

## The Housekeeper

A new orange-peeler is a single piece of bone, slightly bent and having a nick in one side near the end. The orange is held firmly in one hand, and with the micked side of the peeler the skin is cut around the orange. Then the curved blade is inserted under the peel of first one-half and then the other and worked gradually around in the same way that an apple is peeled. When the peel has been separated from the fruit it can easily be removed.

When you have handkerchiefs or small, delicate lace to be ironed, let them be quite wet, then spread them on glass; the window pane will do if you have no other glass. Smooth out every little crease with the fingers, and when dry they will look like new.

When making sponge cake it is a good plan to put a tablespoonful of water with the chill off it into the cake mixture directly after pouring in the eggs. This makes the cake deliciously light and spongy.

In making coconut pie or custard, soak the coconut in the milk a few minutes before adding the other ingredients.

Pretty shirred egg dishes are made to fit glass bells under which mushrooms are cooked. The bells are in all degrees of elaborateness, from plain glass to finely embossed.

Always heat plates on which you are going to put hot bread, cakes or pies. The nicest, crispiest pastry, if put while hot on a cold plate, will become flabby and not fit to eat. If pastry and plate get cold together, the integrity of the former remains.

Ink spots of however long standing may be easily removed from any white or light colored goods by saturating spots first with milk and then turpentine. Roll the cloth up for about half an hour, after which wash out in clear water, and you will find that the ink spots have disappeared.

The newest dining-room table diseases with the removable leaves and has a centre section which rises into place as the two ends are drawn apart.

## PEARL FARMERS.

They Have Their Own Troubles in Japan.

Raising pearls for market, although it sounds like an industry which would have fabulous returns, has a great many drawbacks that sometimes makes the life of the pearl farmer one of deep anxiety. In the Bay of Ago, Japan, where there are flourishing pearl farms, the owners of these plantations shiver with dread when the "red current" arrives and sweeps over the beds, sometimes destroying an entire crop in the space of a day, according to the Marine Journal. Seaweed and starfish are also dangerous to the oyster beds from which the pearls are to be got. The seaweed, or rather one peculiar variety of the growth, called the Miruno, smothers the crop, and the starfish or scorpions will destroy many oysters and at course the jewel which is embedded between the shells.

One pearl farmer makes a bed for his crop in the shallow water and then scatters a great number of small stones along the bottom. The oysters attach themselves to these stones. Women divers then transplant the oysters to deeper water, where they stay for three years. By this time they have become fully attached to the stones. The divers then bring the oysters to the surface and a small seed pearl is inserted in each oyster. The oysters then go back to bed for another four years. At the end of that period it is time for the oyster to be brought to the surface for the last time, for the little seed pearl, through the accretions of nature in the oyster, will, by this time, have grown to the large, brilliant and iridescent gem demanded by the jewellers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

## Garden Party Dresses.

That's the name. It sounds very cozy. One sees sweet simplicity. The creations themselves are different. There's no one sort of garden party dress.

Every dainty summer dress is more or less gardenpartyish. Tanager dresses of the most exquisite type are the most admired.

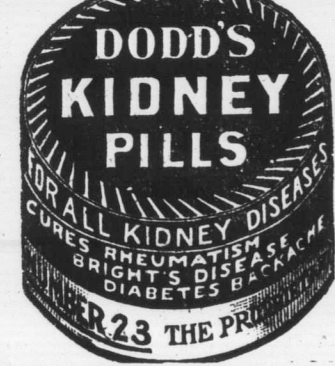
Those who do not wear white are likely to go in for black or colored crepe de chine.

Altogether charming and dainty are these airy fairy dresses which arrive with the strawberries.

## Night Jobs for the Jeweler.

Under the jeweler's ear box and door bell was a second bell labeled "Jeweler's night bell." "Kindly explain," said the visitor, "the craving for diamonds as insatiable that you have to get up at night to meet the demand?" "It is not the prospect of making a sale that gets me out of bed after midnight," said the jeweler. "But the misfortune of my fellow man. About the only people who ring me up after working hours are those who have a piece of jewelry on that they can't get off and don't dare to wait until morning for fear of blood poisoning. These accidents happen often. Every doctor in town knows I can be routed out on an emergency case, so all rings that must be filed off swollen fingers, all ear rings that must be removed from inflamed ears, all necklaces and bracelets that must be taken from bruised necks and wrists without delay are brought to me."—New York Press.

