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—Verse seen in a Forty-second Street car, in a brewing company's advertisement:

"As losses on bottles quickly run into coin,  
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—Evening Post.

### A Fair Athlete.

SHE could swing a six-pound dumb-bell,  
She could fence and she could box;  
She could row upon the river,  
She could clamber 'mong the rocks;  
She could golf from morn till evening  
And play tennis all day long;  
But she couldn't help her mother  
'Cause she wasn't very strong!

—London Opinion.

A Bonanza.—"What I want to see," said the reformer, "is a city that knows absolutely nothing of graft."  
"That's what I'd like to see," replied the ward politician. "Wouldn't it be a gold-mine for the right parties!"—Washington Star.

Chapter of Accidents.—Miss Samantha, the presiding genius of the kitchen, was relating her experience with an icy pavement. "Ah had an awful fall las' week," she told her friend. "Comin' from church Ah fell on de consecrated sidewalk, an' Ah wuz two hours unconscious afteh dey tuk me home."

His Reason for Delay.—That things are often a whole lot worse than they appear at first sight was demonstrated by a story told by Senator Henry Lippitt, of Rhode Island, at a recent banquet.

Some time since, according to the Senator, a man wearing an exceedingly thoughtful expression, entered the office of a lawyer.

"Mr. Smith," said he, addressing the legal light, "can I bring suit against a man for calling me a rhinoceros?"

"You certainly can," was the prompt reply of the lawyer. "When did he call you a rhinoceros?"

"Let me see," reflected the client. "It was three years ago last August."

"Three years ago!" exclaimed the astonished lawyer. "And you are just thinking of bringing suit?"

"Yes, sir," answered the client. "You see, it is this way: I never saw a rhinoceros until yesterday."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

### A Thought.

I LOVE the Christmas-tide, and yet,  
I notice this, each year I live;  
I always like the gifts I get,  
But how I love the gifts I give!  
—Life.

A Simple Remedy.—An American traveller found himself the sole occupant of a compartment in a British train, until a woman with a lorgnette entered. She gazed sternly upon the man opposite. Before seating herself she opened the carriage window and sent it down with a bang. At the next station another woman entered. As she sat down, she gave a look at the open window and shivered pathetically. Then she shot an appealing glance in the direction of the male person. "I shall be frozen to death!" she cried. "If that window is closed I shall suffocate!" retorted the woman with the lorgnette. Just then the porter came around. At the request of the second woman he began to raise the window. Then, at a furious glance from the lorgnette, he desisted. Clearly he was in a predicament. "What, sir," asked he of the man, "what would you say as 'ow I should do, sir?" "It's quite simple," said the man, as he rose to leave the train. "Leave the window as it is until one lady is frozen to death; then close it and suffocate the other."—The Argonaut.



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