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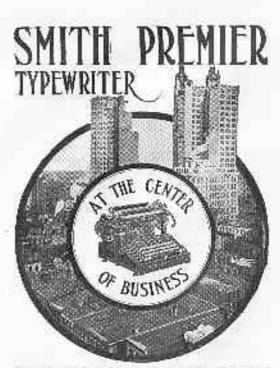
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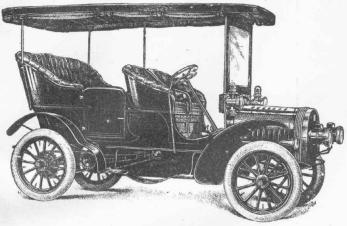
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-Princeton Tiger.

A Great Man.

REPRESENTATIVE BIRDSALL, who represents Gen. Henderson's old district, is one of the best story tellers in the House among the Iowa delegation. While up in Minnesota during the recent campaign he annexed some new yarns which he has been telling.

"I met one old Swede," said Mr. Birdsall, "who was perfectly infatuated with a certain Ole Oleson, who was running for the State Legislature. This Americanized son of the Land of the Midnight Sun looked up to Oleson as the greatest statesman in the world. He couldn't do anything but sound his praises. All other thoughts were banished from his mind. He thought Oleson, dreamed Oleson, worked for Oleson, and said he was not only going to vote for Oleson, but was going to get out the whole Swedish ballot for him.

"'You must be fond of this man, Ole Oleson?' said I to the Swede.

"'Oh, Ole Oleson's a great man, all right,' replied the Swede.

"'Well,' said I, 'you don't think Oleson is greater than Yon Yonson, the Democratic candidate for Governor, do you?'

"'Yonson's all right,' said the Swede, 'but he isn't as great a man as Ole Oleson. Ole Oleson is a mighty big man.'

"'Well, at least you like President Roosevelt, don't you?' said I.

"'Oh, President Roosevelt! Yah, President Roosevelt, he's a great man, too. We're all going to vote for him. But he's not as great a man as Ole Oleson. Ole Oleson is a great

"'Now, look here,' said I, 'you don't think for a minute that Ole Oleson is as great a man as George Washington, do you?'

"'Well,' replied the Swede, after a little thought, 'you know Ole Oleson, he's a great man, but then he's not as old a man as George Washington.'"—Washington Post.

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"Dear me! Is she as ill as all that?"

"No, but she is as pretty as all that,"-

WINDIG: I don't know what we are going to do with our youngest boy.

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"He's getting so we can't believe a word he says."

"Why don't you get him a job in the prediction department of the Government Weather Bureau?"—Chicago Daily News.

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What We Leave.

IVES of great men all remind us, As their pages o'er we turn, That we're apt to leave behind us Letters that we ought to burn.

A Centenarian's Epitaph.

EXPECT not, wanderer, a tiresome string
Of words, my worth and virtues here to sing. With indiscretions are such tales beset, And self-praise causes bitter envy oft. But judge me by the obvious regret Which Death displayed to take me up aloft. -Westminster Gazette.

A NEW story that comes from Germany is that of a Christianized Jew, who, returning to his native village, went to the rabbi and said that he had been seized by a strong desire to be buried in the same plot with his parents. The rabbi informed him that, as he was now a Christian, such a thing as burial in a Jewish cemetery was impossible. The Jew said that he was willing to pay well to have his wish gratified.

"Well," said the rabbi, "there will be a meeting of the directors of the synagogue tomorrow, and I will see what I can do for you."

He informed the Jew the next day that the directors, after a hard struggle, had given in, but that it would cost him forty-five thousand

"That's a terrible price," said the Jew, after he had reluctantly paid it. "Now tell me how you happened to fix upon exactly that sum.'

"Well," said the rabbi, "the reason was this: When the Messiah appears, and calls all the Tews to heaven, you, as a Christian, could not go with them, and therefore would be left in possession of the entire cemetery, and as there was room for three thousand plots at fifteen marks per plot (the regular rate), we concluded it was nothing but just that you should pay for them all."-Argonaut.

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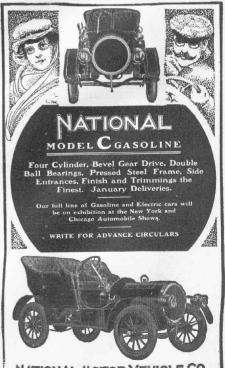
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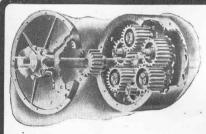
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a Pullman that needs no track—a public utility for every avenue of business hurry. Always ready when you are—a race horse when you want speed—"Old Dobbin" when you halt by the way.

The Oldsmobile Touring Car, price \$1400, is equipped with a 20 H. P. double opposed motor; cylinders 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) X 6 inches. Has side entrance, and is invariously upholstered throughout. Scatting capacity for five passengers. Wheel base 90 inches. Speed from 6 to 40 miles an hour—with surprising hill climbing ability—noise of exhaust completely eliminated.

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We glide with the speed of an arrow,
My motor car and I.

Out where the corn is waving—
The wind blows fresh and strong—
Our souls in the ozone laving
We sing the cylinder's song.

Over the hills we rally
Under the sun's bright gleam,
And down through the restful valley
We fly in our power supreme.

With us no spectre may reckon.
Who cares if, as onward we fly,
A legion of sirens may beckon
My motor car and I?

T. M.

Chronic.

MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT STORE: Are you aware, madam, that you can be put in jail for kleptomania?

"Why, no. I've been practicing it on my husband for years."

Not Guilty.

MR. H. W. BOYNTON, in one of the essays in his "Literature and Journalism," accuses Life of "not over-brilliant jokes about the mother-in-law and the fiancée." The Life of Mr. Boynton's imagination may print mother-in-law jokes, but the real Life hasn't had one for years. It is curious that with the whole calendar of sin to choose from, Mr. Boynton should have happened to charge Life with a crime of which it is not guilty.

