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VALUE OF TACT.

Great diversity of opinion exists, says Harper's Bazar, as to what constitutes the supplement to the five gifts of nature, the extra sense, whose existence, however, we agree to recognize as a help to all. It is urged that common sense is so valuable, and in spite of its name, so uncommon a quality, that it deserves to rank with the precious physical endowments. And it had, too, a meaning, quite obsolete as a supposed sense which was held to be the common bond of all the others. But it is more practical and less expansive than the delicate requirements of the case demand, and is sometimes exercised in a blunt, inconsiderate way which unfit it for the peer of sight and hearing, so distasteful are some of its methods to both these senses. Its instantaneous and usually correct judgments when untroubled by any softening medium are at war with the sense of propriety, which has in its turn many claims to the title of sixth sense, its adherents asserting with reason that it merits the high rank by its recognition of social requirements and its avoidance of the blunders which are worse than crimes. Duty has been boldly named as having incontestable superiority over all rivals, while the charms of music are just as jealously urged by those who yield themselves willing slaves to the enchantments of melody. But there is a popular talent, a social art, an amiable gift, which combines the virtues of these claimants with an exquisite delicacy and an elegance of good breeding all its own. It has the best qualities of common sense—sound judgment and prompt decision—and with these it has, moreover, that grace of discretion which is the basis of propriety, a clear discernment of duty with a ready yielding to its behests; and it stills so many jarring notes, replacing them with sweet chords, that "music's golden tongue, is less eloquent, less effective. Its very name is sometimes used to designate the stroke in beating time, and with tact one can evoke harmony from the most discordant elements. Some fortunate beings are born with this sixth sense, and they are everywhere welcomed, while life has a new charm for all who are so happy as to know them. Others strive to gain it, making, it is true, some false steps before reaching their goal, but with patient effort they acquire the pleasant art, and thus enhance even the most brilliant qualities with which nature and education may have blessed them. Tact is valuable in every relation of life, its quiet unobtrusive diplomacy being as effective in the nursery, and with those children of a larger growth who compose the domestic retinue, as in the highest circles of social intercourse. It has a passive phase, and is not less delightful while ignoring the disagreeable than when more actively engaged, for it is as direct in its silences as in its spoken words. To be tactful, then, is to be agreeable to others and very comfortable to one's own self, so that it is worth while to take pains to acquire that savoir faire which really knows how to make life brighter. And when one has been subjected to that species of brutality which euphoniously styles itself downright frankness, how inexpressably soothing and refreshing it is to take refuge with the gracious beings who have all the qualities which make up the sixth sense.

This is the season for fires, and in all probability there will be a good many losses before the close of the dry season. Insurance should be increased to a safe limit, and great care and watchfulness exercised. A good plan, adopted by a few sawmills which have water sufficient, is to go all over the mill with a hose at the close of each day, wash off the roof and wet down everything that can be reached, which water will not damage.

THE MECHANISM OF THOUGHT.

