, regardless of party. The illustration below shows Constable Plum fully armed and ready for business.



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A new janitor sweeps clean.



Jedgin' by th' beauty contest pictures
in th' Indianny papers th' peach crop
must a got nipped a little around th'
edges.



Th' feller that clips his horse in th'
winter time allus wears an ulster overcoat.



Miss Fawn Lippincut has discontinued
her Battle Creek diet an' worried down
her first pig's foot o' th' season yisterday.

October



SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 23

Sign of Libra (the Scales)

It isn't quite clear who dedicated September, but those who pick up the thread of life under the influence of the sign of Libra will have a fine liberality of thought and rare good judgment when it comes to picking out a boarding-house or a good nickel cigar.

These people, above those of all other signs, seem to get in on all the real bargains of life. Longfellow has said that "in this world every man is an anvil or a hammer." The Libra fellows fulfil the prophecy of the hammer—all being knockers of a high order of excellence. Born leaders, they are bad losers. Theirs is the power that enables others to sell you shoes that almost kill you, clothes

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that wrinkle across the back, and six-dollar shirts with your monogram worked in the sleeve.

Unfortunately, the physique of the Libra protégés is less robust than their mentality, but at that they get the goods. When fate unites them in marriage with an heir of Leo or Sagittarius, it is almost certain to be a blow-off, for these people of the fine triplicity are always kindling something. The women of the Libra sign measure up fairly well, except that they are extravagant, and sometimes contract pecuniary entanglements that keep their husbands' noses in close proximity to the grindstone until overtaken by the grim harvester. The flower of this heaven-kissed month is the poor little violet:

Half-hidden from the eye,
Fair as a star when only one
Is shining in the sky.

October

I don't see how a feller kin sell cantaloupes six days in th' week an' go t' church on Sunday.

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October, 1492—Columbus soaks Queen Isabella's jewelry and starts out to discover America.

October 9, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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With all th' big men high up in public
life endorsin' Peruna it must be purty dis-
couragin' t' th' W. C. T. U.



Th' worst feature of a new baby is it's
mother's singin'.

October

After a feller gits famous it don't take long fer some one t' bob up that used t' set by him at school.

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TAKE NO CHANCES

"It doesn't cost anything to be courteous," is an old saying, but if somebody asks you what time it is on a dark, back street, guess at it.

It was never intended that salaries and wages should keep pace with the cost of getting soused.

Abe Martin's Almanack

Nothin' sounds as flat as an extemporaneous speech when you read it in th' paper.



Miss Germ Williams is ambitious t' be th' wart an' mole editress of a woman's journal.



Ther's a fat boy in ever' town.



Breakfast foods have done a great deal toward "buildin' up" magazines.



Young Lafe Bud says he'd hate t' be in charge o' th' wing counter when some women git t' heaven.

October

The following speech was delivered at Larue, Ohio, from the rear platform of a special train, by U. S. Senator Clem Jones:

"My friends, I regret that I have only five minutes to talk to you. [Great applause.] I deem it a great pleasure to be permitted to address the good citizens of the prosperous capital of old Marion [at this point the Senator's secretary reminded him that it was not a county-seat]—or, I mean, so near a prosperous capital. This morning, under benignant skies, I consider it one of the most pleasant events of my life to be able to speak at the home of my old and distinguished friend, Judge Pusey [at this point the Senator's secretary called his attention to the fact that Judge Pusey lives at Bucyrus]—of your neighboring city of Bucyrus. It is a special privilege to be permitted on this auspicious occasion to

remind you that the coming combat for supremacy by the two great political parties of this prosperous nation [at this point the secretary reminded the Senator that the fall election was a state election] that comes one year from this November—or, I should say, last November, or, I mean, November two years hence—is of such great importance to those engaged in farming the wide fields of old Hardin County [at this point the Senator was reminded that he was still in Marion County]—and old Marion County, that I warn you to think well before casting that most sacred of all things, your ballot.

"You should point with pride to the magnificent factory on my left, and thank the grand old Republican party that such concerns are allowed to prosper [Hisses. At

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this point the secretary whispered to the Senator that the factory had been closed for three years and had bankrupted every citizen of the town]—all over our broad land. I want to say one word more about our unparalleled prosperity. [At this point the Senator's attention was called to the fact that his time was up, and the train pulled out.]”



October

Uncle Seth How, of Urbana, Ohio, is visitin' 'mongst his kin here. He is ninety-five years ole, an' looks as straight an' spry as a life-long Dimmycrat.

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DOCTOR MOPPS

Doctor Mopps was born at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, in 1825. At the close of a common school education he took up the study of surgery, hanging paper and kalso-mining through the summer months. His professional career began at Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed as a meat cutter in a hotel. This was the beginning of his luxuriant whiskers, which continued to thrive throughout his long, notable career. Drifting from Toledo, he became an adjuster for an odd change restaurant at St. Louis, which position he held until the close of the war. After selling electric belts for some years, he settled in Brown County, Indiana, where he conducts a livery stable and a hearse.

