

On Making Calls.

On one side, that of fashionable calls, the subject has been worn well nigh to a thread. As the double of Dr. Graham was taught to remark, "So much has been said, and so well said, that I will not detain the audience further."

School girls, young ladies, even married women, often say: "Oh, I hate making calls. I like to go to see my friends. The remark is evidently dear to the hearts of the speakers. They are fond of it. In their view it indicates an unwelcome, untrammelled nature, too wordily for shame. If this view were adopted, and this were all, we might leave our children of nature to their happiness. Unfortunately, it is not all. Care beyond a certain point, the "going see others" becomes a nuisance.

In practice, the phrase stands for a call unbecomingly to be made at any time and of any length. The pleasure of a caller is the only law observed. At another time, at the same time, when we are alone, when we have guests; when we are going out, when we have in hand important matters at home; regardless of convenience, comes our informal call—when does he go?

Such calls are of two kinds, with and without a purpose. In a sense, of course, all is purposeless; yet the term is far wrong when applied to calls whose only purpose is to spend time somewhere, or simply to be in the company of a certain friend. A call, whose object is purely to kill time, will come to an end when the given time is killed. It therefore, more endurable than one which is made simply because the caller feels like seeing such or such a person. In this case the burden of entertainment lies wholly with the receiver. Lattering though it may seem at first to receive a call for such a reason, when time has passed in the effort to agreeable enough to justify the moment, when topic after topic has been exhausted, and one's resources are nearly dried, elation gives way to depression and to ill-temper. A call of this kind is, of all, the most wearisome, because it may be all but endless. There are times when no remedy avails but to say, "Excuse me, I must go," and, unobtrusively, to leave, please, go away."

The informal call made with a purpose is very different. It is capable of giving great pleasure. Should the caller possess the faculty of saying clearly what he has come to say, and saying it but once, she may be sure of a welcome. For such a caller one willingly endures a little inconvenience. It is not a pleasure, even considerable inconvenience, to be even among grown persons that only is rare; in the young it is seldom ever found. When a young girl comes to an older friend for a special purpose, as for comfort or advice, it becomes often momentarily harder for her to introduce the subject of which she wishes to speak. She hesitates, sits silent, waits for the weather, of books, of home, of school, of anything but what she has to say. It may be an hour or two before the real object of the call is made known; after this comes the business of day.

Now, if the older friend be one whose friendship is of value, she is not likely to be two hours to throw away upon preliminaries. She finds herself, therefore, in a dilemma. On the one hand her time is precious, the wasting of it is a crime. On the other, she knows that her friend's confidence is easily checked; that slight refusal may seal both lips and art, and that then this chance for intercourse has fled forever. The latter seems the graver evil, and so the graver of time is made.

Where there is an evil, there must be a remedy. What is the remedy for this? It is, I think, to be two-fold. On the part of the woman, tact must be used to get out quickly the real purpose of the visit. Tact, I say, for while abrupt questions are worse than useless, sympathetic suggestions may greatly help the matter. Such tact will grow, with careful thought and practice. It is the art of cultivating.

On the part of the girl, when she once has seen that a friend's time must not be undervalued, an application of the golden rule is needed. It would take the form, perhaps, of such a warning as Edward Street Hale received from his wise mother: "Now that you begin to make life, let me give you one piece of advice: Make them short. The people who you may be very glad to see you; but do not let them occupy your time when you are certain they will be interrupted."

Wise words! The girl, the woman, the man—even a man may need such a warning—who adopts this as a settled principle of action, must be direct in her to be brief, and can never wear out welcome.

About the Presidents.

Washington survived his retirement a few less than three years, which were spent at Mount Vernon. He attended to plantation, carried on a large correspondence, and received many visitors. It was this that was the only leisure his life afforded. John Adams survived his office twenty-six years which he spent at Quincy, his native place, close retirement. He improved the time by publishing his political letters, and in his eighty-sixth year sat at the Massachusetts constitutional convention.

Thomas Jefferson, on the close of his presidential career, retired to his residence at Monticello, he was visited by distinguished men, the chief of whom was La Fayette. His residence in this object of great interest to the world, and is remarkable for the grand aspect. As is well-known, he and his wife died on the same day of the month of July, 1826.

Madison was poor when he left the presidential office, and on returning to his native place, he became president of an agricultural society. To aid him at this time of privation, Congress purchased a farm, and he resumed his residence at Oak Hill, Virginia, where he became justice of the peace, and afterward moved to New York City, and died in 1836.