Sensation is a mere abstraction. In psychological terms it may be said that the contact of the outside world produces in human beings perceptions and not simple sensations. Perception is an impression of the senses and something else besides, namely, a reaction of the mind. Let us look about us and note what takes place when an individual is excited by contact with the exterior world. Take a man seated in his study, writing. All the objects about him convey sensations to him and he responds to them in a visible way by his acts. The excitations of the outside world, action and reaction, the former coming from the outside world, the latter from the individual, form a whole, and can only be separated artificially by analysis. It is the same, in our opinion, with the phenomena of ideation. Our ideas are merely revivals of sensation, and these revivals are in many respects, independent of the presence of exterior objects. A kind of outside world, quite distinct from the original, is formed in our mind. Our memory, our imagination, and our reason create an ideal world, which is distinctly visible to us in dreams, contemplation and somnambulism. In active life we catch only brief glimpses of it, but we have only to shut our eyes and to forget the material world, when this world compact of images at once takes the place of the other. To be a little more precise, let a more exact parallel be substituted for these comparisons, which have a purely literary appearance. An exterior, material and tangible object meets our eye—we see it, we perceive it. What is this perceiving? Does it consist in the consciousness of the physical impression of the object on our organs of sense? No; it is something more than that. Perception is not merely an act of consciousness; it is also an act of cognition. Perception, then, consists in a certain function imposed by the mind on simple sensations. Sensation is no sooner experienced than it gives rise to this work of interpretation, which is based upon our knowledge of the exterior world acquired by means of anterior experiences. The past intervenes to assist us to a knowledge of the present. But it should be understood that every sensation gives rise to an analogous process. It is strange to contemplate the really considerable amount of psychological exertion demanded by the most elementary cognition of surrounding objects. Ignorant persons readily imagine that no effort is needed in perceiving, that to see is to understand, and that the outward world, with all its details, penetrates our mind somehow, provided we open the gates of our sensory organs. In reality, we are obliged each time to construct the outward world with our memories; and the vision of distances, which appears the most direct and simple, results from a series of complex memories, which enable us to set each object in its place. This immense work commences as soon as we are conscious of the outer world, and it continues unceasingly increasing in complexity and perfection without our being conscious of it for the greater part of the time, because it becomes an automatic activity. To perceive, then, is to reason. The idea must be recognized just as any other sensation, and, although the idea is personal to us, since we alone perceive it, we do not take cognizance of it by the mere fact that we are conscious of it. An effort, an act of reasoning is necessary for the cognition of the ideas that flash across our brain, just as there is need of reasoning to recognize the material objects that strike our eyes. Such is our hypothesis respecting the psychological nature of thought. It is ordinarily assumed that among the facts of consciousness our thought is that which presents the greatest certainty, because it is the only one of which we have direct cognition without intermediary. It may be remembered in this connection that Descartes, when he wanted, for his personal satisfaction, to reconstruct the whole system of his cognitions, resolved to doubt everything that did not seem to him clearly demonstrated, and the only thing that resisted the onslaught of his methodical doubt was his thought. He perceived that he might doubt everything but the doubt itself. Many philosophers since then, when entangled in some obscure discussion have added the testimony of their own consciousness as proof which was infallible because it was direct; and some have not hesitated to maintain that our inner consciousness not only reaches phenomena, but even penetrates to the cause and substance, that is to say, to the soul. We are compelled to recognize the existence of such opinions; we must fight them, to secure the triumph of our hypothesis; and if we succeed, it will not be one of the least important results to have shown that there is no infallible criterion of truth in consciousness. There are several methods of demonstrating that exterior perception is a mediate cognition, which is created by the assistance of reasoning. The best method consists in showing that exterior perception is fallible. The illustration of our senses reveals the part played by the mind in perception; it lays bare the reasoning contained in

it. The senses do not deceive us—their province is to record the sensations—but the mind is deceived by drawing an inaccurate conclusion from the sensations. In other terms, the illusion of the senses arises from the union of a sensation with an image that does not correspond to reality.—Fortnightly Review.

EX UNITED STATES ATTORNEY PATRICK H. WINSTON, of Spokane, Washington, who last May withdrew from the republican party and joined the peoples party, in an open letter to the Spokane-Review has declined an invitation to represent the peoples party in the joint debate in Whitman county. He puts his refusal upon the ground that he will not affiliate with the party that officially allies itself with organized attempts to precipitate civil war. He reiterates his adherence to the principles contained in an address to the people of Washington on May 7th last, and declares his belief that the masses of the republican party are in sympathy with those principles. He says that the republican party has the confidence of the country, and if that party, in its convention, incorporates those principles in its platform, he will vote the ticket. Otherwise, he declares himself "a man without a party, but with a country."

If there is any calamity that hasn't overtaken Kansas we would like to know it. From early territorial days, when violence and bloodshed were the principal features of Kansas life, down to the year of our Lord 1894, the chosen curses of a wrathful fate have fallen upon the people of that state in such quick succession one is prone to believe that there is method in all this affliction. It is a fair land to look upon, and to the outward view all the elements of prosperity are there in abundance. There is no more fertile soil on the face of the globe than is to be found in Kansas, and the state has been populated with the best blood of New England. And yet in spite of all the conditions which go to make prosperity, the state seems to be under a perpetual blight. And now, when the corn crop promised to be the biggest in the history of Kansas there comes the hot breath of the simoon and in less than three days makes a desert of the whole country.

