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## BROWNFIELD, Texas.

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**Parliament.**  
The name "parliament" is derived from the French word "parler," to speak. The word was originally written "parlement," as in French, and, although the spelling has gradually changed, the pronunciation remains the same. The earliest mention of the word "parliament" in the English statutes is in the preamble to the statute of Westminster in 1272. For the origin of the institution itself we must go back to Anglo-Saxon times, when it flourished as the witenagemot. In the reign of Henry III. parliament was formally separated into the two houses of lords and commons, and the deliberations were conducted in separate chambers.

**Hindoo Moon Lore.**  
According to the Hindoos, a lunar eclipse is the contact between the moon and another planet called Rahoo, but the masses believe that, owing to the will of God, Rahoo, or the serpent-like planet, catches hold of the moon by its hideous mouth and releases it after a short time. At first contact the Hindoos bathe in the sea and anxiously await the release. After the contact they take another bath. During the interval they are not allowed even to drink a cup of water, as their belief is that all things in the world get polluted during the contact.—Singapore Times.

**Bells and the Koran.**  
It is said in the Koran that beautiful bells are hung upon the trees of paradise in such a way as to be stirred by wind from the golden throne of God whenever the blessed ones in his presence wish for music. It is to this that the author of "Tulla Rookh" refers in the lines:  
Bells as musical  
As those that on the golden shafted trees  
Of Eden, shook by the eternal breeze.

**Matches.**  
"Who are those young people in that box?" asked the man in the parquet.  
"There's Elsie Blymore and her fiance, and Mazie Rich and hers, and Belle Browne and hers. They're all to be married next month."  
"Indeed! Quite a box of matches, eh?"—Philadelphia Press.

**A Vegetable Roast.**  
Boy—Ma, I thought you said the Specks were vegetarians. Ma—So I did; they are. Boy—Well, I heard Mr. Specks tell pop that when he got home late the other night Mrs. Specks had a roast waiting for him.

**Byron and His Title.**  
Professor Masson in the first published records of the ancient grammar school of Aberdeen recounts this school legend about the poet Byron: "It was said that on his coming to school the first morning after his accession to the peerage was known and on the calling out of his name in the catalogue no longer as 'Georgi Gordon Byron,' but as 'Georgi Baro de Byron,' he did not reply with the usual and expected 'adsum,' but, feeling the gaze of all his schoolfellows, burst into tears and ran out."

**Result of Laziness.**  
"When Mark Twain was a boy at school in Hannibal," said a veteran Missourian, "the schoolmaster once set the class to writing a composition on 'The Result of Laziness.'  
"Young Clemens at the end of half an hour handed in as his composition a blank slate."

**Her Valuation.**  
"Elizabeth, has that man any expectations?"  
"Fine, mamma."  
"What do they consist of?"  
"Me."

That which is seen at a distance is most respected.—Tacitus.

G. A. HALL.

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**The Clock's Tick.**

"Not all people," said the jeweler, "like the ticking of a clock. It is a pleasant sound to most people, but not to all. Some people, clock lovers these, couldn't sleep without a clock in the same room. Its ticking is company, and it scares away the spooks. Such people would wake up if the clock should stop in the middle of the night. But there are other people who can't sleep with a clock in the same room and who, if they found themselves in a strange place anywhere with a clock in their sleeping apartment, would stop the clock before they went to bed. Of course there is much of habit in this, but we have our fancies about clocks, as we do about all things else."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**All Out of the Same Barrel.**

Three Americans traveling in the French provinces thought at dinner that they would go a little higher than the vin ordinaire included in their three franc table d'hote, and accordingly one ordered a bottle of Margaux, the second ordered Pontet Canet, and the third ordered Haut Brion. The waiter, suitably impressed with these orders, retired, but he incautiously as he retired left the door open, and thus it was that the three stupefied guests heard him give their order in these terms:  
"Baptiste, three bottles of the red." Argonaut.