Frenchman (who wants a pass-out ticket to attend at the theatre) "Parson, Monsieur, are you a ticket-of-leave man?"—Parson's Weekly.



## NERVOUS PEOPLE MADE CHEERFUL

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Rebuild Shattered Nerves.

Good blood—rich, red blood—makes all the difference between health and sickness. If the blood is thin and watery, the health of the whole body suffers. The sufferer becomes nervous and irritable; the stomach fails in strength and the appetite becomes poor. Food does not give the necessary nourishment, as time goes on, into a general breakdown in the health. The case of Mrs. Angelique Gagnon, of St. Jerome, Que., illustrates the truth of these statements. Mrs. Gagnon says: "I am fifty years of age and up to a few months ago always enjoyed the best of health. Then I began to feel rundown and weak, without patience or ambition. My appetite was poor, and my nerves seemed to be on edge, and the least noise or worry would make me irritable and nervous. Life became an actual burden and I could no longer look after my household duties. My doctor prescribed and ordered a change, saying that I was a nervous wreck, tried to become interested in other things but failed, and my condition was really deplorable. I continued in this condition for several months, gradually going down, and as my doctor was not helping me I was easily persuaded by a friend to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking the Pills for a few weeks I could see an improvement, and I gladly continued using them for a couple of months, when I found my health fully restored. I am more than thankful for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, and I gladly recommend them to all who are weak, nervous and rundown."

By making rich, red blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure such cases as Mrs. Gagnon's. In the same way they cure nervous headaches, neuralgia, indigestion, rheumatism, St. Vitus dance, and the ailments that come to growing girls and women of mature years. If you are at all unwell start to-day to cure yourself with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, what they have done for others they will surely do for you, if given a fair trial. Sold by all druggists or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box; six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## BETTING ON SPORTS.

Gambling Evil's Alarming Spread in Britain.

The spread of gambling among the English people, both men and women, is causing serious and growing concern. No measures yet have been devised to stop the habit, which rapidly is becoming more and more of a menace. On all big races practically everybody from the newboy on the street to the peer in his motor, has something on his favorite horse, and even on the everyday race an immense amount in the aggregate is wagered. Later in his life he is disclosed that women working in offices and restaurants in the city have become inveterate gamblers as the men and boys. Nowadays both men and women, during the hours of leisure, are distracted from their work by their anxiety over the results of the races, and employers complain in the aggregate.

The House of Commons, with a view of curbing this increase in the betting habit, passed a law prohibiting commission agents from accepting money on a bet, but this was easily evaded by the agents carrying on a side bet on a credit system, settling once a week. As the system works to-day and boy with a shilling to bet on a horse can go to almost any newspaper seller and get his money down. Another measure to overcome this condition was met by opposition from the sportsmen, who claimed that the same privileges and opportunities according to his wealthy neighbor, who can wager as freely as he likes by either going to the track or telephoning his commission agent.

The complaint is made also that gambling is spoiling golf. At most of the big clubs to-day members will not play unless backed by a good side bet on the result. It started with half a dollar a round, but at some clubs a game is seldom played for less than \$25, \$50 or even \$100 a round. The professional, too, who gets his fee for taking a novice around, now wants a wager on the result. Even if he gives the novice all he deserves, the professional generally can win.

## RECIPROCITY



It isn't right for men to smoke Upon an open car; That is, they should not on the seats Up front, where women are, And women should not feather wear That reach to seats in rear Which tickle snappers or the nose And jab them in the ear.

## Rhubarb Pie.

(By Caroline Cue.)

Peel and cut into one-half inch pieces two cups of rhubarb. Over this sprinkle two level tablespoons of flour, mix until all the flour adheres to the rhubarb. Beat one egg with one cup of sugar and a pinch of salt. Put the rhubarb into the egg and sugar mixture. Stir up well. Turn into pie pan lined with rich pie crust, cover with upper crust and bake twenty minutes and insert a piece of macaroni about three inches long and allow it to remain in while baking. Then the pie will not "run out."

