

**What the Corn Juice Flows.**  
My son, afore you leave your home I want ter say to you,  
That's lots of pitfalls in the world to let young roosters through.  
O keep a padlock on your mouth and skin your weather eye.  
But never advertise yourself as being monstrous 'ny.

Don't run to dress—of all the sorts with which the world is strewed.  
The most consarned useless thing is what they call a hood.  
An' don't be 'tough' an' wear your hat a tilted on your nose.  
An' don't be overloading.

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I know you think I don't know much, but take a fool's advice.  
An' never go to a saloon to play at cards or dice.  
For, tho' I don't hold play at cards itself is any crime.  
I know those bar-room games use up a heap of cash an' time.  
An' every little while, you know, the regular drinks will come.  
Until your head goes swimmin' on a reservoir of rum.  
Sometimes you'll jaw about the game, and likely come to blows.  
For ye don't know what will happen.

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They say the wise man takes his drink and goes about his biz.  
Tho' I think he's a wiser one who lets it be whar he likes.  
Still, bar-room talk an' such does more than drink ter spoil a man.  
For the mind absorbs more poison than the stomach ever can.  
So of ye will indulge, my lad, don't hang about the bar.  
But down your booze an' plank your dunes an' get away from thar.  
For learnin' liquor-men themselves, thar's no one ever rose.  
That made it his headquarters.

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I s'pose this kinder talk from me may sound a little odd.  
But as how I've allus drank my share of forty-rod.  
But if I had to live again the years that's passed an' gone  
I'd undertake to organize a temperance club of one.  
For now that you are leavin' home ter steer yer own canoe,  
Some theories I have allus held is sorter fallin' through.  
An' I feel a good deal better of my son afore he goes.  
Would boycott all the places.

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—Harper's Weekly.

**CURRENT TOPICS**  
The wife of a prominent farmer and politician of Pennsylvania gave birth yesterday to a squawlette of babies. This is the kind of an infant industry that needs pep.

The late King of Portugal was a corpulent man of 50, with a dark complexion and a grave face. An American who saw him recently says he bore a striking resemblance to ex-President Cleveland. His son, who succeeds him as Carlos I., is very different from the father physically, being very light in complexion. He is an ambitious young man, not possessing the quiet scholarly tastes of the late Luis. He is anxious to become prominent in European politics. In all his mental characteristics he more resembles his mother than his father.

Hon. C. E. FRASER, chatting with a Brockville Recorder representative about court matters, stated that he had not accepted a brief in a criminal case, since the time he entered the Ontario Cabinet. When Mr. Fraser was handling cases of a criminal nature he had the reputation of being one of the cleverest lawyers in that line in Canada, and no doubt had he continued that practice would have been very much better off to-day. Politics has a fascination for those who follow it, but with men of the stamp of Mr. Fraser, and some other prominent men on both sides, it is a losing game financially.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught leave India in March next and will return home by way of Ceylon, China, Japan and Canada, probably arriving in England in June. It will be six years on November 26th since His Royal Highness first took a divisional command in India. This he held until September 26th, 1885. He went out again in September, 1886, to take up a divisional appointment, and has been commander-in-chief of the Madras army since December 14th, 1886. It will be ten years in May next since His Royal Highness became a general officer, and twenty-two in June since he joined the Royal Engineers as a subaltern.

The supply of natural gas in the Pittsburgh district is not inexhaustible; in fact, the gas is already too scarce to meet the demand. This state of affairs was first noticed the latter part of last winter, but the coming of warm weather relieved the pressure for domestic purposes, and nothing was heard of a shortage during the summer months. But with the first appearance of a change of temperature this fall the trouble recommenced in an aggravated form. The last move of the natural gas companies has been to ask the big mills to run only at night, when the demand upon the fuel for other purposes would be light. Many of the establishments have decided to return to the use of coal, and some have already done so.

LESS than fifteen years ago the different branches of the Presbyterian family in Canada entered into union. None of all who took part in the services of that memorable 15th of June, 1875, expected better results than have been actually achieved. Their fears have been disappointed and their hopes amply realized. In regard to finance, the income has risen from \$22,000 in 1876 to \$1,942,000 in 1888. These figures indicate a vast amount of activity in missions at home and abroad, in educational work, in congregational work. Since the union large additions have been made to the number of Presbyteries, indicating the vastness of the field occupied. There are Presbyteries of Columbia, Regina, Brandon, Calgary, Edmonton, and others, names of which little or nothing was known fifteen years ago.

