

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Aunt: "Tommy! How cruel! Why did you cut that poor worm in two?"
Tommy: "He seemed so lonely."

It used to be bread, and cheese, and kisses. Now it is champagne, duck, and divorces, observes New York Life.

Customer (to watchmaker): "I told you that my watch lost half an hour every day, and now that you've repaired it it gains half an hour." Watchmaker: "Well, don't complain. It's only working to catch up lost time."

A young lady, visiting for the first time in the country, was alarmed at the approach of a cow. She was too frightened to run, and, shaking her parasol at the animal, she said in a very stern tone, "Lie down, sir; lie down!"

Potter: "You have heard of Diogenes going about with a lantern searching for an honest man?" Mrs. Potter: "Bigger fool he! Honest men are not to be found on the street at night; they are at home with their families."

A little girl sat gazing fixedly at the new bonnet of one of her mother's visitors, until the caller smilingly asked: "Do you like it, my dear?" The child innocently replied: "Yes, I do. Mamma and Aunt Milly said it was a perfect fright, but it doesn't frighten me a bit."

"I hope you won't mind my asking," said a woman diffidently, "but should I call you professor or doctor?" "Oh, call me anything you like," was the great man's rejoinder. "Some people call me an old idiot." "Really," the lady murmured sweetly. "But then they will be people who know you intimately?"

A pretty good story is told of one of Gen. Tilton's staff. It is said that when the individual referred to first presented himself on militia to his wife and little daughter, the latter, after gazing at him in wonder for a few minutes, turned to her mother and exclaimed: "Why, ma, that's not a real soldier—it's pa!"

A lusty-lunged auctioneer was holding forth in flowery terms on the virtues of a particular brand of cigars he was endeavoring to induce his audience to purchase. Holding up a box of cigars, he shouted, "You can't get better, gentlemen, I don't care where you go; you can't get better." "No," came a cynical voice from the back of the crowd. "you can't. I smoked one last week, and I'm not better yet."

'Twas a glorious night, and two lovers sat upon the cliffside, with the eternal ocean flowing at their feet with a calmness and placidity that was almost appalling. They were looking at the stars above, and he turned to the maiden, and said tenderly: "My darling, I don't understand what you see in me to love me so." The maiden's soft reply came with a thoughtlessness born of true love: "That's what everybody says." Then the silence seemed to grow greater than ever.

Mrs. Young watched her husband carefully fold a piece of paper and put it in a corner of his collar drawer, and the fact that he seemed ill at ease aroused her curiosity. "What's that, dear," she asked. "Oh, nothing," he replied, trying hard not to smile. Still she wondered what it was, and reasoned with herself that as he had said it was nothing of importance she would look at it, and she did at the first opportunity. This is what she found scribbled on the paper: "I'll bet you a new hat your curiosity will not permit you to leave this alone." Now she is facing a problem. How can she claim that new hat without betraying herself?—From Daylight.

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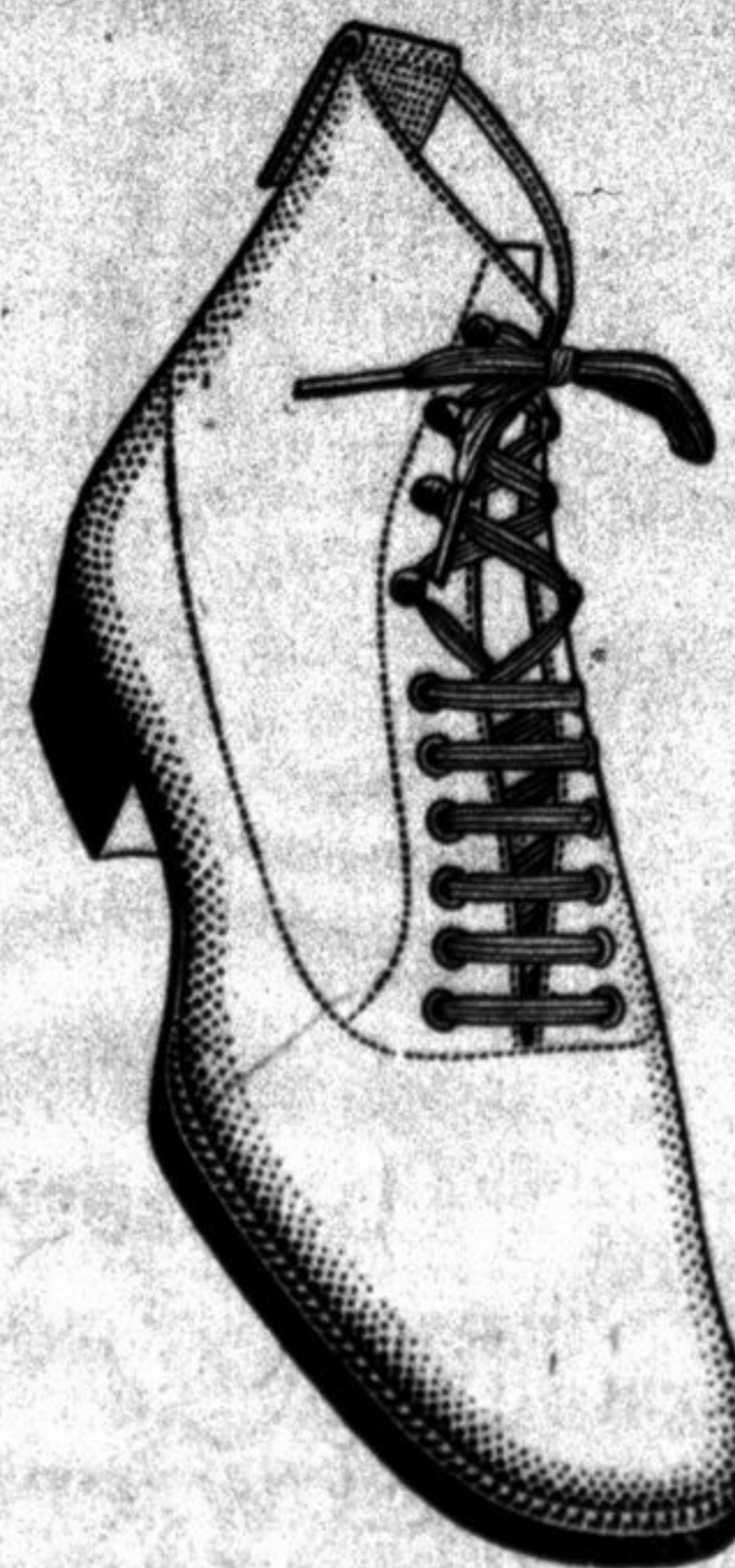
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