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DECENTLY POLITE, THOUGH MARRIED.

For four days, recently, a bride and bridegroom have been sitting in the Chicago court of domestic relations listening to the sordid tales of unhappiness related there. They were looking for pointers on how not to act in married life.

A reporter, who day after day, sat in a divorce court and scribbled both serious and frivolous stories about what happened there once asked a judge what, in his experience was the chief reef in the matrimonial sea?

"Discourtesy," said the jurist decisively.

"Why, judge, surely not a little thing like that. Some of these women throw frying pans at their husband's heads, some of these men beat their wives with sticks and whips."

"Isn't that highly discourteous?" queried the judge with a grim smile.

"Yes," admitted the reporter, "and then some."

"My point," said the judge, "is that it all starts in that ignoring of another's wishes, tastes, feelings, which in trifles we call discourtesy. Before marriage a man esteems it a privilege to pick up his sweetheart's glove; after marriage this same sweetheart, his wife now, can toil upstairs with a full clothes basket and he'll keep right on reading the newspaper. Before marriage a woman will read a dozen cookbooks to concoct a salad for her lover; after marriage this same lover, her husband now, can consider himself lucky to get coffee and 'sinkers' for his dinner. These are extreme cases, but not half as extreme as the real ones we hear every day. They only illustrate my point. This is, that altogether too many married people figure there's no use dragging the ordinary standards of decently polite society into so common-place an environment as the home."

Courtesy means a lot of things. It means tactful consideration of the rights and peculiarities of others, it means forbearance and patience and cheerfulness in annoying little situations. It means far more than the picking up of a glove. What it really means is that thoughtfulness for another of which picking up the glove is but the outward symbol. It is to mere politeness what sunshine is to moonshine. It is deeper and broader than any etiquette or code of manners. Courtesy is the innate character reflected in kindly and pleasant deeds.

If men and women would make for themselves certain rigid rules of what they would not say or do under any possible provocation, if they would study to please each other after marriage as they studied to please each other before, there still would be divorces—about one-fourth as many as there are now.

REVIVING THE SPELLING BEE.

A general movement appears to have taken hold in the eastern states to revive the old-fashioned spelling bee. Just where it started is difficult to determine except that possibly the spelling bee is due to return and comes spontaneously. At any rate we are glad to see it back and hope that the movement will spread over the land with a force that it cannot be overlooked either in the school or outside of it. Spelling is one of the essentials of every person's education but it is one essential that seems to have been sadly overlooked of late.

It has been charged that modern methods or teaching spelling are not

up to the mark set in former days. This charge is probably unjustifiable but the revival of the spelling bee will decide whether or not it is true and at the same time develop a new interest in spelling that cannot help being beneficial.

There is this much to be said, however. The modern business man who a decade or two ago did all of his own letter writing delegates it now to a stenographer who is supposed to be an adept at spelling. If she is not and misspells a word that is overlooked by the person for whom she transcribed the dictation, the reflection is cast upon both and it is a reflection that is not overlooked. But the business man, the average business man who delegates his letter writing to a stenographer shifts the whole responsibility to the stenographer and promptly forgets how to spell words that should be simple to him. The revival of the spelling bee would awaken him to his shortcomings.

The spelling bee should be taken up by the school authorities without delay. If the present methods of teaching are all that could be desired the schools will be vindicated; if they are not the authorities will be made aware of the fact and the systems of teaching can be changed before further harm is done.

Transparent vests are announced as a new feature of spring styles for men. If they are designed to show the contents as do those transparent front envelopes that inclose the month's bills no power can drag a modest man into one of them.

Marconi has now lighted an electric bulb at a distance of six miles by a wireless current. Maybe he, too, had had to fumble around for the switch on a zero night when the baby was demanding refreshment.

The Italian war department is utilizing the ultra-violet rays to explode torpedoes. Why the rays, when the Christmas socks will answer the same purpose.

Manuel, Portugal's former king, is beginning to patronize the London movies, it is said. We begin to be cheerful about Manuel, as the movies are the first step toward saving money.

A sign of permanent bachelorhood is when a man saves tobacco coupons to buy himself a soft pillow cover.

MRS. SHEPARD HERE.

Well Known Lecturer Here this Afternoon and Night.

This afternoon at the M. E. church, Mrs. Shepard of Utah, delivered a stirring lecture to a fair-sized audience. The local W. C. T. U. committee hopes to fill the church this evening with people to hear this talented speaker. She has been here before and those who heard her once, will want to do so again.

Following are some press notices about Mrs. Shepard.

An audience filling the auditorium listened with breathless interest last evening to Mrs. Lulu Loveland Shepard's telling and forceful address on the subject of "Equal Suffrage." Her familiarity as a lecturer and reformer in the western suffrage states gave weight to her statements which would not accompany a purely theoretical argument in favor of suffrage.—Daily News, Portage, Wis.

Mrs. Shepard had the undivided attention of the large, untiring audience for an hour. The people were highly pleased with her. She is a very intelligent woman and an interesting, enthusiastic speaker.—Daily Times, Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Shepard held the audience spell-bound for over an hour and a half.—The Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Shepard uses no notes and takes her audience into her confidence in a manner that captivates her hearers from the start.—Salt Lake Daily Tribune.

