

WE DO BIG THINGS.

BOOK MADE TOWNS.

A BIT OF SLANG.

CHICAGO THEATERS.

A Change at Least.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

Some of the Masterful Achievements of Americans.

Americans founded the first government under which all men were equal before the law.

Americans were the first to demonstrate the feasibility of relying on a citizen soldiery to defend the land and its institutions against foreign and domestic attack.

Americans were the first to abolish titular distinctions and to deprive social eminence of any support save character or the consensus of those who choose to consider themselves as socially elect.

It was an American who invented the steamship. An American invented the telegraph. An American invented the telephone.

A CURIOUS FLY.

This Wasplike New Zealand Insect Feeds on Spiders.

New Zealand boasts of a fly that feeds on spiders. This fly is black and wasplike and, like the wasp, lives in a nest of clay built in a crevice, preferably in the upper folds of heavy window curtains.

These nests of clay are made up of a series of separate cells, usually from five to eight in number.

It has no trouble in conquering the spinners of silky webs. They succumb more easily than do the American flies which are so unfortunate as to get tangled in a spider's weaving.

The fly carries the spiders to its home and imprisons each one in a cell. Here the fly lays a single egg, and when the grub hatches out it eats the spider that has been provided for it.

Emerson's Courtesy.

When Mrs. Mary A. Livermore was a little girl she was monitor at the Hancock school in Boston, and it was her duty to answer the door.

Bandages and Red Tape.

During the South African war Rudyard Kipling discovered at Cape Town a hospital without bandages and in desperate need of them.

"Well," said he, "I will dump the packages on the pavement before the door and then tell them to come out and clear up the litter.

He drove off with the bandages, and the supplies were somehow smuggled into the hospital.

Just the Same. "What is your name?" asked the judge of the prisoner.

"Casey, yer honor," answered the prisoner.

"Your full name?" asked the judge.

"Just the same, yer honor," answered the prisoner, "full or sober."—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Outcome. Jack—Where is the pretty girl you were making love to a year ago?

"No; worse than that. She married me."

The Crisis. "Now, Tommy, you must go and wash yourself."

"Ma, if you keep on at this washin' business you'll queer me whole vacation."—Century Magazine.

Men's lives are as thoroughly blended with each other as the air they breathe.—Elliot.

Holiday Resorts That Owe Their Popularity to Authors.

The most remarkable example of a book made town is Biskra, the oasis in the Sahara that Robert Hichens idealized under the name of Beni Mora in his novel of "The Garden of Allah."

Biskra, quite unknown in the past, is now, thanks to Mr. Hichens, a fashionable winter resort. It is rather odd that all the world should know that Biskra was meant by Beni Mora in "The Garden of Allah."

Ifracombe, the north Devon watering place, owes its renown to Charles Kingsley, who in his novel of "Westward Ho!" praises it.

Two other Devon watering places, Lynton and Lynmouth, are book made. Blackmore's novel of "Lorna Doone" first drew the public to them.

Pieter Loti in "Pecheur d'Islande" described very beautifully the Breton seaport of Palmpol. Many persons in consequence have visited Palmpol in the hope of passing the summer there.

EXPENSIVE STEAK.

Ten Pounds of Beef That Sold For \$48 a Pound.

The highest price ever paid for beef steak so far as is known was at Circle City, Alaska. The first beefsteak that ever reached that town sold for \$48 a pound, according to the newspapers of the time.

There were ten pounds of the steak, which was shipped 250 miles to Circle City.

When the owner of the precious bit of meat reached the camp the miners turned out in a body to see it. It was placed on exhibition and attracted as much attention as an elephant.

Bids were started at \$5 a pound and rose briskly to \$35. Finally in order to avoid complications it was decided to sell tickets at prices from 50 cents to \$2.50 for the privilege of drawing for a slice.

Sin Eaters.

"Sin eaters" of the old days, like "mutes" of quite recent times, were hired performers at funerals. In consideration of sixpence in money, a bowl of beer and a crust of bread these sires, as they were called—"long, lean, ugly, lamentable rascals"—would by eating over the body take upon themselves all the sins of the deceased and so free him from afterward walking the earth as a ghost.

