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### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

"Society makes its criminals." It is a common assertion, but a false one. Society has its faults and fooleries and failures, but it does not make criminals. It is the business of each and every individual to know what is true and what is false, and to keep out of the criminal class. Individual responsibility is the only basis of society. It must be enforced. Then society will be what individual responsibility makes it. Society doesn't teach men to steal and to become outlaws. No notion is more monstrous than the idea that society makes its criminals. Undoubtedly society has its vices. But who is bound to imitate them?

Even further. Who is to say that he is forced by the pressure and tendency of the times to do wrong, to violate the fundamental principles of honesty and fair dealing? That is what the man Morse pleaded-the New York Morse-when he said that he had done no more than others had done. Moore of Portland pleads the same thing.

These people assert that they are driven by the constitution of society to do what they have done. therefore, is to be blamed, not them-This is the most untenable and absurd of all arguments. Such sorry plea for elimination of human and personal responsibility never will be accepted in this world. It would the moral responsibility for the individual's acts up by the roots. No person is at liberty to lay the blame of his misdeeds on society, or on its usages. The individual must be held to personal accountability, and the lapses of one make no excuse for

These are trite remarks. But the statement they carry is true, and always will be. No one is to put in the plea, for extenuation of wrongdoing, that he is but following the fashion or custom of the time. In the first place, he mistakes about the fashion and custom of the time and misrepresents it. In the next place, he has no right to plead evil-doing in others as an excuse for his own.

# EFFECTS OF VACCINATION.

The number of persons in the world who are eager to sacrifice their own welfare and everybody else's for the sake of exploiting a fad is astonishingly large. Nothing testifies to the multitude and the persistence of these deluded people better than the crusade they keep up against vaccination. It makes no difference to them that the vast majority of enlightened physicians assert that vaccination has made rmless disease, instead of the universal plague it used to be. Like the anti-vivisectionists, although they seem to be kindly persons in ordinary life, when they are once mounted on their hobby they are ready to spread death and slaughter round about them without a tremor. By diligent search they are able to unearth some apparently cogent reasons against vaccina-On closer examination these reasons are seen to be worthless, but the faddists go on repeating them just the same as if they were sound, and make them an excuse for subjecting themselves and their families and neighbors to a loathsome plague as blithely as if they were distributing bappiness instead of death.

Vaccination is not a very old prac-It is only since the year 1799 that it has been common. When Jenner first advocated it he was assailed with a storm of vituperation so rancorous that one might have supposed he was inviting people to murder their children instead of showing how they might be saved from misery often worse than death. But that need occasion no surprise, for it has been the lot in greater or less degree of every innovator in medicine. Few men have ever lessened the virulence of any disease without being made to suffer for Even the invention of the serum for the cure of spinal meningitis has evoked a furious storm of calumny from the anti-vivisectionists. would prefer to see the poor children perish of this frightful scourge rather than admit that their propaganda is foolish. Physicians did, however, in spite of the howls of simpletons, gradually take up the practice of vaccination, and in consequence of it smallpox soon became one of the uncommon diseases of the world. In the eighteenth century it was comparatively rare in any walk of life to see a person whose face was not pitted by the pest. Now it is still rarer to see one who has suffered from its ravages. Since during most of the last century vaccination was practiced throughout the civilized world, and since few persons are now attacked by smallpox, while those few are almost always among the class who have not been vaccinated, it would seem rational to draw the conclusion that the banishment of the disease has been effected by the remedy which physicians have applied. Still there are some who do

It is possible even to find physicians who affect to believe that vaccination has had nothing to do with the measurable disappearance of smallpox. They contend that inasmuch as it is a disease imported from the tropics, we might naturally have expected it to lose its virulence in northern mates and disappear in course of time. Hence the supposed efficiency of vaccination is nothing but a case of post hoc ergo propter hoc. The result would have been the same if Jenner had never made his discovery. The sary is to point out the undenlable fact Government should change its policy plowed under a few years ago being bull elephant. He is having the that persons not vaccinated have and extend to them the same treating replanted. Since the beginning of time of his life,

they ever did and that it is fully as frequent among them as it ever was, taking into account the infrequent chances of exposure. It is also worth remarking that tropical pestilences ike cholera and bubonic plague, for which no remedial serum has yet been discovered, do not lose their virulence in northern latitudes, but become more deadly than they were at home.

