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A FRIENDLY HINT.

THE honor conferred in a popular election to public post and responsibility pre-supposes a determination, on the part of the man so distinctly esteemed, to do for the community something more, in his particular orbit of official action, than has ever been done by his predecessors. This is entirely reasonable and wholly expected. Election, and re-election, calls for betterment of the public service, at the hands of the new man and the old; it is one of the constituent ideas of progress to which the people hold with tenacity, and in which they are sorely disappointed if it be not forth-coming. Therefore we very respectfully suggest that the newly installed officers of the city and county study out their share of this new access to the celestial integrity and utility of the public service.

There are hundreds of ways in which this may be done, not the least of which is the minimizing of the business processes of the various offices: the bringing down to simple and understandable rule and base of all the minutiae of public transaction and engagement and the clarifying of all ambiguous and red-tape forms and features, and the reduction of the public features, and the reduction of the public business to a level of sense and sanity so appreciable in the commoner walks of life.

Every officer heretofore has some matter of importance to dispose of which he has inherited with the office; some grave concern to adjust and complete; and it is up to him to give thought to the happiest solution of these big things, in order that he may take hold of them with precision and practical understanding and dispatch them to his, and the community's credit. It will do him good and his success will be appreciated everywhere outside his office; every new device for the saving of time and labor and money to the public is just as applicable in public administration as in private alignment and he who achieves these improvements is not only a good servant but a public benefactor in the best sense of the term.

WOMAN HOUSEKEEPER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF AMERICAN CITIES.

THE work that was instituted in Marshfield by the A. N. W. club in its famous annual Clean Up Day has been duplicated, on a larger and more continuous scale, by Mrs. Caroline Harriet Crane, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mrs. Crane holds that much in the government of a city is mere house-keeping on a big scale. She thinks that the reason why this part of civic activities is badly done is that men do not know how to keep house. Women have hoped that since dirty streets, through which they must pass to their homes, are a part of women's world, men would learn to keep them clean; but the light of this hope has faded. So woman, in the person of Mrs. Crane, committed

assault and battery on the dirt of Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Crane resigned her pastorate, organized a women's league of civic improvement and took charge of the street cleaning. As she was "on to her job" and also saved the city \$3,29 on each unit of work, Kalamazoo speedily applied her plan to the entire city.

Then she and her league cleaned up dairies, markets and slaughter houses, inspected all public institutions and compelled the authorities to right all bad conditions.

The fame of the thing spread abroad. Outside cities by the score sought out the maker of "Spotless Town" and had her make them into model cities in respect of cleanliness. Then the St. Paul Conservation congress had her tell of her methods and results. The upshot was that Minnesota hired her to inspect its 12 largest towns, and that she is giving them the house-cleaning of their lives.

Mrs. Crane's activities almost always end in lasting betterment of the public conditions of health.

This would indicate what may be done by continuous effort. It suggests that the scope of the A. N. W. club be enlarged and broadened by being expanded into a woman's league of civic improvement whose work would not be spasmodic but continuous for the betterment and beauty of Marshfield.

AT THE LAST ANALYSIS—THE VOTER.

REVIEWING the increasing popularity of the initiative and referendum, the recall and approximate devices in popular government, The New Bedford (Mass.) Standard comments that these appliances will not, alone and unaided, automatically insure efficiency of administration, or such a "millennium" as their advocates fancy. This is true.

The devices mentioned are simply the mechanical aids invoked to get government closer to the people, and to insure that the public will shall be exerted upon governmental policies.

But there is no substitute for individual intelligence and conscience at the ballot box.

It is conceivable that even with the initiative and referendum, the recall and other means of direct popular vote, a state or a nation or a city could be afflicted by inferior government.

As long as the demagogue inhabits human flesh and blood and exerts a certain sway over voters, and as long as many people prefer to have their political thought pre-digested, so to speak, not all the devices for direct government in existence can insure immunity from error and excess.

The solution lies in the individual voter viewing his civic obligations with somewhat of the seriousness he attaches to his private obligations. When that practice becomes universal, we shall have made for progress toward uniform efficiency in government.

A QUIET TIP.

(Mrs. Yoakam has again been appointed Dairy Inspector—News Item.)

To inspect only dairy milk Is little short of blindness; For the most adulterated sort Is the milk of human kindness.

QUESTION OF THE DAY.

Have you kept your New Year's resolve yet?

A King's Hobby.

The late king of Siam had an extraordinary hobby—that of collecting empty matchboxes of all nations. In this connection an interesting story is related. During one of his visits to England the king while passing down Bond street one afternoon, accompanied by two members of his suit, espied an empty matchbox which had been discarded by its owner and thrown away into the middle of the thoroughfare. Without a moment's thought the monarch dashed into the middle of the crowded traffic, grasped the much coveted treasure and was nearly run over by a passing cab. The fact, however, that he was able to add a new specimen to his collection gathered under such circumstances more than compensated him for the risk which he had run.—London News.

Proving His Contentment.

