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Look here—dear Grip, why can't we have half the stands on one side and half on the other, and let gentlemen and ladies go on either side promiscuously? Dear me, surly you ain't going to advocate reading-room separation of the sexes, are you? We won't eat each other there any more than anywhere else.

But say, dear GRIP, couldn't you find out the name of the fellow who proposed to let us have the papers after they were done with them? Fancy! all soiled and tattered and—phew! scented with tobacco breaths—ah well! I suppose it's the nature of the—a—a—yes—beast! There—you'd say so yourself in my place.

Now, you dear old croaker, won't you come down off your perch and come hopping into the library some evening, and see for yourself the way these unmitigated hogs sit there hour after hour gloating over the news while we starve and look on. Fly up on some of their bald heads and prod them with your beak until they get uncomfortable, and until the idea occurs to them that the other sex wants to see the news quite as much as they do, and when they get it will circulate it too.

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Now doth the nipping frost enerst with white
The festive bummer's roost within the park,
Where oft 'neath smiling stars, he passed the night,
All undisturbed, save by some canine's bark.

And now, alas! do shivers seize the frame
Of that poor ead, who, weather-worn and wan,
Gazes with longing eyes where faunts the name
Of "Isaacs" where his overcoat's in pawn.

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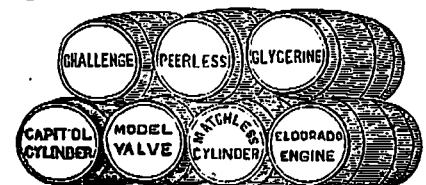
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