Even if tropical diseases did lose

their power to slay after they had

passed through a number of succes-

sive individuals in the north, no argument against vaccination could be deduced from the fact, because the course of trade is continually bringing fresh virus from places where vigor is unimpaired. Time and cold weather cannot therefore be the agencies which have abated the ravages of smallpox, because they have had no opportunity to ast. The civilized world has been newly infected from the tropics every year. But it is possible to see exactly what effect vaccination has upon smallpox in situations where no other curative factor can be at work. All we have to do is to observe a tropical country like the Philippines before the population has been vaccinated and afterward When the United States troops entered the Philippines smallpox was an everyday disease there. three and four millions of the people have since been vaccinated and the disease has almost disappeared. this case it is not possible to say that a cold climate has produced the result. Nothing has been at work except the vaccine serum. It would be interest-ing to hear an opponent of the remedy explain the phenomenon.

### A BRASSY BUSINESS

Now it is asserted that the Attorney General has no standing to deny the right of the two additional Justices to sit on the Supreme Bench, since the Constitution authorizes no such offi-

cial as Attorney General. If you are on the search for a non sequitur, here you have it. The Constitution does expressly limit the num-ber of Justices of the Supreme Court to three. But the Constitution itself contemplates the appointment by law of officials not expressly provided for in it, yet forbids the creation of any office, the tenure of which shall be

longer than four years. Under the recognized right of the Legislature to create offices not expressly prohibited by the Constitution a multitude of such offices have been created: as Private Secretary to the Governor, Land Commissioner, Food and Dalry Commissioner, Fish Commissioner, Game Commissioner, Insurance Commissioner-the list is endless. The Attorney General is in this list, and the legality of this office was established and consecrated when "Our George" was elected to It.

So far as one can see, the Legislature might go on creating offices endlessly, except when specifically forbidden by Constitution to do so. But, in the case of the Supreme Court, it is specifically forbidden by constitutional limitation of the Justices to three

As now constituted, the Supreme Court is clearly and certainly an illegal tribunal. Besides, the law that authorizes the additional Justices was passed and approved directly in the face of an overwhelming declaration of the people against the change of the Constitution to authorize such an act. It was a shameless, as well as an unconstitutional business, but a legitimate child of the new system of hocuspocus reform.

# A GOVERNMENT OUTRAGE.

Slowly but surely, the hand of death is shortening the list of active claimsmallpox a comparatively rare and ants for damages suffered by American sealers unlawfully seized by the American Government nearly a quarter of a The death at Astoria century ago. last Friday of Captain James Tatton will awaken memories of the most disgraceful transaction in which the United States ever became involved Tatton, a Yankee shipmaster of the "oaken breed," with genuine love for the American flag, in company with Captain W. E. Warren, still a resident of Astoria, in 1886 fitted out the sealing schooner Alpha, and set sail for northern sealing grounds. With implicit faith in the protection of the flag he was sailing under, and with perfect knowledge of maritime law governing the locality, Captain Tatton salled into Bering Sea, and, while well outside the legal limit of three miles, was seized by an American revenue cutter.

Five other American schooners and six British schooners were seized at the same time. Some of the crews were thrown into squalld Alaskan prisons, others were cast adrift, penniless, on the beach, and one proud old British captain, rendered ill by hardship and exposure after he had been driven from his schooner, wandered into the woods and perished, a raving maniac. Tatton and his fellow sufferers worked their way back to civilization and made immediate demand for recompense for the outrage. Justice was denied or, rather, postponed, and a year later a dozen fine schooners that had been making their home port at Seattle, Port Townsend, Astoria and other American ports hauled down the American flag and fared forth from Victoria as Canadian sealers. The British subjects laid the matter of the seizure before their government, and payment was demanded. The United States demurred and, after fighting the cases for several years, at last paid over to the owners of the seized vessels \$425, 000 in full for the value of the vessels seized, the catches already made and prospective, and interest on the money

from the time the seizures were made All of the British schooners selzed when the Alpha and other American schooners were taken participated in this award, which was made nearly 15 years ago; but as yet not one cent has been paid the unfortunate Americans who were caught at the same time and under exactly similar conditions. All of the seizures made by the American revenue cutter were declared by an international commission to be illegal, and the claim of the American sealers should have had equal consideration with the British. It has not been paid, however, and failure of the Government to protect lis own citizens cost this country more than half of

that immense fleet of sealing schooners that were driven over to Victoria. Captain Tatton was 61 years of age when he died, and he was a comparatively young man when robbed of his schooner and means of a livelihood. Captain Warren and some of the other victims of the outbe given her subjects, the chances for the liquidation of the long overdue

