

Humorous Department.

THE HOSTESS' FUNNY STORY.

They were seated about the dinner table in a fashionable West Side boarding house yesterday, enjoying the extra frills of the Sunday meal, which had appealed to the inner consciousness of the entire household, and made them satisfied with the landlady and the world in general.

"A very dignified young man took a seat in a smoking car. Near him were three traveling salesmen, well dressed, jolly fellows, one of whom suggested a game of cards, and the others agreed. They appealed to the young man to take part and make a four handed game.

"Thank you, I never play cards," came the response to the invitation.

"I am sorry for that. Will you have a cigar with us?" added the spokesman, producing his cigar case.

"I am obliged to you, but I never smoke," replied the dignified young man.

"They thought they would jolly the young man out of his dignity, so the leader produced a 'traveling companion,' and asked:

"As you do not play cards, nor smoke, you will not refuse to join us in a drink?"

"I thank you gentlemen, but I never drink."

"With this a venerable man with a ministerial aspect sitting in the seat behind the young man, reached forward and tapped him on the shoulder.

"I have heard what you said to these men," said the sedate old fellow, "and I admire you for the stability of character which has enabled you to shun bad habits. I have a daughter in the parlor car, whom I should like to have you meet."

"I thank you, sir," replied the young man, turning about and facing the gentleman, "but the fact is, I never intend to marry."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

HE COULDN'T ANSWER.

A well known naval officer with an extensive list of stories and a knack of telling them, says the Washington Post, relates the following yarn as one of the best in his mental storehouse:

"Some one had brought grog aboard ship in goodly quantities, and a large share of the crew reported to quarters one afternoon in anything but a fit condition to work the vessel. Next morning the captain started a rigid investigation of the affair. The crew was again lined up on deck and in turn each member was catechised.

"Goodacre, stand out," would call the chief petty officer, and then the skipper would say:

"Goodacre, do you know who brought whisky aboard ship yesterday?"

"I cannot answer," the man replied.

"So it went through the whole list of the crew, and the officers were well nigh at their wit's end to know how to get at the bottom of the whole affair. Suddenly there appeared a rift in the black cloud of mystery.

"A coal passer, just up from the fire hole, came on deck, and walking up to the commander, saluted, saying:

"You have not asked me yet, captain."

"A grunt of satisfaction came from the skipper. Here at last was an honest man among all the crew. He would tell all.

"Well, Smithers, who brought the grog on board?"

"The man's hand again went to his cap in respectful salute as he said:

"I cannot answer, sir."

"What happened to him? Well, it didn't go into the official records."

TRIPPLING WITH MRS. NATION'S ZEAL.—W. L. Higgins perpetrated a practical joke on Carrie Nation, while the smasher was here. A well-known local dentist, who dresses well and is rather adipose, was standing at the corner of Pennsylvania and Washington streets, when Mrs. Nation got through her haranguing of the crowd there.

"Look at that man," said Mr. Higgins, pointing to his friend, the doctor. "He is well off, and he makes his money out of the tears of orphans, the wails of widows and the groans of strong men."

"He keeps a rum-shop, does he?" said the smasher, darting a piercing glance in his direction.

"No," said Mr. Higgins, "he is a dentist."—Indianapolis Press.

UNNECESSARY PARTICULARS.—An old woman of undeniable Celtic origin, entered a provincial savings bank the other day and walked up to the desk.

"Do you want to withdraw or deposit?" asked the clerk.

"Naw, Oi doant. Oi wants to put some in," was the reply.

The clerk pushed up the book for her signature, and, indicating the place, said, "Sign on this line, please."

"Above it or below it?"

"Just above it."

"Me whole name?"

"Yes."

"Before Oi was married?"

"No, just as it is now."

"Oi can't write."—London King.

FOREVER DRY.—There is a youngster in Girard college who combines the poetic instinct with a keen sense of humor. He is not a close student; in fact he regards books as an instrument of torture. One of the professors picked up a text book belonging to him the other day and found on the fly leaf this bit of verse, which no doubt expressed the student's opinion of it:

Should there be another flood,  
For refuge hither fly;  
And should the whole world be submerged,  
This book would still be dry.

—Philadelphia Record.

International Lesson.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON III, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, APRIL 21.

Text of the Lesson, Luke xxiv. 13-35. Memory Verses, 25-27—Golden Text, Luke xxiv. 32—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Starnas.

