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Mary—"No, ma'am; I'm working for nothing now. I'm married."

**Not Plagiarism.**

Spats—"Hackley is being accused of plagiarism in his last book."  
Socratoots—"I would not say that. He was merely collecting his thoughts."

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**RANDOM REVERIES.**

**Ancients Versus Moderns.**

"There is nothing new under the sun." We often make our boast that we live in an age of discovery and invention, unparalleled in the history of the world; and we experience the profoundest confusion for our ancestors, for being born too soon. Bosh! Fact is, the ancients knew a good deal of every thing we boast about now, although knowledge in days of yore was not so generally diffused as now. True, the learned man two or three thousand years ago was so far superior to the majority that he was by many regarded as a species of wizard and to escape the persecution of the ignorant he was often compelled, as it were, prudently to keep his knowledge to himself. Still, two or three thousand years ago, men achieved as wonderful intellectual feats as now. If it be true that man is only an improved gorilla, we don't find that he showed a greater resemblance to the gorilla or baboon then than now. Perhaps there are more monkeys now than then. Possibly the gorilla or baboon may not so much represent the race, from which we may have been evolved, as the destiny to which we are hastening. We have no doubt whatever that the great Father of the Faithful was as thoroughbred and polished a gentleman, as any highflyer you can find in the 19th century—that sly old Jacob was just as good, shrewd and knowing a man of business as any "bull" or "bear" on Wall street, who ever cornered pork, wheat or railway stock—and that Joseph was a statesman and Moses a legislator, worth all our Houses of Assembly and Municipal Councils put together. More than this, in ancient times, there were hundreds of men, who, for brains and the use of them, would stand comparison with the crack men of the present day. Let us take only a few instances. Look at their cities and architecture. Nineveh was fourteen miles long and eight miles wide, surrounded by a wall a hundred feet high, and so thick as to furnish ample room for three chariots to be driven abreast around the top. Babylon extended fifty miles within its walls, which were seventy-five feet thick, and of the same height as those of Nineveh. The Egyptian Thebes was surrounded by a wall, at the very least calculation twenty-seven miles in circumference; and the remains of many of the buildings—columns, arches, etc. are of such gigantic size, that no known modern machinery would be almost equal to the task of taking them down to say nothing of putting them up. The largest of the pyramids was originally four hundred and eighty-one feet high and eight hundred and fifty-three feet on the sides, the base covering eleven acres and the high stones in two hundred and eight layers averaging sixty feet in length. 350,000 men worked twenty years in fashioning this Titanic pile. The famous labyrinth of Egypt contained three hundred apartments and twelve halls. The temple of Diana at Ephesus which took many years in building was four hundred and fifty feet to the first support of the roof. We have some splendid remains of ancient architecture and we vainly attempt to rival the edifices of which they are the ruins. Our mechanical appliances for building are no doubt superior to what could have been known to the ancients; but they reared up buildings which are the astonishment of the civilized world. Yet we boast about doing things on a grand scale in modern times. A Cockney will boast that the largest theatre in London will hold 4000 people. Fiddlesticks! 80,000 eight-seers would scarcely have filled the Coliseum at Rome. St. George's Hall, Liverpool, so much held up as a very magnificent building was only a reproduction of a very little bit of the baths of Diocletian, which were nearly a quarter of a mile square—the whole structure being much larger than the English House of Parliament. As to some other works we are very proud of the Suez Canal and have some hopes of the Panama Canal yet. But what about the immense network of pre-historic irrigating canals that gridiron the Salt River and Gila valleys of Arizona. Never has the level of the best of modern engineers been improved on the lines of these ruined canals, while in the selection of locations to take water from the rivers were exhibited the greatest intelligence and skill. These canals exceeded a thousand miles in length. What about the great wall of China built by the Chinese, 200 B. C. along their northern frontier to protect them from invasion of Tartars—crossing barren rocky spurs and acclivities—ascending lofty summits, winding about in irregular curves and zigzags, descending into dark valleys, running along in an apparently endless line of massive stone and brick for miles on miles, eastward to the Pechile Gulf and westward along the border of the Gobi Desert and Kansas, to the foot-hills of the Nan-San range. Whether we regard it as a grand conception for the defence of an empire, as an engineering feat, or merely as the result of the persistent application of human labor it was a stupendous work. No achievement of modern times compares with it in magnitude. Moderns think they have made great progress in sanitary science. So no doubt they have, yet about eighteen hundred years ago, Plutarch discharged the duties of "commissioner of sewers and public build-

