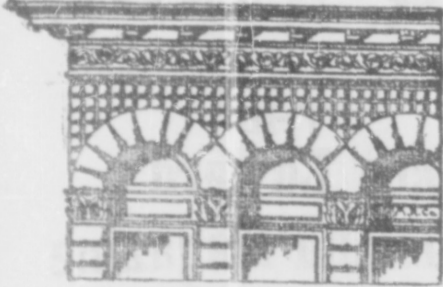


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SMUGGLING A STOVE

"Speaking of smuggling," said an old-time federal deputy, "I'll tell you a curious little story. Shortly after the opening of one of the Mexican roads, never mind which, a locomotive engineer got married to a native belle in the town at the lower end of his run and set up housekeeping. Among other things they needed was a cooking stove. He could get exactly what they wanted on the American side, but the duty on hardware of that kind was extremely high, and he racked his brains to think of some way to slip it down to his home without paying the exorbitant tariff.

"A cooking stove is about as easy to smuggle as a baby elephant, but at last he struck a brilliant scheme, and on his next trip he simply lashed the thing to the pilot of his engine. It looked as much out of place as a piano on top of a hearse, but the yardmen were conveniently blind, and he pulled out in triumph. When he stopped at the customs office, the Mexican officials stared at the stove in amazement, but they concluded at once that it was some new Yankee device in connection with the locomotive and asked no questions for fear of betraying their ignorance of up to date machinery. The consequence was that the engineer got his stove without paying a cent of duty."

Once Was Enough.

The young man who was trying to make the St. Joe boat was about two minutes late as he tore along River street. He could see the steamer hands casting off the ropes as he drew nearer, and bumping amazed citizens out of his way, he rushed for the dock. The gangplank had been hauled in, and the nose of the steamer had swung six feet out into the river when he finally reached the water's edge. But that did not deter him. He was going to spend Sunday in Michigan or know why.

With a giant swing he tossed his valise aboard and then jumped for the steamer. He caught a rope and a post and held fast. Every officer on the boat expected to see him drop into the river, and bells jangled noisily as the captain peered over the side. When he saw the intrepid passenger was safe, the captain was twice as mad as if he had dropped into the water. Shaking his fist at him angrily, he yelled: "Here, you, by Jimmy crickets, don't you ever do that again!"

The passenger had hauled himself aboard by this time and, turning a look of scorn at the captain, said: "What do you think I'm going to do—jump back and try it over?"—Chicago Chronicle.

The Blood Red Banner.

Royal and national colors vary with nations and times; but since Cain slew Abel blood red has been the sign of revolt. In the earliest revolt known to history, when the Persians rose against their king 4,000 years ago, they were led by a blood red banner, and during the riots which took place in Paris the men in the blood red caps were followed by the mob. A blood red flag waved over Bunker Hill when the Americans fought us for liberty, and it was the emblem of the German peasants in their great uprisings in 1424, 1492 and 1525. Blood red was the color of the trade union flags during the middle ages, and it formed the background of the emblem of the Swiss confederacy in 1315. Through the whole of French and



The Story Teller.

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every other national history those striking in their own ways for liberty have worn the blood red cap and hailed the blood red banner as their leader.

It is a curious fact that never has a monarch chosen it as his color. It has been left sacred to revolutionists.—London Answers.

Didn't Object to His Creed.

The English language reminds me of some of these typewriters and the game of whist. It looks mighty simple, but the further you go along the more complicated and swear provoking it is. We have all heard of the man who told his sweetheart that before marrying her he must confess that he was a somnambulist.

"Oh, I don't mind that," said the dear, sweet girl, "we are Presbyterians ourselves, but we are not a bit narrow."—Louisville Times.

Boy Babies and City Life.

Cities are more favorable to women, for statistics show that more boy babies die under 6 months in cities than girl babies. Families, according to the statistics, are larger in cities than in the country. There are more marriages in proportion to the population in cities than in the country, and also more divorces. The foreign population in cities is being eliminated, and in 20 years from now we shall practically have nothing but American cities.—St. Paul Globe.

Not a Bit of a Popular Hero.

"Nobody seems to know much about that man in uniform who slipped out of the carriage while the crowd was cheering the general and went back to the hotel." "Bless you, no. He isn't one of the heroes. While the brave fellows were fighting at the front, he was nursing yellow fever patients in the hospital."—Chicago Tribune.

An Unsolved Problem.

