an inquiry in response to your advertisement it should becomé your positive duty to treat that inquiry just as you would a new friend. It may have cost you to receive that inquiry fifty cents or a dollar; it is worth your while to put as much more, if need be, with it to make the sale. I would treat that individual inquiry just as if there were no others and as though the success of my business depended upon making a sale to that particular individual. A careful following up of that new acquaintance may lead to a business friendship, profitable not only with him but with his friends and his friends' friends. Thus you see the cumulative or continued effect of good advertising. If you were to call at my office and state that you wanted to do some advertising, and I were to hand you out a cold, illy-gotten up circular, and tell you to read it, and pay no further attention to you, you would think me a poor business man and your couclusion would be just, but no more so would I be than would you if you were to receive an inquiry and not give the careful attention to it that it deserves. I know that some of the large poultry breeders expend considerable money in newspaper advertising. Some of it pays; some of it does not pay. The mystery to me has been that it pays at all when I have investigated the methods employed in the handling of it.

#### Anecdotal.

Behold the fool saith, "Put not all thine eggs in the one basket," which is but a manner of saying, "Scatter your money and your attention."
But the wise man saith, "Put all your eggs in one basket and-watch that basket."

James was always under the impression that he was a born humorist, and his friends never succeeded in convincing him to the contrary. But he has given up trying to be funny now; he says his humor was the means of losing a girl with a lot of money, and he has rever got over the blow. He explains it this way: He was courting a broker's daughter. One day he called upon her, and she happened to be at home; he considered himself fortunate, as she had been out every time he had called for a week, and he determined to make the best of his opportunity and pop the question. He found her in a room busily engaged with small bundles of dried grasses which she had collected.
"What a quantity of dried grass you have collected, Miss Ritchie," he said. Then his humor burst forth. "Nice room for a donkey to get into -"Make yourself at home, Mr. James." she said, sweetly, before he could finish the joke. He went home, and all the humor was crushed out of him for ever.

A pilot on one of the Mississippi river boats, on being asked if he knew where all the shoals and rocks in the river were, replied: "Faith, I don't; but I know where they ain't."

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