### SOCIETY AND THE CRIMINAL.

The first and most vivid impression of the reader of The Oregonian yesterday, when he saw the pictures of the fugitive convicts who had been in battle with the officers, was that they were obviously both criminals and de generates. Perhaps it was the suilen gray costumes they wore; perhaps i was the deadly pallor that comes with imprisonment; perhaps it was the hang-dog look and hopeless demeanor that are characteristic of the hunted man; but there they were, boldly portrayed by the truth-telling camera as the true type of desperate and reckless No man, woman child could have met either of these men and have falled to note that they belonged to a class distinct and apart. They were and are criminals. They could never have disguised themselves so that their character would not at once have been known at first glance Their escape, therefore, was impos

These are desperate men. They have not been in prison through any fortuitous combination of circumstances or through any chance misstep. Their attitude toward society and the law was shown when they conspired to overpower their guards and escape, slaying all who came in their way They shot at their pursuers on sight. The officers had and have no alternative but to strike down such men in their tracks. For they are outlaws of the lowest and most dangerous de-scription. They are, or are ready to be, murderers, every one of them. There can be no sympathy for the convict who was killed in his tracks, and there should be no sympathy for the others who were badly wounded and may later be severely punished. Soclety must protect itself.

### AS TO WINKELRIED.

We venture to believe that if Mr mments on John Brown a little more carefully he will not object to what it said incidentally about Winkelried To be sure, he was called a "fool," but so was Cavonarola in the same breath. a circumstance which ought to have put Mr. Bircher on the alert. As his letter, which appears in the paper today, shows he is a man of intelligence, and probably he has too much sense of humor not to understand that a man may be a "fool" from the terrestrial point of view while he is supernally wise in the light of eternity The Oregonian classed the heroic Winkelried among those fools who "throw themselves away that God may work his will upon the world."

We might have put the idea a little obviously and tritely by saying that Winkelried was one of those men who sacrifice themselves for the good of their kind, but we did not think it necessary to be quite so literal when addressing the readers of The Oregonian. They are usually able to come at the meaning even through a hedge of irony. Mr. Bircher would have understood instantly that we meant to praise Winkelried, not to slur him, if his patriotic zeal had not, for the overcome his literary judgment. It does not make very much difference, perhaps, whether a man dles in battle or by the executioner If he gives his life for liberty and truth. Winkelried died facing the foe with sheaf of spears in his heart. John Huss dled by the executioner's fire. Their glory is equally bright. If John Brown's fame is less luminous than that of some other heroes, it is probably not less enduring.

# MISLEADING THE FOREIGNERS.

The October crop report of the Department of Agriculture is fully up to its predecessors in the amount of misinformation it contains regarding the wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest This report gives what is purported to be the output of Spring wheat from the three states-Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Oregon is credited with 4,918,000 bushels, Washington 18,-643,000 bushels, and Idaho 4,521,000 bushels, a total for the three states of 28,085,000 bushels. As any man possessing even a slight knowledge of the wheat industry on the Pacific Coast knows that Spring wheat forms a scant one-third of the total wheat crop of the three states, it would seem that the Government's final quantitiv figures on the 1909 crop would show a total of about \$4,000,000 bushels of wheat. This is so far in excess o the amount that will be harvested that the figures as usual will be regarded as one of Secretary Wilson's

The farm value of wheat in the three states is given at 87 cents in Oregon and Washington, and 75 cents in Idaho. As the freight rate from Lewiston, the principal wheat shipping point in Idaho, is exactly the same as from Washington points, and from other Idaho points, and as the maximum rate is but 3 cents per bushel higher than the maximum from Washington points, it is difficult to understand why the farm value Idaho's select wheat crop is 12 cents per bushel less than that of Oregon and Washington. No one in this country, of course, considers these figures seriously, for the reason that they are so far from the truth that they are ridiculous. In the foreign markets, however, Secretary Wilson as a statistician has a standing that is denied him in this country, and his magnified figures undoubtedly have some effect on prices abroad.