**Optimistic London Gamins.**

In spite of all the compassion legitimately excited in his behalf, the London street child seldom looks on himself as an object of pity. He has an unflinching fund of good spirits, a well-developed sense of humor and a boundless capacity for getting enjoyment out of the most unpromising materials.—London Guardian.

**Unostentatious.**

"Is that all the work you can do in a day?" asked the discontented employer.  
"Well, suh," answered Erastus Pinkley, "I s'pose I could do mo', but I never was much of a hand for showin' off."—Washington Star.

**Just as Well.**

George Washington had just announced that he couldn't tell a lie.  
"Well," responded his father thoughtfully, "as long as you were going to marry a widow it wouldn't do you any good if you could."—New York Times.

**Philippine Coast Line.**

A geographical magazine makes the statement that the Philippine islands have a coast line double that of the main part of the United States. The measurement given is 11,444 statute miles, while the total area is stated as 115,025 square miles. In the Philippines there is one mile of coast line to every ten miles of area; in the United States the proportion is one to 555. It is said that 3,000 islands and islets can be counted on the charts.

**Germans Eat More Fish.**

The inhibitory measures of Germany against the importation of American cattle and meat products have greatly advanced the price of meat in the country. In consequence of this the consumption of fresh, dried and salted fish has largely increased. A Hamburg company has opened a depot and packing houses at Matarien-Menzelen, Egypt, for the curing and shipping of eels caught in the Nile and affluents.

**Temperance in Japan.**

The temperance movement which began in Japan in 1873 with a society of foreign residents of Yokohama, has grown until now there are forty-six of these societies united in a national temperance league. The league represents 3,617 members. As a result of their agitation a bill has been passed prohibiting the use of tobacco by children under twenty years of age.

END OF THE UNIVERSE.

**How It Will Come According to the Norseland Myth.**

One of the most striking of the Norseland myths is that in which is pictured the end of the universe, when all the gods of Asgard and Niflheim and the inhabitants of Jotunheim and Midgard, together with their habitations, would be destroyed. That this catastrophe would come to all the visible creation they firmly believed, for their untaught minds could not conceive of immortality.

And this is how they pictured the fearful time: Three winters would come upon the earth, one after another, without the tempering influence of a single summer. Snow would fall from every quarter of the heavens, wild storms would sweep over the earth, with tempestuous winds that nothing could withstand, and the sun would lose its heat.

Three other winters would succeed the first three, during which red visaged war would stalk over the universe, leaving blood and death in its ruthless track. Then the earth would begin to tremble in uncontrolable fear, the sea would rush from its bed, the heavens would be rent, and the eagles of the air would feast upon the still quivering flesh of multitudes of men slain without warning.

Fenris, the wolf monster, would throw off his bonds; the Midgard serpent, whose gigantic form encircled the world, would rise from its lair, and Loki, the evil genius of the universe, would desert the gods and go back among their enemies. Surtur would lead his followers to the Bifrost bridge, devouring flames before and behind them, and, having destroyed it in their passage, they would join Loki and the frost giants on the battlefield of Vrigid, where Fenris, the Midgard serpent and the hosts of Heia had already assembled.

Meanwhile Heimdall, the watchman of Asgard, the abode of the gods, would sound the alarm with the Gjallar horn, summoning the celestial cohorts to the field. Odjn, clad in all the splendor of his supreme office, would lead forth the gods in martial array. Fenris, pressing forward, would throw himself upon Odjn with a fierceness that the deity could not withstand, and the All-Father would fall, pierced with a thousand wounds from the monster's fangs.

Then Vidar, the son of Odjn, would fall like a thunderbolt upon the blood reeking wolf and avenge his celestial father's death. Thor, the all powerful, would slay, with his great hammer, the Midgard serpent, but even as the monster gave up its life its venomous breath would wreak vengeance upon the slayer, and Thor would sink down, suffocated to death.

Meanwhile Loki and Heimdall have been seeking each other, and, having met, they would fight with the fury of demons until both were slain. Thus all over the bloody field gods and giants, good spirits and evil, would meet and slay each other, and when the dreadful carnage was ended Surtur would send his fiery flames abroad, and the universe would be burned.