## Hot Day Food.

—It should be cooling.  
—It need not all be piping hot.  
—Cold meat often tastes very good.  
—Fresh fruit tastes better than puddings.  
—Of course some hot cooked food must figure in a meal.  
—But with gas cooking the kitchen need not be inferno it once was.

(Toronto Telegram)

If every pessimist who is out looking for hard times was busy working to cultivate the soil or otherwise exert hard times, this country would enjoy an experience of prosperity such as has never blessed any land on earth.

## WHY AND WHEREFORE

Answers to Some Frequently Asked Questions.

Why does the owl come out at night? Why does the moth fly around the candle? Why must we always develop photographs in a red light? Why does wood rot away? Why do telegraph lines hum?

The owl comes out only at night because the food on which the owl feeds is to be found during these hours. Mice and other small creatures are active during the night, and the owl, with its peculiar noiseless flight, due to its soft plumage, comes out and seizes them. The moth flies around the candle because the moth loves light and turns toward it; a baby would do the same thing if it were allowed. People follow sunny side of the street, and flowers when they turn toward the light. There are other creatures which just naturally seek darkness as the foolish moth does the candle.

Why have we to develop photographs in a red light? We know that white light is really a mixture of light of all sorts of colors—red, yellow, green, blue and so on. Some of these lights of various colors have one kind of power and some another. Now the kind of light that has the power of changing chemical changes, which is the light we photograph by, is mainly yellow light. We can see in a way by red light, but red light has practically no influence on photographic plates. We may say that photographic plates cannot see red light, and so we can use red light to develop them by without fearing that the photograph of our faces or the walls of the room will be printed on the plates.

It seems there are kinds of wood that will not rot away even though they are kept in water. The ancient city of Venice is actually built on wooden piles buried in the shallow sea, and these have lasted for many centuries already.

Why does wood rot? The things that make wood rot cannot attack it. Sometimes wood is soaked with creosote, and the particular power of creosote which makes it so valuable is that it is poisonous to microbes. So the answer to the question is microbes. Wood will not rot if it is changed by something that kills microbes or if it is made of stuff so hard and tough that even microbes cannot digest it; or if, as in the case of Venice, it is good wood and also protected from microbes by being kept in salt water.

Why do the telegraph lines hum?

Anything that is stretched is apt to be thrown into vibration by the force of the air blown against it. If it vibrates so fast as to produce the air waves that our ears can hear, then that is what we call sound. This is what happens to the telegraph wires when they hum, and if we put our hand on the telegraph pole we shall feel that the wires vibrate strongly enough to set the whole pole trembling too. But when the air is quite still the telegraph wires do not hum.—Chicago Tribune.

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## Heat.

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The humble hot water bottle is a real medicine.

An application of heat will cure ever so many pains.

Pains in any part of the body resulting from a cold will respond if treated at once.

A woman, fagged by a tiresome journey, who had to sleep in a damp room in a hotel of a small Virginia town one night last winter saved herself an illness by demanding that her bed be warmed by some hot steamed done up in paper. It was a bright idea, the absence of a hot water bottle bringing out afresh that necessity is the mother of invention.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

## Evening in Paradise.

Now came still Evening on, and Twilight gray Had in her sober livery all things clad; Silence accompanied; for beast and bird, They to their nests, these to their beds, Were slunk, all but the wakeful nightingale; She all night long her amorous descant sung; Silence was pleased: now glow'd the firmament With living sapphires; Hesperus, that led The starry host, rode brightest, till the Moon, Rising in clouded majesty, at length Apparent queen, unveiled her peerless light, And o'er the dark her silver mantle threw.

—John Milton.

## Cures for Garden Pests.

The rose chafer is one of the worst pests. Use arsenate of lead, even though the treatment means some discolored foliage. Collect every bug you see and drop it in kerosene. This pest attacks grape vines, chrysanthemum bushes, peonies and plants as well as roses. White grubs that are a menace to lawns are said to be easily destroyed by kerosene emulsion diluted 15 times, and then watering it copiously. Aphids, trips and various leaf-hoppers may still be seen, but they disappear where emulsion of kerosene or of whale oil soap are used. Current worms become innocuous if heliothrips is used, and this is to be preferred rather than a more virulent poison. Mildew, rots and similar fungi should be collected every day and destroyed by sulphur. Bordeaux mixture used for this purpose causes undesirable stains on ornamental plants. Copper carbonate can be used for this purpose on well-developed fruits.

