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WORK AND SELF-DENIAL.

From the Ohio State Journal: "In our old fifth reader, McGuffey's, the best ever printed, there was an article on the subject of 'No Excellence Without Great Labor.' That is great enough truth to be put in blazoned letters over every schoolroom door. There is no real success in this world outside of work and self-denial. The whole Christian religion is based on sacrifice. That is the lesson of Calvary. Whatever a man gets for nothing will do him no good. The path of pleasure does not lead to high achievement. When we see an effort to serve a noble end by a base means we know there is a failure ahead. You have got to do something to win; you have got to deny yourself; you have got to sacrifice. Frivolity and bubbles never earn a thing that will pass current in God's market. The world is far from learning this, and that is the reason it is moving along so slow morally."

CAN THE SLATE COME BACK?

There are men of place and power to whom mention of the fact that the paper shortage has revived the use of the slate by British children will bring back instant memories of the Little Red School House. In the United States, as in England, there must be schools where the slate has never yielded. In the telephone-tapping cases the police are said to have taken down upon slates the conversations to which they "listened in"—a preference that speaks of classroom habit. But not for our cities is such conservatism. "In deference to medical opinion," says the Manchester Guardian, school slates in England are now "cleansed by antiseptic methods." What methods? In ruder days one spat upon the slate and polished it with an accustomed sleeve; some of the big girls may have kept a sponge for the purpose. So when sanitation was invented the slate was taboo along with the water-pail and its one tincup for all to drink from. Something besides economy might speak for the slate. It does not glare. It is easier to read from than the scraps of tin from John D.'s oil cases that Moslem boys use in mosque schools. The squeaky pencil that of old insured its owner a punishment would cause no remark now that punishment for real offenses is no more permitted. Dug from inexhaustible stores, the slate in school would help save the vanishing forest; why have not con-

servationists formed Societies for the Encouragement of its Use? But its divinest attribute is mercy. The written word remains, says the law maxim? Not if you use the slate, whose generous nature knows no recollections of a thousand blunders!

Basements Are Flooded.

Vancouver, Wash., July 4.—The Columbia river rose 0.1 of a foot in the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning. Basements in the lower part of town are flooded, water backing up through sewers. The mill of the DuBois Lumber company closed Saturday, but will reopen tomorrow unless the water rises higher than it is now.

"HUSKIES" FIGHT THIEVES

Carlisle to Take Stern Measure to Stamp Out Pickpockets. Cleveland, June 20.—The mailed fist is going to mow down the pickpockets who victimize street car passengers, if gentler methods fail. A couple of husky fighting men, quick of wit and handy of fist, may do sentry duty on every streetcar in Cleveland during rush hours, President Stanley, of the Cleveland Railway company, declared the other day. "We broke up rowdiness on Euclid Beach cars by those methods eight years ago," he said, "and failure of our present crusade, in which conductors and motormen are instructed to co-operate with police in stamping out pickpockets, will mean a return to sterner means."

The wholesale raid on car riders, 37 of whom were robbed of close to \$2000 during the first 13 days in June, brought an order from George L. Radcliffe, general manager of the street-car company, to all conductors and motormen to close car doors and guard against the departure of a single passenger the moment anybody raises the alarm of a theft. Thus every car where a theft is discovered will instantly become a prison cell on wheels until the police can be summoned. Chief of Detectives Rabshaw declared that in his four months in office 120 persons had been arrested as known thieves in an effort to rid the city of "tourist" criminals. He declared a revision of laws would be necessary before the police could hope to cope properly with the situation. It is possible suspected pickpockets, when arrested will be lined up at every precinct police station for every patrolman in the city to scrutinize.

VETERANS GET WAR FEVER.

Men Who Fought in Spanish-American War (Lash Ready to Enlist.