Distant Clouds on a Title.

A T the desire of the Superintendent of Necrology of Harvard, the Boston *Transcript* prints a list of about one hundred and fifty Harvard graduates, from S. Bellingham, 1642, to T. Brown, 1729, with a request for the dates of their decease.

Every alumnus whose decease is not recorded remains a cloud upon the title of the oldest living graduate. Superintendent Noyes wants to clear that title, and the way to do it is to put dates of death to S. Bellingham, 1642,

and the rest. We hope he will succeed. Such satisfaction as there, is in being the oldest living graduate of Harvard ought not to be marred by uncertainty whether S. Bellingham, 1642, is still alive.

Two Tales.

 N^{ODD} : I tell you that auto of mine is a great success. Runs like a dream.

Todd: Why, I understood it was breaking down every night and kept you up until midnight.

"Yes, so my wife thinks."



Interested Onlooker: OF WHAT "POWER IS YOUR AUTOMOBILE?

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THE chief interest in the great war in the East concerns, not so much the ability of the Japs to whip the Russians, but their power to help forward the cause of

Russian liberty. It had long been understood that the fall of Port Arthur was inevita-

ble, but still, when it came, it came with a jar that the Russian autocracy felt. Three years ago, Tolstoi, when he believed himself to be dying, wrote to the Czar, warning him against his advisers, "whose cruel and strenuous activity is arresting the eternal progress of mankind." He warned the Czar that autocracy was an outgrown form of government that would no longer serve for an enlightened people living in touch with enlightened nations. He entreated him to heed the desires of the Russian people, and especially to free the working people from the special laws that deprived them of rights enjoyed by other citizens, and to give them freedom of removal from place to place, freedom of education, of conscience, and in tenure of land. These reforms are coming, and the Japs are helping vastly to bring them. Some of them have already been granted by the Czar, and though what the Czar gives he can take back, or the next Czar may take back, the great reforms, like the abolition of serfdom or the concession of these great rights that Tolstoi spoke for, once they are fully established and enjoyed, are irrevocable.

The Japs will bring Russia down to modern times if they hold out long enough. More power to them in that good cause. It was that thieving gang of palace reactionaries—the sort that spoke of the Russian people as fleas who thought they owned the dog—that brought on the war with Japan. To bring requital home to them, and break their deadly hold on Russia's throat, is one chief thing the Japs are working for, though it is an end with which they have little concern, and about which, it may be, they take little thought.



THE question, who are the fleas and who the dog, is of large political significance in other places than Russia. We who live in New York are more than usually restless just now under some of the provisions for our government that have been devised by the up-State legislators in Albany. We want especially to get rid of the diabolical Raines-law hotels, invented, to the immense detriment of the morals of our town, by Senator John Raines of Canandaigua, and stolidly maintained by him and his Republican hayseed brethren in the Legislature, because the excise system, of which they are an unnecessary part, brings in a revenue of nearly \$18,000,000, half of which goes towards defraying the expenses of governing the State. It costs \$26,000,000 a year to run the State. The Raines law supplies nine millions now, and does better every year, drawing nearly all its revenue from the cities of the State, and the greater part of it from New York. It provides that hotels may sell drinks on Sunday, and defines a hotel as a building with ten rooms that may be let to transient lodgers. That definition has filled New York with bogus hotels, which let for the most deleterious purposes the rooms which they are bound to maintain, and for which, being merely saloons, they

have no legitimate use. We yearn very carnestly to have Raines and his accomplices deliver us from the demoralizing burden of these intolerable hotels, and fix up their excise law so that it may effect a due extortion at a less exorbitant cost of immorality. But in this case we are the dog and Raines and his fellows are the fleas, and fully appreciate the comfort and emolument of their position. They are out for blood, and not particular about details. So long as the State gets our money, and the tax rate continues light in the rural districts, our morals may go hang. Wherefore, brethren, when you read of the perils of the foul Raineslaw hotels, remember Raines of Canandaigua and his fellow-fleas. That they should be able to fasten on this town the extraordinary equipment of public nuisances that their law maintains here would be incredible if it were not true.



THE late William H. Baldwin, Jr., had the greatest talent for being good of any man of like ability and success that we Americans have seen much of these many years. He was not only good, but affirmatively, helpfully, illustriously good, and yet no one seemed to lay it up against him. And he was good under difficulties, for he was an exceedingly able and successful man of business, who missed the discipline of failure, succeeding from the first in what he undertook, progressing with extreme rapidity from one important position of trust and responsibility to a better one, and becoming President of the Long Island Railroad at the age of thirty-three. We do not know where to look for a recent career, or character, that quite matches Mr. Baldwin's. The most unworldly of worldlywise men, the most unselfish of efficient men, he seemed to consider that the most valuable thing in life was the opportunity to serve mankind. He is dead at forty-one, a lamentable loss to the country. But what a happy life! To call it successful is almost a disparagement. It is a credit to our country and our generation that such a man as Baldwin could have won and held the place he did, and could have been so universally honored and beloved.



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ELOPEMENT À LA GASOLINE.

To the Point.

OR weeks the Kindergarten had been deluged with Nature verses, and the process of absorption was far advanced. Sufficiently to admit of a little squeezing with results, thought the teacher.

"Now, children," she said, "I want you each to bring in a little verse that you have made yourselves about the buds, or the trees, or the flowers, or anything that pleases you."

Various specimens were produced next day, but the gem of the collection was little May Flynn's. With appropriate gestures she recited:

"See the pretty gold fish swimming in the globe!

See the pretty robin singing in the tree!
Who teached these two to fly together?
Who stucked the fur upon their breasts?
'Twas God, 'Twas God, He done it."

A Word from Omar.

I SENT my Soul back to the Earth to see
If by a Chance it still remember'd me;
Alas, I would that I had Stuck to Tents,
Nor writ one word of Cup, or Rose, or Key.