The sun would lose its light, the earth would disappear, the stars would fall from heaven, and time would be no more!

**The Passing of Courtroom Oratory.**

Inspiration is a lost art in the courtroom. Nowadays no true lawyer advises, prepares documents or tries a case without a careful preparation. Forensic oratory has passed away. No longer does the crowd gather in the county courthouse to listen to and be moved by the wit, pathos and eloquence of the advocate as for hours or days he addresses the jury. The courtroom may be filled, but it is largely with the ubiquitous reporters, many of whom are as destitute of tears as Sahara of water and as callous to emotion as the mummified sleepers of Egypt. No longer is it true that weeping men and women with handkerchiefs to their eyes are moved by the eloquence of counsel. Time is a pressing factor. Facts rather than eloquence is the demand.—D. C. Brewer in Atlantic.

**Histori.**

She once remarked to me, "I cannot portray vice, but I can understand and realize crime." All the more powerful passions were within her range—hatred, jealousy, remorse, revenge—but her lovmaking, except in farce, was as a rule a failure. Her mind, like her life, was so singularly crystalline that she could not understand mere vice. "I would rather be a great murderer," said she, "than a morbid, sickly fantastica, such as are, for the most part, the heroines of your modern drama."—Saturday Review.

A. R. Sibley, who was a sheep buyer of Del Rio, Texas, murdered three men. His plan of operations was to buy a herd, give a check, and when cashed meet his victim and kill and take the money. When arrested he fought desperately, was dangerously wounded and wounded two of his pursuers. His disappearance from an engagement to meet others first caused suspicion.

#### The "Missing Link."

Down in New Zealand, comparatively small as the land is, there are marvellous and bird mysteries still. The fact that there is a brand-new—last in the world—type of animal on the order of the duckbill down there. Darwin always thought that some day a veritable lizard bird (not a flying bird, but a true missing link between the birds and the reptiles) might be found there.

#### Necessity of Etiquette.

Etiquette is necessary as a sort of public dress rehearsal of that fraternal graciousness of character that recognizes the right of the other one to our consideration. Mr. Trull, the celebrated lobbyist, often said: "If it were not for women, men would soon revert to barbarism." So much for social form with civility, cordiality, sincerity and interest.

#### To Sterilize Drinking Water.

Here is the latest recipe for sterilizing drinking water. Put four drops of tincture of iodine in half a gallon of water and permit it to stand at least half an hour. By the end of that time it will be as harmless as distilled water. Many persons have not the facilities for making distilled water. Boiling it also entails a certain amount of trouble. In either case the water is flat and unpleasant to the taste. The few drops of iodine impart practically no taste to the amount of water they sterilize, and at the same time they answer every medicinal purpose.

#### To Establish City in the Plains.

Fort Worth Record.

C. W. Post is known as a doer of things and not as a dreamer of dreams, and in view of this fact that he will establish in the heart of the western plains country "a model city" sounds favorable. Mr. Post is not yet ready to outline his specific plan of establishing this city, but he states that it will come, and that before many months have elapsed. He has recently purchased the Ox-sheer ranch containing 24,223 acres, which he will add to his other holdings in Garza county.

Mr. Post is determined to have a railroad through the heart of this section, and states that he will have it if he has to build it himself. He is now negotiating with the Orient with a view of having a spur constructed from some point on this line. Just what point is best situated has not yet been decided upon, but he has had conferences with the Orient officials looking toward the construction of the line but the matter is still in embryo.

Mr. Post will be in and around Fort Worth during the entire winter and he believes that he will have concluded something definite when the roses bloom again.

C. W. Post is known all over the country as "the brook's food and grape-nut man," and is a writer and a gentleman of exceptional ability. He has built up a large trade in his breakfast food business, but what he is chiefly noted for is his opposition to the tyranny of labor unions, and having had some experience with these labor combinations when he dips his pen in ink he generally brings about some squirming. He is capable, and when he sets his head to an undertaking he always accomplishes it. Garza joins Lynn on the east side, and Lynn joins Terry.

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#### The Eternal Wilderness.