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There's allus a good news item lurkin'
'round a barrel o' gasoline.



Miss Fawn Lippincut is savin' a scandal till her card club meets.



Women seem t' be all right on bargains till it comes t' pickin' out a husband.



Many a man tries t' figure that hain't one, two, three.

November



OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 22

Sign of Scorpio (the Scorpion)

No overcoat,
No money,
November.

The Romans loaned out the threatening month of October on royalty to the red planet Mars, assembling a number of exclusive features and holding a street fair to this god of war on the nineteenth day, called Armilustrum Day.

Persons born during the latter half of October or the first half of November draw unto themselves the vibratory influence of the sign of Scorpio, indicating a moody, determined nature that doesn't overlook any bets. The larger, the more daring the scheme with which these people connect themselves, the

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greater their per cent. They often conceive and manage great charity entertainments and push them to a successful finish without a cent of capital, being content to wait and take four-fifths of the receipts for their services. It matters little what kind of a scheme the Scorpio heirs launch, as long as they stand at the door and handle the money. Theirs is the motto of Lucifer himself: "Better be the whole thing in a town like Urbana, Ohio, than a resident of Newark, New Jersey." As inconsistent as it may seem, it is not for lack of refinement and gentle blood that the Scorpio born would rather stand and watch the passing throng through the latticed door of a saloon than join in the festivities.

Naturally, the women of this sign are a shade better than the men, but they gall under restraint and possess an inborn aversion to anything savoring of housework. The Texas Panhandle or the Ninth District of Pennsylvania or any part of the Third climate are preferable localities for the Scorpio heirs.



November

Th' promoter of a fake scheme is allus well dressed an' affable.



After th' average Sunday excursionist finds a restaurant that's cheap enough t' suit him, it's time t' go home.

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"Necessity is the richest inheritance," but by the time you can afford to indulge in most of the pleasures of life you will be too old to wear a plaid suit.

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Rockyfeller makes a good fugitive. He
kin go ten days on one sody cracker.



Frost killed a performance o' East
Lynne at Melodeon hall last night.

November

A druggist kin tell a cocaine fiend jist as soon as he comes up t' th' counter an' asks for it.

YOUR DEN

If you contemplate building a home, make it very clear to your architect that the furnace room must be equipped with all modern conveniences, making it as attractive and inviting as possible. You will spend much of your time there.

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Tipton Bud has had meat at his home twice this month. He says he don't expect to save anything till times git worse.



Th' teutonic disturbances on th' Luxemburg frontier is just another argyment in favor o' high license.



Th' ole fashioned woman that used t' roll up her sleeves an' pitch in has been supplanted by her daughter who wears rubber gloves.



I'd hate t' live in Indynoplus where th' funerals trot.



Lots o' blamed lazy farmers chew an' smoke that never "touch th' weed."

November

I never seen a' "athletic girl" that thought she wuz strong enough t' do indoor work.

UNCLE NILES TURNER

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Uncle Niles Turner was one hundred and one years old on the twenty-second day of November. He was well acquainted with Lafayette and Aaron Burr, and says he would be one hundred and fifty years old if he had abstained from the use of tobacco.

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Miss Pet Plum will enter th' beauty contest bein' conducted by th' Round-head, Ohio, Bugle-Gazette. Miss Plum is a dark bay, an' th' poet might say—

Her head is like th' Autumn wind—
She has th' winsome peacock's eye.

Her complexion is dark pink like th' true mother o' pearl, changin' like a chameleon with her varyin' moods. She has an alkali nose an' a dimple on her chin caused by fallin' on a stump when a child. Her head is crowned by a mass o' superb hair—now dark brown, now yaller, jist as she takes a notion. Miss Plum is six feet two an' weighs eighty-five pounds an' has a beautiful willowy carriage.



November

A good provider allus has a good appetite.

THE FIRELESS COOKER

To make a fireless cooker, first procure a large candy bucket and paint it some cheerful color. Then purchase a three-quart granite vessel and an armful of hay. Chop the hay in an ordinary wooden chopping bowl. Then place the granite vessel in the center of the bucket and pack the chopped hay tightly about it. Then put your beans on an ordinary gas range or stove and allow them to come to a boil. Then pour them in the granite vessel, cover the top with a felt pad and secure the lid. Then you can hang over the back fence and gossip or go to a matinée. By five p. m. your supper will be ready. After our prosperity begins to wane, boiling-meat may be prepared in the same manner.

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Ther's still a fair demand fer fifty-cent shirts in spite of our marvelous prosperity.



It's purty hard fer an assessor t' git any "pointers."



If buttermilk jist had a little inspiration in it what a great summer drink it would make.



Pinky Kerr says Urbana is a town in Ohio where "Uncle Josh Spruceby" played twice in one season.