For example, we find the Corn Trade News of Liverpool, under date of October 5, estimating an exportable surplus from the Pacific Coast of 40,-000,000 to 48,000,000 bushels of wheat, although it expresses doubt "if more than 4,000,000 quarters (32,000,000 bushels) will be available for the for eign trade, at about present prices; at rates much under a dollar a bushel farmers will probably hold." For the benefit of our foreign friends who are taking the Government figures so seriously, it may be said that a price of \$2 per bushel would fail to bring forth the 48,000,000 bushels which are supposed to be available for shipment from the Pacific Coast. This misinformation costs the Government a large sum of money annually, but, until that reported resignation of Secretary Wilson becomes an actuality. we can hardly hope for any change in

fayette yesterday at 26 1/2 cents per pound. These prices will undoubtedly

quent periods soared wildly to dizzy heights, and thus stimulated production, which in turn caused prices. The spread of the temperance povement may have frightened some of the growers out of the business, but high prices for other farm products have played an important part in cutting down the hop acreage. with the price steadily moving up toward 30 cents per pound, some of the agriculturists who have nounced views on the beer question will drift back into the business, which now presents such alluring profits.

If there is confirmation of the Paris cable reporting the sale by Mulai Hafid of the Riff mines to a German com-pany, a new and serious feature has been added to the Spanish-Moroccan trouble. The Spanish claim to these mines was based on a payment of \$15, 000 to Roghi, the pretender, who was recently put to death by the Sultan Spain seemed to regard its rights in the matter as of sufficient importance to warrant war with Morocco. It now remains to be seen what Spain will do with the bone of contention snatched from its grasp by a power that is big enough to hold it-for a time at least. The most serious phase of the situation, if the report be true, lies in the danger of the controversy extending far beyond the present contestants There are so many intersecting trains of powder leading up to the European magazines that a match dropped on any one of them might set off the entire lot.

The dangers attendant on aerial navigation are not all confined to the men who run the machines. Blanc, the French aeronaut, in attempting his first flight in a Bieriot machine yesterday, made a false turn of the rudder, and the machine fell in a crowd, mortally wounding a woman and inturing a dozen Automobile racing is a safe and pleasant pastime so long as the machine keeps on the track and does not break down. Aerial racing seems to be equally safe so long as the flying machines remain in the air, or are careful in descending. Thus, the only victims for the fatalitles reported in our newest sport have been the navigators themselves. Now that they have com menced to drop down on the heads of the public, it will be necessary to take a new kind of precaution,

"Race suicide" is one of the unthought-of expedients for the alleviation of human misery in Russia. Plain ordinary, everyday suicide for such alleviation has, however, become common as to be alarming, and the acting Prefect of Police for St. Petersburg has asked for restrictive measures that will keep drugs used for this purpose out of reach of the hopeless and desperate masses. Begotten in ignorance, born to misery, utterly without hope, it were better that these miserable creatures had not been born. It will require a wide stretch of imagination to Interpret this sentiment as treason to the race or to censure as guilty the oppressed myriads of "Holy Russia" who deliberately cast from them an unasked existence, which is not life, but a liv ing, lingering death,

Matthew A. Henson, the colored body servant of Commodore Peary, has taken to the lecture platform and is now giving the country what might be termed an unprejudiced account of the North Pole discovery. Peary, with his characteristic selfishness, refused to permit the negro to exhibit slides which had been made from photos taken in the far north, although the negro had taken them himself. This latest development in the contest places Dr. Cook at a disadvantage, for he should have the two Eskimos who accompanied him to the Pole on the vaudeville circuit showing

Bishop Scadding's advice on health and healing is good enough. Briefly, Keep your mental it is as follows: poise. Live simply and as much as possible in the open air. Choose in your physician one who is known to have had a thorough medical training and then trust him and stay by him. It may be added that the advice contained in the last paragraph would not be needed if that contained in the first two were conscientiously and prudently followed.

"The pace that kills" was set by one George Derby and his wife early in their marital experience, in 1906, and continued with unabated ardor until he died Sunday night in the City Jail from acute alcoholism, while she lay in a drunken stupor in the woman's ward of the same building. Fortunately there are no children in this case to become a tax upon the public through destitution or degeneracy.

Naturally, there is some curiosity to know who, if anybody, got the rakeoff for the sale of those telephone bonds to the Oregon Trust. The public has had several years to speculate on the subject, and it is still guessing.

