

Bits of Humor for the Home Circle and the Fireside

The American Spirit.—A teacher in a public school tells how an aspiring young Italian citizen was beginning to show the effects of an American environment. Tony had been away from school about a week and when he showed up one morning the teacher asked him where he had been.

"I ran away," said Tony.

"Ran away? What did you do that for?" asked the teacher.

"My father was going to lick me, so I thought I'd run away," was the reply.

The teacher by further questioning brought out the fact that Tony for some trifling dereliction had been threatened with a beating and had stayed away from home the best part of a week.

"But your father has the right to whip you," said the teacher.

"Yes, he may," added Tony, "but I was born in this country and I don't want no foreigner to lick me."

A Reasoning Juror.—"I'll tell you, sir, 'ow I makes up my mind. I'm a plain man, and a reasonin' man, and I ain't influenced by anything the lawyers say; no, nor by what the judge says. I just looks at the man in the docks, and I says: 'If he ain't done nothing, why's he here?' And I bring 'em all in guilty."

An Honest Tradesman.—"No," said the old gentleman, sternly, "I will not do it. Never have I sold anything by false representations and I will not begin now."

For a moment he was silent, and the clerk who stood before him could see that the better nature of his employer was fighting strongly for the right.

"No," the old man cried again, "I will not do it! It is an inferior grade of shoe, and I will never pass it off for anything better. Mark it 'A shoe fit for a queen' and put it in the window. A queen does not have to do much walking."

Wanted Pin Money.—At a table in the Manufacturers' club in Philadelphia one evening several manufacturers were gathered, discussing subjects with great interest and with as great impartiality. The talk switched in time to the question of wages, and all had more or less to say on that point.

One of the men, who employs hundreds of workers, was called on to tell what he thought of the increased cost of living.

"Well," he said, "I know that my men are constantly asking for more wages and saying that they cannot live on what they earn; but one of them gave the richest excuse for a raise that I ever heard."

"He came into the office, a few weeks ago and said that he had just been married and wanted more money. In a spirit of jest I said to him: 'So, you want to take home more money for the little wife? That's what you want the raise for, is it?'"

"Oh, no, sir," he replied, "I want the

raise for myself. The wife knows how much I am getting now, sir, and I can't knock down any of my present wages; she gets it all. I need the raise for personal expenses."

"Well, you men can easily guess he got that raise; he is too blamed honest to let it get away."

An Oregonian heavily laden with stilled moonshine approached a patrolman the other night and asked:

"Would you kindly tell me which is the other side of the street?"

"Why, over there, of course," said the officer.

"That's funny," muttered the brain-befuddled individual. "I've just been over there, and they told me it was this side."

SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF THREE MILLION PEOPLE IN ONE CITY

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a kindly attitude towards health education and publicity, and are one of the large factors in the education of the public.

Though we have by no means reached the ideal state in which there will be no preventable sickness, vital statistics show that we are fast becoming a healthier community, that we can now crowd together without the former danger of spreading disease. We are becoming more intelligent, more thoughtful and more careful not only of our health, but of that of our neighbors.

STATES CAN GET HELP TO SAVE FORESTS

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vention lesson has been learned, and that the nearby forest has a better chance than before.

Oregon's forests are being cruelly wasted to-day for lack of proper care. Its the last stand of America's virgin forests. Public conscience in Oregon is being aroused and greater forest protection may be looked for with each passing year. The carelessness of campers who leave smoldering fires or toss lighted matches, cigarets or cigars in the dry grass will cause more grief for the thoughtless citizen in the future than it has in the past. The wasteful logger who has no concern in the small shoots, who cuts and tosses away a dozen young trees to make easy access to a tree with present commercial value should be subject to arrest and imprisonment. Healthy forest growth could be provided cheaply by engaging experienced foresters to cut away underbrush vegetation and foreign substances that draw the strength of the soil from the tree and incidentally supply the very ammunition for the forest fire. Each tree should be provided a certain allotment of ground in proportion to the depth and richness of the soil. In this way the forest growth could be speeded up and provide the means of keeping up the value of timberland, besides insuring future generations a continuous timber-supply.

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