He—Yes, she made a fool of me. She—I wonder why it is a man never recovers from a thing of that kind?—Brooklyn Life.

A Lively Streak of Mouse.

Several persons standing in front of a show window on Fourth street watching a procession of Japanese mice in a cage as they ran in at one door of their sleeping apartment and out at another with lightning rapidity became involved in a dispute as to how many of the animals there were. One said there were only two mice, while others thought there were at least three.

They were very active, curious little animals and, instead of being of the proper mouse color, were black and white, marked in large blotches like Holstein cattle or old fashioned swine. The holes into and out of which they ran were close together, and they chased around so swiftly that it was impossible to count them, for sometimes there was a mouse at each hole and sometimes one outside and the others inside, and sometimes it appeared as if there were just one long mouse in a circle revolving on a pivot, with noses and tails at intervals.

The mad race was kept up for some time, and finally all the mice disappeared as if by magic. One of the spectators went into the store and asked how many mice there were in the cage, stating that he and his companions had not been able to decide, as they moved too quickly to be counted. A clerk said there was only one mouse, and it was impossible to count it except when it was asleep and, seeing a look of incredulity on the countenance of the caller, raised the top of the cage and showed one little black and white mouse nestling on a piece of cotton in a corner.—Portland Oregonian.

The Bottle at Ship Launches.

Down to Charles II's time it was customary to name and baptize a ship after she was launched, sometimes a week or two after. The old Tudor method used for men-of-war was still in use. Pepys' "Diary" shows that the ship was safely got afloat, after which some high personage went on board with a special silver "standing cup" or "dagon" of wine, out of which he drank, naming the ship, and poured a libation on the quarter deck. The cup was then generally given to the dockyard master shipwright as a memento.

When did the present usage of naming and baptizing a ship before she is sent afloat come in? I trace the last explicit mention of the old method to 1664, when the Royal Katherine was launched (see Pepys). The first mention of smashing a bottle of wine on the bows of a British man-of-war that I have found is in a contemporary newspaper cutting of May, 1780, describing the christening of H. M. S. Magnanime at Deptford, but nothing is hinted that it was then a new custom.—Notes and Queries.

A Novel in a Nutshell.

Met him.  
Met him again—in love with him.  
Met him again—no longer in love with him, but he in love with me, because I am so beautiful.  
Met him again—he is still more in love with me, not only because I am beautiful, but because I am also good. Sorry for him.  
Again I met him—he is colder than he was. Think he has forgotten my beauty and my goodness. I, however,

am inclined to think that I am in love with him after all. How lucky he is, and how angry mamma will be!

Mamma proved to be strangely pleased. Makes me angry, for I know she is not a good judge of a young girl's heart.

Flirted with him outrageously to make mamma mad—didn't succeed.

Engaged to him—glad.  
Married to him—sorry.—London Answers.

Up to Date Bobby.

Robert has positively declined to learn to spell. Womanly intuition admonishes Robert's mamma that Robert will doubtless say something very bright if pressed, and she accordingly argues with the boy.

"All great men learned to spell when they were little boys," she says.

"Well, that was before you could hire a stenographer for \$3 a week," replies Robert.

Of course Robert's mamma loses no time in telephoning for the newspapers a brief outline of what has happened and bidding them send their best reporters right up.—Detroit Journal.

Surprised the Congregation.

Two little folks went to church alone. It was only around the corner from their home, and their mamma knew they would be safe. During the long sermon they got tired, and the older one, supposing that the school rules held good in church, led his sister up in front of the pulpit and said, "Please may we go home?" Much surprised, the clergymen gazed at them over his spectacles. Then he understood, and said, "Certainly, my children." And the two toddled out while the congregation smiled.—Weekly Bouquet.

Only One Fault.

"There's only one fault to be found with your comedy work, old man," said the dramatic critic.

"What's that?" asked the aspiring young actor.

"It's tragic."—Chicago Post.

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A Bilious Letter

Thursday evening we dropped a bill in the Post Office for a prominent gentleman of this town. The next morning we had the pleasure of receiving it. This is what we call promptness. (Oh, that others would do likewise.) We have been dropping, dropping, softly dropping a number of bills in the Post Office; and we are waiting, waiting patiently, to have the pleasure and to give the pleasure of receiving them.

Please do not all come together; but if you do, what a happy, happy gathering it will be. We have a number of bills to pay, and a large number of small bills that should be paid us. Kindly pay yours and we will be in a position to do likewise.

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