The average watch is composed of 175 different pieces.

## LADIES

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## A SAFE NAME.

Does "Hugh Williams" Always Escape Accident?

There may be nothing in a name, but if you wish to possess what might be termed a really safe cognomen, call yourself Hugh Williams. Here are reasons for this choice culled from sources which can be relied on as trustworthy.

In the year 1864, on Dec. 5, an English ship, the *Monia*, was capsized in a gale while crossing the Straits. There were eighty-one passengers on board. Only one was saved. He was named Hugh Williams.

On the same day in 1785 a pleasure schooner was wrecked on the Isle of Man. There were sixty persons on board, including one Hugh Williams and his family. Of this three score, old Hugh Williams only survived the wreck.

Again, on Aug. 3, 1820, a picnic party, mostly children under twelve years of age, were run down by a coal barge on the Thames. Little Hugh Williams, aged five years, a visitor from Liverpool, was the only survivor of the twenty-five young and happy picnickers who left their homes so gaily in the morning.

Finally, on Aug. 19, 1889, a Leeds coal barge, with nine men as crew, foundered. Two of them, both named Hugh Williams, an uncle and nephew, were the only survivors. They were the only ones of that ill-fated crew who lived to tell of the calamity.

These incidents may be merely singular, but they are true. Possibly, then, there may be something in a name, after all. Who knows?

Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria.

## New Device for Baby.

If he hasn't reached the playtime of his life, give the baby something for his own comfort or his mother's convenience on anniversaries. If he is a little yellow, and his mother has not one, get him baby scales, for there are sorts that some of his particular ailments may be simple or elaborate as you like, from the plain little affairs that hold wicker baskets on top of the measuring arrangement, to quite beautiful affairs, with white enamel baskets that are ribbed and padded, and that the process may be more luxurious for the young person.

Dainty white toilet baskets may be made at home if you are at all clever. They are all small flat baskets covered with white—Swiss may be used and pale pink or blue used as a foundation—with pockets to hold the little accessories and pin cushions to hold these quite necessary articles. One of the gifts that commends itself strongly to the mother of a baby just beginning to creep is the little white, hinged, together so that it may be folded flat and set up out of the way when not in use. To be used with the little play "pops" for the small one, fascinating "ropes" for the older one, and with contrasting color, while others are genuine bath mats. In pretty delft colorings, capable of standing any number of "tub-bings," and therefore always fresh and clean.

The creeping fence encloses a space about five feet square, giving the baby plenty of room to scatter and toss about his playthings. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## Treating a Boil.

One great mistake often made by most people in the treatment of boils and carbuncles is to poultice them, continues the writer on the subject of "Boils."

Poultices of any kind should be avoided. They are not antiseptic, and only tend to spread the infection among the surrounding hair follicles, and to produce a good crop of young boils. The general treatment consists in adjusting the diet to a more healthful standard, to avoid stimulants of any kind, but not necessarily to be confined to bed. If the above simple measures are not sufficient to check the boil, then the assistance of a surgeon is required.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

## Ill-Fated Explorers.

Among the Spaniards who won fame as discoverers and conquerors in America only a few died peacefully. Here is a list of some of the more important who suffered at the hands of fate: Columbus died broken hearted, Rodin and Bobadilla were drowned, Orvando was harshly superseded, Las Casas sought refuge in a cow, Ojeda died in extreme poverty, Enicose was deposed by his own men. Nicuesa perished miserably by the cruelty of his party, Vasco Nunez de Balboa was disgraced and beheaded, Narvaez was imprisoned in a tropical dungeon and afterward died of hardship, Cortes was dishonored, Alvarado was garroted, Pizarro was murdered and his four brothers cut off, and there was no end to the assassinations and executions of the secondary chiefs among the energetic and daring adventurers.