For Verse-smiths there are working Day and Night

On Parodies of what I did indite;

Ah, my Belovéd, should Bahram's Wild Ass

Get in Swift Kicks 'twould serve the rhymesters right! H. C.

A Reply to a Recent Request.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

IVI I saw your appeal in the Christmas number of LIFE and hasten to send you a bone, or the means to get it.

Ten cents should buy a good solid piece of meat, and almost any butcher will throw in bones. I think you can safely invite a friend to dinner and still have something left over to bury for the next holiday.

I have a great many friends among dogs, and shall be glad to count you among their

number. Your letter was sincere and showed a warm heart.

Please consider yourself patted and called Doggie as often as you like.

Sincerely,

Annie Sherman Brown.
Pomona, Cal., December 17, 1904.



WHAT WAS THAT?

Epigrams.

*HERE is no necessity for saying it all. You say more by saying less.

Everything that is most beautiful in life and art owes its existence to impulse—not to intention.

Women should not make laws. Instead they should bring up their children in a way that would make laws unnecessary.

Science is religion. It teaches us to know nature. And nature is the visible half of God. Whether he will or not—every scientist is a high priest.

As well as search the air for the souls of all our dead—we might search the earth for all their bodies.

To strive is more than to succeed.

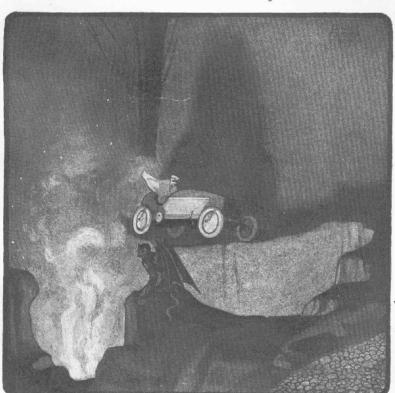
A straight lie is always better than a distorted truth.

Who gives most, asks most.

The look has more power than the eye—the smile is more victorious than the mouth—the movement more seductive than the form—taste and grace triumphant over beauty—what you are, forever overruling what you may appear.

A child should not be disciplined to obey without questioning—but instead to question, and seek the reason for, everything it does and undertakes.

Helen Woljeska.



COMPENSATION.

SAID THE SHADE OF A RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR:
"THO' THE ROADWAY'S A BIT INSECURE,
THERE IS ONE THOUGHT TO CHEER,
WHEN THE SULPHUR FUMES SEAR:
NO LAWS here FORBID "scorching," I'M SURE."



A COMPROMISE

BY A LOVER OF HORSES.

His Voyage.

WHAT AN OLD SAILOR HAD TO SAY ABOUT HIS AUTO RIDE.

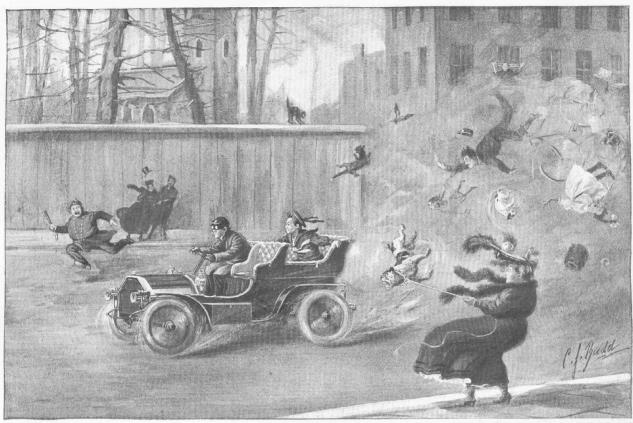
"WELL, Jack, how did you enjoy your ride in that automobile?"

The old sailor gave a look aloft and a preliminary hitch to his trousers.

"Do you want me to tell you about that voyage?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Well, a friend of mine hove in sight the other morning with one of those strange craft. The wind was fair, and as he rounded up under the lee of my boarding-house, he sung out for me to join him. So I clumb on, and in a minute or more we were off down the Avenue, with everything set, the wind on the quarter and making about ten knots. By and by my friend, who was captain, pilot, officer of the watch, lookout and man at the wheel all in one, shifted his cigarette to port and says, "Now we'll let her out a bit." He took out a belaying pin, shifted some of the ballast, pulled a plug out of the lee scuppers, and in a minute or more we began to buzz like a northeast gale off the coast of Killarney. My friend was all right, for he had a pair of spy-glasses rigged on to his front figure-head; but I was sailing right up in the eye of the wind under bare poles, expecting any minute to run head on to something or other. I wouldn't dare say just how fast we were going, but I looked over the side once or twice, and judging by the cobblestones and children that seemed to foam all round us, I



"Eight hundred knots an hour."

should say we were making at least eight hundred knots an hour.

"I tried my best to keep a sharp lookout ahead, but before I could get my eyes fastened on to any object whatsomever, it was about four miles astern. There was some sort of a land fog-horn rigged up in front, and I tried to grab it and tell my friend to shorten sail. It seemed to me that he ought to clew up the royals, t' gallant sails and flying jib, and put a double reef in the topsails, for I saw by the barometer that was fastened to the bulwarks that almost every kind of weather there was was threatening. But my friend just fooled with that wheel and hung on to that cigarette, and the gnats and things peppered his spyglasses like birds on a lighthouse lamp, and I saw he was bound to outsail everything else in sight. Then I shut my eyes and hung on, and it seemed as if the seas were breaking over us, and we were pitching and tossing and rolling on to our beam ends, and then righting ourselves and diving ahead right through forty feet of solid green. And while I was cogitating in my mind, and wondering if we hadn't better call all hands and cut away the rigging, and let the mainmast go by the board, there was a rip and a snort and a sudden silence, and I opens my eyes, and there we were sitting calm and serene in front of my boardinghouse, with my friend puffing away like mad at his cigarette, which was more'n half out.