"Jones is an optimist, even in the most discouraging circumstances, isn't he?"

"Why, no. His mother-in-law is slightly indisposed, and he thinks there's no hope for her recovery."

"Well, what did I tell you?"—Cleveland Leader.

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THE ELECTROSCOPE.

Instrument by Which the Presence of Electricity is Detected.

The electroscope is an instrument for the detection of electricity. It depends for its action on the principle that bodies charged with like electricity repel, while those charged with unlike electricity attract each other. The ordinary pith ball suspended on a silk thread is the simplest form of the instrument.

The most common type of electroscope is that devised by Bennett in 1757 and known as the gold leaf electroscope. It consists of two strips of gold leaf or thin aluminum foil suspended from the lower extremity of a conductor within a glass bottle or jar. The upper end of the conductor terminates in a ball or a plate in case the instrument is to be used as a condensing electroscope. If a body charged with positive electricity is brought near the knob of the electroscope the negative electricity will be attracted to the leaves, which diverge. If now the finger is touched to the knob the positive electricity is drawn off and the leaves collapse, while the negative electricity is held bound. Removing the charged body, the leaves will diverge again, charged with negative electricity. In this case the instrument can be used to determine the nature of a charge of a body brought near it, as with a positive charge the leaves will collapse and with a negative charge spread farther apart.—Exchange.

A STUDY IN FIGURES.

Calculations Necessary to Produce the Nautical Almanac.

It may safely be said that no one outside the publishing office has read the entire Nautical Almanac from beginning to end, but each figure of the printed almanac is in the office examined twice and read three times.

The total number of figures exceeds a million; but, great as that number is, it is trifling compared with the number of figures employed in the calculations, as the almanac figures represent "bare" results only. The moon, for instance, requires for its calculation more than a million and a half of figures, and similarly with other branches of the work, such as the sun, the planets, etc. Contrary to the general opinion, practically every figure in the book is fresh from year to year.

The tables from which nearly all the work is calculated have been originally constructed from the labors of the astronomical observer and to a large extent from the observations of the sun, moon and planets made at the Royal observatory, Greenwich. Telescopes and other astronomical appliances are conspicuously absent, as the work of the staff is purely mathematical and not observational.—London Telegraph.

A Legend of Mount Omi.

Mount Omi, on the border between western China and Tibet, has the longest staircase in the world. On top of the mountain there stands a Buddhist temple, around which gather some of the holiest traditions of that religion and which is made a Mecca to the Chinese. To facilitate the ascent of its slippery sides some 20,000 steps have been cut in the mountain, forming a single flight, up which the pilgrim toils. Because of its inaccessible few Europeans have ever visited the spot, but a number of travelers have ascended the stairway and are positive that it is no legendary myth. There is a legend that in earlier times the pilgrim was forced to ascend the mountain without artificial aids until the monks conceived the plan of requiring every pilgrim who would gain especial benefit of his journey to cut a single step.

Some Consolation.

He was a frugal Scot and when the collection plate came round dropped in a forin in mistake for the humble copper. Speedily discovering his mistake, however, he stepped softly down the aisle and requested the oof gatherer to give him back the coin, which request was politely but firmly refused. A shade of disappointment flitted over the northerner's face as he walked slowly back to his pew. "Awel," he said, "it's a loss, but there's some sma' consolation in reflectin' it's a bad one. It might have got me into trouble anywhere else."—London Telegraph.

Dickens and His Wife.

Commenting on the unhappy relations between Dickens and his wife, Goldwin Smith wrote in one of his last papers: "It was a common case. Dickens had married at a low level, and his wife had not risen with him; otherwise there was no fault on her side. The matrimonial history of writers of works of imagination has often been unhappy. Their imagination turns the woman into an angel, and then they find that she is a woman."

Two Is Company.

"Have you ever loved before?" asked the coy maid. "Yes," yawned the worldly young man, "but—never before a chaperon, two small brothers and a pet bulldog." And then she suggested a trip down the old road to see the stars.—Chicago News.

A Sugar Coated Pill.

"How did you persuade your daughter to learn kitchen work?" "By calling it domestic science."—Pittsburg Post.

The way of the world is to make laws, but follow customs.—Montaigne.

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A TURBULENT VOLCANO.

The Boiling Hot Pools of Taal, in the Philippines.

The central or main crater of Taal is nearly round. Its diameter on an air line north and south is 6,233 feet and the east-west diameter 7,546 feet. The edge of this crater is somewhat irregular, but is nowhere broken through, its highest point standing at only 1,050 feet above sea level and its lowest at 426 feet.

Within the rim are two hot pools, known respectively as the yellow and the green lake, and a little active cone above fifty feet in height from which escape steam and sulphurous gas in varying quantities.

In the smaller lake every few minutes the water in the center is blown up like an immense bubble, which, rising above the surface, finally bursts, revealing a black orifice and causing the boiling and very turbulent water to assume all imaginable colors. The aqueous vapor escaping is sufficient to form a broad, smokelike column which is visible especially during the night and in the early morning.

