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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

Just now home is as hot as you make it.  
 Humanity has been too much subdued even to swat the fly.  
 When aviators stop flying circus fashion they will stop dying.  
 The summer girl wears a heart on her sleeve—but it's not her own.  
 Still, for popularity the summer resort prospectus gathers first place.  
 A coat is as superfluous in summer as a straw hat would be in winter.  
 If there is anything that makes a man hot it is advice on how to keep cool.

Avocation is fleeting, but vacation money can give it many points and still win.  
 What we need now is a crusade among mosquitoes for safe and sane vacations.  
 Like the filling of a sandwich, the occasional cool day is the most appreciated part.  
 Ice men are nothing if not consistent. The price of ice always goes up with the mercury.  
 Philadelphia will start a war on mosquitoes—and they do disturb sleep, that's a fact.  
 The textile fabric men complain that the narrow skirts are ruining them. So does father.  
 Mexico is having earthquakes. It ought to be used to all sorts of disturbances by this time.  
 A coat of tan is not always the sign of a returning vacationist; it may be the badge of the hayfever.

Everybody is giving hot-weather advice. The public is on the qui vive to see the one man who takes it.  
 The theory that everybody is a bit off in hot weather is borne out by many eccentricities of the day.  
 A prince who had been jilted by an American heiress tried suicide and failed. Nothing remains but to go to work.

Official instructions for keeping cool are doubtless the best things possible in the absence of the northeast breeze.  
 By the simple expedient of keeping the thermometer in the icebox you can rob the heated term of some of its terrors.  
 Now they say we should not make baby laugh in hot weather. It will be comparatively easy to obey this instruction.  
 We have it from a chiropodist that corns cause crime, but even murder is justified when a stranger steps on one's pet corn.

Persons who desire a houseboat in which to spend the summer will be interested in the news that Hayti wants to sell its navy.  
 Autumn styles for men decree a waist line. But in some cases a surveying expert will have to be employed to find it.  
 A millionaire who paid \$48,000 for a pair of ancient andirons seems determined to have a hot old time, no matter what it costs.

A scientist pronounces excessive talking a disease, and this encourages the hope that a cure for spellbinding will yet be discovered.  
 An advance in the price of writing paper is reported, but the wastebasket contributors of the average newspaper will find the price somehow.  
 The moving picture men don't care whether there is a buffalo or a goddess of Liberty on the 5-cent coin, so long as they get the nickel.

The report that the temperature in Yellowstone park the other morning was 22 degrees is considerable boost for the "see America first" crusade.  
 Somebody has figured out that a pound of soap will make \$5,244,000 profit. That man ought to make a good editor for the Congressional Record.

Unpardonable Sin. In religious controversy the unpardonable sin is distributing bad motives.

TWELVE REASONS WHY I BUY AT HOME.

By Dundas Henderson.

1. Because my interests are here.
2. Because if this part of the country is good enough for me to live in it is good enough for me to buy in.
3. Because I believe in transacting business with my friends and neighbors.
4. Because I want to see the things I buy before I buy them.
5. Because I want to get what I buy when I pay for it.
6. Because a part of every dollar I spend stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the section I live in.
7. Because the home man I buy from stands back of the goods he sells me. His whole existence depends on satisfying me. I am therefore always sure of value for my money.
8. Because the home man I buy from pays his share of the local taxes.
9. Because the home man I buy from helps support the local institutions, lodges and churches.
10. Because I sell what I produce to my home people and it is only right they should sell in the same way to me.
11. Because I do not believe in supporting the huge trusts such as are being formed by the mail order houses in far-away cities.
12. Because I believe in the principle of live and let live and—as a good citizen I feel that my duty begins at home amongst my home people.

BIG LOSS FROM SUDDEN STORM.

Thousands of dollars worth of damage to farms in the eastern and southern portion of Will county was caused by the sudden and extremely fierce hailstorm last week Tuesday.  
 Fields of corn were ripped into shreds by the onslaught of hail, in some places the stones were as large as hen's eggs. Scores of corn fields were rendered practically worthless by the cutting ice.  
 The strip of country covered by the storm began near Symerton and extended eastward to Whittaker near the Indiana line. The space covered was about 27 miles long and 2 miles wide. In this area the corn was rendered practically worthless, and a large amount of window glass smashed, besides minor damages.—Naperville Clarion.

MADE IN CHICAGO WEEK.

