BUDGET OF HUMOR.

HALL MARKS.

Beverley—Simpson Jones says he was the architect of his own character.

Bertram—I believe it—all piazzi and no closets.—Brooklyn Life.

INDISPOSED.

"Gee! I been sick all de afternoon!"

"Melaria?"

"Worst. I been cadyin' fer a couple dat's only been married a week."—Puck.

THE JOY OF ESCAPE.

Pessimist—You haven't had all that you wanted in life have you?

Optimist—No; but I haven't had all that I didn't want, either.—Brooklyn Life.

HIS EXPERIENCE.

"The tonngue," remarked Billyboy, "is an unruly member."

"Oh, I don't know," replied Meekerton. "My wife's tongue seems to be a success as a ruling member of our family."—Chicago News

TWO GIRLS.

Engaged to Jack? Why you're the fourth girl he's been engaged to this summer."

"Well, don't you think there must be something very attractive about a man who can get engaged to four girls in about two months?"—London Punch.

A PUZZLER.

"Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are."

"There is nothing I like better than hash."

"A—h, y—es. That generally complicates the question."—Detroit Free Press.

NOT OUT FOR A GAME.

Willie—I met our new minister on my way to Sunday school, mamma, and he asked me if I ever played marbles on Sunday."

Mother—H'm! And what did you say to that?

Willie—I said: "Get thee behind me, Satan!" and walked right off and left him.—London Tit-Bits.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Ardent Lover—It is a secret, sir, but your daughter is in love with me, and—

Mr. Bonds—Well, don't let yourself feel any uneasiness sir. I'm not the fellow to give her away.—Puck.

AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION.

"Why are those islanders so slow about yielding to civilization?"

"I suppose," answered the pessimist, "that it's because those we bring over to our expositions go home and tell about our merry-go-rounds and things. —Washington Star.

HOW HE RAN.

What's that Binklap boy doing?"

"Running for Governor."

"Get out! He isn't twenty years old."

"No. He's the governor's errand boy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

USEFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

"I'm glad I learned how to sew on buttons when I was a bachelor," observed Peckem.

"Why, Henry?" asked Mrs. Peckem.

"Because," he answered, "I find the accomplisement so useful now that I am married."—Chicago Record.

ANSWERED.

"What," asked the female suffrage advocate with the square chin, "has become of our manly men?"

"Some of them," replied the meek and lowly citizen, "have married womanly women and are now engaged in raising childish children."—Chicago News.

NOT ANGELIC SO FAR.

"How long have you been married?"

"Oh, about two years."

"And do you consider your wife an angel yet?

"No, not yet."—Snperior (Wis.) Telegram.

OVERHEARD IN BOSTON.

Willie—My father is a Chicago man.

Waldo—How distressing it must be to have a parent who is unable to answer your questions.—Puck.

A SNOB'S GRIEVANCE.

"Young man," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "I had to work for my money."

"Well, father," was the chilly reply, "enough people in our set are throwing that up to me without your talking about it."

GUARDED ADMISSION.

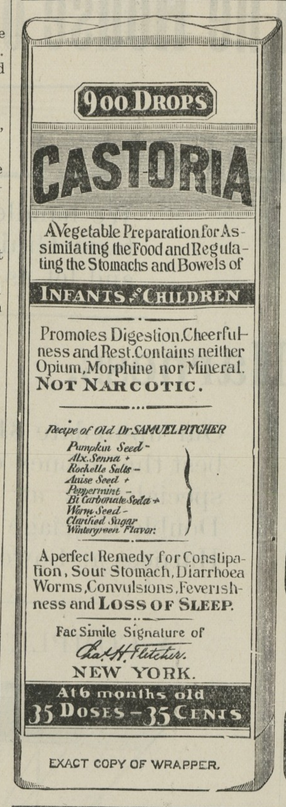
"How delightful that will be! You're going to take your wedding trip in an automobile?"

"Why—ah—es; we're going to make the start in one."—Chicago Tribune.

ENOUGH A SUFFICIENCY.

Holden—"I suppose you are aware that Cassava starch, or tapioca, is the chief element of the gum on the back of all postage stamps?"

Bolton—, 'Ch, yer; that's the reason I never eat tapioca pudding at home. One dosn't care for a surfeit of anything, no matter how much he likes it."—Boston Transcript.



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THE FUN OF FIGURE JUGGLING.