CONGRESS has appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for a test of the different woods grown in the United States, to ascertain their adaptability for government purposes. The tests will be made by the forestry division of the Department of Agriculture. If an impartial test is made the superiority of fir for general construction will be clearly demonstrated.

A Little Hasty.

On Friday night of last week a dance was given at the residence of W. H. Birdsong, a few miles out of Prineville, Crook county, and it was attended by a number of parties from that town. During the evening Mr. Birdsong missed a box containing about thirty dollars in change, which was kept in a clothes press, and after diligent search it could not be found. This led him to believe that some of the dancers had made away with it. Consequently he went to town and secured the services of Deputy Sheriff Cline, who went to Mr. Birdsong's and searched about all the male dancers present, but the missing coin was not to be found. But William Stroud and Charles Mespie were arrested on suspicion of having "swiped the swag," and were given a hearing before Justice Elliott Monday forenoon. After the evidence was all in Mr. Birdsong received word that his wife had found the missing money, and the defendants were discharged.

Murdered His Mother.

Jack Osakin, a nephew of Chief Moses, of the Colville reservation, is an outlaw, alike from Indian and white man's justice. He is hiding in the mountains of the western part of the reservation. Moses has given orders that he be shot on sight. On July 20th he killed his own mother, Shinah, an own sister of Chief Moses'. The old Chief is grief-stricken. To quote his own expression, he has a "very sick heart in his breast." Particulars of the crime have not been received. Osakin's hands were stained with family blood before he killed his mother, says the dispatch which contained the news. Last December he slew his own brother, a favorite nephew of Moses', and the designated heir to the chieftainship of the tribe. Princes of the blood being few, Moses was both to see Osakin hanged for that crime, and need his influence to save the murderer, pleading that the two were engaged in a drunken quarrel, and both were equally to blame. Osakin was cleared, and was looked upon as Chief Moses' successor. The Indian police and reservation authorities are seeking the murderer, but it is feared he may escape across the Canadian border and join there some of the renegade bands recruited through years of flight from the reservations of the United States. The funeral of the murdered mother was one of the most largely attended in the memory of the white men of the country.

Running Down a Cougar.

A report comes to the Eugene Guard from the region of Lowell, of the killing of a cougar, without a gun. Frank Blakely, aged about 27 years, who lives on the middle fork of the Willamette river, was out on an opening with his dog, when he espied a half-grown cougar up a tree. The limbs were easy of access and he climbed the tree, but it took a considerable amount of shaking to ground the cougar, who was not to be scared easily. Once on the ground, it ran from the dog, escaping to another tree. Mr. Blakely followed it up and down several times, until, catching it at a disadvantage, he killed it with a rock. The age of the animal probably accounted for its not fighting back.

CROP AND WEATHER BULLETIN

For the Week Ending Monday, July 30, 1894.

WESTERN OREGON. WEATHER: Showers occurred in the coast districts and in the Willamette valley during the first part of the week. The temperature averaged from five to seven degrees cooler than the normal. The sunshine was slightly below the average.

CROPS: Harvesting is progressing under favorable conditions. Harvesting of fall-sown grain is being completed in some sections. Much winter oats, rye and barley have also been harvested. Spring-sown grains are ripening rapidly. The showers which occurred the fore part of the week proved of considerable benefit to late oats and wheat. Fall wheat is being submitted to a careful examination in the effort to discover the extent of damage done by the grain aphid. The weight of opinion inclines to the belief that the damage was slight. Several correspondents are of the opinion that the berry has shrivelled noticeably, and further, that the greatest defect will be shown in the weight. The latter opinion is a matter of conjecture. The grain is reported plump by most correspondents, showing that if there be damage it is not general. The spring-grow crop of cereals is superior, promising to be above the average. So far very little threshing has been done. Haying is nearing completion, with a large crop secured in excellent condition. Timothy hay is lighter than usual, while clover is heavier. During the warm weather corn made a good growth in the southern counties. The early potato crop is yielding excellently. Hops are blooming, and there is a fine prospect for an excellent yield. They are blooming earlier than usual. Some growers complain that the hops are short and too close to the main vine. Others notice that the tips are drying. The hop crop is generally the best known for this time of the season. Apples and pears look well. Apples have begun to ripen. The bean crop in Douglas county will be large. Farmers are more cheerful as the harvest progresses.