Somebody has been trying to "throw a scare" into people by saying it is unlawful to draw a check for an amount less than \$1. The man with money on deposit can check it out in sums

It is pleasing to learn that it will only cost Portland \$25,000 to have the world's greatest aviators at the next annual Rose Show. But there is still an idea prevalent that Portland should hold an annual Rose Show,

Whether adjacent suburbs can get

into the municipality of Portland or not, is, after all, no important matter except in a showing. In reality the people are here, part and parcel of Portland's population. Now if Jack Johnson will draw the

color line, he will have as great a

"cinch" as a Supreme Court called on to pass on the constitutionality of its own existence. This Mount McKinley controversy can easily be settled. If Dr. Cook left records, let the Oregon Mazamas de-

tail a squad to find them and report

next Summer. You can rest perfectly assured that Messrs. Reed and Powers, the jocular nighwaymen, will not do it again. Nobody else saw the joke.

Mr. Roosevelt has had another nar-

smallpox today just as virulently as ment that Great Britain insists shall the industry hop prices have at fre- EXPLORER PEARY'S REPLY TO COOK Newspaper Comment on Both Sides North Pole Controversy.

Louisville Courier-Journal. Commander Peary's "proofs" the Cook did not reach the Pole fall into the long list of things interesting if

# Difficult to "Fire the Cook."

Chicago Evening Post Peary has the usual hard job in try ng to fire the Cook. Will some gentle-nan kindly volunteer to go to the Polar regions and verify the Peary and Cook

### Light Must Come From Experts.

Chicago Tribune. Until more light has been thrown on the matter, the Tribune will withhold nent. That light can come only experts who shall have before them judgment. all the evidence for both sides.

### Wait Verdict of Scientific Tribunal.

Brooklyn (N. Y.,) Eagle. Commander Peary says that he is ready any moment to submit his data to American scientists. Dr. Cook professes an equal willingness, with a reservation in favor of a Danish court. The sooner both men invite a scientific verbetter for a public already much befogged with statements and counter-statements, affirmations, denials and epithets.

# Thinks Peary Has Scored One.

New York Mail. It looks bad for Cook. The skepti cism regarding Cook's exploit which this Eskimo narrative makes us feel is based of course, on the assumption that Peary has not suppressed any part of the Es-kimo story, and that he has not prompted and guided these boys in such a way as to cause them to withhold a part of what they know. If they acted under orders not to tell Peary the truth, why did they tell him so much of the truth?

### Penry Corroborates His Rival.

New York Sun. Peary's statement shows that Cook' dimate of the intelligence of his two skimos was defective or that he deemed negligible. Taking into consideration the quality of the evidence of his accomplishment so far adduced by Dr. Cool and making due allowance for the intrit sic character of his published account we think that he would be more justified in pointing to the Peary statemen as strongly corroborative of all that he has set forth. Dr. Cook is soundly warranted in his conviction that there is lit tle danger that he will be celebrated as the greatest impostor for whom bumar credulity ever paved a road.

#### A Cloud on Cook's Title. New York Times.

Men of science do not believe, havnot believed, that Dr. Cook climbe Mount McKinley. They would have be lieved him in respect to that achieve-ment had his record been convincing They would believe him now as to th Pole, but for his extraordinary behavior and his utterances since his return. W may say that they will believe him still if he can produce evidence in substantiation of his story. That evidence is now lacking, and the fault is his alone. He must now meet and overcome the adverse testimony of his own wilnesses, the only human beings who, besides himself, know just where he went.

## Dr. Cook's Case Seems Stronger.

Springfield (Mass.,) Republican. We can only record the impression Dr. Cook's case seems stronger, at this moment, than at any previous time; yet we do not pretend to know how his scientific data and diaries will stand the severe test that still awaits them. It need only be said that the impostor theory involves things quite as incredi-ble as anything Dr. Cook has stated in his remarkable story. . . Nothing essentially new is forthcoming to sup-port Mr. Peary's contention regarding Dr. Cook; and if the public now interpre this paucity of evidence as a further sign of weakness, the fact would merely firm our impression that Mr. Peary blundered seriously when he impulsive-

### Backbone of Cook Narrative Smashed. New York Globe

New York Globe.

It appears that the two Eskimo boys, before credible witnesses, denied that Dr. Cook had gone to the Pole or anywhere near it. Examined separately each traced, without knowledge of what the other had done, the route that Cook had travelled. Compared, the two tracings coincided. It is inconceivable that these ignorant savages could have so agreed if not telling the truth. Every consideration of personal and tribal pride would lead them to assert that they had been to the Pole if they had been there. From Dr. Cook's request for them to keep silent they must have suspected some-thing. . . The backbone of the Cook narrative is thus smashed. Finally, the alleged climbing of Mount McKinley, the more it is inquired into, is more and more doubted.