ings," in his native city of Chaerone. The "big bugs" sneered at the "commissioner" and wondered that a gentleman should stoop to anything so low. Others thought it odd that a philosopher should degrade himself into a puddle-policeman. His most intimate friends, with sarcastic humor often reminded him of the remarkably exalted office to which his genius had raised him. Still he persevered for the good of his country, and he was not the only one who labored along this line. In old Rome alone there were several hundreds of public baths and it never had more than half the population of London—baths, cold, hot and vapor—with something like our Turkish baths. What was better still people constantly used them. We boast of our civil engineering; but it is questionable if it has advanced much, since the time when Romans built their aqueducts, carried over valleys, supported on thousands of arches, or tunneled for miles through the solid rock, while the greatest scientific skull was required to give the supply the proper gradient. There is a great deal of cheap talk about the triumph of genius in bringing water from lakes to large cities; but the quantity of water delivered to every inhabitant of Rome was ten times that delivered to every citizen of London. An abundant supply of water was especially characteristic of ancient cities. The inhabitants of a besieged city often suffer from hunger but rarely from thirst. And there was no overcrowding. Nineveh contained 600,000 inhabitants; but the population of London is for its area five times as dense as that of Nineveh. Again the ancients did not allow their dead to be buried within the walls of their cities—a practice only recently abolished with us. Then in respect of cleanliness they were more circumspect than we. People it was said often contracted disease from washing the clothes of the dead. According to the Mosaic law Moses would not allow people to live in houses that were unhealthy; but there would have been no use in turning the people out and permitting the house to stand. They would again have been speedily occupied. So he said—"Down with every stick and stone!" In the matter of sewerage the Romans were far ahead of us. The city was built on arches for the purpose of complete sewerage; and to this day there remains in Rome a sewer so wide that a truck waggon loaded up with hay might pass through it. Moreover the remains of splendid drains have been discovered in the ruins of Nineveh and other cities. Lastly, the refuse of cities was always burned in the open plains beyond the walls. MARCHMONT.

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Mr. Blonde—"I was riding behind a black horse and he switched his tail."  
Mrs. Blonde—"This is a fine hair."  
Mr. Blonde—"Yes, it was a fine horse."

**Not if He Knew It.**

She—I would not marry you if I lived to be a hundred years old.  
He—Well, I should say you wouldn't if I had anything to say in the matter.

**Interesting.**

"Why are you staring at me like that?" irritably asked the young lord of the money-lender.  
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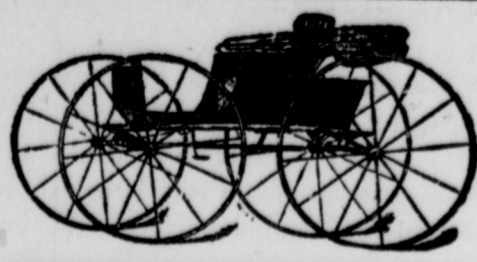
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MAJORIE DEMERCHANT,  
Upper Wicklow.

**NOTICE TO FARMERS.**

All farmers having sheep in which itch or scab exists must report the same to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, either direct or through Dr. S. C. Richards, Veterinary Inspector, Woodstock. Failure to give such notice will render the person having diseased animals in his possession liable to the penalties of the Contagious Diseases Animals Act.

[sgd] W. B. SCARTH,  
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

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