EASTERN OREGON. WEATHER: The temperature averaged slightly cooler than the normal. No precipitation occurred. Cloudy weather prevailed during the first portion of the week. The sunshine was about an average.

CROPS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY: Harvest of fall-sown grain has become general. There is scarcely enough machinery in the country to handle the crop. Grain not injured as much by the fly as was at first anticipated. All grain is maturing rapidly, due to the warm weather of the previous week. The warm weather burnt some late grain, causing the grain to shrivel. The reports received this week are very encouraging. The heads of grain are reported well filled. There is a very heavy grain crop in Wasco county. Barley will be of excellent quality. Haying is practically over with, with a large crop and in excellent condition. Hops are doing nicely, and potatoes are a medium crop. There will be a light crop of Hood river peaches. Blackberries are ripe and abundant.

Kenneth Bazemore had the good fortune to receive a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when three members of his family were sick with dysentery. This one small bottle cured them all, and he had some left which he gave to Geo. W. Baker, a prominent merchant of the place, Lewiston, N. C., and it cured him of the same complaint. When troubled with dysentery, diarrhoea, colic or cholera morbus, give this remedy a trial and you will be more than pleased with the result. The praise that naturally follows its introduction and use has made it very popular. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles for sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Killed His Companion.

Word reached Roseburg late on the night of July 20th of the shooting and death of James Longtare, the 15-year-old stepson of George Davis, of Wilbur. Longtare and Antonio McKay a boy of about the same age, were boating on the Umpqua river, twenty-five miles from Roseburg. They began quarrelling, when a rifle they had was discharged, shooting young Longtare in the bowels. McKay landed the boat, pulled Longtare on shore and notified the settlers, but when they arrived the boy was dead. McKay claims that Longtare shot himself.

"I know an old soldier who had chronic diarrhoea of long standing, to have been permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Edward Shampik, a prominent druggist, of Minneapolis, Minn. "I have sold the remedy in this city for over seven years and consider it superior to any other medicine now on the market, for bowel complaint." Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles of this remedy for sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Backed off the Boat.

SALEM, Or., July 27.—While crossing the river on the ferry at Woods, Tillamook county, yesterday, Mrs. Terrell, of Newberg, her four children, and another lady were capsized from a buggy, in which they were seated, into the stream, by their horse becoming frightened and backed off the boat. Mrs. Terrell was drowned but the others were rescued.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Chicago lumber district suffered a loss by fire Wednesday of \$1,500,000. Three fishermen were arrested in Astoria last week for fishing during the Sunday closed season and were fined \$50 each. Fannie Torrey, of Baker City, committed suicide by shooting herself last Tuesday. Jealousy was the cause. The Baker City National bank failed to open its doors Wednesday, caused by a partial failure of the Chase National bank of New York. The steamer Salem sunk from her moorings in the Willamette at Portland Wednesday. Pacific dock in Portland was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Loss about \$50,000. The city council of Portland has passed an ordinance prohibiting steamboats from running faster than five miles an hour within the city limits. His Head Blown Off. SALEM, Aug. 1.—R. Alpin, of St. Paul, this county, the younger son of widow Alpin, while out hunting last night, was accidentally killed. He was trying to prevent his dog from going over a fence into a field where he supposed grouse were. He gave the dog a punch with the butt of the gun, when the hammer hit the fence, discharging the gun. The load struck Alpin in the forehead completely blowing the top of his head off. His brother James was with him and witnessed the accident.

WAR IN THE ORIENT.

Three Chinese War Vessels Sunk and Many People Killed.