**GATES AT CROSSINGS.**  
Continued Trials Confirm the Stability of a Baltimore Invention.  
At the trial of the Toulmin electrical gates on the 4th instant at the Woodbrook station, Maryland Central Railroad, a single track road, says the Baltimore News, it was shown that the gates were closed by the train when distant from the crossing a quarter of a mile or more, and were opened again automatically by the train while going over the crossing; that when the gates were up or forward over the crossing without interfering with them. Also, that the gates were closed only by trains going towards the crossing and were not operated by trains after they had passed it. It was also demonstrated that the electrical connections are exceedingly simple, and of a character to act perfectly under all conditions of the weather, and at any rate of speed at which the cars might be going. It was admitted by the railroad engineers and officials present that the invention is a practical success, and that the fearful loss of life at railroad crossings, amounting to an average of 360 persons a year, might be prevented by the general adoption of these gates by railroads throughout the country. The gates at Woodbrook station have been in successful operation for the past four or five weeks.

**Who Owns the United States?**  
In spite of the rapid increase in the number of millionaires in the United States in recent years, the popular notion is that wealth is yet very much more evenly distributed in this country than in England. Mr. T. G. Shearman, a well-known New York statistician, has been engaged for some time in collecting facts, and showing as precisely as possible the proportion of the wealth of the country held by a few rich men and families; and he finds a greater concentration of wealth here than in any other country. The results of his investigation will appear in the *Forum* for November, from advance sheets of which the following facts are taken. Mr. Shearman makes the following enumeration of owners of more than \$20,000,000 each:

- \$150,000,000—J. J. Astor, Emory Church.
- \$100,000,000—G. Vanderbilt, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, Leland Stanford, J. D. Rockefeller.
- \$70,000,000—Estate of A. Packer.
- \$60,000,000—John I. Blair, estate of Charles Crocker.
- \$50,000,000—Wm. Astor, W. W. Astor, Russell Sage, E. A. Stevens, estate of Moses Taylor, estate of Brown & Ives.
- \$40,000,000—P. D. Armour, F. L. Ames, Wm. Rockefeller, H. M. Flagler, Powers & Weightman, estate of P. Goetz.
- \$35,000,000—C. P. Huntington, D. O. Mills, estate of T. A. Scott, J. W. Garrett.
- \$30,000,000—G. B. Roberts, Charles Pratt, Rosa Winslow, E. B. Clegg, Charles Spreckels, A. Belmont, R. J. Livingston, Fred Weyerhaeuser, Mrs. Mark Hopkins, Mrs. Hesty Green, estate of S. V. Harkness, R. W. Coleman, I. M. Singer.
- \$25,000,000—A. J. Drexel, J. S. Morgan, J. P. Morgan, Marshall Field, David Dowd, J. G. Fair, E. T. Gerry, estates of Gov. Fairbanks, A. T. Stewart, A. Schermerhorn.
- \$22,500,000—O. H. Payne, estates of F. A. Drexel, I. V. Williamson, W. F. Weld.
- \$20,000,000—F. W. Vanderbilt, Theo. Havemeyer, H. O. Havemeyer, W. G. Warden, W. P. Thompson, Mrs. Schenley, J. B. Haggin, H. A. Hitchins, estates of W. Sloane, E. S. Higgins, C. Tower, Wm. Thaw, Dr. Hostetter, Wm. Sharon, Peter Donohue. These 70 names represent an aggregate wealth of \$2,700,000,000, an average of more than \$37,500,000 each. Mr. Shearman's conclusion is that 25,000 persons own one-half the wealth of the United States; and that the whole wealth of the country is practically owned by 250,000 persons, or one in sixty of the adult male population; and he predicts, from the rapid recent concentration of wealth, that under present conditions 50,000 persons will practically own all the wealth of the country in thirty years—or less than one in 500 of the adult male population.

**What Emin Looks Like.**  
Colonel H. G. Prout, in the November "Scimitar," gives the following pen picture of Emin Pasha, whom he knew about thirteen years ago: "In person Emin is a slender man of medium height and tough and wiry figure. He is swarthy, with black eyes and hair. His face is that of a studious professional man, and that impression is heightened by the glasses he always wears. His attitudes and movements are, however, very alert. He stands erect with his heels together, as if he had been trained a soldier. He was always reticent about himself, and his history was known to no one in the Sudan or the provinces of the Equator. He was supposed to be a Mohammedan. I am not sure that he ever said that he was, but I am quite sure that he did not deny it when I knew him. It has become known later that he is German, of university education; but there were many at that time who thought he was a Turk of extraordinary acquirements. He is certainly a man of great abilities in many ways, and of strong character."

