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**PETER THE GREAT.**  
History Shows That the Old Rule of Russia Was a Monster.  
Years ago, when a low standard of morals prevailed, the epithet "Great" was bestowed upon any monarch who won battles and enlarged the territory and resources of his kingdom. It mattered little to the historian what might be a king's private character, provided he made his nation formidable by its brute strength and full treasury. Even if he was a bad man they eulogized him as a good ruler. Peter I. of Russia is called Peter the Great because he transformed a barbarous into a semibarbarous nation. But no one can now read the following summary of his character without a feeling of disgust. Voltaire, in his "Philosophical Dictionary," says that "Peter was half hero and half tiger." Macaulay declares that "to the end of his life he lived in his palace like a hog in a sty, and when he was entertained by other sovereigns never failed to leave unequivocal proof that a savage had been there."

Peter, when the fit was on him, literally caved everybody—from his cook to his counselor, from the meanest peasant to the highest noble—sparing neither age nor sex. He would get up from the table and fog the host who was entertaining him. He would stand at the door of the senate house and fog each senator that went in. Lefort was an intimate and trusted friend, yet on slight provocation he was knocked down and brutally kicked by his imperial master. But all this fogging was in the way of recreation. When Peter "meant business," it was a more serious matter. Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless well authenticated that one of his own sisters—it is said more than one—received 100 strokes of the whip on her back in the presence of the whole court.

In 1713 Alexis, his only son who outlived infancy, was for some offense of no great seriousness several times tortured in the presence of the diabolical father and in the end died either from the effect of the torture or by assassination. For sympathizing with Alexis the Princess Golitsyn, the bosom companion of the Empress Catherine, was publicly whipped by soldiers. For the same reason the brother of his first wife, Eudoxia—whom he had thrown into prison—was tortured and then torn in pieces on the wheel. Nothing ever told of Nero is more horribly grotesque than this, yet this man, or monster rather, is paraded before the world as Peter the Great.

**SUCCESS THOUGHTS.**  
The best in others will only come out to meet the best in you.  
The man with an idea has ever changed the face of the world.  
One reason why we do not make the most of the winning material in ourselves is because of a magnified idea of the great superiority of others who do things in the world.  
As a rule no good comes from criticizing others. Anybody can do that, but the man who can accept his own honest estimate of himself and resolve to profit by it has achieved something.  
No matter what you are doing, think your way. Don't go without thinking. Think everything out. Don't run without a schedule. Have a programme and go by it. Think! Think! Think!—Success.

**Mr. Noble's Promise Given.**  
In the early stages of his ministry the Rev. Mr. Noble preached for some time in a village in Maine. One day a committee called upon him to settle with him for his services, and, after stammering awhile, signified to him that his further services were not desired.  
"What does this mean, gentlemen?" asked the parson.  
"Why," replied the spokesman, with some hesitation, "the people have got the impression that you are inclining to universal salvation."  
"Gentlemen," answered Mr. Noble, "I never have preached that doctrine, but if I ever should I promise to make the people of this town an exception."

**Women and Pins.**  
It seemed as if it would take a whole paper of pins to mend that torn dress. The wearer appealed to her car neighbor.  
"Have you any pins?" she asked.  
The woman had none, but passed the query on, and in a little while every passenger was feeling along concealed edges and turning back lapsels. At last sixteen pins were produced. Fourteen of them were contributed by men.  
"We never need them as much as the women, but somehow we carry them and they don't," said one of the latter.

**Early Railroad.**  
In the pioneer days of railroading it was sometimes necessary for the freight conductor to run forward over the roofs of the cars to shout orders to the engineer. Traveling at night was generally avoided, though one road adopted the expedient of running ahead of the locomotive a flat car loaded with sand, on which a bonfire was kept burning as a headlight.

**Seeing Double.**  
"You brute!" exclaimed Mrs. Lushley. "It makes my blood boil to see you come home in this condition."  
"My dear," said Lushley, "you look beautiful when you're angry."  
"Indeed?"  
"Yes. Anyhow, you shert'n'tly look doubly beautiful to me just now."