We still have our "unmansified" places. And there shall come to us a wilderness here and another there where now there is none, for everything moves in circles, which is not at all a new discovery, and the man who today laments a dearth of the wilderness may live long enough to find himself one day wielding an ax as dull as the pebble he now bewails with—and forty miles from a grindstone. We shall not remonstrate with the writers who are picturing us going to eternal smash for want of tall timber. Their work is not without its good effect in staying the denudation of our nearby recreation grounds, and we are content to watch the wily old wilderness creeping up in the rear of the advancing army of invasion, reaching out with sure, silent fingers and reclaiming her own, building anew her razed stockades and unfurling to the winds her defiant banners.—Recreation.

#### War From a Thumb Bite.

Perhaps the most portentous if innocent incident in the proceedings leading up to England's war with King Theodore of Abyssinia was—a thumb bite. The British consul was practically a prisoner at his court when Mr. Stern, a British missionary, called upon the "king of kings." The first mistake of the Englishman was to seek an audience immediately after the king had dined too liberally with his court. The second was his choosing as interpreters two utterly incompetent men. The inefficiency of this pair so angered the dusky monarch that then and there he ordered them to be beaten. Mr. Stern, "unable to bear the sight, turned around and bit his thumb." Now, he was not aware of it, but to bite the thumb is in Abyssinia a defiance and a threat of vengeance. The quick eye of the king caught the innocent menace, and he had the missionary also beaten. From that sprang the war, the defeat of the forces of the king and his death by his own hand in his ruined city of Magdala.—London Standard.

#### The Circle County.

The oddest shaped county among the thousands which go to make up the separate divisions of the various states is Warren county, Tenn. It lies almost exactly in the geographical center of the state and is about as near a perfect circle as any division of land could possibly be. The circle would be perfect but for the fact that there is a short stretch of the northern boundary line which follows a small stream for a short distance. It is bounded by Cannon, Dekalb, Coffee, Grundy, Van Buren and White counties.

The "gallus" marks the freeman and the man of genuine, unpretending culture and civilization. Your snob and your savage abhor it. In Mesopotamia the wild bashi bazuok wears a belt; in Yucatan the Indian wears a girdle of shark's teeth; in Senegambia the shameless cannibal sports a gunny sack; in Atlantic City some years back the dudes used to wear sashes. But find a man who when he throws off his coat to begin his daily toil lays bare a pair of heavy sky blue galluses and you'll find a man who pays his way in the world, loves his wife, rears his children in the fear of the Lord and votes the straight ticket. The "gallus" is useful. It is graceful, and properly adorned with hand painted flowers and brass buckles it is beautiful. To be ashamed of it, to conceal it or to abandon it for a somber leather belt is to fall in an essential of true manhood and fly in the face of fate.—Baltimore Sun.

#### The Unicorn.

The unicorn was one of the fabled monsters of antiquity. It was, according to a summary of the opinions of several of the old time writers, a beast about the size of a common horse, but with very short legs. The people of the middle ages believed in the existence of three kinds of unicorns—the magnificent white unicorn, which had a purple face and blue eyes and a single horn a yard in length; the eglisserion, which resembled a gigantic deer and had a very sharp horn growing from the middle of the forehead, and the monoceros, or common unicorn. The white unicorn's horn was of three different colors—white at the lower part, black as ebony in the middle and red at the point. Common unicorns were said to have had horns about eighteen inches in length, but so strong that they could easily kill an elephant.

#### Clock Inscriptions.

In former times it was the custom of clockmakers to inscribe on the dial plates of their clocks quaint verses, one of the most common being the following:  
I serve thee here with all my might  
To tell the hours by day, by night.  
Therefore example take by me  
To serve thy God as I serve thee.  
Another favorite inscription was "Tempus Fugit" or "Time Flies," and thereby hangs a tale. A well known English clockmaker who flourished toward the close of the last century, on being asked by a customer whether a certain clock was of home manufacture, replied: "Oh, certainly. Don't you see the name, sir—Tummas Fugit? I often have his clocks through my hands."