It appears to the practical citizen that a great deal of unnecessary effort is being expended to demonstrate to the laboring man that his wages have advanced at a more prodigious rate than the price of flour, meat, potatoes, coal oil and clothing, or, on the other hand, that the trusts and such things, which are flourishing under Republican rule, have exhibited more energy in increasing the price of meat, coal oil and other necessaries of life than they have in increasing the wages of their employes. Mr. Carroll D. Wright, who is distinguished above the rest of the sons of men for his capacity at figuring, tells us that while the advance in the cost of living has been 15.5 per cent., wages have advanced 16.6 per cent., and that in 10 years of unparalleled prosperity the working man has made the prodigious advance of 1.1 per cent. in his net earnings. This means that the working man who 10 years ago was receiving $10 a week is now receiving 10.11. The man who got in 1904 $20 a week, fiuds that his share of the great prosperity has been 22 cents a week. That, according to these statistics, is the sum of tee advance in labor during 10 years of unbounded prosperity. But even these figures are not accepted by the Democrats. They claim that Mr. Wright does not properly "balance" his percentages. His method of convincing the working man that there has been little or no advance in the cost of what he has to buy, they say, is something like this: The cost of meat has increased, say, 25 per cent. But while the cost of meat has increased to that degree the cost of say, nutmegs has decreased 25 per cent. Twenty-five from 25 leaves nothing. Therefore, the cost of living has not advanced at all. The working man saves enough in buying his nutmegs to pay the increased cost of his meat. Such figures as these cannot be assailed. Market reports show the percentage of increase and decrease, and any schoolboy knows that 25 from 25 leaves nothing. While the working man cannot dispute the logic and can pick no flaw in the arithmetic, he is not satisfied. With one hand in his pocket, feeling for the excess advance in wages over the advance in the cost of living, which he is told ought to be there, he scratches his head with the other hand and puzzles out the problem. It seems to him as the calculations of Euphemia in Rudder-Grange appeared to her husband. It looks all right on paper, but the results somehow are at fault. Euphemia determined to make a fortune by raising chickens and she showed the figures to her husband. She knew from observation how many eggs a hen lays in a year. She calculated that so many of these would each produce a chicken and that each of these chickens, after maturity, would produce the same number of eggs and the same number of chickens and so on at a rate of progression that ran up into millions at a short time. Euphemia's husband went over the figures carefully. He said they appeared to be correct, but he never heard of chickens increasing at that rate. He pondered the matter just as the working man is pondering Mr. Wright's figures, and after lying awake in thought through the watches of the night he discovered the fallacy in Euphemia's calculations. She had made no allowance for roosters. Some of the chickens would certainly belong to the masculine gender and they could not be depended upon to lay eggs. And finally the workingman discovers the fallacy in Mr. Wright's process of reasoning. He discovers that he has to buy more meat than nutmegs and consequently 25 per cent saving on his nutmegs will not amount to enough to pay the 25 per cent advance in his meat bill.

All this figuring of percentages is an elaborate missing of the mark. It is the custom among thousands of workingmen to bring their week's wages home on Saturday and pour them into the laps of their wives. The wife pays the rent, buys the children's clothing and goes to market. The way to get at the real condition is to go to some of these wives and ask them whether they bring a great deal more money back from market now than they did aforetime. Each family knows all about this, and all the figuring percentages on nutmegs that can be ciphered on a slate is not going to bring him to a different conclusion. As the workingman reads the calculations and estimates of his percentage he is impressed with the old saying that while "figgers do not lie, liars frequently figger."

Queer Wedding Present.

Among the Iloongotes, a tribe of savages in the interior of Luzon, according to A. Henry Savage Landor, "the wedding present given by the prospective bridegroom to his sweetheart does not lack quaitness, and consists of a human head, part of a breast and heart, as well as a finger or two. Unless a man can produce these gifts he has to remain a bachelor; but these gifts are invariably procured. The 'inclined to wed' lies in wait in the high grass until an unsuspecting man, woman or child happens to go by, who a few minutes later is left dead upon the trail minus the anatomical portions numerated above."

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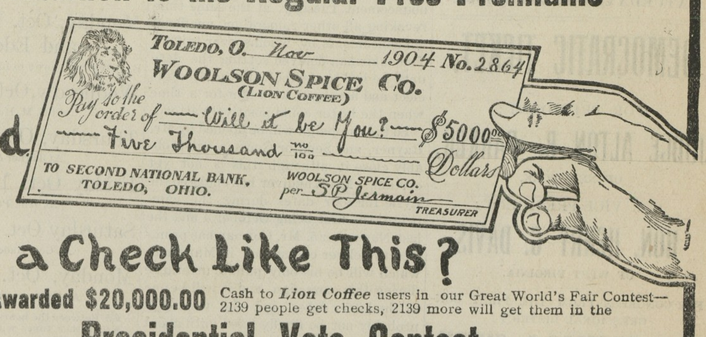

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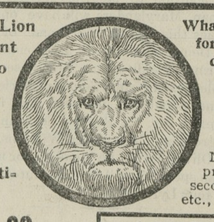

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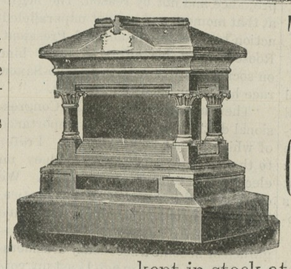

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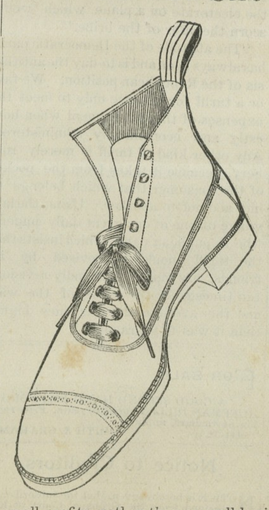

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