As Mrs. Shepard faced her great audience in the Salt Lake theatre a tremor seemed to possess her for a moment, but scarcely had the moment passed before the vast audience was swayed with an eloquence that was irresistible.—Deseret Evening News, Salt Lake City.—Adv

WANTED—Roomers and boarders. 1901 N. Fir and S. St. Mrs. S. V. McGee. 3-11-5t

ASYLUM FARM BARNS READY

FINE BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.

Hog and Dairy Barns at Pendleton Asylum farm are Modern.

The new hog and dairy barns at the Eastern Oregon state hospital have just been completed and will probably be received within the next few days, says the Pendleton E. O. These barns are models, the best that is known in their line, absolutely modern. The inside dimensions of the hog barn are 30x80, of which a room 15x30 at the east end is partitioned off to be used for a killing pen. A feed vat and scalding will also be installed in this room. The main part is divided into sixteen compartments, eight on each side of the passageway which is about eight feet wide. The entire floor is of cement with the floor in each compartment divided and one half covered with a temporary wooden floor. The partitions between the compartments are wire and steel. The concrete troughs are low and separated every foot with small rounded steel in order to permit as even distribution of food as is possible.

The yard around this barn is probably the most ideal running ground in the state. With plenty of grass and shade this yard has been cleared of all underbrush and the cottonwoods trimmed up 20 feet. Two springs furnish pure running water all the year.

The immense cow barn 40x120 feet is equipped with stanchions for 54 milk cows and a number of box stalls on the main floor. The entire floor and mangers are of concrete and the stanchions are metal pipe, equipped with metal water buckets. As in the hog barn the beds are of temporary wooden cleats which can be removed in a few minutes. Overhead litter carriers are installed. On the side of the barn two silos with a capacity of 100 tons each. These are connected to the main barn by the mill feed bins. Two rooms on the west are to be used as cooling room and place for the men to keep spare clothes and personal effects. A boiler will be installed and hot water will be on hand at all times, together with orders to use it plentifully. No one yet has risked his reputation by estimating how much hay the mow will store but it is safe to estimate it will store 500 tons without crowding. This will be filled with chopped alfalfa. In the main building of the institution one of the best equipped milk caring rooms in the state is situated along with an excellent cold storage plant. Thirty milk cows are being kept at present and the number will be increased to about 45 or 50 as soon as possible. Both the hog and cow barns are equipped with modern santic tanks, ample hose to furnish sufficient fire protection and lighted with electricity.

WE CAN NOW SUPPLY THIS HAIR PREPARATION

Our big Harmony Laboratories in Boston have caught up with their orders now and so we won't have to disappoint any who are using Harmony Hair Beautifier and want more of it, or any who have been advised by your friends to use it. We can now fill all demands, even if it becomes even more of a rage than it is now.

Harmony Hair Beautifier is just what it is named—a hair beautifier. It is not a hair dye of hair oil—but a dainty, rose-perfumed liquid dressing to give the hair its natural gloss and brightness, wavy softness, rich beauty. Easy to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. Contains no oil, and will not change color of the hair, nor darken gray hair.

To keep your hair and scalp dandruff free clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous rich lather that immediately penetrates to every part of hair and scalp, insuring quick and thorough cleansing. Washed off just as quickly, the entire operation takes only a few moments. Contains nothing that can harm the hair; leaves no harshness or stickiness—just a sweet smelling cleanliness.

Both preparations come in odd-shap-

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Every new fad of fashion is now on display for spring and summer. Each day of the past week has brought by express and parcels post the very latest ideas in dresses, suits, coats, and millinery, adding to our already large line.

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SUMMERVILLE PLANT SPREADS.

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voir about one and one-half miles to the central power station in the town of Summerville.

An auxiliary steam power plant will guard against any possible accident to the water power, and as guarantee of continuous day and night service.

The whole scheme has been presented by Leo Klees to the farmers and unanimously accepted by them.

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Use Hyomei—You Breathe It.

It's the right-to-the-point remedy not only for catarrh, but for head colds, sniffles, bronchitis, laryngitis or croup of children. You breathe it—no stomach dosing.

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Hyomei is a combination of antiseptic oils that mixes with the air and quickly reaches the irritated and inflamed membrane of the nose. It's sure and safe healing begins immediately—you feel better at once.

If suffering from watery eyes, husky voice, discharge from the nose, or that choked-up feeling, try Hyomei now—today. All druggists sell it. Ask for the complete outfit.—1.00 size. Adv

MRS. SLATER SCALDED.

Covered Bucket of Hot Water Explodes, Scalding Woman.

Union, March 11.—Mrs. Dick Slater, well known resident of Union county, was seriously, but not likely fatally, scalded last evening when a covered bucket filled with hot water exploded. She was removing the bucket from the stove in her home when the explosion occurred and the boiling water spilled on her hands and splashed on her face. The burns are very painful and

relatives, nearby at the time, rushed medical attention to her.

Goodnough Operation Success.

C. D. Goodnough was yesterday successfully operated on for rupture at the Grande Ronde hospital. He is resting easily today.

FOR SALE—New 5-room house, will take team and wagon as first payment, balance monthly. Call 1610 Oak St. 3-11-6t

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