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13, 14. Two disciples, one of whom was named Cleopas (verse 18), walk out into the country to Emmaus, some seven or eight miles from Jerusalem, and as they walk they talk of all these things which had happened, or, in other words, they talk of Him, for He was the center of all recent happenings in Jerusalem. But He is not there any more, for He was crucified as a malefactor two days before, and the hearts of those who trusted in Him are sad, for what they expected Him to do has not been done, and the unexpected and unlooked for has taken place.

15-17. "Jesus Himself drew near and went with them." His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth for the benefit of all who are truly His. He has a book for all who think upon Him (11 Chron. xvi. 9; Mal. iii. 16). He felt sorry for these two unbelieving disciples and drew near to comfort them, but they knew Him not, for their eyes were hidden. But why? Was it their unbelief? Possibly. Mark xvi. 12, says He appeared in another form. Some day we shall know what that means, for our resurrection bodies shall be like His (Phil. iii, 20, 21), and what He did we shall do, if necessary, as we reign with Him.

18-21. They ask Him if He is a stranger, since He does not seem to know the things that had come to pass, and when He asks, "What things?" they say, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet in deed and word before God and man whom the chief priests and rulers had crucified, but they had expected that He would have redeemed Israel. Three days had passed, or this was the third day, since He had been crucified, and they were utterly in the dark. Oh, what a bright day this third day would have been to them if they had only believed His words! It is not believing a part of His words, but all that He has said which gives peace and comfort. They were right in expecting the redemption of Israel, for John and Jesus and the disciples had all preached that the kingdom of which the prophets had spoken was at hand. But as the days passed and John was rejected and the rulers decided to kill Jesus, He plainly told His disciples what would happen.

22-24. The very thing that should have rejoiced them most and would if they had believed His words was the thing that most perplexed them—an empty tomb, and angels who said He was alive, but Him they saw not. It would seem that these men had not heard that Mary Magdalene had seen and also talked with Him, or, if they had heard it, they probably looked upon it as a woman's fancy, for they would scarcely believe that He would thus honor Mary. They were sad and astonished and full of reasonings, when if they had only been believing they would have had great joy.

25, 26. "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" The prophets had spoken very plainly concerning the sufferings of the Messiah in such passages as Ps. xxii, Isa. liii, Zech. xiii, besides all the typical allusions and foreshadowings, but their minds were so full of the glory of the kingdom that they were blind to the sufferings and the humiliation. There are many believers now who are so occupied with Gethsemane and Calvary that they see nothing of the glory to be revealed; they cannot seem able to endure anything concerning His return and His kingdom and Israel's glory, but if by His cross they are saved and can have an assurance of reaching heaven, they want nothing further.

27. "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." The same evening at Jerusalem He said to the disciples that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the psalms concerning Him (verse 44). Just what portions of Scripture He expounded we do not know, but we may well imagine He would not fail to go back to Gen. iii, 15; Ex. xii; Lev. xvi, etc. We may say, how I would have loved to hear Him open the Scriptures! How I would hang upon His words! But He has given us His Spirit to guide us into all truth, and if we are meek and teachable He will tell us just what Jesus Himself would (John xiv, 26; xvi, 13, 14). Do you believe all things which are written in the law and in the prophets? (Acts xxiv, 14.) If you do, many wise people will count you foolish. But if you do not our Lord will count you foolish, as He did these men.

28, 29. "He went in to tarry with them." As they drew nigh to the village He made as though He would have gone farther, but they constrained Him to abide with them. He does not thrust Himself where He is not wanted, nor intrude where not invited, but He is easily constrained by such as really desire Him. If His people, His redeemed ones, feel that they can go through the day's work without Him, whether at home or in business or in church or Sunday school work, He will let them, that they may in due time learn the truth of His words, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John xv, 5).

30, 31. "They knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight." In the margin it says "ceased to be seen of them." It was in the breaking of bread that they recognized Him (verse 35), as they afterward told the disciples at Jerusalem. Perhaps they remembered the way He did as He fed the 5,000 or the 4,000, or it may have been told them how He did at the institution of the supper, or it may have been His special power that just then opened their eyes.

