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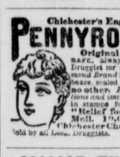
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But his customer gave him little time to decide. "They're all tied up," she announced and then flounced away into the crowd, leaving the butcher and her squawking property far behind.

She had shoved the basket well under the stall, and the butcher could not see it, but he felt a trifle nervous all the same. He was used to handling eatables, but not in such a perfect state of nature as this.

Pretty soon he saw a woman advancing slowly toward him, eying the ground with more interest and amusement than he thought necessary or usual.

"What are you looking at?" he demanded, rather tartly.

The woman looked up and smiled. "I'm looking at a chicken," she said. The butcher started, said something under his breath and then looked too. There was one of those chickens scuttling up the street as fast as it could go, while the others—ah, where were they? They had vanished every one, and the basket was empty save for four little useless loops of twine from which the clever fowls had wriggled out.

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How Such Things Happen.

"It cannot be denied," said the ponderous citizen, "that we have taken Spain's possessions by mere superiority of force."

"Well," answered the superficial person, "that's how Spain got the most of them in the first place, isn't it?"—Washington Star.

The Terrible Infant Again.

"What size shoes does your father wear, Mr. Blossom?"

"My father's shoes? Really I don't know, Bobbie. Why do you ask?"

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"Yes, sir."

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He Couldn't Grasp It.

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