# Printing Prohibition News.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. To the Pioneer Press: Will you kindly inform some interested temperance people and prohibitionists whether there is a ple and prohibitionists whether there is a daily newspaper published in the Northwest that will give its readers prohibition news as well as fights, ball games and other sport news? A. M. Muedeking. Stillwater, Oct. 4.

We take it for granted that every "daily

newspaper published in the Northwest"-and elsewhere—will be glad to "give its readers prohibition news, as well as readers prohibition news, as well as fights, ball games and other sport news, whenever its readers supply a demand for such prohibition news as they are now supplying for fights, baseball, bowling, golf and other sporting and athletic news. The Ploneer Press publishes prohibition news, just as it publishes other kinds of news. It records the fact when a county, a city or state goes "wet" or "dry," and it records the progress of prohibition campaigns, the same as it reports the campaigns on the tariff or other issues before the people. We suspect, however, that the people. We suspect, however, that the implied complaint of our correspond-ent lies in the fact that the Pioneer Press does not print prohibition arguments, any more than it prints socialist arguments, or suffrage arguments, or religious arguments, or campaign literature on any other issue or propaganda. No newspaper can give space to such arguments, and, if it did, would soon be without readers. The newspaper prospers only as it meets the demand for news, and that demand the whole public not from comes from the whole public, not from any special class or special interest.

# The Voice of the Rain.

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VON WINKELRIED, THE HERO. He Made Glorious His Fame in How

Contest With Austrians.

PORTLAND, Oct. 18 .- (To the Editor.) in an article on "John Brown" in Saturday's issue. The Oregonian, in its usual omniscient, graceful way, places our Winkelreid in its large class of "fools. Kindly allow the undersigned, whose cradle stood in the very shadow of the Winkeirled home, earnestly to protest against such classification. I shall always revere the memory of your hero, John Brown, on account of my fullest sympathy with his aim against human slavery; although the route he chose to accountish his the route he chose to accom roject led his neck to the rope's end Winkelried sacrificed his life in open bat-tle at Sempach, in the front rank of his own people, his heart pierced by the ene-mies', not executioners', lances. His glo-rious deed secured the freedom of the old eight Swiss cantons and thereby laid the cornerstone to our present dear Re-public of Switzerland. Are such deeds to be classified as foolish? Are such heroes to be sneered at as fools? The time may come when the majestic chains of our beloved Alps shall disappear, but as long as they stand will we Swiss never forget to be thankful to "our hero, Arnold von Winkelried," slain by the Austrian lances on the battlefield of Sempach on the 2th day of July, 1385, so that the freedom of the common people may find and did find an asylum in the center of the then en-slaved Europe. C. BIRCHER, riber and attentive reader of The

### TEACHING WAITERS HOW TO WAIT University of Chicago Takes Up an Im

Oregonian for the last 27 years.

pertant Branch of Learning. New York Evening Sun. With that fresh and unquenchable optimism which enables Chicagoans to go right on living in their city, apparently with pleasure, we note that certain of her bold spirits have set out to teach waiters how to wait. There is something very engaging about this notion, it will be agreed. Perhaps, never in civilized times, has man em-barked upon such a fortorn hope, or faced such overwhelming odds.

The present endeavor is upon a small scale, being limited to the 40 student waiters in the commons of the University of Chicago. But if success should ensue, by any chance, it need hardly be said that the movement would spread like wildfire. A textbook has been prepared by the faculty of the Chicago walling school, and from it we present these sample rules:

Avoid appearing to slam things down or Do not souffle, talk, or drop trays.

Always place a drink to the right of the

customer.

A waiter should never leave any custome after serving till he knows he has the neces sary silverware to eat with. An egg with a broken yolk should not be erved at all

served at all
To be a good walter it is essential that
you should be quick, but also that you should
not appear to hurry.
Waiters should remove dirty dishes as
soon as the customer is through, but be ture
that he is through and avoid giving an impression that you are in a hurry for him to

It will be seen that these Western experts in the high art of waiting have lofty ideals. For our part, we cannot help thinking that the rules should have begun with simple proposition Certainly, from a New York point of view, the education of waiters should start with such axloms as these:

Slam things down, or toss them in from the kitchen, but get them on the table the same day, if possible.