"Back again,' says my friend. 'And now where else shall we go?'

"But I got out. It seemed mighty good, I can tell you, to set foot on dry land once more.

"'Not for me,' says I. 'My next voyage will be on the firm old ocean, with the blue water underneath me, and the wind can blow all the buttons off the captain's coat for all I care. But when I take ship in one of those hell barkentines, liable to run ashore any minute and spring a leak and blow up, or something equally exciting, why, you'll have to excuse me!'

"And I groped my way blindly into my land cabin and took a double dose of grog."

Tom Masson.

Homelike.

- $^{\prime\prime}$ $M^{\mathrm{AMA},\prime\prime}$ said the little girl who was having her first experience of riding in a sleeper,
- "Hush, dear," whispered mama, "you will waken the others."
 - "But, mama, I only want to ask one question."
 - "Well, what is it?"
 - "Who has the flat above us?"

"THE quality of mercy is not strained, is it?"
"Not in these days. It's more likely to be sterilized."

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Persecuting the Appendix.



IF any worm ever had reason to turn, it is the vermiform appendix. The doctors, as well as the surgeons, are pretty well agreed now that its only vame is to illustrate

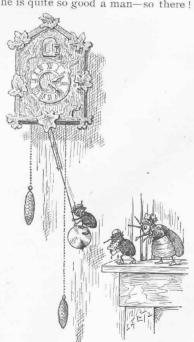
the skill of the man who takes it out. They are all for expatriating it at the first whimper of insubordination, and cases are not rare in which, while still entirely submissive and peaceable, it is yanked out merely as a precaution against the chance that it may some time do wrong.

We don't think the appendix is having a fair show. It is certainly entitled, at least, to toleration during good behavior, but the surgeons and doctors are loath even to grant it that. They hold with the pertinacity of conviction that in the matter of the appendix the safe side is the outside. The doctors are as ready as so many Supreme Court Justices to grant certificates of reasonable doubt as to the docility of the appendix. That is all the surgeons require. Out it comes. They tell you they never knew an appendix that was once successfully removed, to do anybody any harm, whereas in many instances appendixes that were left in have made trouble. We heard a big healthy surgeon say. the other day that if he were going on a long trip-say around the world-he would seriously consider the expedi-

ency of having his appendix out, merely to reduce the chances of being sick in an inconvenient place. That the appendix is of any physiological use, or is anything better than a little stick of dynamite awaiting detonation, they have no idea.

Lacking all authority that comes from technical knowledge, we cannot argue with the medical brethren about it, nor would we hesitate to be guided by their judgment if our own appendix got to aching. But we do not believe that the appendix is having fair treatment, or that in twenty years from now the detail of evisceration which deals with it will be so popular as it is at present. That individuals may have physical defects which surgery can relieve, we all know, but is it quite credible that all human creatures, fashioned, as we are still taught to believe, in the image of their Maker, have this universal defect of an unnecessary and irresponsible little gut which exists only to make trouble? Evolution or no evolution, for our part we are not yet ready to believe it. A London doctor, Sir William MacEwen, said to be a man of high distinction in his profession, is cited as having come out in defense of the appendix, and in contradiction of the idea that it is wholly bad. He expresses conviction that it has an important function in assisting digestion, and is the favorite home of micro-organisms which are particularly useful in attacking imperfectly assimilated nourishment. These opinions

sound respectable. We are glad Sir William has avowed them. If he can establish their validity it will be a useful public service. The appendix operation is comparatively new. There has not been time yet to establish the fact so confidently asserted, that a man without an appendix is a better man than one who has one. We don't believe he is quite so good a man-so there!



" WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT, FRED-

"THAT GREEDY JOHNNIE BUG WON'T LET ME TRY THE SWING."



MODERN VERSION OF THE FIERY CHARIOT.

A Letter.

TO THE EDITORS OF LIFE,

New York City.

Gentlemen: Having just read your "Kickers' Column" in the New Year's number, it occurs to me that it may be soothing to your soul to know that the picture of the Harvard eleven of 1909, in last week's issue, brought shouts of laughter, even from Harvard graduates, here in the borderland between the two points of view.

What basis of fact did Mr. Flagg have? For some years we have been amused here with a story, that back in the nineties, when the Harvard line resembled the keyboard of a piano, some sly son of Yale on the side lines assisted the blue to a touchdown on Harvard by rolling a watermelon out on the field, thereby depriving the Harvard line of every other man. Did an actual occurrence suggest this story and your picture?

Very truly yours,
BALTIMORE, JAN. 2, 1905. "T."

The Real Thing.

"WHY do you call your auto

"Because it is always breaking down at critical moments, raising the devil most of the time, and keeps me broke."

"Romance" Repeats Itself.

TOSEPH CONRAD'S novel, "Romance," has a vivid description of a trial in an English court of justice about a century ago, in which there has been a confusion of identity. The prisoner is being tried and convicted for the crimes of another man, and is on the point of being sentenced to be hanged, when new witnesses, strongly backed, intervene and save him. The determination of the Court to hang him, and the indifference of the Judge to all efforts made by him, or in his behalf, to prove that he is not the man accused, are impressively set forth. Whoever has read the passage must recall it when he reads that much of the blame for the miscarriage of justice in the famous Adam Beck case in England has been laid by the committee of inquiry on Sir Forrest Fulton, "who excluded from Beck's trial in 1896 all evidence favorable to the accused, and who refused to state a case for the consideration of the higher court." Beck, as will be recalled, got, and served, five years in prison, with Sir Forrest's compliments, for

crimes done by John Smith, and was actually again convicted in 1904 of more crimes done by the same perpetrator. By good luck, and nothing else, the truth came out after his last trial, and then the whole story of his sufferings was disclosed, and raised a tremendous row. It must be mortifying to Sir Forrest Fulton to know that he permitted the London police to railroad an innocent man to prison, but it is a grand lesson to English criminal judges, and a lesson which, according to all accounts, they needed. It affords also an interesting corollary to the Maybrick case. British courts seem to err almost as much in the direction of failure to protect the innocent, as our courts do in failing to convict and punish the guilty.