32-35. "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us by the way and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" Now they understood why they had been so intensely interested while the stranger, as they supposed, spoke to them as never man had spoken, and opened to them the Scriptures, and they were at once so full of joy and eagerness to tell it that they started back to Jerusalem the same hour and found the disciples ready to greet them with the things that Simon had seen the Lord. Then they told their story, and as they spoke, lo, Jesus Himself is in their midst and talking to them and showing them His hands and feet, with the nail holes plainly seen. Whatever our sorrow or perplexity, the Risen Christ Jesus Himself dispels it all.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM NEIGHBORING CONTEMPORARIES.

News and Comment That is of More or Less Local Interest.

YORK.

Rock Hill Herald, April 12: Mr. Sam Hay spent Sunday with his parents in Clover. Mr. H. M. Dunlap spent Easter Sunday in Yorkville. Miss Claude Godfrey spent Easter at her home in Cheraw. Miss Estie Minnie Friedhelm returned to Columbia yesterday. Miss Lizzie Brown is spending a few days with Miss Alice Adams. Miss Marie and Alta Fewell spent Sunday in Yorkville. Miss Nettie Wilkerson, of Charlotte, is visiting her parents here. Messrs. John Stevens and M. S. Witherspoon were in the city Sunday. Mrs. E. L. Barnes, who has been sick for some time, is now improving. Miss Emmie Lumpkin, of Blacksburg, spent Easter with her friend, Miss Ammie Barber. Mrs. J. S. Godfrey and children, of Wilson street, visited parents near Edgemoor the past week. Mrs. Hyder S. Workman and children, of White street, are visiting relatives at Harmony. On Monday, the 15th of April, the stores of the city will begin closing at 6.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Miss Sude Hough, of Hornesboro, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned home Monday. Miss Eunice Simpson went to Chester Tuesday afternoon, after a visit to the family of Dr. I. Simpson. Mrs. M. W. Robertson, Miss Powers and Mrs. W. S. Brown will go to Richburg Tuesday on a short visit. Charles, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blake, is quite ill with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. Philip Taylor. Mrs. E. J. McFadden left Monday for a visit to Chester and Rockingham. N. C. She goes to the latter place to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ayers. The city council has appointed Messrs. J. W. O'Neal, M. G. Bryant and G. A. Cowan managers of the special election to be held on Friday of this week. Mrs. J. Lawrence Moore is in the city visiting at the home of Hon. W. B. Wilson. She is delighted with Union, which she thinks is the most thriving town in the state. Mr. Jim Neely, of the Massachusetts Machine shops, spent a few days with his parents here this week and went down to Chester Monday to place some mill machinery. Mr. W. P. Roddey's condition is improved somewhat, but he is still quite sick. His daughter, Mrs. Hough, of Statesville, N. C. is at home, having been summoned last week by telephone. Mr. Walter Simpson has been notified of his election as senior orator of his class at Erskine college. This is another honor Mr. Simpson has won. He left for Due West yesterday. Mrs. J. A. Smith and daughter, Miss Dargan, of Yorkville, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith, of Grayson, Texas, are visitors at the home of Mr. J. J. Thomas, near this city. An exchange says the birds are singing, the buds are springing, lovers are clinging, but delinquents are not bringing in the amount of their delinquencies not so fast as they might by a whole blank sight. Mrs. Alice Bradford, widow of the late Rufus Bradford, of Fort Mill, is critically ill at her home in that town. She is the mother of Messrs. W. R. and Ben Bradford, the latter being of The Herald's force. He is with his mother. Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. T. W. Jackson, of Newport, to Miss Miran S., daughter of Mr. W. W. Auten. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride, Clay Hill, S. C., on Wednesday afternoon, April 17th, at 4.30 o'clock. Miss Selma Moore, Miss Sallie Gibson, Miss Janie Rawls and Mrs. W. N. Thomasson went to Chester yesterday, to attend a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary union to be held at that place yesterday and today. Last Friday night the store of Mr. P. A. Workman, in Bethesda township, was entered by one Dun Leach, colored, who stole about \$6 out of the money drawer and carried off some meat. Dun was apprehended, but the matter was compromised.