A bil of fare, a glass of water and a napkin will keep a guest amused for a leng while. It's the little things that count. Souffic, talk or drop trays or do anything clee, but bring the food.

No down your tin should be as large as No doubt your tip should be as large as the check; but give us time.

Never be rough with a guest. He is probably doing the best he can.

No. A college course for waiters No. A college course for waiters may be all very well in Chicago; but kindergarten Manhattan a would much better suit the needs

### Cost of a Nevada Divorce. Munsey's Magazine.

Railroad fare, Reno and return, with sleeping-car, meals, etc. \$ Six and one-half months' residence. House runt, seven months, at \$40... Servant, seven months, at \$40... Attorney's fees and costs ......

Total .....\$2,910 thought. If you are tired of your wife, send her out to Reno, Nev., and after the divorce you will get a bill something like the above. Cheap? In 1907, 860 out of every 190,000 married citizens of Nevada paid the price—the highest percentage of divorces of any state in the

Practically a million divorces have been granted in the United States with-in the last 20 years. The exact num-ber for the years from 1587 to 1906, in-clusive, is 945,625, as against 12,832,044 marriages. As far as new marriages are concerned, therefore, there has been nearly one divorce for every 13 wedding ceremonies. And out of this appailing total, 206,225 divorces, or not quite one in four, have been issued on grounds of cruelty. Only one cause has been more productive-descriton-and the total o decrees based upon that charge is 357. 502. This ratio has held good in Nevada, and undoubtedly holds there sub-

# Friend of Cats and Dogs Dies.

New York Sun.

Mrs. Laura A. Butts, who was known all over Williamsburg and Greenpoint as the friend of stray cats and dogs and whose home at 83 Cakland street was requently an asylum for them, is dead. She was the widow of Detective Ser-gount William H. Butts and after his death, about 30 years ago, she turned her attention to befriending homeless cats about 30 years ago, she turned and dogs.

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For years Mrs. Butts paid children 5 or 10 cents for stray animals and at times her home was filled with them. The kindness she extended toward then often brought her before the public through magazines and newspapers. She knew how to treat them for their dis-eases and she wrote many articles on the care of animals.

Mrs. Butts suffered from rheumatism for several years, but despite her in-firmity she never neglected the opporunity to welcome a misused cat or She was 70 years old and for more than 40 years she had lived in Green point.

### Exemt Omnes. "And that inverted bow! we call the sky. Lock not to it for help."

O solemn stars, that saw the first faint light
Reveal the hidden universe to sight.
That watched when slowly shrouding
clouds dispersed,
Showing our new born earth in glory bright;
You have seen Time turn every magic leaf.
For some inscribed with joy, for some with
grief,
And seen each generation in its day
Living its little life—how pitiful, how brieft

You have seen empires rise and pass away You have seen king and chieftein play their stay? Where wait we for our call to take the stage. Unknown the play, unknown our part or Wage. Yet if we fail, no other chance remains. The lights are out, and closed the prompter's page.

Teil us. O stars that watch us from afar.
Unpittying, unchanging though you are,
Where go we when the ebbing tide of
Time
Recedes and bears us with it past the bar?
Is there some star upon whose lovely shore
We shall awake to find life held in slore?
We come, we go, we know not whence or
where.
And all life's wisdom cannot tell us more.
Ninette M. Lowater in New York Sun.

# Life's Sunny Side

Ethel, the youngest of a large number of girls in a certain Philadelphia family, recently entered upon the duties of amanuensis to a Walnut-street

How do you like your employer Ethel?" the young woman was asked upon her return home that night.
"Oh, he's very nice," said Ethel, with faint praise, "but awfully narrow-"In what way?"

"He seems to have the idea that words can only be spelled his way." -Lippincott's.

When a once famous member re-turned to the House of Commons after a by-election for Knaresborough, his unusually delayed appearance was commented upon in the presence of Si-

Wilfrid Lawson.
The newly elected member, though a wealthy man, was known to be extremely careful about sixpenses.
"Isn't it odd," some one said, "Tom Collins doesn't turn up?"
"Not at all, not at ail," said Sir Wilfrid; "he's waiting for an excursion train."—Manchester Guardian.

A teacher of a downtown Sunday school was so proud of her flock that she invited several visiting ministers and olders to attend one of her classes and be encouraged and uplifted by the observation of juvenile proficiency in

scriptural studies. The session opened auspiciously. Lit-tle girls with rellow plaits and little girls with black braids lisped their response in a manner to gladden the heart of any teacher of "young ideas." Then came the fall which invariably follows pride.