A Tragedy of the Track.

(A BALLAD OF MIXED MECHANICS.)

THE crowd was gathered at the start,
The auto course was clear,
The stern chauffeur upon the seat
Was Chauncey Vere de Vere.

Like galloping tuberculi
The thing began to cough.
Brave Chauncey seized the what's-it's-name—
A shot and they were off!

His engine was a thing-um-bob Imported from Paree, His tires, I wot, were you know-what— The kind they ought to be.

Small wonder, then, that Chauncey sped
More swiftly than the wynde—
Before him lay the open course,
His rivals all behind.

But Chauncey looked with anguished gaze Upon his steering gear— The crack-a-jack was out of whack And acting very queer.

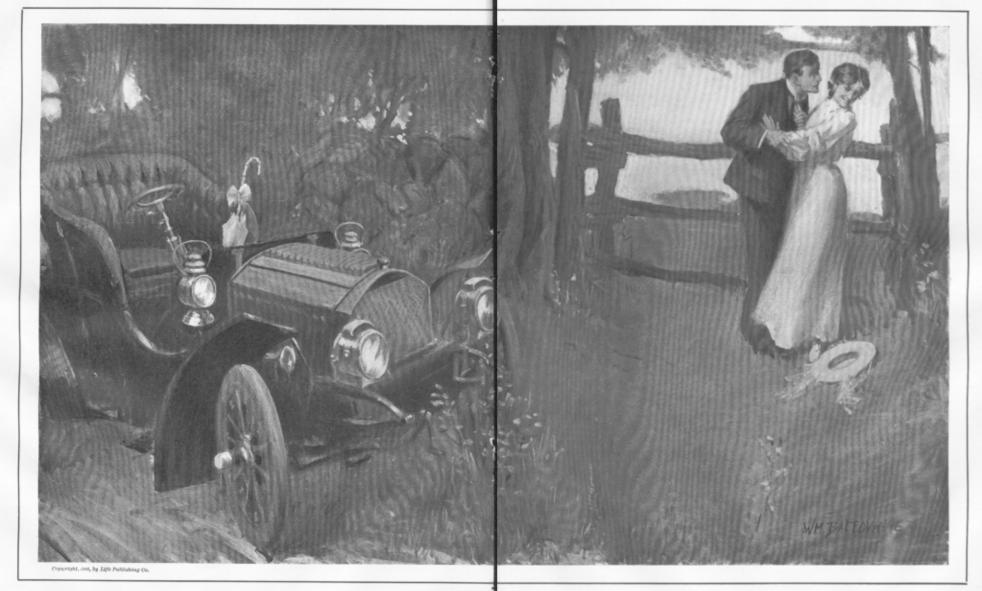
The thing-ma-jig began to dig,
The what's-it's-name to pop,
And shame, oh, shame! the auto came
Abruptly to a stop!

With leers and jeers and dastard sneers
The rival cars shot by—
Their spunk was up to win the cup,
Their hopes and speed were high.

But prone beneath his moveless car Our anguished hero lay— No hope was his—the funny-biz Had broken quite away.

So Vere de Vere, the chauffeur, wept Beside a wayside ditch. "All lost!" he cried, "because of that Defective ask-me-which!"

Wallace Irwin



TROUBLE WITH THE SPARKER.

LIFE'S ONLY LIBEL SUIT.



IN LIFE for January 21, 1904, appeared the picture and text shown below. It was not a pleasant thing to print and was an especially grewsome subject for LIFE's columns.

But there was reason for it. The Iroquois fire with its great and needless loss of life had occurred only three weeks before. The public was beginning to forget. The safeguarding of human

life in New York's theatres, which public indignation had clamored for, was encountering the usual obstructions and official delays. These were procured for the avoidance of expense by the parties in interest to tide over the time until the public should grow indifferent through its forgetfulness.

For many years Life, in its dramatic columns, had been insisting that more regard should be paid by our theatrical managers and by the building, police, and fire departments to the protection of human life in our theatres. In its issue for April 6, 1899, in speaking of a New York theatre which was then a fire trap, it used the following expressions which were almost prophetic of the Chicago disaster:

It is sincerely to be hoped that no one will ever raise a cry of "Fire!" in the Casino while a performance is going on in that picturesque play-house, or when its roof-garden is crowded of a summer evening. Although the Casino has fireescapes somewhere in its complicated architecture, people in a panic have a way of seeking the nearest way out. In the case of the Casino, the usual routes of exit are not exactly models of roominess and directness. The staircases - none too broad-bend and turn and twist in a way that is confusing even to an audience leaving the theatre with the utmost deliberation. Should there be a panic, and should anyone fall at such a time, those in the pushing and pushed crowd behind would pile up on top of one another in a way most horrible to imagine. Should an actual fire occur instead of only an alarm of fire, there might be accompaniments of crushing and burning and suffocating the like of which New York has never seen.

(It is only fair to the proprietors of the Casino to say that since the Iroquois fire the Casino has been greatly remodeled. Ed. Life.)

"Mr. Bluebeard" was an entertainment which had had a run in New York and with which Life's readers were familiar. To bring the point of the picture more directly home and to emphasize it, there was added to it the form of announcement used by its proprietors on their programmes.

Soon after the appearance of the picture in LIFE, the owners of this journal were sued for libel by Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger, the damages to their feelings and reputations being laid at \$100,000. This is the only suit for libel that has ever been brought against LIFE. The case came to trial before Judge Wallace and a jury of representative business men in the United States Circuit Court on the third of the present month. Life's counsel, Messrs, Ordway and Wierum, showed explicitly and in great detail the condition of the theatre and its exits at the time of the fire. It was also shown that Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger were the recorded owners of a quarter interest in the theatre, that they were the booking agents of the theatre and were the producers of "Mr. Bluebeard." This was held to be a sufficient justification of Life's use of their names in the text.