Stone Cake.

In very unmanly seasons the people of Rajputan, in India, are deprived of seeds and succulent roots of grasses. Under these very adverse conditions the barks of trees and even ground up rocks are resorted to principally to give bulk to the scanty meal and thereby to stay the pangs of hunger for the longer time.

Domestic Repartee.

Mrs. Fidgett—Are the stars shining, John? Mr. Fidgett—Did you ever know the stars to do anything else than shine? (Later) Mr. Fidgett—Is the rain still coming down, Bessie? Mrs. Fidgett—Did you ever know it to do anything else than come down, John? Mr. Fidgett—Yes. I have known it to hold up.

Not Much by the Day.

Lady—What! Thirty-eight cents a dozen for eggs? Why, that's more than 3 cents for one egg. Grocer—Well, mum, you must remember that one egg is a whole day's work for one hen.—Cleveland Leader.

Revolver Needed.

John—I'll bring you a fork, sir. The Customer—What for? John—The cheese, sir. The Customer—A fork's no good. Bring a revolver.—London Sketch.

A Slim Chance.

Willie—Pa, why do they call our language the mother tongue? Pa—Sh! It's because your father never gets a chance to use it.—London Tit-Bits.

Only those who do something for the world have a right to wear its crowns.—Westworth F. Stewart.

Origin of "Making a Noise Like" This or That.

Captain Henry G. Lyon, U. S. A., was the innocent cause of the slang expression about "making a noise like" this or that. At Peekskill in 1906 he gave instruction to officers of the New York national guard doing duty in that town of camp.

The privates' capacity for turning things to their own amusement was shown a few minutes after that first class was dismissed, for officers going through their company streets heard privates in front of a group of men shouting out, "Make a noise like an officer!" whereupon the entire "class" would roar "Umps!"

However, it is seldom one hears the word "arms" or "march," the voice finding it much easier to slur the word till it may mean anything, and as the preparatory command indicates what is to be done the command following is merely a signal for the execution of what has already been specified.—Army and Navy Journal.

LEGAL ADVICE.

The Lawyer's Duty in Giving Counsel to His Client.

In the realm of advice a lawyer may choose between counseling his client how to uphold the rights secured to him by the justice of his cause or how to obtain benefits from the application of technicalities and the use of the weaknesses of the particular statute or precedents under consideration.

Every time a lawyer encourages such an application of the law as, resulting in injustice, casts discredit upon the law or its administration he is plainly promoting discord either in the present or the future.

Every time a lawyer counsels controversy for the establishment of a right as recognized by existing law or for the promulgation of new law beneficial to the majority of society he is exercising his true function, and the charge which he lays upon his individual client and through him upon industry and progress in the mass, if reasonable in amount, is well earned and should be cheerfully paid.

When, however, a lawyer gives the other kind of advice the expense, perhaps cheerfully borne by the client who profits personally therefrom, must be finally laid upon society as a whole, which is thereby paying for its own injury and naturally resents the charge.—Donald R. Richberg in Atlantic.

Sitting on the Snakes.

"While in Paris last summer another girl and I went out to Versailles one afternoon," said a schoolteacher. "It was dusk when we reached the railway station, and, as there was no waiting room, we sat down on two crates that were out on the platform among a lot of others.

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Letter Perfect and Looked the Part. An amateur theatrical company was recently arranging for the performance of a play which contained a rich variety of characters, says London Sketch.

"In my opinion," exclaimed the latter, "young Jones must, in the interests of economy, take the part of Simpkins the Fool."

"Why economy?" demanded Mr. Jones indignantly.

"Well, you see, my dear fellow," was the quiet reply, "you won't need any touching up."

"A Kentucky couple," said Mrs. Simpkins, "got married a few days ago after a courtship which had lasted fifty years."

"I suppose," replied Mr. Simpkins, "the poor old man had become too feeble to hold out any longer."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Doesn't Work. "Cheerfulness is riches." "Oh, no! If you can't pay a bill, being cheerful about it only makes the other man madder."—Detroit Free Press.

Chicago Opera House.

"Madame X" at the Chicago Opera House extends upon the sixteenth week of its extended engagement on Sunday night, making the longest run for a serious drama known in the theatrical annals of Chicago.