Clover Review, April 11: The Presbyterian church is being re-covered this week. From a private letter we learn that A. G. Lawrence, a Clover boy, is railroading near Hawkinsville, Ga., and is doing well. Mr. R. Hope Brison went to Lenoir on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fitchett went to Gastonia Tuesday. Mr. Hugh Brown, of Filbert, was in town Tuesday. Mr. S. M. Faires went over to Charlotte Monday on business. Mr. J. P. Sifford went to Yorkville Tuesday, on business. Mr. W. I. Brison went up to Granite Falls this week. Mr. Rob Currence went up to Lenoir on Tuesday. Mr. D. A. Matthews left home on Tuesday for a business trip to Charlotte and other points. Mr. Clyde Dennis, who has been visiting Mr. Wallace Holland here, left for his home in Illinois Monday. Mr. Sam Hay, Jr., of Rock Hill, came over Saturday on a visit to his parents and returned Monday. Mr. J. A. Tate, of Yorkville, came up Monday night to attend the meeting of the Woodmen of the World. Miss Lillian Clinton came down from Claremont college, at Hickory, N. C., last Friday, and stayed over with the home folks until Tuesday. Supervisor John E. Gordon and Superintendent W. J. Whitener were in town a few days ago, but only for a short time. Having been a citizen of our town for some time, Mr. Whitener has a host of warm friends here.

CHESTER. Lantern, April 9: The court took up civil business yesterday morning and was engaged the whole day on the case of R. A. Love against J. Frazier Hardin, J. H. Marion for plaintiff. Glenn & McFadden for defendant. The verdict of the jury was announced this morning, giving the plaintiff \$94.83, the amount sued for, without interest. This case was tried before and resulted in a mistrial. The case grew out of a division of a premium on exhibits made at the fair in Augusta several years ago by sundry parties in this county. A check was sent Mr. Love for the amount of the premium. He then gave Mr. Hardin his check for Mr. Hardin's share of the premium, but when he sent on the check to the fair association, it was not honored, coming back with the endorsement that party had no money in the bank. Mr. Love then demanded of Mr. Hardin the amount paid him. The defense claimed that had Mr. Love exercised due diligence he could have collected the premium, and was therefore responsible for it. The court is now engaged in trial of the case of S. M. Burdell, administrator, against the Southern railway for damages. This is in behalf of the Negro child that Miss Rosborough lost her life trying to save, at Lewis Turnout. There is a case on the calendar for damages against the railroad in the case of Miss Rosborough. The Cotton Growers' association of Chester met Saturday, according to the call of the president. No action was taken except to call for the organization of clubs over the county. A resolution pledging the members to reduce acreage was tabled, on motion of Mr. C. T. Minors, who stated as his reason that he was unwilling to bind himself to reduce the acreage of his cotton crop, while his neighbors were free to plant as much as they pleased. It is remarkable that although the resolution was tabled, those present stated that they had already reduced their own acreage, so that the pledge could not have hampered them. At a meeting of citizens gotten together on short notice in Superintendent Knox's office yesterday afternoon, Mayor Hardin was called to the chair and J. T. Bigham acted as secretary. The object of the meeting was to arrange for the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest, to be held in Chester on the 19th instant. It was resolved to appoint a committee to take charge of the whole matter. Following are the members of the committee: J. T. Bigham, Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, Supt. W. H. Hand, Mr. Jos. A. Walker, Captain J. S. Withers, Captain W. H. Edwards and Mayor W. H. Hardin. The association of colleges that participate in the annual contest is composed of Clemson, Erskine, Furman, Newberry, Presbyterian college of South Carolina (Clinton), and Wofford. Three representatives from each of the colleges are connected with the contest; but each in a different capacity. There is but one contestant from each college, the other two being an officer and an executive committeeman of the association. The contest coming here by invitation of our citizens, we must, of course, entertain those connected with it, 18 in all. Of course, these will not begin to go around, and it is hoped that citizens willing to entertain will come to members of the committee voluntarily without being called upon. We hope to be able Friday to give the names of those who will represent the several institutions. Two baseball teams will be here at the same time. This committee is not charged with any duties relative to them; but we suggest that our ball players arrange to show proper courtesy to the visitors.