## WEALTH THE MERIT STANDARD.

(St. John, N. B., Telegraph)

There is a strong class animosity growing up in the United States, and it is being daily fed by the increasing aversion of the privilege seekers. The privilege seekers are playing havoc with democracy. At present the common man is impoverished not merely by an absolute want of money, and the increase cost of living, but by the current way of thinking which makes pecuniary success the standard of merit, and so he is made to feel that failure to make wealth is failure of life.

## RUSH TO CANADA.

But British Emigration to Australia Drops Off.

There has been a remarkable falling off in emigration from Great Britain to the Australian colonies during the present year, according to the steamship companies concerned in this traffic. It is put down to the present high level of wages and the continued trade boom which give men employment in England. Despite this, however, Canada continues to get a very large number of emigrants from England and Scotland, so there are probably other causes for the decrease in the Australian figures.

This loss in traffic has been felt rather seriously by the steamship lines running to the South Seas. Last year there was a tremendous demand for passages to Australia and New Zealand, and to meet this the steamship companies increased the accommodations on each vessel and also put on new steamers. Today the ships are running very light, even on reduced schedules.

## For Women's Ailments

Dr. Martel's Female Pills have been the Standard for 20 years and for 40 years prescribed and recommended by Physicians. Accept no other. At all druggists.

## Science Notes.

An American university is being organized in Siam.

The Alps have been crossed for the second time by an aeroplane. The elevators of the Woolworth Building in New York have a vertical travel of 676 feet.

There is no indication that the submarine cable will be supplanted by wireless.

There is a great engineering activity in Argentina. Several large projects are planned.

A patent has been recently issued covering the manufacture of dog biscuits made in the shape of a bone.

Recent irrigation works in Egypt have cost \$53,000,000, but the results have more than justified the expenditure.

Boston will spend \$3,000,000 on the construction of a dry dock which will accommodate the largest liners now afloat or building.

A gun for use of submarines disappeared under the deck and is covered by a watertight hatch when the boat is about to be submerged.

One thousand-foot piers will be built in New York, and the Mayor of the city is in favor of making them 1,200, to take care of future needs.

The electric bell signal, without some special protection, is not suited for use in mines, as the sparks made by the moving contacts often give off sparks. A new system which is free from this danger has been invented by a foreign electrician.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited:

Dear Sirs,—This fall I got thrown on a fence and hurt my chest very bad, so I could not work, and it hurt me to breathe. I tried all kinds of liniments and they did me no good. One bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT, warmed on flannels and applied on my breast, cured me completely.

C. H. COSABOOM.

Roseway, Digby Co., N. S.

## Chili's Wealth in Guano.

The guano deposits of Chile are worth more money than the richest gold mines in the world. It would seem that the precaution taken by the Chilean Government in restricting the exportation of this fertilizer is hardly warranted when we realize that the deposits of the Chincha Islands, where this material abounds, are computed to be 180 feet in depth, and as the removal proceeds the quality improves. The value of the guano of these islands is computed to be \$1,000,000,000. In 1840 a firm of Lima merchants sent the first cargo to Europe, consigned to a commission man of London. Two years afterward the amount transported to England was 182 tons, and 20 years thereafter, in 1902, it was 435,000 tons. Between 1851 and 1860 the amount of shipping that loaded at the Chincha represented 2,500,000 tons, and between 1852 and 1882 guano to the amount of 8,000,000 tons was shipped. In this last year the Peruvian Government prohibited the further export of guano from this group.

## MAN SUFFRAGE MAKES HEADWAY.

(Philadelphia Record)

Woman suffrage is making headway in the most unexpected quarters. The recommendation by a United States Senate Committee of a woman suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution was a distinct surprise, but not greater than the passage of resolution by the Paris Municipal Council to give women the right to vote at municipal elections. There is no civilized country in the world where there is a greater show of deference to womanhood than in France or less substantial regard for equality of treatment under the law. This Parisian movement may lead to a very desirable betterment when the mistress of the house has her say in that part of civic management which is her nearest concern.

## WHEN YOU REST.

Rest! Rest! Stretch out. Seek the hammock. Do it the snake-like skirt. Rest in a pretty roomy dress. Remove all jangling ornaments. Rest in materials soft to the touch. A rest dress should be washable at this season.