Metropolitan Business Men Show City Products.  
 Chicago is to have a week, beginning next Monday, in which her merchants will give prominence to articles made in Chicago.  
 Window displays in thousands of stores will be composed solely of goods made in the Windy City.  
 Residents of the village, by reason of the close association with the big city, may well look on this display as interesting to them, for it is only a question of time when the city by the lake extends westward and either absorbs or is absorbed by the village of Downers Grove.

NOMINEES OF THIRD PARTY STATE CONVENTION.

- For governor, F. H. Funk, Bloomingtondale.  
 For lieutenant governor, Dean Franklin, Macomb.  
 For secretary of state, Edward O. Peterson, Aurora.  
 For state treasurer, Philip Decker, Murphysboro.  
 For attorney general, Fletcher Dobyns, Chicago.  
 For auditor, Capt. Edwin Winter, Danville.  
 For trustees of the University of Illinois, B. F. Harris, Champaign; Mrs. Raymond Robins, Chicago, and George W. Mueller, Decatur.

Joined His First Love in Death.

After an absence of over 20 years, a former aged resident of Rainham, Kent, England, returned to the district late the other night, and, groping his way through the tombstones in the local cemetery, found the graves of his first wife and son, and there shot himself. The man, who carried on business in Great Peter street, Westminster, posted a letter from Rainham to his second wife, and his daughter, saying he had gone to join his first wife and son.

Love Element in Writer's Lives.

Alfred de Musset's love for irresponsible George Sand gave his thoughts such an extraordinary elevation that he wrote many brilliant poems in consequence. Chaucer sang the praises of many queens, but his one great love was Philippa Picard de Rouet, the lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne of Bohemia. He waited nine years to marry her, but made it a matter of complaint in several poems.

England's Last Tollgate.

The distinction of being the last tollgate in England is now claimed by a gate in the Cambridgeshire Fens, one and a half miles from Chatteris, on the main road to Somersham. The gate stands in the middle of a section of about two hundred yards, once privately owned, and was erected over two hundred years ago. It was eventually purchased by a London company for \$10,000.



The Little Things  
By Wilbur D. Nesbit

*There is no mighty problem that the wise ones have not solved;  
 They tell us how from nothingness creation was evolved—  
 How whirling mist went twisting till it gathered into suns,  
 And how they spun and splattered off a million lesser ones;  
 And how, attracted and repelled, these suns set off through space,  
 Until at last, they settled in the paths that now they trace.  
 But through it all no one has told, if anybody knows,  
 What alchemy it is that puts the perfume in a rose.*

*They know the distance to the stars—the measurement is plain;  
 Each planet's weight is told by some great scientific crane;  
 Triangles are laid out whose base ends in the dim unknown,  
 Upon some drifting star whose radiance has never shown;  
 Then faultless calculation bids them tell, with faith serene,  
 The orbit of a satellite whose light is never seen.  
 But who can tell the way a bee goes straightly to its home,  
 When burdened with the sweetness for the empty honeycomb?*

*All the foundations of the earth, that rose in massive tiers  
 Of strata, have been given dates that span a million years;  
 And now we speak with knowledge of the old primeval slilt  
 Upon whose gloomy barrenness the earth was slowly built.  
 But who may give the reason for the flowing of the tides—  
 The silent laughter of the sea that lifts and shoves its sides?  
 And who may tell us what it is of night, or noon, or morn  
 That makes the self-same clod of earth give us both wheat and corn?*

*Where does the lily get its white, the cherry get its red?  
 Upon what form of airy food are all the orchids fed?  
 Why does the dirt that yields the grass its hue of living green  
 Gild all the dandelions with their gleaming golden sheen?  
 And why? And why? Like children we may ask the lengthy list  
 Of questions as to little things, nor know how they exist.  
 The ancient and the faraway we think we understand,  
 But falter when we think upon the wonders close at hand.*



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 Ethel Garret Johnston, Piano.  
 Travel Lecture: "Palestine"—Dr. Chas. A. Payne

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**AFTERNOON.** Band Concert—Bland's Band  
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**AFTERNOON.** Solos and Popular Readings—Mrs. Emma C. W. Matthews  
 Demonstrations in Electricity—Prof. Louis Williams  
 Lecture: "One-Sided People"—Dr. Harry G. Hill

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 Lecture: "The Man in Overalls"—Dr. Harry G. Hill  
 Wonders of Electricity—Prof. Louis Williams

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**AFTERNOON.** Vocal and Instrumental Entertainment—Dixie Male Quartet  
 Lecture: "The Triumph of Popular Government"—Hon. Charles E. Focke

**EVENING.** Grand Concert and Entertainment—Dixie Male Quartet  
 Lecture: "The Most Highly Civilized Nation"—Hon. Charles E. Focke

**Original Amen Corner.**  
 The origin of the name "Amen corner" is interesting and throws a pleasant light on English Catholicism of the days before the apostasy of Henry VIII. Each year on the feast of Corpus Christi the faithful went in procession to St. Paul's cathedral, Mustering in Cheapside, the procession moved toward the cathedral, the clergy chanting the "Our Father" as they passed along the street still called Paternoster row, reaching the "Amen" as they turned the corner known for years as Amen corner.—Ave Maria.

