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There's Only One English

There is only one standard of English. Surely there should be no meaning to the phrase 'college English' as distinct from 'practical English.' If there is, the fact is not only a charge against the newspaper and magazine and the business letter; it is also in too many cases a charge against the classroom. There is only one English, and it is properly divided into two great divisions, good English and bad English. Yours received and contents noted, would say in reply to same, have billed as of above date should reflect just as much discredit upon the business concern as it does upon the class room.

So said Burgess Johnson, magazine writer and professor of journalism at Vassar college in a paper read before a Modern Language association.

Mr. Johnson speaks of a young man applying for a position as teacher of college English who asked whether six or seven years of practical journalistic work might be accepted in lieu of advanced university study. The dean replied, 'Not the standards of journalistic and newspaper English are so low that there can be no relationship between them and college English, and the less the class room has to do with the present-day practical English of the world outside, the better.'

Mr. Johnson believes that the standards of the class room will not be lowered, but broadened, the standards of 'everyday English' be raised, by closer association. He wants advertisements, news stories, editorials, as well as poems and essays, brought into the class room, and reminds his hearers that 'the search for and appraisal of words to fit a twenty-word advertisement differs only slightly from the process of polishing a sonnet.'

Irvin Cobb remarks in a recent war article that he speaks three languages, English, Bad French and Pro-

other. There is high-brow English, divided into more than three languages, quite unintelligible to each other. There is high-brow English, low-brow English, New York English and Slang. Mr. Cobb this morning that curious dialect or jargon of which Mr. Johnson gives a sample, Business English.

If there is only one English, and that can be divided into only two classes, good and bad, it might be a good plan for the average American to analyze his ordinary speech for a week or two, decide which class his speech is in, and which class he would like to make his permanent vehicle of expression.

It Has Come to Stay

The good roads question is no longer a mere fad and a means of 'providing driveways for the owners of automobiles.' The wind has exhausted itself from that kind of protest, else almost up to the full hundred per cent. from the fact that nearly everybody now owns a car of some kind. When almost everybody wants a thing that thing will most likely come. That is the new turn that is now in sight for the evolution of the good roads movements. But it is not the automobile alone that needs the improved roadway. It is the tractor truck as well. In many parts of the country there are plans now on the way when a truck service throughout all the country districts will be almost as common as the 'jitney' service in the cities. A very large percentage of the rural mail deliveries is made by auto. A good deal more than half of the cream and milk is delivered in La Grande in cars. The auto and the truck are coming into use that is almost universal. Then, why should there not be a demand for improved highways? It will soon be that there will be no one opposed to highways; no complaint against roads that are passable at practically all seasons. It is a demand, now, and not a theme of protest and a matter to be kicked at and objected to, so the road program is on the way and it has 'come to stay.'

The Long Island City prophet who prophesied that the Kaiser would commit suicide on August 15th last made a slight error in his calculations. But the chances are dollars to doughnuts just the same that the Kaiser wishes he had fulfilled the prophecy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the kindness and sympathy extended to us and especially to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in our recent bereavement.

MRS. VERA JASPERSON AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS

Miss Beale Buchler and Mrs. Buchler wish to thank their many friends for the kindness and beautiful floral offerings in their late bereavement. 12-10-18-pd.

SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S

Dr. George R. Van Waters will be present this evening.

Dr. George R. Van Waters of Portland, the general missionary of Eastern Oregon will hold services in St. Peter's Episcopal church this evening. Everybody cordially invited.

Hippodrome vauville, Arcade theatre, Wednesday night. 12-10-18

NO WONDER THEY ARE THIN

(By United Press)
LONDON, Nov. 18.—(By Mail)—Costs of living in Brussels reached a high level just before the armistice was signed. Foodstuffs cost per pound as follows: Meat.....13.84 Potatoes......40 Sugar......1.68 Flour......1.68 Living in Brussels was more than ten times as expensive as in London.

WOULD BAN SUCH NAMES AS 'SHEENY' AND 'WOP'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—The department of the interior, bureau of education, is trying to discourage the use of nicknames especially designating certain classes of foreign-born Americans. Dago, Kike, Wop, Greaser, Mick, Paddy, Spaghetti, Sheeny and similar names make no hit with the bureau of education, which maintains that such distinctions tend to promote lines of cleavage between the American born and Americanized foreign-born persons and groups.

The bureau is sending out a suggested form for a pledge to refrain from the use of such names. Schools and factories will be supplied with the proposed pledge, so that American children and adults may stop in spirit of the undesirability of making sport of anybody because he was not born in this country.

IF IT'S FIGURES, WHY

(By United Press)
LONDON, Nov. 17.—(By Mail)—The war has shown that when a woman is good at figures she is sometimes a real genius at them. The Society of Incorporated Auditors and Accountants has just recognized this by deciding that women shall be admitted to membership on the same terms and conditions as men. There was a big majority in favor of the proposal. According to the manager of a great bank, a third of the women who have come into the business of figures during the war have proved unsuitable, and another third might be graded as mediocre, but the remaining third are 'real winners' and are indispensable after the war.

NEW GAS NON-EXPLOSIVE

Navy Evolves Element Which Eliminates Fire Hazard.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Discovery of an inert, non-inflammable gas designed for use in balloons, dirigibles and other lighter than air craft was revealed by the navy department Monday in a statement explaining expenditures now being made jointly with the army for its production. The department said the use of this new element, officially termed 'argon,' will eliminate the hazard of fire and explosion that always has accompanied balloon operations where hydrogen has been used to inflate the gas bags.

From Natural Gas

The gas from which 'argon' is obtained comes from wells at Petrolia, Texas, owned by the Lone Star Gas company, the statement said, and a 10-inch pipe line which cost \$1,000,000, is being laid for a distance of ninety-four miles from the wells to a plant at North Fort Worth, where the gas will be compressed into cylinders for shipment to the balloon fields. High proof gasoline is obtained in a ratio of about five gallons per 1000 cubic feet of gas, it was said, and after the 1 per cent of 'argon' is removed, by agreement with the Lone Star company, the remainder of the gas is turned into the city mains of Fort Worth and Dallas.

Build \$900,000 Plant

The department estimates that the plant at North Fort Worth, designed by the navy bureau of yards and docks, and which will cost \$900,000, will be completed by next April 1.

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YOU WILL FIND AT THIS STORE THE ARTICLES YOU WANT AND IN A QUALITY THAT WILL MAKE YOUR GIFT A LASTING ONE AS WELL AS A WELCOME ONE. NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY—OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKS ARE HERE, WE'RE READY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU. DON'T BLOCK THE MAILS OR EXPRESS BY WAITING UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT TO SEND YOUR GIFTS. SHOP AT THIS STORE—YOU WILL FIND THE GIFTS THEY WANT AND IN THE QUALITY YOU WANT FOR THEM.
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Be Kind and Patient.

There is more special grace required and manifest in watchful perseverance in little kindnesses and habitual patience at home, in abstinence from conversational disparagement of others, and in resistance to habits of talk and undue self-indulgence in private life than in the performance of great public duties under the observation of multitudes.

Early Declines.

If the truth could be discovered, probably it would be found that one reason why a woman lives longer than a man is because she doesn't pay any attention to statistics.—Dallas News.

Daily Thought.

Fear not, lest existence closing your account and mine shall know the like no more. The eternal Soul from that bowl has poured a million bubbles and will pour.—Quint.

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