Tacoma, Wash., June 26.—(Special)—Veterans of the Spanish-American War wish to serve their country in the Mexican fuss. At a picnic and barbecue given by the John B. Thompson Camp today, a majority of the veterans present expressed a desire to enlist again if needed. A roll was called of the former soldiers willing to step into the ranks again and not one who was physically fit faltered. Several thousand persons attended the barbecue and when the response was so general to fight for the flag they cheered lustily for their soldier hosts.

TERSE SENTIMENTS.

Dr. David Starr Jordan—A low-brow is only one degree removed from a rough-neck. Senator John Sharp Williams—The British Empire will probably be wrecked some day. Commissioner of Health Emerson—There were 3000 dog fights in New York last year. General Leonard Wood—This much I know—our next war will be with a power of the first class.

BOOTH AS HAMLET.

His Stage Business Was Used by Both Fechter and Mounet-Sully.

Like all men before the public, Edwin Booth was frequently the victim of malicious detraction. He was accused of imitating other actors, at first his father, then the tragedian Fechter and others.

Fechter was at that time very popular in England and in this country. He once called on the younger actor and said with brutal frankness, "I hear them say you imitate my business, and I am going to watch you like a hawk." It must have been rather trying to play to this rival glaring conspicuously from a stage-box, but at the conclusion of the performance Fechter came back to say that the charge was quite unfounded.

Shortly after this experience Booth took a night off and went to see Fechter, and he was astonished to see the German actor following the ghost in "Hamlet" with the handle of his sword uplifted as a cross. Booth remarked dryly that Fechter had evidently approved that part of his business and had adopted it. Shortly after this the critic of a New York paper made the interesting discovery that Booth had purloined this bit of business from the foreign actor.

Booth smiled at the extravagant praise bestowed upon Mounet-Sully for his wonderful business in "Hamlet" in swearing by the shadow of the cross made on the stage by his sword. Booth's comment was that he had done that years before Mounet-Sully ever played the part of Hamlet. Both pieces of business were the results of accidents. On one occasion his sword stuck into the stage so that he could not pull it out, and he noticed the shadow cast by it and realized its significance as he pointed to it. On another night, as he was struggling with Marcellus and Horatio—"Unhand me, gentlemen, or, by heaven, I'll make a ghost of him that lets me"—he lost his hold on the sword; it flew up into the air, and as he caught it he noticed that the light made the sign of the cross; he caught the eloquence of its meaning, and it became a permanent part of his performance.—Edwin Milton Royle in Harper's Magazine.

CANINE SWIFTNES.

Eskimo and Siberian Dogs Are Fast, but the Greyhound Excels.

Few people realize of what remarkable speed dogs are capable. Some statistics in regard to this have been gathered by M. Dusoller, a French scientist. After pointing out the marvelous endurance shown by little fox terriers who followed their masters patiently for hours while they were riding on bicycles or in carriages he says that even greater endurance is shown by certain wild animals that are akin to dogs. Thus the wolf can run between fifty and sixty miles in one night, and an arctic fox can do quite as well, if not better.

Eskimo and Siberian dogs can travel forty-five miles on the ice in five hours, and there is a case on record in which a team of Eskimo dogs traveled six and one-half miles in twenty-eight minutes.

According to M. Dusoller, the speed of the shepherd dogs and those used on hunting ranges is from ten to fifteen yards a second. English setters and pointers run at the rate of eighteen to nineteen miles an hour, and they can maintain this speed for at least two hours. Fox hounds are extraordinarily swift, as is proved by the fact that a dog of this breed once beat a thoroughbred horse, covering four miles in six and a half minutes, which was at the rate of nearly eighteen yards a second. Greyhounds are the swiftest of all four footed creatures, and their speed is equal to that of carrier pigeons. English greyhounds, which are used for coursing, are able to cover at full gallop a space between eighteen and twenty yards every second.—Our Dumb Animals.

Held Bible and Rudder.

Some years ago Japan was neither so free nor so friendly with other nations as she is today. In those old days when a foreign ship entered the Japanese ports the captain was obliged to place his Bible and rudder in charge of the chief officer of the port and leave them there until he was ready to sail. Of course he wouldn't sail without either, and the Japs could easily keep tabs on the movements of all ships in their harbors.

