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Black Snakes.
It is true that the rattlesnake and the black snake are mortal enemies, and the black snake is the victor in their battles breaking the neck of his adversary before the rattler has time to strike. The black snakes of this country are as harmless as frogs. On many of the large plantations in the south they are tamed and kept as a protection from their enemy, as the warm climate prevents keeping the houses closed so as to keep them out.

Humoring a Lunatic.
Some years ago a very wealthy man in England got it into his head that he had lost all his money. To pacify him his sons told him that they had saved the remnants of the estate and were able to offer him employment as a clerk. At \$7.50 a week he worked as happy as a prince for the last twenty years of his life. When he died his estate amounted to nearly \$15,000,000.

Two Effects.
Mr. C.—What are you crying about, my dear? Mrs. C.—I have just been reading the old love letters you sent me before we were married. Mr. C.—That's funny. I was reading them myself the other day and they made me laugh.

Proved.
Magistrate—The evidence clearly shows that you threw a stone at this man. Prisoner—An' the looks of the man shows more than that, your honor. It shows that I hit him.—Scraps.

Making Home Happy.
Mrs. Geyer—Men have different ways of making home happy. Mrs. Meyer—How so? Mrs. Geyer—Some do it by staying at home and some by going away.

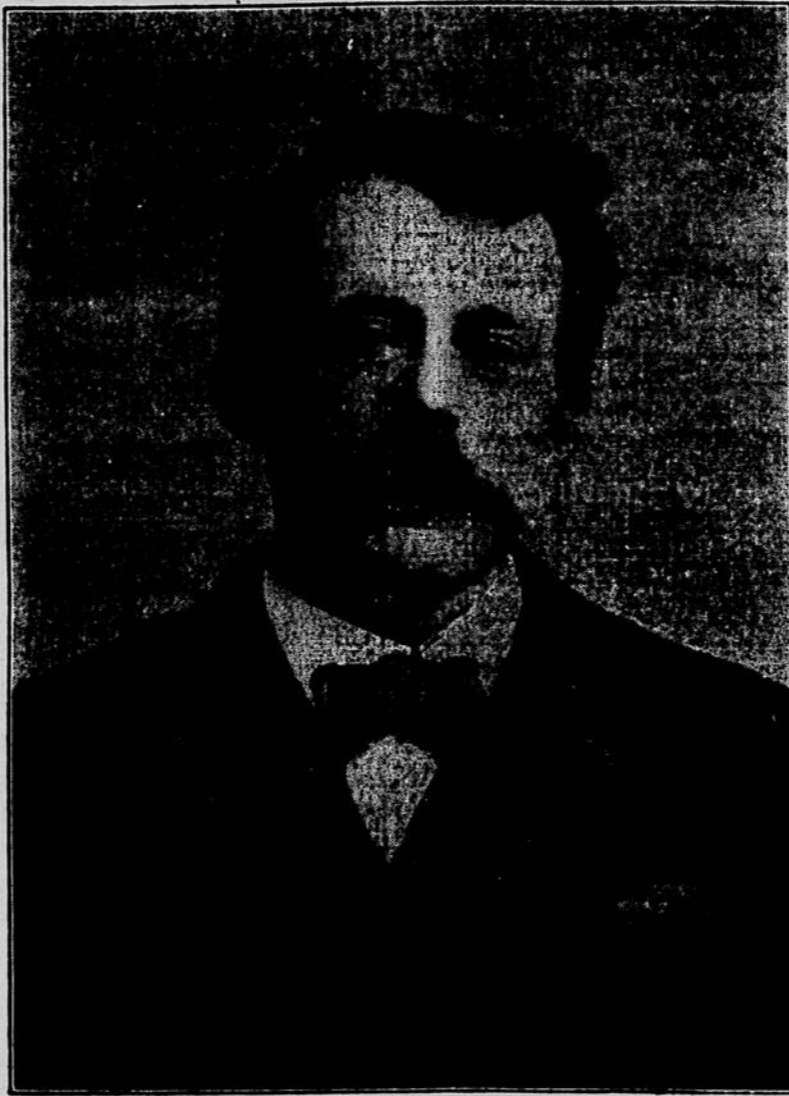
Place and Price in New York.
Prices on Broadway and on Nassau street are notoriously at variance, but the value sometimes placed on a well known business name is even more pretentious. Jones has a watch that was carried by his father—a costly gold timepiece that in its prime was one to be proud of. The other day he decided to have it "restored," and naturally took it to a well known Broadway store.

"I'll have to look it over," the clerk told Jones when the latter modestly asked the cost of putting the watch in good running order. "Leave it and come back tomorrow."
Jones did so, and caught his breath as the clerk remarked that it would cost exactly \$23.50 for repairs. Then he took his watch and fled. At noon on the same day he took his watch to a little shop on Nassau street.

"It just needs a new mainspring and a cleaning," he was told. "That'll cost you \$2.50."—New York Post.

Some of Swift's Sarcasm.
Swift's "Rules and Directions For Servants" are quoted in What to Eat as an evidence that the servant of the seventeenth century did not differ materially from the modern American article. Among these rules are the following: "Scrape the bottom of your pots with a silver spoon, for fear of giving them a taste of copper." "Write your name and your sweetheart's with the smoke of a candle on the roof of the kitchen to show your learning." "Whoever comes to call on your master or mistress when they are abroad never burden your memory with the person's name, for, indeed, you have too many other things to remember." "When you cut bread for toast do not stand idly watching, but lay it on the coals and mind your other business."