Reporter, April 11: Mrs. Jennie Schiff, died in Chester, Friday, 5th instant. Her illness was of nearly three years' duration and oftentimes exceedingly painful. All that a devoted husband, attentive friends and the best medical skill could do was done for her recovery. She was a sister of Mr. J. L. Simmons, Mrs. I. L. Gunhouse and Mrs. L. Samuels, of this city. She leaves a bereaved husband and two sons. The body was taken to Columbia Sunday, and interred in the Hebrew cemetery. Mrs. Nancy Jackson, wife of Mr. L. T. Jackson, of Rossville, died on the 4th instant, at the age of 74 years. Hers was a devoted Christian life. Funeral service was held by Rev. E. H. Beckham, buried in Ebenezer churchyard. Mrs. Alonzo Tanner, formerly Miss Hattie West, of Chester, died in Spartanburg on the 8th instant. Mr. W. H. Abell died at his home in Lowrysville on the 5th of April, at the age of 62 years, from grip. Mr. Abell was a gallant Confederate soldier and an excellent citizen. A wife and several children survive him. The Cotton Growers' association met at the court house on Saturday, the 6th instant, President P. L. Hardin in the chair, and J. S. Withers, secretary. After discussion by Messrs. R. O. Atkinson, J. M. Hough, J. W. Means, C. T. Minors, E. A. Ragsdale and others, the following resolution, offered by J. W. Means, was adopted: Resolved, That at this meeting a committee of one from each township be appointed to organize a farmers' club either in each township or in any community in Chester county, and each club organized to send one delegate to any meeting called by its county chairman to transact any business presented to the meeting. The following were appointed on the committee: Baton Rouge—R. O. Atkinson; Blackstock—T. J. Cunningham; Chester—J. G. L. White; Halsellville—Alexander Wise; Hazelwood—J. T. McMill; Landsford, C. T. Minors; Lewisville, J. R. Reid; Rossville—B. A. Ragsdale.

GASTON. Gastonia News, April 9: The King's Mountain band has been re-organized and is now hailed as King's Mountain Cornet band with the following officers: W. A. Ridenhour, president; R. Lee Falls, vice president; R. L. Mauney, secretary and treasurer; J. B. Thomasson, leader. The board of directors are R. J. Mauney, I. B. Gordon and W. W. Harmon. Rev. J. L. Vapperman passed through to Dallas from Belmont yesterday. He reports that the express office at Belmont was broken into Sunday night and many packages were broken open, but not a great deal was taken. The burglars were evidently in search of money. They got in by prizing open a window. Rev. Joe Munday, who lectured here sometime ago and took a collection to build a home so that he could devote his time to the ministry, was placed in the lockup at Statesville Saturday for being drunk and boisterous. He braced his reputation here with his own tongue and didn't enjoy the heartiest confidence of the people. Miss Annie Barnett, of Bethel, died Friday and was buried Saturday. She was an estimable maiden lady. She lived with her sisters, Misses Mary Jane and Cynthia Barnett. She leaves relatives both in Gastonia and the Bethel section. John Carpenter, a highly respected young cotton mill operator, who was hit in the head with a rock, at Dallas, last fall, died Wednesday at Spencer Mountain. The Negro was a stranger, and was evidently a bad character, as he was in several scrapes about Dallas. He made some impudent remarks to Mr. Carpenter, who resented it in a way that was becoming, and when Mr. Carpenter went out of Jarrett's store, in which he was, the Negro hit him in the head with a rock and made his escape, and has not been caught. Mr. Carpenter lingered as a result of the blow, and finally died. Mr. Walter Mears, a brother of our townsman, S. P. Mears, had a stroke of paralysis at Asheville, Thursday, and grew worse until Sunday morning, when he died. Mr. and Mrs. Mears left on the morning train to attend the funeral. Mr. Mears was a young man, just entering the twenties, and his prospects for success in life were bright. He spent sometime with his brother here a year ago, and is remembered by many of our people. Mr. and Mrs. Mears expect to return tomorrow. Gastonia is very much interested in municipal politics, though the election is still three weeks off. There are two tickets out. The one which proposes to carry out the work projected by the present board is as follows: Mayor, W. T. Love; aldermen, Albert Rankin, V. E. Long, G. A. Gray, J. F. Love and T. L. Craig. They favor a bond issue of \$25,000 to complete and extend the waterworks and light plant, and \$15,000 for a graded school. The other ticket is as follows: Mayor, M. H. Shuford; aldermen, A. C. Williamson, J. D. Moore, J. O. White, J. L. Robinson and G. W. Reagan. They have not formulated a policy. Both the candidates for mayor are ex-sheriffs of Gaston county. The sewerage suit, which has been the cause of a considerable loss and expense to the town as well as inconvenience to many of the citizens has been compromised. The town agrees to pay \$100 damages and carry the sewer pipe through the Dixon land to the creek. The work of putting in waterworks in dwellings will now no doubt be vigorously prosecuted. Friday night Mrs. George Stegall, of the Loray, went to bed as usual. About 12 o'clock she got up and struck a match and returned to bed. Mr. Stegall asked her what was the matter and she replied that one side of her face was all drawn and then said she was going to die. She lived only about two hours. Her remains were carried to Marshville Saturday afternoon, where she was buried in the old family graveyard. She was 42 years old, and a member of the Baptist church. She leaves a husband and three children, eight having gone before her. The children are Walter, Benjamin, Floyd and Jesse, and Miss Addie, Ora, May and Nellie, who are yet at home and Mrs. Willie Miller, of Gaffney.

