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**THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.**  
Maybe It Was a Quince Eve Ate In  
the Garden of Eden.  
Why and how it has happened that  
the apple has been spoken of as the  
fruit that was forbidden in the Garden  
of Eden is one of the great puzzles of  
biological scholars. The fact is that in  
Genesis III, where the incident of the  
eating of this fruit of the "tree of  
knowledge of good and evil" is men-  
tioned, no name whatever is given to  
that fruit. All that is said is: "And  
when the woman saw that the tree  
was good for food, and that it was  
pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be  
desired to make one wise, she took of  
the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave  
also unto her husband with her: and  
he did eat." (Verse II.)  
In fact, scholars doubt very seriously  
whether it was the apple at all. They  
suggest that all evidence points to it  
having been the quince, the fragrant  
of which was held in the highest  
esteem by the Orientals. Another point  
in favor of the quince is that it is the  
fruit which was sacred to Venus, the  
goddess of love, and in a great many  
of the ancient writings the quince is  
very frequently mentioned in this man-  
ner. In Babylonian history took the  
place of Venus in the Roman mythol-  
ogy, and it should be remembered that  
the story of the "creation" originated  
with the Babylonians. All evidence  
seems to point away from the apple  
having been the "forbidden fruit," and  
toward the quince as having been that  
fruit of the "tree of knowledge of good  
and evil."—Tit Bits.

**DREAMING OF FALLING.**  
What Happened in the One Known  
Case of Hitting the Ground.  
Probably all of us have dreamed  
that we were falling down the back  
stairs or a high cliff, then gliding swim-  
mingly off into space. This dream  
gives the same sensation as a rapidly  
descending elevator or a fast swaying  
swing. We are worried for the instant  
about what will happen when we  
strike bottom, but we never strike.  
Either we are off on another dream  
before that disastrous event happens  
or we awake.  
There is an old superstition that if  
one ever hit the ground the shock  
would kill the dreamer, but this is  
difficult of proof, for, as our Irish  
neighbor might remark, the only way  
it could be proved would be to have  
the dreamer wake up dead and tell us  
about it.  
Of the thousands who wrote letters  
a few years ago to an Englishman  
who had published an essay on the  
subject but one correspondent had  
dreamed that the fall continued clear  
to the ground. This woman dreamed  
she fell off a tall rock. When she hit  
the ground she was broken into small  
bits, but a sort of second self gathered  
up the pieces and glued them together,  
making a piece of humanity as good as  
new. This dream, however, is unique  
—Chicago Tribune.

**Sarcastic.**  
He had just reached the philosphi-  
cal stage when he slipped into a res-  
taurant between bars for a bit to eat.  
He ordered. Then he sat staring  
ahead, quietly thoughtful in expres-  
sion, and waited.  
It is admitted that he did some wait-  
ing too. What happened to his order  
couldn't be understood outside the pe-  
culiar convolutions of a restaurant  
kitchen, but he spent half an hour sit-  
ting there, staring ahead of him.  
At last it came. As the waitress put  
the order before him he started from  
his deep study as if he had forgotten  
he had an order coming. Then, look-  
ing up at the fair transporter of  
edibles, he said:  
"You don't look a day older!"—  
Everybody's.

**The Sleep of Horses.**  
When the horse sleeps, it is said that  
one ear is directed forward, why is  
not known. A writer in the English  
Musk thinks this is to guard  
against danger, being a survival of its  
originally wild habits. He says: "Watch  
a horse asleep through the window of  
his stable and make a faint noise at  
the front. That ear will be all atten-  
tion, and probably the other will fly  
around sharply to assist. Now let him  
go to sleep again and make the same  
noise to the left. The forward ear still  
will keep guard, with possibly a light-  
ning flick round, only to resume its  
former position."

**The Lost Dime.**  
A man sent his neighbor's little boy  
to the drug store to buy five postage  
stamps. He handed him two dimes,  
the extra one being for himself. Some  
time afterward the boy came back  
blubbering and said he had lost one of  
the dimes.  
"But why didn't you buy me the  
stamps?" asked the man.  
"Because, mister," replied the boy, "it  
was your dime I lost."—Judge.

**Poor Scheme.**  
Crawford—Why don't you try jolly-  
ing your wife a little? It's easy to  
tell her she's looking younger and  
more beautiful every day. Crabshaw—  
I tried that once, and she killed me for  
money to have her picture taken.—  
Judge.

**What She Wanted.**  
Dr. Buzzer the Dentist—I'm sorry, but  
I'll have to extract that tooth. Miss  
Tungtwist—I don't like to lose it un-  
less you can fit me with a substitute.  
—Chicago News.

**Puzzling Predicament.**  
"Why is Jiggers always in hot water  
with his wife?"  
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boiling."—Baltimore American.

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