Turning to a builet-headed, freckle-

faced little boy, whose ears seemed about to carry off his head like an aero-plane, she asked him to repeat a verse from the Scriptures, but her only answer was a vacant stare. "Come, come," said the teacher, "do

you mean to tell me that you can't re-peat even one verse?" "Naw," replied the small boy, "I

"Well, then, let me have it," said the teacher sharply.
"And Judas went out and hanged himself," repeated the young unregen-erate. His teacher's lips wreathed themselves in a cynical smile as she said: "Very good, and can you give me another?" The boy nodded vigor-

"Let me have it, then." responded his teacher in her softest, purring tones.

To her consternation, the little repsaid: "Go thou and do like-He enjoyed a holiday the rest robate said: of that afternoon.—Philadelphia Times.

He was dining at a French restaufrant, and while he was sipping his black coffee and firing 500 glances to the minute at a girt in a fluffy pinkand-white dress, a stranger gracefully commandeered his overcoat. He had just reached the door when the owner tapped him on the shoulder

"Pardon me, sir," he said, meekly, "but would you allow me to get an-other cigar from my coat pocket, in case I do not meet you again"-Tit

As a South Jersey country physi-As a South Jersey country physician was driving through a village he saw a man amusing a crowd with the antics of his trick dog. The doctor pulled up and said: "My dear man, how do you manage to train your dog in that way? I can't teach mine a single trick." The man looked up, with a simple rustic look, and repiled: "Well, you see, its this way; you have to know more'n the dog or you can't learn him more'n the dog or you can't learn him nothin'."—Scranton Truth.

To the editor of a little Maine newspaper there came the other day an indignant elderly woman, who waved a slip of paper in the editorial face. "Lookee here," said she. "What does this mean—a bill for the Citizen to my What does husband that's been dead two years' You don't expect his widow to You don't expect his widow to pay debts o' his contracted long after he's

"You say he has not been getting the per?" said the editor, after long

"No. ye donderhead!" screamed the woman, "I tell ye he's been dead two "Strange," mused the editor. "The Postoffice Department has not notified me of his failure to receive them Quite sure you yourself haven't been enjoying the inestimable educational

enjoying the inestimable educational values of the perusal of my sheet,"
"That ain't the point," argued the widow. "You've been sending a noospaper and a bill to a man that's dead. It's your affair, not mine."
"Well," said the editor finally, perceiving that he must be a loser, "In future, madam, I will cause an extra copy to be printed on asbestos, to insure that your husband receives his citizen regularly." "Philadelphia Led-

Citizen regularly."-Philadelphia Led-Jean Paul Laurens, the famous French painter, was the son of an honest cart-driver of Toulouse. At one time, when driver of Toulouse. At one time, when the painter was at the height of his Parisian reputation, it happened that two old women at Toulouse were talk-ing about the Laurens family. "Let me see," said one, "there were two boys, weren't there?"

"Yes."
"What became of them?" "Oh, one's a grocer here in Toulouse. He does a very good business."

"And the other one?"
"The younger one? He went off to Parls and became an artist." "Dear, dear! And his father was such a good, worthy man!"-London

# The Open Phensant Senson.

Albany Democrat.

According to all of the reports the hunters left the female birds. Not a hunter admits having shot a female. One tells of shooting a bird, just at sunrise, and thinking he had killed a female, when it was female went and hid it, but when it was lighter made an examination and found it was a rooster.

A big Portland man, with a dog and four men pheasants, at the depot last night remarked: "I hunt pheasants for the sport of it. Personally I had rather have a good steak, but it is lots of fun to tramp 40 miles over the country, even if you can

only get five birds.' Lawyer Risley, trained at shooting Filipinos, got his five birds before noon, all roosters.

Ben Cielan says he saw 15 roosters and 300 hens, but he stayed with the law, though his dog stuck up his nose when the hens were allowed to go.

One lonesome looking hunter started back for Portland without a bird.

J. L. Green, the Portland Deputy Game Warden, who was here at the opening of the season and inspected about every bag in sight, reports a remarkably clean observance of the game

# Certainly the Limit.

Hoquiam Washingtonian They are talking about a grand jury in Seattle to investigate some of the big men who were on the payroll of the exposition. Now, isn't that the