

what you were doing before, say, the battle of Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the fields, cheering on your men to deeds of valour by word and action?"

"Bah!" said the Duke, in evident scorn. "If you really want to model me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then do me crawling along a ditch on my stomach, with a telescope in my hand."

—Tit-Bits.

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When the Pendulum Swings Back

Another generation had come and gone, a generation of lofty endeavour.

"These jumbles, dearest," he was saying, reaching for the fourth with evident relish, "are just like my mother used to consider herself created for something better and higher and nobler than to make."

—Life.

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A Graceful Getaway

Mr. Makinbrakes, who had been urged to stay for luncheon, was trying to make a graceful getaway.

"Awfully sorry," he said, "and ever so much obliged, but I couldn't think of it. It's a lot of bother to have people drop in on you unexpectedly and to feel that you've got to invite them to stay and eat with you—er—just to be polite, you know—I mean that it's always a lot of bother for me, of course, particularly when—when it happens to be somebody that you don't care for anyhow—speaking of myself you understand—or perhaps I should say I don't mean myself in this particular case—well, anyhow, I have an engagement, besides, or it would afford me great pleasure, I assure you, to—to—well, good-afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Varney."

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Among the Deaths

December 13, at the home of its adopted father, Theodore Rusevelt, Washington, D.C., after ate months of sufering, Simpul Speler, beloved foster child of Androo Karnagy and Brandur Mathuse. Obseekwiz privut. Pleez omit flours.

—Philadelphia Press.

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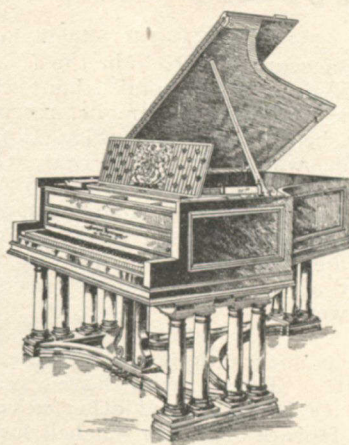
A Comprehensive Label

Newspaper humourists are managing to extract lots of fun out of a New York cablegram, published a few days ago, which stated that a man in Brooklyn was getting rich by selling labels for trunks that would make them look as though they had made all the grand tours of the world.

One paper publishes what purports to be a conversation between an American girl and a clerk in the Brooklyn trunk labeller's establishment. The clerk offers the girl a label of the Hotel Ritz, Jerusalem, for \$2, a Teheran railway label for \$1, a nice set of Indian labels for \$5, and a pretty assortment of Japanese railway and hotel labels for \$4. The girl reflects for a moment.

Then she says: "I guess what I want is just one label that will cover everything. If you can label my trunk, Around the World—Wanted in Cabin, for \$1, fire ahead."

—Argonaut.



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