Five minutes after leaving the court room the jury found a verdict in favor of Life.



Fighting the public's battles is a voluntary duty on the part of a publication; it is not a grateful one nor is it always appreciated. In the present case the publishers of Life are satisfied with the approval of their own consciences and with the endorsement given to them by a learned judge and by twelve of New York's best citizens.

An incident in connection with the trial may be of interest to Life's readers, and certainly goes to uphold Life's contention concerning the unfitness of the men who control most of the theatres of America. The jury had just left the court room and several of those in attendance on the trial were standing in the corridor immediately outside of the court room Among these was the writer of the Mr. Abraham L. Erlanger, one present article. of the plaintiffs, approached him and in a very audible voice made the following picturesque statement:

"Mr. Metcalfe, I want you to understand that if you ever mention my name in your paper again, I'll beat your face to a pulp."

This was repeated, and then to it Mr. Erlanger added this further interesting information:

"I'll beat your face to a pulp. If you haven't got a photograph of yourself, you'd better get one, because when I get through with you, you won't know vourself."

LIFE begs to inform Mr. Abraham L. Erlanger, and others of his kind who are inclined to take the law into their own hands, that no ruffianly threats are going to deter this journal from exercising its rights and doing what it considers its duty to its readers and the public. If in doing this, it becomes necessary to mention the name of Mr. Erlanger, or any other public or notorious character, it will not hesitate to do so.

Furthermore, it would become Mr. Erlanger to go off by himself and indulge in a little quiet thought. Among the people in his employ and with whom he does business he may use such methods and such violence as they will endure. But he must remember that in the larger world where his autocratic and tyrannical powers are not recognized, he is only a very ordinary individual and is amenable to the laws of the community in which he lives. And he should also remember that no matter how successful his methods have been in the theatrical business, they will not prevail here and he cannot put LIFE out of business.

An effort has been made to make it appear that in the matter of Life's criticisms of the Theatrical Trust and its methods, this journal has been actuated by racial or anti-Semitic prejudice. That phase of the question has been repeatedly discussed in these columns. We think it has been made clear that our contention has not been against the unworthy members of the Trust as Jews. LIFE has never regarded them as worthy representatives of the Jewish faith. It has been intimated to us that the course of this journal in this matter has not been a cause of offence to the better class of Jews in this community.

LIFE begs the pardon of its readers for devoting so much space to a person like Mr. Erlanger. The incident we have mentioned, however, is an unusual one in the older and more civilized parts of this country, and in so far as it is an assault on the editorial freedom of this journal it is deemed to be Metcalfe. of interest to its readers.



A COMPARATIVE EXHIBITION.

A Common Case.

BROADWAY: Too bad about old Gottrocks.

MANHATTAN: Why, what's the matter with him?

"He started in to make enough money to retire on, and made so much that he's got to work overtime to take

Hopeless.

ISITOR AT INSANE ASYLUM: What is behind that iron door with the big padlock on it?

GUARD: That's where we keep the dangerous characters. The man in there now tried to read "Frenzied

Finance" and "The Simple Life" at the same time.

BRIGGS: I see in the suit brought by Klaw and Erlanger against LIFE for one hundred thousand dollars, in which a verdict was rendered in favor of LIFE, that the jury was out five minutes.

GRIGGS: What caused the delay?

SUBURBAN life is now becoming so popular that it is really more expensive than living in the city.

· LIFE ·

Limerick Du Jour.

L'était un jeune Japonais, Qui rencontrait un Russe sur le quai : "Que fais-tu à Manhattan ? "Si tu sois sage, va-t-en!" "Si tu reste ici tu es tué!"

Le Russe, dans un très-grand effroi, Criait "Gens d'arme! Police! Sauvez-moi!" Un policeman qui passait Remarquait, Allez chasser! "Pourquoi vos pieds sont-ils froids?"

Le Russe devenait brave, et criait,
"Hey, Japsky! Chien! Attendez!"
Mais avant pouvoir penser,
Sa tête était lancée,
Et cent cinquante centimes ressemblait.

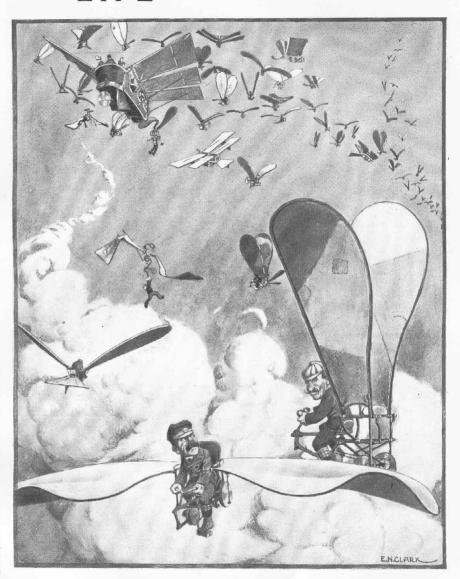
Le bon petit Jap allait chez lui;
Le policeman (qui se nommait Kelly),
Au Russe il disait,
"Comment assister?
"J'appellais, et le laid Jap allait!"
McCready Sykes.

The March of Progress.

WE have hunched forward for another gain in our progress from republican simplicity to imperial splendor. The trucks and cruising cabs are to be driven out of Fifth Avenue, to leave more room for the carriages of the importunate rich. Cargoes of railroad iron, timbers, trusses, telegraph poles and other evidences of the industrial activity of our honest working people must proceed obscurely hereafter up Madison Avenue or down Sixth. It has been a long time coming. Democratic sentiment bucked hard against it, but when a Democratic Mayor garnished our streets with municipal cavalry wearing the caps of effete Europe, it did not take a seventh son to foresee that the unrestricted use



THE POET ONE DAY WROTE A SONNET
IN PRAISE OF HIS LADY-LOVE'S BONNET,—
SAID SHE: "IT'S ABSURD!
WHY, THERE'S NEVER A WORD
OF THE PRICE OF THE BONNET—DOG-GONE IT!"