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Shakespeare's Greatness.
"The more I read Shakespeare," said Keats, "the more I find in him all that I need." It has been said of Wagner that his greatness was due to the fact that he knew no Latin. Perhaps Shakespeare's "little Latin and small Greek" also saved him from a sterilizing bondage to dead classics. However that may be, his genius transcended all schools and all the limitations of coteries. He is our supreme national asset. If we were asked the question whether we would be without India or Shakespeare, is there one true Englishman who would not say, with Carlyle, "India or no India, we cannot give up our Shakespeare?"—London News.

The Guillotine.
The striking thing about the execution was the appalling quickness of it all. Action was so rapid from the instant the condemned appeared in the doorway of the prison to the moment the knife fell that it was almost impossible to distinguish the slight chain of incidents. He flung himself eagerly against the plank, was strapped to it, and in the flash of a glance the plank was pushed forward on the platform of a recumbent figure, face downward. In the same moment a head, with two staring, wide open eyes, whirled almost defiantly, as it seemed, and with a slight zigzag movement, to the rightward, while simultaneously the pincioned body rolled, inert, convulsive, into the capacious basket, also at the right hand side of the guillotine. The swiftness, the mechanical promptness of the business, fairly stupefied the spectator. It was impossible to realize that a human life had ended in less time than it would take to draw a full breath. The guillotine had done its work well. There was scarcely a sense of horror in the sight.—London Standard.

A Good Rule of Life.
A man cannot afford to have an enemy, even a humble enemy. The shabby fellow who storms your office today may be a power in the community next year. Therefore speak to him gently, send him away with a smile. Never affect a contemptuous manner. That is the way of the fool. In the day of small things plan patiently for the day of great things. A polite word costs nothing. It may turn out to be a good investment. As a spark of fire may turn a city into ashes, so an impatient gesture or irritable word may kindle a hatred great enough to destroy a career.

The Giant Petrel.
The giant petrel of the arctic regions will feed on offal until it is so absolutely gorged as to be unable to rise off the ice in flight. Then it runs along the ice if chased, spreading its wings out as sails. Before being captured, however, the petrel will suddenly stop and discharge a quantity of semidigested food and then go off on a run again. If overtaken a second time it will repeat the performance and when once it has got rid of its dinner flies away.

He Begins to Talk Business.
"I shall make you love me yet," declared Mr. Stinjay determinedly. "I shall leave no stone unturned."
"Ah, that sounds something like!" exclaimed the fair girl. "If the stone weighs not less than a carat and is pure white you may interest me."—Exchange.

A Sarcastic Rejoinder.
Mrs. Goode—See here, why did you throw away that bread I just gave you? Tramp—Because, mum, I never eat between meals.

If there is any person to whom you feel dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak.—Cecil.

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Ringling Bells to Swarm Bees.
It is a foolish notion to suppose that the ringing of bells or "tanging" of tin pans will cause a swarm of bees to settle, says Country Life in America. The real origin of this custom dates back to the reign of Alfred the Great, who, in order to prevent disputes regarding the ownership of a swarm, ordered that the owner should always ring a bell when his bees swarmed, and ever since then the good farmer's wife has been rushing out with ringing bells whenever the bees swarmed, and the fact that they settled verified, in her own mind, the belief that the bell did it.

Force of Habit.
Speaking of force of habit, some years ago there was an iron railing around the capitol grounds at Washington. The appropriation bill provided for a watchman to close and lock the gates every night at a certain hour and open them at a certain hour every morning. In the course of time the railing or fence was removed, but the gates swung between their Egyptian pillars for a long time, and all that time the watchman came and went regularly, closing and opening the gates according to law and drawing his salary.

Monkey Puzzle Tree.
One of the most remarkable trees in the world grows in California and in place of leaves has spiky scales. The trunk and all of the branches are entirely covered with these scales, which are so sharp that even a monkey would find it out of the question to climb such a tree. Hence its name, "monkey puzzle tree," which is admirably descriptive.

What She Played, Merely.
Daughter—What I did say was that my father played the grand piano. Egbert—Yes. That's what I understood. Daughter—Well, it's all right if you understood it. I was afraid perhaps you thought I said she played the piano grand.—Yonkers Statesman.

His Opinion.
Artist (at work)—Now give me your honest opinion of this picture. Visitor (who fancies himself a critic)—It's utterly worthless! Artist (dreamily)—Yes—but give it, all the same.—Punch.

A Close Call.
First Physician—So the operation was just in the nick of time? Second Physician—Yes, in another twenty-four hours the patient would have recovered without it.—Harper's Bazar.

When a man marries a second time, the neighbors hang around to see if his first wife's children call his second wife mother.—Atchison Globe.

Something in Dangee.
"Does the captain say whether we shall break the record or not?"
"Yes. He says either the record or the boiler must go."
"How lovely!"

God hath yoked to guilt her pale tormentor, misery.—Bryant.

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District Court, 5th Judicial District.
Ida Cole
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Charles Cole
Defendant
The State of North Dakota to the above named defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the Plaintiff in the above entitled action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for Griggs county and State of North Dakota, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the Village of Cooperstown in said county and State, within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to appear, or answer the said complaint, within the time aforesaid, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated September 6th, 1904.
A. M. BALDWIN,
Plaintiff's Attorney Cooperstown, N. D.

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