John Quincy Adams was the most successful of all the retired Presidents. He

was returned to Congress in 1881, two years after leaving the Presidency, and this service he continued until his death seventeen years afterward. His services to the cause of liberty at this time were of the most valuable and sublime character, and he died at his post, in the Capitol, being then in his eighty-first year. Jackson survived his retirement from the Presidency nine years, which were peacefully passed at the Hermitage. His favorite pursuit was farming and raising of fine horses. Van Buren, after the close of his office, appeared as a free soil candidate. On the close of that canvass he became a close resident at Kinderhook, where he died in his eightieth year. Pierce sank into obscurity after the close of his office, and died in 1869.

The youngest of our Presidents at the time of inauguration was Grant who was forty-six. The oldest was Harrison, who was sixty-seven. Our military heroes were chiefly advanced in years, Jackson being sixty-two, and Taylor sixty-five. The average of those to whom reference has been made is fifty-seven, which is the best period for ripe judgment—a time when experience unfolds its lessons unimpaird by the weakness of age.

Then and Now.

There are those who, like a class in Solomon's day, affirm, with mournful emphasis, "that the former days were better than these." It is a foolish affirmation, sincerely, but ignorantly made by persons unacquainted with "the former days."

No Christian church would now listen to a minister who preached on Sunday and ran a distillery during the secular days. Yet a Hartford church, toward the close of the last century, had for its pastor a distiller of gin.

The distillery was carried on under the name of Strong & Smith. The firm failed, and the minister to avoid the sheriff, shut himself up in his house. He went forth on Sundays, as no writ could be served on that day, and preached to his congregation.

He was esteemed an eloquent and devout preacher, and his people loved him. A few, however, would occasionally venture to say that he ought never to leave the pulpit, while, here and there, one could be found bold enough to intimate that he ought never to enter it.

This minister once issued a prospectus for a volume of sermons, and just after met Trumbull, the poet, who was an irregular attendant at church.

"When will your sermons be out?" asked the poet.

"I cannot exactly tell," replied the doctor. "I am waiting to find a text to suit a man who never comes to church, except when he has a child to be baptized."

The celebrated pulpit orator, John M. Mason, of New York, once called on this divine. As he was leaving, he stumbled on a defective door-step and almost fell.

"Why don't you mend your ways?" said the orator.

"I was waiting for a Mason," replied the clerical wit.

Let those who deny that society, or even the church, has made progress, reflect that no distiller of gin, even if he combined the oratorical gifts of Whitefield and Hall could now be the pastor of the humblest church in New England.

He Stopped the Fight.

Yesterday forenoon two dogs got into a dispute on Fourth street, near Michigan avenue, and from growls they came to bites. They were pretty evenly matched, and the contest continued until a crowd of fifty people had formed a circle. Pretty soon a ministerial-looking person halted, watched the fight for half a minute, and then hurried out on the avenue and said to a milk dealer:

"My good man, a dog fight is a brutal spectacle, and it lies in your power to end this one."

"How?"

"Drive right through the crowd and stop the animals. I'll warrant they'll stop their bloody work before they will be trodden under foot."

"I guess I'll try it," mused the milkman, and he gathered up the reins, yelled at the crowd and drove for the dogs.

It was a bad drive on him. The two fighters kept right on at it, rolled under the horse, and the next minute sixteen gallons of milk were being absorbed by the snow, the driver was in a drift and the horse was shooting up Fourth street with the sad remains of the old sleigh.

Where—where—in—where in Texas is that chap who put me up to this? gasped the milkman, as they pulled him out of the snow; but the sole answer was made by a boy who pointed at the figure of a man under a plug hat traveling toward the City Hall at the rate of twenty miles an hour.—[Detroit Free Press.

Who are Wanted!

A gentleman in a responsible Government office, when complimented on his long and well-appreciated service, replied: "There is nothing like making yourself so useful that your employers can not do without you."

The other day a gentleman was making inquiry for the purpose of finding a man to fill a responsible position in a large mercantile house. He came to a person whom he thought would give him accurate and honest information concerning several men whose names he had. One was discussed, then another and another. Then the name of Mr. — was mentioned.

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"Sir," said the gentleman, "we do not want a man who can be spared!"