CRITICAL.

John: SAY, THAT GUY WITH THE MEGAPHONE ON THE "SEEING THE UNIVERSE" CAR MAKES ME WEARY.

of New York's finest street could not much longer be saved to all of the people.

For our part we confess to being glad the trucks have been evicted. It ought to have been done long ago, but has been delayed on sentimental grounds, until relief became absolutely indispensable. The principle of the greatest good of the greatest number must rule in the regulation of street traffic, and the application of that principle in the streets of New York by Mr. McAdoo's horse-cops is a grateful sight. New York, better regulated and better

equipped, grows more comfortable. The Subway is an inexpressible boon, and makes us all hospitable to the idea of the forty million dollars' worth of supplementary subways that Engineer Parsons has planned.

PARKE: How much did your auto cost you?

Lane: A thousand.

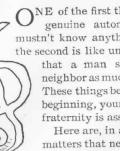
"Why, I thought you were going to get a ten-thousand-dollar one."

"I was. But that was before my wife handed in a list of the clothes she wanted to wear in it."



GOLF AT FROGVILLE.

Directions for Running an Automobile.



ONE of the first things required of the genuine automobilist is that he mustn't know anything about it. And the second is like unto the first, which is

that a man should disregard his neighbor as much as he loves himself. These things being understood in the beginning, your standing among the fraternity is assured.

Here are, in addition, a few minor matters that need attention:

When you start out, be sure that your mixture is correct: Put about five gallons of 76 gasoline into your tank, and add to this a couple of highballs for yourself. You will be surprised how much better the machine will run.

Upon the extreme care and minuteness with which you examine your auto before starting out will depend the almost absolute certainty of breaking down. Don't miss anything, therefore, from the steering apparatus to the spark plug.

One of the greatest things about automobiling is the way it trains the senses. By practice you will get so that you can pass through the most beautiful scenery without being aware of it, thus acquiring that superb concentration necessary. And you will soon be able to detect any unusual smell and locate it at once.

Be sure and buy the most complete set of tools known, and then, before starting out, take from them the one tool you will most certainly need, and leave it carefully behind you. After a while this will become second nature, so that you won't even have to think about it.

Remember, that to keep your auto in the best condition, you must lubricate it constantly. To do this successfully, use, say, one-half as much cylinder oil on the machinery as you use on yourself. By and by you can tell by the way you feel whether everything is in good running shape or not.

Do not be discouraged if your carburetter gives out, your batteries lay down on you, your connecting-rod refuses to connect, or you are confronted by a missing link in your chain. You are, of course, able to support yourself in luxury and discomfort, or you wouldn't have a motor car, anyway; so remember, that many a man who has more money than you has had the same things happen to him.

Always carry with you the St. James version of the Bible. For your purpose it is far better than the revised version. The expressions are more terse.

And finally, when you have anything happen to you, keep it secret from the presence of your enemies. But when you lie, lie openly—just as if you believed it yourself.

· Must Be.

"Is that plant hardy?"
"Oh, yes. I've had it in my Harlem flat all winter."



Automobilist: NINE MILES TO NEW YORK! WHY, IT MUST BE TWENTY MIN-UTES AGO THAT A MAN UP THE ROAD SAID IT WAS ONLY EIGHT.
"WAL, I RECKON YOU KIN WALK A MILE IN TWENTY MINUTES, CAN'T YE?"

Easy.

MRS. S., having been greatly annoyed by the necessity of frequent stops while driving in her new automobile, demands of her chauffeur the cause of the trouble. On his stating that "the front cylinder has been missing ever since leaving home," she angrily inquires: "Why didn't you go back and get it?"

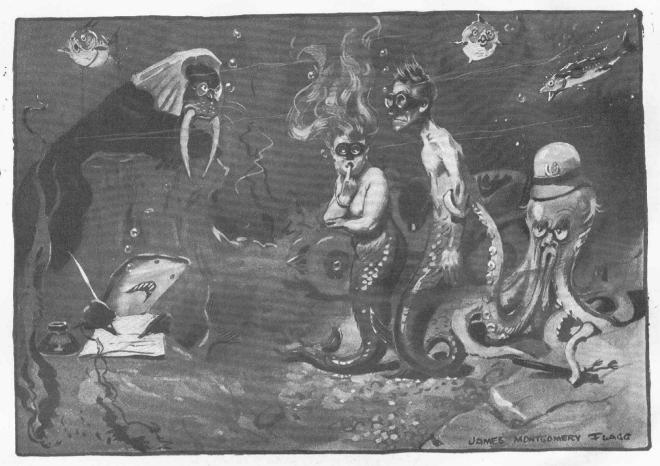
Paper.

THE fact that forty-two tons of paper (see literary journals) were used in getting out the first edition of Marie Corelli's new book is not, of course, without importance, yet it is not the last word. There is still something lacking.

What proportion of this paper was used up in margins, chapter headings and mere pictures?

For the rest, what part was filled with dialogue, and what with solid matter?

Until these questions are authoritatively answered, the critical will naturally withhold their suffrages. Forty-two tons of paper raise a strong presumption in Miss Corelli's favor, but withal falls short of furnishing the secure basis for a final judgment as to her place in literature.



SUBMARINE JUSTICE.

Octopoliceman: MAY IT PLAZE YER HONOR, 'TIS TH' SAME OULD OFFINSE -SCORCHIN' IN THEIR WATERMOBILE AT TH' RATE OF FORTY KNOTS A MINYIT.

Judge Walrus: SIX MONTHS ON LAND.**

Football Is Indispensable.