While some embroidery or lace may appear on a rest dress there should be nothing to interfere with its supreme restfulness.

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## HELP WANTED.

WANTED—PROBATION NURSES, three-year course. Apply to Superintendent of Nurses, The Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., U. S. A.

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A NO. 1 GORDON PRINTING Press with Steam Fixture, in good condition; will sell cheap; also some type. Apply Waldorf Hotel, Hamilton, Ont.

## PRIVILEGES.

Ambassadors Can Turn Backs on King.

Ambassadors have curious privileges at the court of Saint James. Most people know that they and their households are safe from arrest an embassy being considered a geographical part of the ambassador's own country. But there are many less well known. The ambassador is the only person about a court who has the right to turn his back on the sovereign at the end of an interview. And he always exercises it, turning to bow after walking three paces. This, of course, refers only to state occasions.

This worked out rather funny in Queen Victoria's time. To turn one's back on a lady would be rude, to retire backwards would be to resign a privilege—so the ambassadors always compromised by edging sideways toward the door like a crab.

Another privilege of ambassadors is the right of having both leaves of the folding doors thrown open when being ushered into the royal presence. No one else can claim this privilege.

Another highly prized privilege of the ambassador—one that sovereigns must often regret—is that of being able to demand an interview with the sovereign whenever he chooses, at any hour of the day or night.

The sword is the ambassador's emblem of honor. It is a long rapier with a blunted point. One great diplomatist—the late Lord Dufferin—used to say that the only practical use he ever found for it was to poke fires with and file bills on.—Parson's Weekly.

## HOW THE SCRAP STARTED

Jones stepped on Smith's favorite corn, and of course, there was trouble. What Smith needed was Buttsman's Corn Extract—that painless remedy for corns and warts that cures in twenty-four hours. Putnam's is the only standby. Try it; 25c. at all dealers.

## POETS IN RIVALRY.

Some Good Work Resulted From Competition.

It might be thought that first-rate poets would not indulge in competitive efforts in their great art. But such is by no means the case. For instance, two of the greatest poets in the language, Keats' *Endymion* and Shelley's *revolt of Islam*, were written in friendly competition by their famous authors, the one going to the Isle of Wight and the other to the lovely Upper Thames to complete their respective tasks.

Coward Clark tells, in his "Recollections," how, on December 30, 1816, he accompanied Keats on a visit to Leigh Hunt at the latter's cottage on Hampstead Heath, and how Hunt challenged Keats to write "then, there, and so time," a sonnet on The Grasshopper and the Cricket. Keats gained the victory over his rival in point of time, but critics are agreed that Hunt wrote a better sonnet.

Strangely enough, the finest sonnet Leigh Hunt ever wrote, and certainly one of the finest in the language, his splendid *Nile sonnet*, was the result of a friendly competition between him and two infinitely greater poets, Keats and Shelley. It is one of the curiosities of literature that the three sonnets on the same subject should be, in quality, in inverse ratio to the genius of the writers, for Hunt's is unmistakably the best. Keats' second, and Shelley's a bad third. Oliver Goldsmith was defective in conversational powers, and was occasionally made the butt of the witicism of the famous club of which he was a member, and which included such men as Johnson, Garrick, Burke and Reynolds. One night it was proposed to write mock epigrams on him, his country, dialect and person furnishing subjects of sarcastic comment.

These efforts were read aloud in Goldsmith's hearing and he was challenged to retaliate. The next evening he came to the club and read his famous satirical poem, entitled *Retaliation*, in which he has put all his great contemporaries in pickle till the crack of doom. It is a series of brilliant portraits in words, as replete with well-known quotations as Hamlet, one of the best being that of Garrick: "He cast off his friends as a huntsman his pack."

For he knew when he pleased he could whistle them back. When Robert Burns was little known beyond the circle of his village cronies, there came to the tavern which he patronized a man named Andrew Horner, who was on his way to Edinburgh to try to get a volume of verse published, of which he was very vain. Burns' friends nipped the two poets against each other, heavily backing their comrade to win.

Out of respect for his age, Burns gave Horner first innings, and he started with the line:

In seventeen hundred thirty-nine, explaining that as 'that was the year of his birth, it made a good beginning. But he hummed and hawed and scratched his pate,