SHANGHAI, July 31.—News has just been received here of a desperate battle between the fleets of China and Japan, in which the Chinese were defeated and the Chen Yuen, the largest battleship but one in the Chinese service, was sunk, and two other large Chinese vessels, said to be first-class cruisers, captured or destroyed. The battle was hotly contested, but the Japanese appeared to have handled their guns, ships and torpedoes with more skill than the Chinese. The Chinese fleet engaged carried nearly 1000 men and a large number are reported killed or drowned. Later dispatches say that few if any of the Chinese engaged in the battle escaped. Two German officers in command of the Chen Yuen are reported to have met death with the crew.

The news of the battle was received here by private telegram from Tien-Tsin. If the report is true, of which there is little doubt, it means an end has been put to China's fighting upon the seas. The Chen Yuen must have started from Taku after leaving the Chinese transports there.

The two Chinese cruisers supposed to have been captured or destroyed during the engagement which ended so fatally for the Chen Yuen, are supposed to be the Chen Yuen and the Foo Ching. The Chen Yuen was a protected cruiser, built at Renswick, England. She had a displacement of 2300 tons. Her armament consisted of three 8 1/2-inch Krupp and two 6-inch Armstrongs, protected by splinter-proof shields, several 8-pounder rapid-firing Hotchkiss guns six 4-inch and four torpedo tubes. The Foo Ching was also an English-built protected cruiser, very much similar to the Chen Yuen. She had a displacement of 2500 tons, was built of steel in 1890, and carried ten guns of about the same caliber as those carried by the Chen Yuen.

TREN TSI, July 31.—A naval battle was fought yesterday between the Chinese and Japanese fleets. The Japanese sank the Chinese warship Chen Yuen. Two large cruisers, supposed to be vessels built for China by Armstrong, were captured or destroyed. The Chen Yuen was a battleship of 7400 tons displacement, carrying 14 1/2-inch and compound armor at the water line. Her battery included four 12-inch guns protected by armored breastworks, and two small Krupp, 11 Hotchkiss cannon and tubes for Whitehead torpedoes, two 8 1/2-inch and 6-inch Krupp and a secondary battery of Hotchkiss revolving cannon. The Chen Yuen was built for China at the Stettin works. She was a sister ship of the Ling Yuen, and was the most powerful ship in the Chinese navy with the exception of the Ling Yuen.

Japan's Declaration of War.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—A dispatch just received says Japan made a formal declaration of war upon China today. Lord Kimberley, upon receipt of notice from the Japanese minister that war had been declared, wired all the British representatives abroad to warn the captains of merchant vessels of the fact in order that they might form their cargoes accordingly. Any contraband were comprised in the cargoes will be liable at the risk of the owners of the vessels.

TOKIO, Aug. 1.—The Japanese government has informed the representative foreign powers here that the state of war exists between Japan and China. This is regarded as equivalent to a declaration of war.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Private dispatches say that Japan has closed her legation in Peking and recalled all her consuls and minister from China.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 2.—12:30 P. M.—In consequence of the declaration of war upon China, proclaimed by Japan yesterday, the Japanese minister will leave Tokio tomorrow. The Japanese flag was hoisted down from the consulate here today.

Drowned at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., July 27.—August Nelson, a fisherman, was drowned this evening near the West Shore cannery. He had been ashore, and slipped from a ladder at the wharf on to the gunwales of the boat, causing it to tip. The unfortunate man swung away from the boat, and was apparently well able to reach the shore, but suddenly sank. It was supposed he was seized with a cramp, for he was a strong swimmer. Boat No. 59, belonging to the Elmore cannery, was also capsized this afternoon, as the result of drunkenness on the part of two men. Both were, however, picked up by the crew of another boat, which was passing at the time of the accident. The boat and net drifted down to Fort Stevens, where they were picked up by the steamer Elmore, and towed to the cannery.

My boy was taken with a disease resembling bloody flux. The first thing I thought of was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it settled the matter and cured him sound and well. I heartily recommend this remedy to all persons suffering with a like complaint. I will answer any inquiry regarding it when stamp is enclosed. I refer to any county official as to my reliability. Wm. Roach, J. P., Primory, Campbell county, Tenn. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

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