CHEROKEE. Gaffney Ledger, April 9: Dr. and Mrs. Fort entertained, from Tuesday until Thursday of last week, Misses Lyles and Massey, and Messrs. J. W. Dunovant and T. J. Martin, all of Chester. Wednesday evening an impromptu dance was given at Parish's hotel, complimentary to the popular visitors, in which many of the young people of the city took part. The affair was a very pleasant one and highly enjoyed by the merry makers. The visiting ladies and gentlemen have returned to their homes. B. L. Jones, of Yorkville, was among the visitors in the city Friday. The B. Y. P. U. convention is now in session in Charleston. Those who are in attendance as delegates from the First church of this city are: Misses Bessie Kendrick, Annie Johnson, Blanche Peeler, Mrs. Virgie Copeland, Birdie Crawley and H. K. Osborne, Esq. Kyle Davenport and Ernest Peeler were appointed delegates but did not go. Dr. Lodge, of Limestone college, delivered an address before the convention Sunday. The board of county commissioners met yesterday at Black's ferry for the purpose of locating a site for the new iron bridge to be placed across that

river. They fully determined upon building the bridge, and are now ready to let the contract for its erection, but, as yet no particular site has been selected. The farmers' meeting convened in the court house at 11 o'clock last Saturday. M. M. Tate was elected president and G. W. Bonner clerk. The attendance was not large, but was enthusiastic and interesting. Instructive and interesting talks were made by Prof. W. F. McArthur, I. G. Sarra, Jno. Jeffries, Jr., R. C. Sarra, President M. M. Tate and G. W. Bonner. It would have done the farmers of Cherokee county good to have listened to the talks of and suggestions that were made. Another meeting will be held in the court house on the first Saturday in May. Every farmer in the county is respectfully invited to attend.

LANCASTER. While Messrs. Hasel Witherspoon and James Rose were driving out last Friday afternoon, their horses became frightened at a black log on the roadside and ran away. Both gentlemen were thrown out of the buggy, by the horses turning suddenly and running in the opposite direction from which they were going; but fortunately neither was hurt. The vehicle, however, was smashed to pieces and the horses somewhat skinned and bruised. Mr. J. H. Thompson, ex-county superintendent of education, who has been in bad health for about a year, was operated upon for appendicitis last Friday, at his home in the Dwight section, by Dr. Pryor, of Chester, assisted by Dr. R. G. Elliott. Mr. Thompson's condition is very serious, and his recovery is considered extremely doubtful. Dr. Strait's handsome, dignified "Jim-swinger"—the one with which he graced the halls of congress, is no more. During the doctor's absence from home, the other day, his charming wife's pet monkey got hold of that fine coat and concluded to drape it for dress parade. Finding the garment several sizes too large for him however, the monkey became so enraged that he jumped on the Jim-swinger and tore it well-nigh into tatters.

There are two words in the whole range of the English language that contain all the vowels in their regular order, says London Tit-Bits. They are abstemious and facetious. The following words each have them in irregular order: Authoritative, disadvantageous, encouraging, mendacious, nefarious, precarious, pertinacious, sacrilegious, simultaneous, tenacious, unintentional, unobjectionable, unequivocal, undiscoverable, and vexatious. It is usually said that there are but seven nine-lettered monosyllabic words in English, viz.: Scratched, stretched, scrunched, scranched, screeched, squelched and stanchoned. Here are some of the short sentences into which the alphabet can be compressed: "J. G. pack with my box five dozen quills," 33 letters; "Quick, glad zephyr, waft my javelin box," 31 letters; "Phiz, styx, wright J., luck flame, quib," 29 letters; "Fritz J., quick! land! hew gypsum box," 27 letters; "Dumpty J., quiz; whirl back fogs next," 28 letters; "Export my J. fund quiz black whigs," 27 letters; "J. get nymph, quiz and brow fix luck," 27 letters; "Jove, quartz pyx, who fling muck beds," 29 letters.

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