**Red Headed Printers.**  
The London *Printer's Register* asserts the existence of an ancient aphorism to the effect that red-headed printers are always the fastest. The *Troy Press* never heard of this natural law before but declares that red-headed compositors are remarkable for their rarity. Our own observation has led to the conclusion that the red-headed ones lead all the others in their modest, shrinking ways and religious fervor.—*Buffalo Courier.*

The *Canadian Force*, of Halifax, proposes that 1892 will see a prohibitory law. Let us all unite in helping on the good time.  
—No lawyer worth his salt ever takes the will for the deed.  
—The police judge has got his business down to a fine art.  
In courtship's days I used to think Her sweetest of all missed. And that her darling little mouth Expressly framed for kisses.  
But after marriage I soon found When conversation holding To wit, for vigorous scolding.  
E. Ellingers, who came from Havana via New York to Key West, Fla., is ill with yellow fever, and quarantine restrictions have been resumed.

**TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.**  
The October term of the Supreme Court opened yesterday.  
Two hundred fugitives from Crete have taken refuge at Syra.  
The death is pronounced of the Earl of Orkney, also Mr. John Ball, F.R.S.  
It is expected that the Dominion Parliament will meet the last week in January.  
It is now stated that the missing Mexican bonds were not stolen, but were mislaid.  
Lieut. Gravenreuth, of Capt. Wisemann's expedition, has dispersed Chief Bushiri's forces.  
The barge Condor, laden with grain, is aground in the main channel at the Galop Rapids.  
Wm. Mayne, a prisoner at the Central, Toronto, hanged himself in his cell Monday evening.  
C. G. Crickmore, a well-known lawyer of Windsor, has disappeared, and no trace of him can be found.  
The Central American Congress has approved the basis for the union of the Central American States.  
One of the men on trial for the murder of Inspector Martin at Gweedore has been convicted of manslaughter.  
It is reported that one of the suspended Kingston post office clerks will be reappointed to a Government office.  
A convict named Lepage, under sentence for two years for passing counterfeit coin, escaped on Monday from Kingston Penitentiary.  
According to Mr. Charlebois the Great Northwest Central Railway Company will build two or three hundred miles of road next year.  
Samuel Letters, who shot Fred Logan, of Napanee, on July 20th with intent to kill, has been arrested and will stand his trial at Napanee.  
Charles Bradlaugh, the political and social reformer and member of the English House of Commons, is very ill, and it is feared he is dying.  
Wm. McMillan was arrested in Toronto yesterday charged with being the forger of the fraudulent cheques made out in favor of City Treasurer Coady.  
The steamer Vulcan attached to Captain Wisemann's expedition, has been wrecked on the East African coast. The natives killed a number of the crew.  
Thirteen men, all sailors, have been sentenced at Aachen for smuggling corn into Germany. Their operations during the past year aggregated hundreds of tons of grain.  
Servia has abolished the Servian Consularships in Germany, and entrusted all her consular business to the Russian Consuls. A Servian Consul has been appointed at Moscow.  
The Laval-Victoria trouble is now at an end, all the Victoria school students have come to terms, and the regular courses of the new school were proceeded with peacefully yesterday.  
Ernest H. Adams, an employe of Hy. V. Shinner, agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in New York, has been arrested on a charge of committing forgeries to the amount of \$2,500.  
The National Missionary Convention of the Christian (Campbellite) Church is in session in Louisville, Ky. Six hundred delegates from the United States and Canada are attending it.  
A youth named Cranker, of Rockport, is said to have shot his father out of revenge, because his parent put a bullet through a dog which the boy insisted on taking with him on hunting expeditions.  
The election to fill the vacancy in the Quebec Legislature for Joliette county takes place to-day. Mr. Bazinet is the local Ministerial candidate. Mr. O. Perrault represents the Conservative interest.  
It is stated that during the last voyage of the Umbria from Liverpool to New York a fireman was accidentally roasted to death in the engine-room, and that he was buried at sea without any entry being made in the log.  
Special Auditor Munro, the Toronto accountant, engaged to audit the books of Treasurer Wright, of Essex county, has presented a statement to the council showing that the county owes the treasurer \$11,272.36.  
The Earl of Leven and Melville died yesterday from the effects of injuries received in a recent carriage accident. The deceased Scotch peer was born in 1817 and succeeded his father in 1876. His half-brother, Ronald Rutherford, born in 1835, succeeds him.  
Edward Maloney has been arrested at Kingston for robbing Archibald Campbell's house at Marysville. A Deseronto newspaper man learned the description of the thief, found him on the train, and on arrival at Kingston had the fellow turned over to the police. He has been identified.  
The second biennial conference of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States and Canada began yesterday afternoon at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association at Baltimore. Mr. C. E. Beebe presided. Delegates were reported from 50 associations, an increase of twelve during the past two years. About 100 delegates are in attendance.  
A colored man named Charles Taylor, was arrested at London yesterday, charged with aggravated assault committed in 1885 on a barber named Williams, also a colored man. The two quarrelled at a dance, and in the melee Taylor bit off a portion of Williams' tongue. Taylor skipped, but he returned to London a few days ago, and Constable Crawford nabbed him this morning.  
The Bossiere line of steamships have taken an action in Montreal against Robert Bickard for \$4,839. Defendants had taken all the space for cattle on the wrecked steamer *Geographical* for the above-mentioned sum, and as the bill of lading read that the freight was to be paid "lost or not lost," the present action is taken as a test case to ascertain whether a claim can be instituted under such conditions.  
Mr. Gladstone made an address on Saturday, in which he contrasted the workman's position to day with that of fifty years ago, showing that during the half century there has been an increase of 50 per cent. in

