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Isn't This Town A Pretty Good Town? If Not, Why Not?

How do you like the town you live in?
Pretty fair sort of place, isn't it? Otherwise you'd move to some other town, wouldn't you?

But you don't think much of this town, you say? Well, what's the matter with this town? If there's anything wrong, let's all get together and right it.



All of us live here, and we ought to pull together. Nobody living in New York or Chicago or St. Louis or San Francisco is going to do any pulling FOR us.

On the contrary, some of those cities are doing a lot of pulling FROM us. They not only pull away some of our best young men as the boys grow up, but they pull away many of our good American dollars, which ought to be spent right here, where they would do the most good.

What is your favorite book? The Mail Order Catalogue? Ah, so we thought!

Now suppose, just for a change, you read your local paper carefully, watch the advertisements, and if you don't see what you want ask the home merchant for it. Suppose all of us trade at home a little more regularly. That ought to help make this a better town.

And maybe if we'd keep more of our money at home to build up the town we'd keep more of our boys at home.

The Kindness of the Poor.

The old adage that the poor are the best friends of the poor was instanced in the story of a chambermaid, who is a young widow with two children to support. After a lingering sickness the younger of the children died, and, the young mother's bank account having been depleted from defraying the expenses of the weeks of medicine and doctor's visits, she was obliged to contract a debt at the undertaker's. After that she paid a small monthly installment until the bill was half settled, when one day there came through the mail a receipt for the remainder. The receipt was accompanied by a badly written and blotted note from a scrub-woman in a large uptown hotel, who knew of the trouble, knew the family and the circumstances and in her note explained that she had no family nor near relatives and that she earned enough to support herself and that she wanted to use this surplus money for the little mother, who needed all that she could make extra to support the remaining child. As scrubwomen receive only 50 or 75 cents a day, one will readily appreciate the spirit which moved one kind soul to help another in distress.—Leslie's Weekly.

What Words Can Do.

"Any one who swears," declared the bishop of Carlisle, "manifests the beggarliness of his vocabulary." The Concord Patriot puts it in this fashion: "People swear because they do not know the possibilities of plain English or have not the skill to manipulate it so that it will yield the amount of fire they want. You can do almost anything with common words. No matter how tame and lifeless they look standing in stupid rows as if they didn't know enough to come in when it rained, they can be made to

dance like imps, to frolic like fairies, to float angelwise on light wings, to glow like fire spirits. They can do things that make the ordinary bits of profanity look like feeble scarecrows stiffened up with a fence stake. The cure for profanity—reformers and educators please make a note—is merely wit enough to handle your words so that swearing will seem like baby talk in comparison."

When Blondin Was Afraid.

One of Blondin's favorite jokes was to offer to carry some distinguished spectator across the rope with him on his back. Everybody naturally refused, and the great equilibrist, with a genial smile, would say, "I am sorry you are afraid I should drop you." But he was hoist once with his own petard.

He was exhibiting in Paris and was about to cross the Seine on his rope. Cham, the great caricaturist, had come to make a sketch. Blondin, recognizing him, at once invited him to cross with him.

"With pleasure," replied Cham, "but on one condition."

"And that is?" queried Blondin.

"That I shall carry you on my back," answered Cham.

"Not if I know myself," answered Blondin.

"Ah," triumphantly exclaimed Cham, "this time, M. Blondin, it is you who are afraid!"

Started Early Enough.

"I want to talk to you, Mary, about that young man of yours," said her father. "When did he say good night to you last evening?"

"At 10 o'clock," replied the fair girl.

"What? Why, it was 1 o'clock at least!"

"Oh, that was when he finished saying it!"—Philadelphia Ledger.



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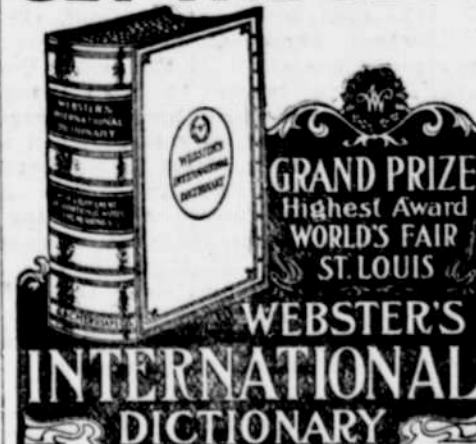
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Shifting the Blame.
Husband—Where did I leave my spectacles last night? Wife—Let me see! I saw them somewhere, but I can't remember where it was. Husband—That's just like a woman—can't remember anything.—Exchange.

Coming Forth.
Stage Manager—Why didn't you go on when you got your cue, "Come forth?" Super—Ol was waitin' for the other three to go on first. Sure, an' how could Ol come fourth if I wint first?"

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