Business Speeches.

"Have you anything to say why your firm should not be passed on you?" said the judge. "I'm a fool. I made up the list last week, when I was convinced that they'd let me in to do my job, and I typed the papers.—Detroit Free Press.

Hastening the Evil Day.

Willie—I'm sure he wishes that you'd make haste and propose to Peter. Young Man (delighted)—Then he is willing to let her marry me? Willie—Taint that. He says you're not likely to keep comin' here after she hands you the mittens.—Boston Transcript.

What Counts.

Grubbs—I met a man today who can draw his check for a million. Stubbs—That's nothing. I met a man who can draw his check for ten and actually get it cashed.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

He Works.

"He never works, does he?" "Oh, yes; he works any one he can for anything he can!"

Still Many Good Pairs of Women's and Children's Shoes Here at Un-Heard-Of Low Prices in Our

July Clean-Up Sale

Many are out in bins. Come in and look them over you'll sure be surprised at the unheard of bargains. One lot odds and ends of women's low shoes, were regular \$3.50 Utz and Dunn and Pingree makes, all small sizes, 23 to 41. Clean-up price at only 50c pair. One lot Women's and Misses fine high shoes, regular \$4.00 values, tan calf, tan suedes, black suedes, and a few pair of black kid—button and lace styles. Just the thing for outing, street or house wear. Sizes up to 5. Clean-up price 95c pair. One lot Regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 gun metal and patent leather button high shoes—round toes, Cuban and medium low heels, short vamps, genuine good year welt soles. Most all sizes and widths. Clean-up price \$2.45 pair. One lot short lines, lace and button oxfords and street and dress pumps—plain toes, new heels, \$3.50 to \$4.00 values. Clean-up \$1.95 pair. Entire stock of summer pumps at reduced prices.

The New Mid-Summer Styles Women's Neckwear

Every Collar fresh, distinctive and different from any ever shown before—large sailor, circular collars, fichus effects, small collars, etc., of voile, bastiste, organdy and other sheer materials. There is just a limited number of these pretty collars—and you know how popular the neckwear counter at this store is and how fast such good neckwear sells at 25c and 50c.



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Our sales in front laced corsets have wonderfully increased, and in order that we may meet satisfactorily this larger demand we have placed in stock an extensive assortment of Henderson Front Laced Corsets, designed for the slight, the average and the stout figures. These corsets have the deserved reputation of being unsurpassed for style, fit, beauty and service. Henderson Front Laced Corsets have a ventilated back section, made of a soft mesh material which prevents all pressure of heavy boning or bulky seams on the spine, so objectionable in some front laced models. The ventilated tongue under the front lacing prevents protruding of flesh or clothing and the elastic sections inserted in the corset skirt "give and take" with every body position. The better models have a flexible top clasp which relieves pressure on the bust. Better or more satisfactory corsets are not made for the prices. We urge that you inspect these new Front-Laced Models \$2.50 to \$3.50.

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Drunkness Decreases. Vancouver, Wash., July 4.—The report of the city police justice shows that eight men were tried during the past month for drunkenness. The average arrests per month for drunkenness in 1914 was 48. THE BEST PROOF. La Grande Citizens Cannot Doubt It Doan's Kidney Pills were used—They brought benefit. The story was told to La Grande residents. Time has strengthened the evidence. Has proven the result lasting. The testimony is from this locality. The proof convincing: L. Greenwald, proprietor shoe repair shop, 414 Lincoln St., Pendleton, Ore., says: "Backache and soreness across my kidneys troubled me day and night. The kidney secretions pained in passage and the flow was too frequent and scanty. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills completely cured me." (Statement given May 17, 1910.) A Lasting Cure. Over two years later, Mr. Greenwald, said: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and the trouble has never come back." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Greenwald has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv. D.11-20-15

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