**A Simple Truth.**  
Reporter—Well, to make a long story short—Editor—A good copy, reader is necessary.



**The Mammoth and the Mosquito**  
What has come to pass in thousands of years seems hardly credible. Primitive man, a weakling in comparison to modern man, was able to conquer the huge monsters of thousands of years ago, such as the mammoth, and to-day they are dead forever; yet the mosquito and fly have never been conquered. It is now time for the scientist to devise methods for killing the mosquito and fly, so that they will go to join the mammoth and the monster lizards. The mosquitoes and flies are dangerous enemies of man because they spread contagion. The mosquito often carries the germ of malaria with his bite. The housefly spreads germs of disease over our food. These bacterial germs, ever hunting for the weak spot, find a place in our blood, and then we suffer from grip, catarrh, consumption, or malaria.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., says: "There would be no grip epidemics, the germs of consumption, or malaria would find no place in the human economy, if the blood were pure, if the lungs, heart and other organs were fed in good blood. Poisons should not be allowed to accumulate in the body; to be sure it is best to take a gentle laxative at least once a week." Such a vegetable laxative as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets contains nothing which could harm the system.

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**GIRL CLERKS COLLAPSE.**  
High Pressure Causes Breakdown in the London Postoffice.

An alarming outbreak of neuritis, amounting almost to an epidemic, has occurred among the women clerks in the telegraph department of the General Postoffice.  
The outbreak is due to the large reductions in the staff which have recently taken place, and to the fact that the clerical staff of women clerks is terribly overworked and nervous breakdown.

Miss Mabel Hope, head of the women's branch of the Postal Telegraph Clerks' Association, who herself works in the telegraph department of the General Postoffice, declares that a large number of young women, who were sent from work owing to nervous breakdown.

"Ever since the introduction of what is known as the inter-communication switch," she said, "the girls have had to work at greater pressure, and cases of nervous breakdown have become much more numerous than was formerly the case."

The department especially affected is the Metropolitan Gallery. I used to work there myself, and I found that the strain was almost unbearable.

"The girls themselves perhaps are partly to blame, for while the men clerks will not do more than a certain amount of work, the women are much more industrious and work at high pressure the whole time."

"The nervous complaints from which so many are suffering principally affects the arms, causing paralysis of the muscles."

"In the case of some of the older women who have broken down in this way, the authorities have acted generously enough, and have enabled them to retire with a pension. I know of a young girl, however, who, the moment her eyesight became affected—which very likely was due to overwork—was discharged. She had only left a short time when she recovered completely, but they have never taken her back."

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**MASKINONGE ARE GREEDY.**  
Fresh Water Sharks of Canada Are Heavy Eaters—Old Stagers Weigh From 25 to 62 Pounds.

A fine maskinonge was killed in the Ottawa River not far from here lately, says a writer from Hull, Quebec. Its captor was trolling for pickerel with a bare spoon and was greatly surprised when he received a tug which nearly wrenched his arm out, followed by the peculiar shake and rush which told that a genuine old stager had taken hold. There was a good half hour of vigorous playing done before the big fellow could be brought near enough to the boat to be killed. It weighed 29 pounds and was exactly 4 feet in length over all.

Another fish, which measured half a foot more in length, was taken a few miles higher up the river on Tuesday last. It weighed 35 pounds. This one was taken in the orthodox manner, that is, upon a large spoon bait, with a triangular bit of pork on the hooks.

In both of these cases no attempt was made to get the mate, which probably was close by. It is seldom that the fish are to be found cruising alone. They tell a tale hereabouts of a splendid catch of these giants being caught upon one set of large hooks hung by a swivel from the line in such a manner that they trailed in the water about half way down the spoon. At the tail end the usual gang of hooks was attached with the bit of pork.

A 37-pound fish dashed at the bait, and got two of the hooks well set in his bony mouth. The fisherman was hauling him in, when the other, probably the female fish, seized the spoon itself, or at any rate so darted at it that it was caught in the eye socket, and securely held.

The man was alone on the lake, and was at his wit's end. As he told the tale he dragged the boat up by hauling upon his line to where the two creatures thrashed about on the surface, and, cocking his single barreled gun, held the line in his left hand while with his right he fired in the direction of his captives. His chance shot took effect, and both fish were so stunned that they could be towed into shallow water. The combined weight of the two fish was 78 pounds.

But the largest fish known to have been secured in this district was caught in a much simpler manner. Old Peter Brule speared it with a barhook, near the mouth of the Gatineau. It was basking and apparently fast asleep on the surface of the river when the old man fished it, and he was about to row up to it and lift it in for a floating log when he desisted signs of life, and instead hurled his boat hook straight at it.