Olympic.

Chicago has endorsed the verdict of New York that Winchell Smith's comedy of American life, "The Fortune Hunter," is the best play of the century. At the Olympic Theatre the great comedy opened on Sunday night and took the critics and the public of Chicago by storm.

Whitney Opera House.

One of the light entertainments that has caught the fancy of the cosmopolitan crowd in Chicago is the production at the Whitney Opera House, called "They Loved a Lassie."

"There was a serious love-affair on between Jinx and the Mix girl when I was here last."

"You astonish me. I was sure they would get married."

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Cholly Newlitt—"D'ye know, Miss Smart, though I've only just met you, there seems to be a sort of intellectual sympathy between us? You know just how to appeal to my tastes, you see. Are you a literary woman?"

Dolly Smart—"No; I'm a kindergarten teacher."

A Cough Medicine Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a regular cough medicine, a strong medicine, a doctor's medicine. Good for easy coughs, hard coughs, desperate coughs. If your doctor endorses it for your case, take it. If not, don't take it. Never go contrary to his advice.

The dose of Ayer's Pills is small, only one at bedtime. As a rule, laxative doses are better than cathartic doses. For constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick-headaches, they cannot be excelled. Ask your doctor about this.

A change of tenors had been made in the church choir. Eight-year-old Jesse, returning from the morning service, was anxious to tell the news.

The Visitor—"How old are you, Tom?"

The Boy—"Aw! Ma says I'm too young to eat the things I like, an' I'm too old to cry when I don't get 'em!"

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, D. C.

Mark Twain says the only introduction to a literary audience that he ever had that seemed to him the right word in the right place, a real inspiration, was as follows: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I shall not waste any unnecessary time in the introduction. I don't know anything about this man—at least, I only know two things about him—

Don't Get a Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it.

Peach—"Mr. Riche says very bitter things about those lazy sons of his, but his wife is always making excuses for them."

Bloom—"Yes, she makes excuses, but he has to make allowances for them; that's what angers him."

Master's Sale of Real Estate.

State of Illinois, Livingston County, ss. In the Circuit Court.—No. 4083. Jennie Bunting et al vs. Lafayette Tanner et al.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of and in conformity with a decree of sale entered in said cause in said court on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1909, I, H. E. Torrance, Master in Chancery of Livingston County, Illinois, will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder at and in front of the Bank of Dwight, at Dwight, Illinois, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, January 8th, 1910, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Terms of Sale. Ten per cent of the purchase price must be paid on the day of sale and enough more to make a full one-third upon the approval of the sale and delivery of the deed.

All deferred payments must be evidenced by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers due as aforesaid with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of sale, payable annually, and secured by a mortgage on the premises purchased.

As to the premises situated in the south west quarter (s. w. 1/4) of said section fifteen (15), being the farm lands, possession will be given on March 1st, 1910, the rents for the year ending at that time being reserved.

The taxes on all said premises will be paid by the undersigned out of the proceeds of the sale.

My authority to make said sale and the terms thereof is derived from the decree of sale above mentioned, and prospective purchasers are requested to examine the same and the proceedings in said cause, which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Pontiac, Illinois.

Dated at Pontiac, Illinois, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1909. H. E. TORRANCE, Master of Chancery of Livingston County, Illinois. McINDUFF & THOMPSON, Solicitors. 51-3w.

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment.

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has cured many stubborn cases in this vicinity.

Can Dwight residents demand further proof than that contained in the following testimonial?

Mrs. Bridget Welch, 410 N. Park street, Streator, Ill., writes: "For a number of years my back was very lame and my kidneys were badly disordered. I tried various kinds of medicine but I received little relief, and was at loss what to do. The kidney secretions were very unnatural and irregular in passage and I felt dull and tired most of the time. A few weeks ago I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using them, I have steadily improved and I am certain that in a short time, I will be entirely relieved. I take pleasure in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills for I believe them to be a remedy of great merit."

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Dec. 24, 25, 31, 1909

January 1st, 1910

Holiday excursion tickets will be good to reach original starting point until January 3rd, 1910. Ask your local agent for complete particulars.