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We hope that the young couple that climbed the back of an elephant in Fort Worth recently to get married, will be able to stick to their vows.

**Hard Lot of Moorish Women.**  
Feminine Moors are generally absolutely ignorant of their age. Among Moorish women this is a point of honor, but it is really no affectation, for as their birthdays are never celebrated in any manner the passage of the years is far less noticed than it is with us.

**Big Money in Hens.**  
Last year hens produced \$144,000,000 worth of eggs; fowls of all kinds in this country are worth \$36,000,000. Besides the egg production there were chickens for eating to the value of \$2,36,000,000. To sum up, the hen is a 400 per cent investment.

**Prevents Blow Holes.**  
For producing steel castings free from blow holes, M. Meslan advises adding an alloy of aluminum and calcium to the molten metal. He has found that the combination of these two metals absorbs all gases present.

**Isthmian Travel.**  
In a year nearly 100,000 persons traveled the forty-seven miles of railway across the isthmus.

**Snakes Kill Thousands.**  
In India nearly 25,000 people die every year as a result of snake bites.

**Bird Sanitariums.**  
Even birds have entered the business of being professionally ill, and have triumphantly scaled the heights of drugs, doctors, and sanitariums. The bird sanitarium is a fact. Canaries and parrots are its mainstays but besides them are many commoner invalids from wood and meadowland. There are between 500 and 700 patients, and in the boarding house connected with the sanitarium about 4,000 guests.

**Be Cheerful if You Can.**  
Give the friend you meet a mile and a cheery word as you pass along. Unless your troubles are urgent and you are looking to him for aid do not volunteer a recital of your worries. He has troubles of his own. Talk on pleasant things. Have confidence in the present and faith in the future. No body cares to hear your misgivings or your predictions of worse things than are to come.

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**When Loubet Retires.**  
M. Abel Combarien, secretary general to President Loubet of France, is quoted as saying in a recent interview: "At the expiration of the period of seven years in which he was elected, the president will step back into the ranks. He is a plain citizen, whom the people have raised to office for a given time, but he would consider it contrary to the spirit of the constitution for him to take advantage of his present position in order to secure re-election."

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For the County of Terry and the unorganized County of Yoakum attached to Terry for judicial purposes of the 6th Judicial District meets in the town of Brownfield, Terry County, on the 3rd Mondays after the first Mondays in January and June and may continue in session two weeks.

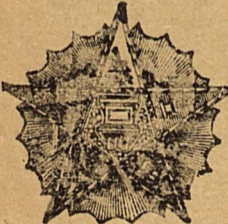
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An Odd Italian Custom.

A New Year's method employed by the Italian peasant girl to learn what Hymen has in store for her is to stand in the doorway of her home facing the road and kick off one of her slippers with sufficient force to send it backward over her head and back into the room. If the slipper falls on the sole, the toe pointing toward the door in which the girl stands, she takes it as an omen that before the new year dies she shall have walked out of her parents' home and entered another house as its mistress and as a bride.

Recklessness and Carelessness of Mankind

Railroads, That Mankind Ought to Know How to Handle, Killed 9,000 and Crippled 82,000 Persons Last Year--Too Much Commercialism.

