

CANDOUR IN THE HOME

"Your sister's a long time about making her appearance," suggested the caller. "Well," said the little brother, "she'd be a sight if she came down without making it."—*Cleveland Leader*.

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THE CUSTOM OF THIS COUNTRY, OR  
WHAT WE ARE COMING TO

Soon shall returning passengers  
Each don a convict suit  
The while their own are ripped apart  
In search of hidden loot.

Their heads shall doubtless all be  
shaved

That nothing there may hide,  
And X-ray pictures shall betray  
What they conceal inside.

The cabins shall be bare and plain  
That goods may not go wrong,  
And keepers shall remain on guard  
Throughout the voyage long.

And when at last they shall have sped  
Across the briny foam  
Adown the gangplank, lockstep  
marched,

The sovereigns shall come home.  
—*Brooklyn Life*.

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DIRECTIONS WANTED

In a time of distressing drought a harassed amateur agriculturist stepped into a shop to buy a barometer. The shopman was giving a few stereotyped instructions about indications and pressures, when the purchaser impatiently interrupted him.

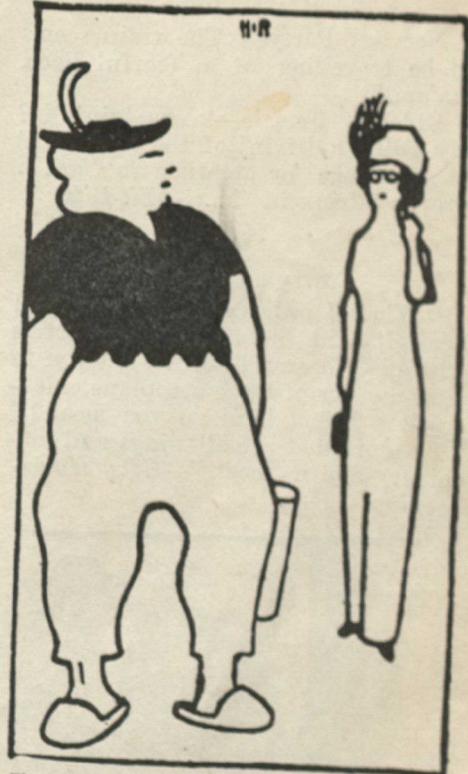
"Yes, yes," said he, "that's all right, but what I want to know is, how do you set the thing when you want it to rain?"—*Yorkshire Post*.

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TELL WELLMAN

"So you have a new idea for a dirigible balloon?"

"Yes. Make the equilibrator larger, put a motor into it, and let it pull the balloon."—*Washington Star*.



The evolution of the Harem Skirt—*Jugend* (Berlin)

REAL MODESTY

The story is told of the Rev. James Paterson, of Philadelphia, that he once said, in a circle of his brethren, that he thought ministers ought to be humble and poor, like their Master. "I have often prayed," said he, "that I might be kept humble; I never prayed that I might be poor—I could trust my church for that!"—*Argonaut*.

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CAUSES OF THINGS

Reverend Gentleman: Do you know, my friend, that half the cases of cancer are caused by people smoking those foul, dirty, short, black clay pipes?

Son of Toil: And do you know, Guv'nor, that 'alf of the black eyes are caused by folks not mindin' their own business?—*Ladies' Home Journal*.