wages, while clothing and food are both better and cheaper.  
Capt. Wisemann, desiring to purchase gunpowder, made application to the Zanzibar Government, which refused to supply him unless its demands for the restoration of certain buildings, which it alleges the German East Africa Company occupied without leasing or paying rent for them, were complied with.  
On Friday afternoon some little boys were playing on Queen street, Toronto, at the corner of Morse street. One of their number, a small boy called Edmund Ouge, living at 5 Russell place, was knocked down by a street car, which ran over his legs, severing them from his body. Drs. Burgess and Doolittle performed an operation on the little fellow, but his recovery is doubtful.  
As before reported, the schooner George T. Simmons, of Camden, N. J., was wrecked off False Cape, 30 miles south of Cape Henry, in the storm of last Wednesday night. When the vessel was first seen sunk in the breakers by the life savers, on Thursday morning five men were lashed in the rigging. One by one the doomed men have been swept away into the sea. Last night two were left, and at sunset this evening only one remained, and undoubtedly he will share the fate of his shipmates.  
The residence of ex-Mayor Ballard, of Lexington, Mo., was burned Tuesday night. Mrs. Ballard, who was of unsound mind, perished in the flames.  
Acting Secretary Batcheller has appointed Milton M. Holland, of Washington, to be chief of a division in the Second Auditor's office. Mr. Holland is a well-known colored lawyer.  
Herr Freytag's book about the late Emperor Frederick is creating a sensation in Berlin.  
Pearce, recaptured jail-breaker, was brought back to Toronto on Saturday morning.  
At the Brockville Fall Assizes all the criminal cases, seven in number, resulted in acquittals.  
The Doty Engine Works Company of Toronto, propose to establish a ship-building yard at Collingwood.  
Mr. Wm. Mosgrove, who was recently appointed Junior Judge of Carleton county, was banished by the Ottawa bar on Saturday night.  
Mr. A. H. Musgrove, of Whitechurch, was nominated on Saturday for the Local Legislature by the Conservative Convention of Essex Huron.  
An Indiana widower, for demonstrating too soon his belief that marriage was a success, was hanged in effigy. He married again two weeks after his first wife's death.  
The Forth bridge has stirred the engineering world so that Schneider & Co., the great French iron makers, have prepared a design for a channel bridge from Dover to Calais. The length is twenty-four miles and the number of piers proposed to be built in the sea is 120.  
It appears that the action of the Andersons in dropping the fast Atlantic mail contract was caused by the Dominion Government's withdrawal of railway privileges.  
Archbishop Walsh has decided to assume his new dignity and new duties on the 27th November. He will reach Toronto on that date. Previously he will pay a visit to Baltimore.  
It is supposed that the man who was arrested at Reading, Pa., on Friday, charged with passing forged cheques, is Tascott, the murderer of millionaire Snell, of Chicago.  
The press insists that the Mexican government demand of the United States an explanation of Mr. Minzer's remarks referring insultingly to Mexico on presenting his credentials as Minister to Costa Rica.  
The Peterborough lumbermen are greatly perturbed over the intention of the Government to enforce the regulations requiring them to get rid of their sawdust otherwise than by dumping it into the river.  
The Grand Duke Nicholas, once a regal high-roller, after being stripped of all control of his estates and interests by his nephew, the Czar, is now corroding under a malignant cancer in the head. He is such a dismantled wreck that he is only sustained by injections, and wearily waits in a darkened room, from which even his immediate family is rigidly excluded, the happy moment when the cancer shall have eaten through his caroid and he can bleed to death.  
Alexander Somerville, Chief of the Money Order Branch of the Postoffice Department at Washington, and Judge Arthur T. Reeve, Chief of the Second Division of the Department of Agriculture, are dead.  
A despatch from Chicago, on Saturday, to Mr. Hugh Thompson, of Toronto, who was at one time a partner of the brewing firm of Thompson & Allen, briefly conveyed the news that his son Hugh had been killed while walking on the railway track.  
The Ottawa *Free Press* (Liberal) believes Minister Foster is about to retire from politics in the comfortable security of the St. John, N. B., collectorship and \$3,000 a year. He will probably be succeeded in the portfolio of Finance by Sir Samuel Tilley.  
Landladies are famous gossips; they pay great attention to roomers.  
Mr. Bradlaugh is reported convalescent. Johnstown is in danger of being flooded again.  
Bobacogon has purchased a Waterloo fire engine.  
The vice-regal party reached Vancouver yesterday.  
Bradlaugh has recovered and contemplates taking a sea voyage.  
Kingston druggists have organized for the promotion of sobriety.  
Mr. Goschen, son of the British chancellor of the exchequer, is in British Columbia.  
—Time flies, yet the orchestral leader sits still and beats time.  
A Rome despatch says that the Russian Government has conceded most of the Vatican's demands, and that seven Russian bishops will soon be appointed.  
George Clute, the Brockville bigamist, was sentenced to six years in the Penitentiary.