WE have four embarrassing national possessions—
the Monroe Doctrine, the Tariff, the Philippines and the Game of Football. They are all very troublesome, but of none of them can we let go. There is continual

grumbling about football, but what does it avail so long as football brings in the money on which nearly all the other forms of college athletics subsist? Football is the hard-working rich uncle of all the little impecunious athletics, the milk-can for all the infant athletic industries. It has got to work for gate-money, or there will be destitution in the college athletic

family-nosweaters, medals and photographs for the earnest workers, no new grounds for the scrub and minor teams, no paid coaches for anybody, no anything but mere play, except, perhaps, for the baseball teams, whose opportunities are such that they can earn their own money. Let us stop thinking so much about football as a game, and think of it more as a laborious form of benefaction, even though we realize that the great danger of benefactions is the chance of pauperizing folks, or industries, that could struggle along on their own legs if they had to, and would be better off if they did.

Status.

"WHAT'S the matter with Lawson?"

"He's all write."

Gradations.

SINCE she was twenty 'tis proven well
The way that the scales will jump;
She weighed one hundred and sixty pounds,
Described by her friends as plump.

She came to thirty, as mortals will,
And after those years had flown
She weighed one hundred and sixty pounds,
As "embonpoint" she was known.

It then developed, as time went on,
She came to forty, whereat
She weighed one hundred and sixty pounds,
Described by her friends as fat.

McLandburgh Wilson.

Takes Time.

"WHAT do you think of Wagner's simple life?"

"Think it's a good thing for people who have time to practice it."





WHEN JULIA MOTES.
(Two Points of View.)

 That of a too susceptible rhymester, who affects the seventeenth century.

When in her motor Julia goes,
How soft the air that round her blows,
Just ruffling on her forehead fair
The golden tendrils of her hair!
Bright as the Dawn's first rosy strea!t,
Blushes through gauzy clouds her cheek.
The roguish Loves in eager flight
Are snared within the tangles light
Of filmy scarf that fluttering floats
When Julia motes.

The Goddess in her dove-drawn car
Less fleet than Julia is by far.
My lady's chariot hath no need
Of peacocks, doves, or prancing steed.
Upon a wheel her slender hand
She lays, and swift at her command
It flashes forward like the wind;
The Gazer turns to look behind;
"Dea in Machina," he misquotes,
When Julia motes.

Thus like a conqueror, proud and gay, She drives on her triumphal way, And binds, despite my foud appeals, Me captive to her chariot wheels; While Cupid o'er my anguish gloats,

When Julia motes.

II .- That of the twentieth-century realist.

When in her motor Julia goes,
What smut begrimes her pretty nose!
How rough and out of curl her hair!
Her eyes through owl-like goggles glare.
Her heralds are the hideous shriek
Of horn and petrol's noisome reek.
We see approach a shapeless fright,
With head in duster tied up tight,
Arrayed in baggiest of coats,
When Julia motes.

The scorcher, in his racing car, Less rash than Julia is by far! Through streets and lanes at topmost speed She loves to dash, and takes no heed Of regulation or command; But, scorning those who bid her stand, Flies onward, fearing to be fined,
And leaves a cloud of dust behind.
We sputter, gasp, and clear our throats,
When Julia motes.

Thus, to the wayfarer's dismay,
She rushes on her reckless way,
And crushes, careless of their squeals,
The dogs and hens beneath her wheels;
Her number the policeman notes,
When Julia motes.

-London Truth.



THE CZAR HAS THE NIGHTMARE.

-Wahre Jacob.

HE SAVED THE KITTEN.

It was only a tiny kitten of maltese and white tints, which had wandered from its home to explore the earth, as kittens will; and now, cold and wet, had sought shelter from the snow under a step, with no less than five small boys and two fox terriers inspecting it.

The boys poked it with their fingers and the fox terriers barked at it, going within four or five inches of its tiny claws and then backing away, delighted at the pluck which made the atom attempt to defend itself. It was a kitten with what girls call "cute" ways, and it made such an attractive picture of self-defense, with its arched back and fluffy tail, that a young man sauntering up the street with a girl stopped to gaze.

sauntering up the street with a girl stopped to gaze.

"Whose kitten is it?" he asked the largest of the boys, taking a stick out of that young person's hands with which he was diligently adding to the troubles of the strayer.

"It hasn't any home," replied the youngster. "Seems to me to be lost."

The young man hesitated a moment. Then he picked up the small furry animal, wiped off its feet with his handkerchief, and put it in the big pocket of his smart overcoat.

The girl with him looked on aghast. "What will you do with it at Mrs. Blank's tea?" she demanded.

"Have the maid take it into the kitchen to keep warm. I'm going to take it home with me after that. I couldn't rest easy in my bed if I left as young an animal out all night." responded this knightly youth; and then he went on up Charles street, with the mischievous face of the kitten peeping out of his pocket, to the great amusement of the populace.—Baltimore News.

THE VERNACULAR OF YOUTH.

This is the conversation that took place between the girl with the two-story pompadour and the girl with the aeroplane hat, on the Wentworth-avenue car:

"Seer, Jen!"
"Watcha wanta me?"

"Wanta askeesumpin, Ooze cumminout choor house t'moranight?"

"Awquitcherfoolin!"

"Aintafoolin. Oozacummin?"

"Awka moff. Ainnobodycummin."

"Inobettern that."

"Betchadollar thaint."

"Betchadollar thiz."

"Awka moff!"

"Seer, Jen! Joomeentellme Imalyre?"

"Srite. Ooze binastuffin yuh?"

"Noboddisbinastuffinme. Ino wottimatawkinabout."

"Awka moff! Nothininnit allsame."

"Sawl overtown."

"Wotsawlovertown?"

"Bouchooantomjackson."

"Oozee?"

"Core shoo don't know!"

"Core si don't."

"Betchadoo."

"Say! Juno Lilsimmons?"

"Bettidoo. Ullo! Ear sware Iga toff,"

"Well, g'by!"

"G'by!"-Chicago Tribune.

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