At a station called Lawyers, in West Virginia, Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern Railway Co., and seven others attached to his suite, were sleeping quietly in the private car of Mr. Spencer, which was fastened to the rear of a passenger train. It was necessary to adjust something at the coupling and the train was stopped on the main track, and while thus engaged another fast passenger train came plunging along and ran into Spencer's car killing him and six others instantly, and wounding a dozen others. Those killed their bodies were mangled, bruised and burned almost beyond recognition. Here is an instance of an unnecessary or avoidable tragedy, by a little thought used properly at the right time. However, in this case, the conductor and engineer took the "risk" and missed connection. The amount of lives lost annually, by the railroads of this country at present, will far outnumber those sacrificed by the armies of King George III during the bloodiest period of the Revolutionary War, and those crippled will outnumber the armies on either side in that strife—annually. Railroad officials are human, they undertake too much, they run too great risks; they are generally men of a daring, nervy nature, and when they see something especially brilliant or risky accomplished they want to lay it in the shade by something little more so—that is the spirit of young America. However, railroads are built for cold, methodical commercial purposes and are not supposed to be experiment contrivances to see how close you can come to killing a patron without doing it. Primarily, the great fault of such appalling accidents is with the public itself. In about every state laws have been made more or less stringent as to rates of passengers and freight, locally, at least. But there is a great traffic to be gained from the general public that can be diverted to their lines by a little extra inducement: this is so much gain. They want to do a little bit too much, and they generally do it. Railroads should not be allowed to cut rates to get patronage; the government should regulate speed and number of trains, also have an inquisitorial right to know all orders, and a right to countermand and stop every wheel if one life can be saved. One hundred thousand lives, almost, 9,000 killed, and 82,000 crippled last year in railroad accidents, this beats the 6-shooter, automobile, the kerosene stove and servant-girl, and it really throws in the shade any regular army in the world, except Russia, for its killing record.

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Mistakes of Candidates.

A candidate can defeat himself, but it takes several to pull down another fellow. But the average candidate makes the mistake of thinking he can beat a rival as easily as himself—a grievous blunder, which often passes into a political crime under Talleyrand's definition.

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The Island of 'Robinson Crusoe' is Still Above Water

Every Boy That Has Read That Story Will Be Pleased to Learn That the Earthquake didn't Catch It.

Sometime ago it was announced that the island of Juan Fernandez, off the coast of South America, had been shaken by an earthquake beneath the waves of the sea, sometime last August. From later information it is found that the island is as it always has been. This is the island that DeFoe, during Queen Anne's reign, wrote his celebrated "Robinson Crusoe" story, that has charmed both old and young for several generations. This story was founded on the fact that Alexander Selkirk, an English sailor, got out of favor with the administration or the captain he was sailing with, who, did what was common in those days, "marooned" him, that is, he set him on shore with a hatchet, gun, some ammunition, and a little food, and left him to his own meditations: they used to do that way instead of hanging a

fellow. Well, Mr. Selkirk meditated about four years all to himself, when another ship came along, and took him up, and this time he stuck to the administration and got back to England, where he met DeFoe, who was a writer of a vivid imagination, and who happened to be out of jail at that time. DeFoe was not always on the soft side of the administration himself, and spent many days playing cheekers with his nose, for he could and would tell and write the truth sometimes, especially when the administration was against him. However, as Selkirk was somewhat of a liar himself, and DeFoe was a Grand Master in the art, these two worthies managed to get up a book, that as time goes by, becomes more interesting. However, the world is pleased to learn that "Robinson Crusoe's" island is not submerged.

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A Few Political "Let Downs"

In the Recent Election That Has a Very Chilly Effect on Tariff "Stand Patism" and the Man that squeezes the "Dollar" too Tightly.

There has been a few political "let downs" that has come to light since the last election that is a little out of the ordinary one. The first is that of State Senator Morton, a democrat of Missouri, who represented a District that usually gave him 4,000 majority, and has been a Missouri legislator for 20 years. Lately he has been a corporation man and secretly opposed Folk; this year he was instrumental in getting Bryan to make a speech for him at Carrollton, that State. However, when the votes were counted, it was found that he was elected to stay at home by 3,000.

can Congressman, who has represented his district for 16 years and who is chairman of the Ways and Means, District of Columbia, and one or two other important committees, and who has been considered heretofore invincible, has also been given an invitation to stay at home and attend to his private affairs, by putting a democrat in his congressional boots. Babcock lost his grip on his district by chasing after the Almighty Dollar too close; as chairman of the District of Columbia Committee he had too many opportunities to let money stick to his fingers in handling the appropriations.

This Is a "Set Up"

A Humble Baker of New York State Will Handle Its Finances.

A Mr. Hauser, a gentleman who conducted a bakery in New York City, was nominated and elected State Treasurer of that commonwealth by the democratic party, and has announced that he will continue to conduct his bakery up to the time that he must qualify for his office, when he will be found handling the State "dough."

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