At some distance and before reaching the edge of the crater, where a "flow of the bottom" can be obtained, the rumbling sound produced by the escaping vapor, under the influence of the mysterious subterranean forces, can be heard like that of an immense boiling kettle.

The greatest eruption of Taal took place in 1754. The eruption began on May 13 and did not end till Dec. 1. During this dreadful time the intensity and aspect of the eruption were continually changing, and the four principal towns of the lagoon of Bombon disappeared—viz. Sala, Lipa, Tanauan and Taal, with the numerous villages around them.—Manila Times.

Pasteur's Revenge.

In Vallery-Radot's "Life of Pasteur" we read the story of his misery. It is nothing to say that the war nearly broke his heart. But it broke neither his faith nor the straight line of his work. Only a sort of rage possessed him to redeem and console France by working for her. "Henceforth," he said, "every one of my books shall have written on it these words, 'Revenge, revenge, revenge.'" And this was his revenge, to set the name of France in the honors list of science higher than ever, to give the rest of his life to her service and to wear himself out for her sake.

After a Fashion.

Reporter—Senator, if I mistake not, your name has been mentioned once or twice in connection with the presidency.

Senator Lotsman—Why, yes; a London journal, I believe, once remarked that if the office of president of the United States was for sale I would probably buy it.—Chicago Tribune.

Well Guarded.

"Wuz yew guarded in yore conduct while yew waz in town, son?" asked the old man. "Shore thing, dad," replied the boy. "I wuz guarded by two policemen most uv th' time."—Chicago News.

Chorus Cowed the Cow.

"I thought I would introduce a real cow into my comic opera." "How did it work?" "Didn't work at all. The milkmaids frightened the cow."—Pittsburg Post.

Watch for opportunities. Things are best done in season.

NOTICE

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PLUMBING at MILNER'S.

Gothic Architecture.

Gothic architecture began about the ninth century after Christ and soon began to spread all over Europe. Its great feature is the pointed arch, and it was at first called the "pointed style." Most of the glorious old world cathedrals are in the Gothic, and it is generally conceded that for religious purposes no other style of architecture is so perfectly suited. It has been said that the first idea of the Gothic was suggested by the interlacing boughs and trunks of the great woods in which German Christianity was formed; hence the name Gothic.—New York American.

Still More Painful.

The Young Politician—I can assure you there is nothing more painful than having to make—er—er—one's first speech in public. Young Politician's Wife—Oh, yes, there is, dear! Young Politician (displeased)—Then what is it, pray? Young Politician's Wife (sweetly)—Having to listen to it, my dear.

He Was Considerate.

She—I should like that lovely pearl necklace. Look what beauties they are. He—It's better not to have such large pearls, my dear. People always think they are false.—Journal Amuseant.

Marriage.

"Marriage," said the serious man, "is an education in itself." "Yes," commented old Grouch, "it teaches you what not to do after you have done it."—Boston Transcript.

Love of our neighbor is the only door out of the dungeon of self.—MacDonald.

Chess In Ancient Ceylon.

In ancient Ceylon the game of chess was played with local variations peculiar enough to note. The king may not castle, but he is permitted to jump like a knight till checked. The pawns are exchangeable on the last row for the pieces on whose row they stand.

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DISLIKES INNOVATIONS.

Hence the Rhino Blindly Attacks Anything New to Him.

Sir Frederick Treves, the distinguished British surgeon, in his book "Uganda For a Holiday" has a word or two to say about the rhinoceros.

"The rhinoceros is the embodiment of blind conservatism," he writes. "Its hide is impenetrable, its vision is weak, while its intellect is weaker. It has, however, two marked qualities—combativeness and a sense of smell. It is aroused to its maximum energy by the presence of anything that is new. This object need not be a thing that is aggressive or inconvenient. Its offensiveness depends upon the fact that it is unfamiliar, and the more unfamiliar the object is the worse the rhinoceros acts."

"When a rhinoceros smells a man he will charge him with maniacal violence, although the man may be merely sitting on a stool reading Milton. The massive beast will dash at him like a torpedo or a runaway locomotive simply because the smell of him is novel. Actuated by this insane hate of whatever savors of an innovation, the rhinoceros has charged an iron water tank on the outskirts of a camp and has crumpled it up as a blacksmith would an empty meat tin.

"A conservative rhinoceros with a senile dislike of anything new once charged a train on the Uganda railway, but with no more serious results than the tearing away of the footboard of a carriage. As regards the rhinoceros in this case, it appeared surprised that a thing composed, as it had imagined, of flesh and blood could be so hard. It went off with an additional grievance and an increased swelling of the head."

Sensitive.

"Miss Passay is furious with that society reporter."

"Why so?" "He published the announcement of her approaching wedding under the column headed 'Late Engagements.'"—Life.

Getting Serious.

"Fubdub says he is thinking seriously about marriage." "Why, I thought he was married two or three months ago." "So he was, but he is just beginning to think seriously about it."—Town Topics.

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