**Chinese Barbers in Hard Luck.**  
 Barber shops were the exception, rather than the rule, in China in the old days, itinerant barbers attending to their customers' wants in the streets or in the customers' home. There appears to be no tendency toward the institution of barber shops since the change of hairdressing; in fact, the tendency locally is to do away with the barber altogether. Thus many families are purchasing hairclippers, which seem to be regarded as the only essential to haircutting.

**Fewer Willing to Sell Their Hair.**  
 Owing to the fact that the young countrymen of France, under the spreading influence of the cities, are becoming more particular as to the appearance of the girls they "walk out" with, peasant girls are becoming less and less willing to sell their rich tresses to hair dealers. At the great Limoges hair fair, held in the market place of the city, there were fewer dealers present than ever before. The supply of hair is falling and prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.85 a pound.

**Select the Beautiful Way.**  
 There is a beautiful and an ugly way in which to say almost everything, and happiness depends upon which way we take. You can upset a person for a whole day by the harsh way in which you may call him in the morning, or you may give him a beautiful start by the cheerfulness of your greeting. So not only in words, but in all the little common courtesies and duties of life, think of the beautiful way of doing each.—D. L. Porter.

**Double Meaning.**  
 "Umbrellas Recovered" was a sign that attracted our attention the other day. But only for a minute! We shook our heads sadly and walked on. It would take a whole galaxy of clairvoyants and a large squad of detectives to get back a few of our lost ones.—News Letter.

**Bell Ringer's Occupation Gone.**  
 The abolition of the custom of ringing the town bell at Huntingford, Hertfordshire, England, which for 300 years has tolled for deaths and funerals from over the gateway of an inn, throws out of occupation Saunders, the bell ringer, whose family have rung the bell continuously for over 140 years.

**Old Tree of Historic Interest.**  
 Sir Sidney Pocock, J. P., has just disposed of his residence, Charlton Court, Shepperton-on-Thames, Middlesex, England, in the kitchen garden of which is a very old mulberry tree bearing a tablet with the following inscription: "During the reign of Charles II, a fox was hunted from Windsor park and took refuge in this tree, where it was killed. The king, who was present at the kill, expressed a wish that the tree should be preserved to commemorate the longest run on record."

**United on Deathbed.**  
 A pathetic marriage ceremony took place the other day, in a Budapest hospital. A German singer named Erdos, who was appearing professionally in the Hungarian capital, was suddenly taken ill with heart weakness a few days ago. He telegraphed to his sweetheart in Frankfurt, Germany, to come to him. The girl started at once, and arrived in Budapest promptly. They were married immediately in the hospital ward, and Erdos died an hour after the ceremony.

**Queen Elizabeth's Pedigree.**  
 One of the most interesting curiosities at Hatfield is the pedigree of Elizabeth, which is to be seen in the gallery. Those entrusted to make out the document wisely discovered that her descent could be traced through every important person, and especially through every beautiful person, straight back to Adam and Eve. It is on record that the Virgin Queen highly commended the work.—London Evening Standard.

**Pleasant for the Wife.**  
 Some time ago the wife of an assistant state officer gave a party to a lot of old maids of her town. She asked each one to bring a photo of the man who had tried to woo and wed her and had been jilted by her. Each of the old maids brought a photo and they were all pictures of the same man, the hostess' husband.—Kansas City Journal.

**Character Revealed by Eye.**  
 Gray eyes denote creative temperament, but not always honesty. What the novelists and poets term the cold, gray eye is considered to be a sign of selfishness and cruelty, though it often denotes shrewdness and talent. Very clever people whose eyes are gray generally have small spots of orange in the iris round the pupil.

**Cloth Made From Seaweed.**  
 By a process recently developed in England a very desirable cloth is made from the fiber of posidonia australis, a species of seaweed found in the southern seas. Experiments made at Manchester university show that the fiber, after treatment, is soft, pliable, strong, much like wool in its disposition to curl and twist, and easy to spin in its raw state. It takes dye well, except green.

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