**Very Likely.**  
Johnny—I wonder why I can't make my kite fly?  
Elder sister—Perhaps the caudal appendage is disproportionate to the superficial area.  
"I don't think that's it. I believe there isn't weight enough on the tail."  
**Would Suit Either Case.**  
Book Agent—Going from books to babies, madam, that's a fine youngster. Allow me to congratulate you.  
Young Woman—Sir, that baby is not mine!  
Book Agent—I repeat, madam, allow me to congratulate you.  
**A Great Undertaking.**  
Mrs. Twitter—Oh, dear, another electrical accident! When will the wires go under ground, I wonder?  
Mr. Twitter—After the electricians have prepared the way for them, my dear.

It has often been reported that the British army is largely composed of undersized boys instead of stalwart men, but the returns do not bear out these statements. Of 202,761 men only 11,569 are under 19 years of age, while 34 per cent. are over 5 feet 8 inches in height.  
The gross value of Piggott, the informer's, estate amounts to \$5,025.  
—The onion trust is wearing weeds—hence those weeps.

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**South Dakota's Capital.**  
Pierre is a fine, well-located town of about 5,000 people and six banks, full of enterprise and activity, and before the capital boom set in had been waiting eagerly for the opening of the great Sioux Reservation on the opposite side of the river. It is comparatively a few years since a couple of Chicago young men who learned of its situation conceived it an opportunity to make money, and they spent their last penny in the purchase of a carload of stoves and hardware. When it reached Pierre they had nothing left to pay the freight bill with, but they saw an amiable-looking old fellow on the street and they told him their story. He went with them to the depot, paid their bill of \$250, and they established themselves in a shabby corner, and were soon doing a rushing trade, at a profit of about 800 per cent. In those days the aristocracy of Pierre and its ruling element were all saloon keepers. But the scenes that then made it a terror to all peaceably disposed persons had so completely disappeared before the present excitement set in that for half a year there had not been a single prisoner in the handsome jail until a "drunk and disorderly" was locked up a few days ago for 60 days. Then, too, three or four years ago the people of Pierre built a poor house, but it secured only three inmates in as many years, and cost only \$150 for maintenance.—*Special to Philadelphia Record.*

**A Squallier Flavor.**  
Mr. Deeds—Thirsty? Try this water. That's another advantage of the house. That there's a splendid cistern; bound to be full when every well in the neighborhood dries up. You'll never get such a complete establishment for the money if it hadn't been for the death of the owner.  
Prospective Purchaser (stopping to expectorate)—Did you bury him in the cistern?  
**A Valuable Talent.**  
Seedy Individual—Say, can't you take me with you out West and give me a job?  
Chicago Business Man—What can you do?  
Seedy Individual—When I'm well dressed I can borrow more money on less credit than any man in the city.  
Chicago Business Man—By Jinks! Come right along. I'll take you into partnership.  
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