December



NOVEMBER 22 to DECEMBER 21

Sign of Sagittarius (the Archer)

The Romans dedicated the month of torchlight processions, mud slinging and elections to the bounteous Diana, celebrating the fourteenth day in her honor.

People entering life during the latter half of November or the earlier half of December take their inheritance from the sign Sagittarius, indicating that they will be what is commonly known as "plain spoken" people. The heirs of this sign will be equipped with indomitable energy and a distressing propensity to spread out and do things. This unflagging and persistent activity is generally incomprehensible to the innocent bystanders, and they will gather in little knots in the corridors of the court-house and predict the ultimate failure of such a pace.

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The Sagittarius heirs insist that wrongs must be righted as soon as they are discovered; projects must be put through the same day they bob up. Thus they are often intolerant to those who are less practical and executive than themselves. Their impulsive efforts confuse others, and their inclination to be the whole thing renders any concerted movement impossible. They inherit a feverish physical unrest that craves the freedom of space and the intoxication of motion, and they are next to insane on the question of publicity and children. President Roosevelt was probably born under the sign of Sagittarius or in the immediate vicinity.

The flower of Sagittarius is the goldenrod, which is liable to be found growing along any dusty country road, its democratic nature caring little for environment.

December

DIRECTIONS FOR BUYING 'A' TOURING CAR

First mortgage your home. Then visit the various dealers and tell them that you wish to purchase at the least possible figure a touring car combining all the modern features—break-and-make ignition, four speed selective transmissions, military fenders, thirty horse-power, eight cylinders, perfect balance, sealed coil, high tension magneto, double switch, detachable tonneau and full set of Gabriel horns. After the purchase is made, select some good, reliable, sober fellow to look after your business affairs.

When you get out of the hospital you can trade the machine in on a cigar stand or news depot, paying the balance at the rate of two or three dollars per week until you get back on a paying basis.

A second mortgage on your home will pay the doctor's bill.

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Even a ticket taker at a ball park can be a gentleman.

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Prof. Alex Tansey, our school teacher, wuz discussin' th' weighin' o' th' human soul. He says it reminds him of a' episode in his old home town, Angoly, when a party o' local scientists tried t' weigh a bung-hole by first weighin' th' barrel.



Young Lafe Bud says he allus hates t' git his hair cut cause it makes his hat look so old.



Mr. Dallas Crane, whose essay, "We Have Left th' Bay an' th' Ocean Lies Before Us," made such a wonderful impression at the commencement last spring, has a fine position drivin' a dressed poultry wagon at Cleveland, Ohio.

December

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

Dream lore is placed under the head of psychic phenomena. The student of present-day psychology and other scientific people are not inclined to give much thought to the varied influences of dreams, yet many instances are shown of prophetic warnings which seem almost incredible.

Mrs. Sam Rudder, of 11117 South Canal street, Zanesfield, Ohio, dreamed that her husband, who is a Big Four passenger engineer, had arrived safely from his run and stood talking to friends in the roundhouse. She arose and frantically grabbed the telephone. Ordering an automobile, she hurried to the railroad yards, where she found her husband safe and sound.

Prof. Hiram Smith, dean of a college at Bloom Center, Ohio, dreamed that he had been attacked by a cat. He called to his wife, who ran to the kitchen to get his revolver, and there discovered the coffee-pot filled with kittens.

In a fearful dream two weeks ago, Miss Cyril Jones, whose grandfather is 117 years old, was foretold that he could not live much longer. To-day he is confined to his room.—Springfield, Ill., Despatch.

Mrs. Winifred Conklin, a very wealthy Indianapolis widow, was awakened in her richly furnished flat on October 10, 1906, in a terribly nervous condition. She had dreamed that it was daylight, and that the janitor was scrubbing the marble steps. She rushed madly

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to the window, and the sun was shining brightly,
but the janitor had not shown up.



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"A diamond seals th' bargain an' a plain ring ties th' knot"—an' that's jist th' beginnin' o' th' holdup.

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To dream of rhubarb denotes that you are of a jovial nature and will stand for most anything. To dream of eating it means that you are failing mentally.

December 22—Winter begins at 7 P. M. to-day.

December, 1777 — Washington goes into winter quarters at Valley Forge and organizes the first anvil chorus.

December 25, 1907—Czar's life attempted.

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A pass on th' scenic railway is th' best
an editor kin do these days.



Pinky Kerr, who is travelin' with a
repertory company, writes t' his aunt here
that a contortionist an' a horizontal bar
team joined th' troupe at Bucyrus, Ohio,
an' now they have one o' th' strongest dra-
matic companies on th' road.

December

When you once begin t' age a dyed mustache an' a toupee won't save you.



Th' feller that would rather smoke a pipe any time than a se-gar allus takes a fifteen-cent drink when somebody sets 'em up.

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To dream of seeing turkeys with plug hats on playing lawn tennis is a sign you will have to cut your booze out.

December 30 — The Legless Pencil Venders of America meet in convention at Chillicothe, Ohio.