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EASY LIVING AND THRIFT.

That a society for the promotion of thrift has been formed is significant of a change in public opinion toward family expenditures. For years we have been spending recklessly and boasting of it.

Some persons seem to possess but one standard by which to judge others. If they spend lavishly, they are "getting along." If they do not, they are not doing well.

Living beyond one's means spells only unhappiness. Many a family is in discord today because man, wife and children are in a mad rivalry to see how far the family income can be stretched without breaking it.

It is better to cut such busybodies entirely off one's visiting list than to let them run one's business. This, however, is but one way in which the influence of the world is exerted.

the ambitious man or woman. The most wholesome pleasures are the cheapest. The friendship of a few good companions costs nothing; a walk in the bracing air costs nothing; fraternity with children or books or nature costs nothing.

A Chicago man explained to the judge that he turned in false alarms of fire to amuse his mother-in-law. With all our boasted progress, amusing mothers-in-law does not seem to have been made any easier.

Customs inspectors found that J. Pierpont Morgan's daughter wears imitation aigrettes in her hat. Only the rich can afford to do that.

In Chicago a man collapsed in front of a millinery store. It is a mistake to put the prices on hats in the windows.

When Ananias considers present day politics in New York, he must make up his mind that he was an awful piker.

It has been suggested that the



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Subscriptions Received at this Office See Our Family Combination Offer Elsewhere

Salvation Army could do more good than any other in Mexico.

Motion picture films of weddings may be embarrassing in the divorce courts.

Englishmen did not believe in "back to the soil." There are more than 7,250,000 of them in London alone.

My First Detective Lesson By ELLIOT MANSFIELD

"Want to learn the business, do you?" Closser said. "Well, the quickest way to learn anything is to do it. There's a gang of counterfeiters to be run down, and I'll put you on the job."

"I give you this because it is easy," he replied. "A counterfeiter is handicapped with a workshop. He must have his contrivances to make his bills, and after he has made them he must get good money for them. Therefore he is in constant danger; he's the easiest rogue of all to get."

The job he gave me was very easy because it was already half done. A man in B. who lived alone in a house he had rented, that was big enough for a large family, was suspected, and I was sent to locate opposite him and get information as to what he was doing.

The letters were nearly all from business houses to which the man had applied for a position, nothing whatever incriminating in any of them. I wrote Closser that there must be some mistake, mentioning my capturing of the suspect's mail.

The next day a telegraph boy called at the fellow's house with a dispatch and couldn't get in. While he was ringing I went over and asked him whom he wanted.

When I reported this to Closser he wrote me that the fellow had doubtless sent the dispatch to himself to mislead a shadow. I'd better look out for some means of communication not so public.

Closser wrote me that it might be a good idea to scrape an acquaintance with the suspect. I met him (purposely) just before he went into his house and asked him to tell me the way to the Union depot.

"Who arrested that young man?" "He was arrested by my order." "But I've found out nothing against him."

"No, you haven't, but others have. You wanted to learn something, and I sent you where you could do so. I had the fellow nearly cornered and sent you to watch him in order to throw him off the track of the real detectives."

it and put us back by your inexperience. The man received his mail baked in bread, but only on certain days, or, rather, when a mail was sent him. On the day you captured the loaf that contained nothing he was watching you and saw that his mail carrier was purposely to fool you."

"But how did he know I was watching him?" "Oh, you couldn't watch a man from an opposite window with state prison staring him in the face without his getting on to it sooner or later. But you were of great value to us."

THE VOICE OF A CHILD.

How One of the World's Greatest Song Birds Was Discovered.

Many years ago a maid employed by Miss Lundberg, a famous dancer of the Royal Opera in Stockholm, was given a holiday by her mistress and set out to take a walk.

Miss Lundberg was somewhat skeptical, but finally went to the house and heard the sweet song. She, too, was convinced of the great natural beauty of the child's voice and reported it to Croellus, the singing master of the opera.

Croellus was also somewhat skeptical at first, but at Miss Lundberg's request he, too, went and, standing on the sidewalk, heard the child sing.

Enraptured in turn, he told Count Buks, manager of the Royal Opera, and arrangements were made by which the little girl sang for the court.

She was at once taken as a free pupil in the Royal Opera school and there after received the best instruction Sweden could give.

Not Much Doubt.

Several Americans in London recently applied to an agency for an automobile in which to go sightseeing. There was difficulty in getting one on such short notice, but when the hour arrived a luxurious limousine car was placed at their disposal.

"Well, it is not often that one like this is for hire," was the reply. "Did you notice the coat of arms on the door? That automobile belongs to Lady —, naming one of the wealthiest American heiresses married to an English peer, 'but she is out of town.'"

Old French in Official England.

One may not be ignorant, perhaps, that French, old French, remains as the language used in certain royal proclamations in England. So when "the king's assent" is given before the throne in "the painted chamber" the clerk cries in the language of our father, "Le roy le veuit."

Alas, that time has disappeared this old world of our country, and today the phlegmatic English herald cries thrice to the people: "Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Oh, yes!"—Cri de Paris.

National Baths.

He was a gentleman who was in Washington as a minister representing Honduras. Diplomats, according to the popular conception, never say the wrong thing. They are believed to be the delicacy of language and the fineness of vocabulary.

"Now, sir," said the barber briskly "can't we give you a Turkish bath?" "No-o-o" replied the man from Honduras, with some hesitation.

Plants and Electricity.

The idea of growing plants by electricity has been referred to as the "last cry" in gardening and floriculture; but, as a matter of fact, the idea is nearly a couple of centuries old.

A Thackeray Slip.

Thackeray asked Lowell to point out candidly any error of Queen Anne English in the novel "Henry Esmond." Lowell asked if people used at that time the phrase "different to."

Your job printing. Have it done at the Observer office.

Received this week many new arrivals in useful CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Hand Embroidered Underwear, \$2.50 to \$5 garment. Alpine Embroidered Handkerchiefs 25c to 75c. Chief Joseph Indian Blankets. Large Blankets \$5.00 and \$7.50. Small Blankets \$1.50 and \$2.00. Ladies and Men's Bath Robes \$2.50 to \$13.50. The largest line of practical gifts we have ever shown now on display. West THE QUALITY STORE. ONLY FIVE MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL X'MAS.

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