

CONVEYED THE WRONG IDEA

Two Anecdotes That Show Necessity for Careful Wording When Using the Wire.

The Stokes house at Lenox, finally converted into a hotel, was one of the "show places" of the region when Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., now secretary of Yale university, was an undergraduate.

The young man perturbed his mother, just before a Christmas holiday period, by proposing to invite a number of his classmates to Lenox. His class was that of 1895, and in the telegram, not caring to mention the exact number, but intending merely to show that they were classmates, he said: "Am inviting 96 men to Lenox for the vacation."

She promptly telegraphed back: "Do not ask more than 40. Have 35 house guests here now."

Which puts one in mind of a telegram Capt. "Archde" Butt once sent, while he was Mr. Taft's aid. Mr. Taft had been eating many big dinners in public, at the height of the open season, and he longed for a moderate repast. So Captain Butt telegraphed to the next gathering at Chicago: "Make it simple, Butt." The telegram was made to read, "Make it simple, butt—" and the collation outdid in sumptuous variety any of its predecessors.

UNITED STATES NOTES BEST

Central and South American Nations Have Their Currency Printed in This Country.

The American style of banknote has become the standard in the countries of Central and South America. The experience of the Brazilian government led the way in this, after various disappointments. First the much-vaunted Austrian system was tried, the notes being engraved and printed in England under that system. They proved a complete failure. Counterfeiters flourished. The Brazilians tried banknotes made in France, and these were promptly and extensively imitated as soon as the counterfeiters could get their plates and paper ready. Brazil tried German and English establishments, but still without success in the protection of the banknote circulation, and at last turned to the United States and found a type of bills practically impossible to counterfeit with success. So it is no boast, but a mere record of fact, to state that Americans make the best banknotes in the world.

Rat-Killers.

Cats rarely eat rats, but attack and kill them ruthlessly. Dogs of certain breeds are the typical enemies of rats. Other enemies are weasels, ferrets, the larger owls and bull snakes. In cities cats and dogs are the best protection. Traps are excellent, but require to be handled with gloves rubbed with fish oil, as the rats detect instantly any trace of human smell and leave the trap alone. Poison is effective, but it has one serious drawback: the rats are likely to die in their holes.

Noah's Wife.

There must be some foundation for the perpetually recurring story, in the medieval mystery plays of Noah's wife, Noah's name means "rest." Noah's wife's makeup was restless. Her name was Naamah. Naamah was a daughter of Enoch, "who walked with God," says holy writ, but Naamah walked about with her temper and nearly upset the ark itself with the "kick" she made at its uprearing. She fought Noah with doughty fists all the way through, and when the great man had completed his work she said she would not go in with the animals. The animals behaved better, and went tidily into the ark. At last Naamah consented to carry in the lyre bird. When they were afloat Naamah declared she was as blue as the sea. The lions became outraged at this carrying on, and attacked Noah to attack Naamah. Pretty woman with the melodious name, you have come all the way down history from 2448 B. C. to the year 1919. A. D., as the peace of temper. When a man builds his house (ark) his trouble begins.—Chicago Journal.

Why Three Meals a Day.

The theory is advanced from time to time that one or two meals a day are preferable to the three commonly served in this country. If the same amount of food is to be eaten it is hard to see the advantage of two very hearty meals over three ordinary ones. The best physiological evidence implies that moderate quantities of food taken at moderate intervals, are more easily and completely digested by ordinary people than larger quantities taken at intervals, remarks an exchange. If the food ordinarily taken is considered excessive and the aim is simply to reduce the amount, it would seem more rational to make all the meals lighter than to leave out one. The very fact that the custom of eating a number of meals a day has so long been almost universal indicates that it must have some advantages which instinct, based upon experience, approves and justifies.

One Sense Held in Common.

When the eminent Aristotle evolved his theory of a common sense—a sense that would bring the other senses into accord, a clearing-house for the reports that come in through hearing, seeing and the rest, he made what was a wonderful contribution to the ages and the ages. He made clear that there is something in the human system by which there can be such a thing as understanding. At least so he thought, and so have philosophers thought ever since.

Early Life on Earth.

Animal life in the carboniferous epoch was almost wholly aquatic. The waters teemed with creatures multitudinous. Insects swarmed everywhere. It was particularly the age of cockroaches. Huge reptiles crawled sluggishly over the wet sands of the seashore. As yet there were no birds and no mammals. Millions of years to pass before the world would be ready for their advent.

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NOT ALL FLOWER CROWNED

Ornaments of Brides Vary in Different Countries—German Wreaths Mostly in Myrtle.

The custom of crowning the bride with a wreath of some kind is observed in nearly all parts of the world, the usage varying but little, even though there are few other common customs because of variation of ideals and degrees of civilization. Where flowers are readily obtainable, flowers are used for this purpose, but quite the choice being dependent on what the particular nation regards as most symbolic of the renewing life and fruitfulness of spring.

England, France and America find orange blossoms the ideal crown for their brides, while pink carnations and red roses deck the brides of Spain. The bridal wreath in the Ionian is made from vine leaves. In Germany the wreaths are of myrtle, though in the Black forest hawthorn is used, and in Bohemia rosemary is the favorite. In Pesh ribbon and artificial flowers are blended in a gay mass. Switzerland makes its bridal wreaths of white roses.

A few nations use crowns rather than wreaths, and the Norwegian, Swedish and Serbian crowns of silver are sometimes very handsome and even beautiful. In Bavaria and Silesia there may be seen bridal crowns of fine wire, gold, glass beads and tinsel while in Athens fine filigree work is used.

SAW HUMOR IN SITUATION

Speaker Might Have Been a Bore, but He Had Tact Enough to Carry Off His Joke.

A teachers' institute was being held and a number of noted speakers had been engaged for the three-days' sessions. On the second afternoon, after a morning of round tables and lectures, a group of us teachers were sitting in the auditorium of the church in which the meetings were being held, debating whether to remain for the next lecture or not.

"Oh, let us go," I exclaimed: "I'm tired, and I've heard that this man is just a perfect bore, anyway!"

A rather insignificant man sat next to me, who turned his head, and with a merry twinkle in his eye, said: "Yes, indeed; I know the fellow, and he is a bore!" However, we decided to remain, and the neighbor continued to talk to us.

After the meeting had begun, and the preliminaries were over, the president of the association called for the speaker of the afternoon, and to our dismay the nice stranger arose, advanced to the platform, and prefaced his remarks by telling the incident which had just occurred, and expressed the hope that the women might be able to hear him through, in spite of his honest confession.—Exchange.

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