There was a big volume in that remark. "We do not want a man who can be spared!" What a multitude of men who can be spared, cumber every avenue to promotion.

The barnacles, the sharks, the make-shifts, somebody's nephews, somebody's proteges, somebody's good-for-nothings. Young man, please remember that these are not the ones who are called for when responsible positions are to be filled.

An impatient fop made fun of a farmer's large nose, mouth and chin, but the old farmer silenced him by saying: "Your nose, mouth and chin had all to be made small so that there would be material left for your check."

London Purple.

A new insecticide has been introduced which is likely, from its cheapness, to supersede the Paris green for potatoes and other plants. It is highly recommended by Prof. C. V. Riley, of the United States Entomological Commission, Dr. P. Collier, of the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C., Prof. C. E. Bessy, of the Iowa Agricultural College, A. B. Whitney, of Franklin Grove, Ill., and other prominent scientists and orchardists who have tested its value. Its destructive power is very great, while at the same time, it is very cheap. Among its advantages are its extreme fineness, adhesiveness, its color and its cheapness. In color it is, as its name implies—purple, its presence being readily detected wherever used, thus being a safeguard against accidents. The experience with it last year was eminently satisfactory. It proved effectual on potato vines in destroying the potato beetle. For this purpose it is mixed with water into a smooth paste, water then being added in the proportions of three gallons to each ounce, or forty-eight gallons to one pound. It is applied to the plants in fine spray by means of a watering-pot. Or it may be used dry in the proportion of one pound of purple to six pounds of plaster, the two materials being thoroughly mixed by passing them through a fine sieve. When used on trees to destroy the canker-worm, it is applied with water as for the potato vine, except that a force pump is employed if the worm has got into the tree. A band of tow, well saturated with London purple, and bound around the trunk of the tree before the female insect (which cannot fly) has ascended, has been recommended, as the insect would be killed by crawling over a portion of the poisoned tow.

How CAR WHEELS ARE KEPT ON.—Car wheels are now kept in their place without being keyed on. In former times they were almost sure to precipitate an accident; besides, keys would drop out by the constant jar and be weakened by the axle and wheels. Axles are turned to fit the wheel snugly and are driven in place by hydraulic pressure. Previous to being driven the axles are covered with a thin coat of white lead and oil, which wheels in a short time and holds the wheel so firmly in place that a pressure of from 100 to 140 tons is required to remove a broken axle from the wheel in which it is placed.

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Handy Hints.

Cotton wool wet with sweet oil and laudanum relieves the carache very soon. To obtain a glossy skin, pour upon a pint of bran equal parts of water to cover. Let stand until cold and then bath the face with it, only patting the skin with a soft towel to dry it. You can get a bottle or a barrel of oil off any carpet or wooden stuff by applying dry broom wheat plentifully and faithfully. Never put water or liquid of any kind to such a grease spot. Take ten grains of tartar emetic and mix with a quantity of fresh spirit of vitriol and lemon juice being mixed in a bottle, shake well, wet the spots and in a few minutes rub with soft linen till they disappear.

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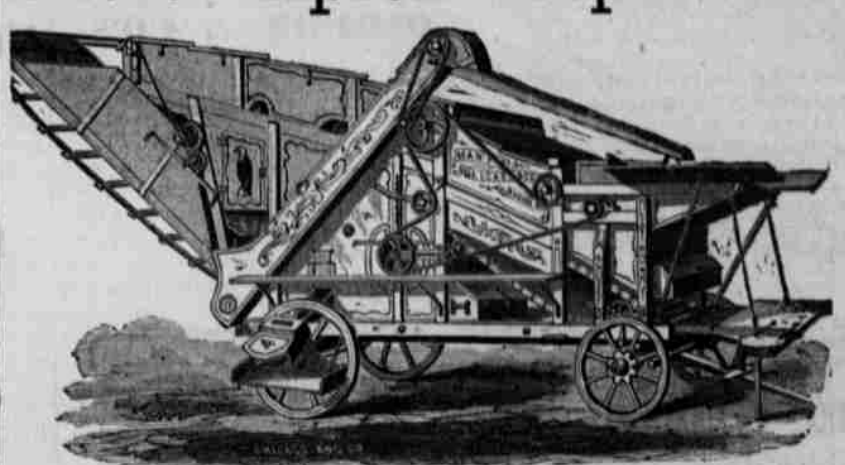
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