A good deal of splashing ensued, but somehow or another the old river wader managed to loop a cord around his tail and to tow the great thing ashore. It was a gaunt, ugly specimen, and weighed on the paper mill scales 62 pounds. This was not, however, all maskinonge. Within the gullet of the monster was half of a partly decayed 20-pound sturgeon. With the assistance of his wife the writer once captured an immense pike with an ordinary landing net, which had another pike pretty nearly as big as himself half in and half out of his jaws.

They make a vigorous struggle for life, these powerful torpedo-shaped giants, but as they are generally caught with hand lines and by trolling, they do not break water much, but after a few fierce rushes are dragged in, swaying from side to side.

Sportsmen rejoice over the death of every one of these creatures; with how great reason was well shown in the case of one of those taken last week. This one had in its huge maw two young ducks, a large whitefish, and a two-pound trout. If this was simply an ordinary meal the annual upkeep of a big maskinonge must be a serious charge upon the water it inhabits.

**Children For Canada.**  
A meeting organized by the Fulham Board of Guardians was held at the office of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Thames embankment, to give members of their own and other boards of guardians an opportunity of meeting Mr. Boyne Smart, the Dominion of Canada Government Inspector of British children sent to Canada. The Rev. S. P. J. Probert, M. A. (chairman of the Fulham Board of Guardians), took the chair.

Mr. Smart said his visit to Great Britain was not primarily to promote the emigration to Canada of the homeless and needy in this country, but to look into the system and training in workhouses and orphanages here, and especially to visit institutions which were sending out children to Canada.

The conditions of successful emigration were high character, health, and previous training. It was obvious that a boy picked up in the street and sent straight to Canada could not do so well as one trained in a home here before being sent over.

From 1899 to 1904 the number of children sent to Canada, through the various agencies was 8,415, and during that period there were 54,740 bona fide applications, or practically seven applications for each child.

The children were well distributed over the different parts of Canada, where, as a rule, the British juveniles were treated by the Canadian farmers to whom they were indentured as members of the family, and though the farmers were democratic they held that "Jock is not as good as his master."

Many poor children drawn from the slums of the country had become prosperous citizens of Canada, some being clergymen, doctors, lawyers, and teachers. There were 13 centres in Canada where children from Great Britain were received and distributed—Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, London.

**Settled.**  
When a Scotchman answers a question he settles the matter in dispute once for all.

On a certain occasion the question was asked:  
"Why was Mary, Queen of Scots, born at Linlithgow?"

Sandy Kerr promptly answered:  
"Because her mither was staying there." And there actually seemed to be nothing more to be said on the subject.

A branch of the Royal Mint was opened at Melbourne, Victoria, on June 12, 1872.

**Western Fair**  
THE EXHIBITION THAT MADE FALL AGRICULTURAL FAIRS POPULAR  
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**Dr. Grace's Autograph.**  
Dr. W. G. Grace, the most famous cricketer in England, probably has given his autograph as often as any other celebrity. At a match not long ago he wrote his name in the notebook of a little girl. A couple of weeks later, much to his surprise, the same little lady shyly sidled up to him with the necessary documents and the request for his autograph. "But I gave it to you only a few days ago," laughingly said the veteran. "Oh," came the answer, "I changed that one for two bishops." Dr. Grace laughed heartily as he replied, "Well, my dear, if a cricketer is worth two bishops I don't believe I ought to give you another autograph. But your naivette is so delicious I suppose I must. So there you are."

**Summer Complaints.**  
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**The Canny Scot.**  
In an English railway compartment two travelers were seated, an American and a keen-eyed old Scotchman. When the guard came to take up their tickets the latter had great difficulty in locating his. He kept the official waiting so long while he rummaged through his many pockets that the ticket-taker went on his way, saying he would come back to find out the result of the search.  
When the guard had gone the American saw the lost piece of pasteboard protruding from the old fellow's mouth and promptly notified its owner, thinking it was a case of absentmindedness. Whereupon the wily Scot rejoined: "Don't you think I know it? But the ticket's a month old, and I'm a-suckin' off the date."

**His Objection.**  
Do Style—What is it you don't like about Miss Goldust?  
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