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NO CITIZEN SHOULD BE A DRONE

"NO CITIZEN," said Cardinal Gibbons at the golden jubilee of his ordination as a priest and the silver jubilee of his elevation to the cardinalship.

Grandy said! No mere commonplace platitudes these, but the proclamation by a man of world-wide influence, of eternal verities that are charged and driven by the weight of his noble personality.

The commemoration of the cardinal's jubilee is a matter of national interest. Churchmen of every communion and American citizens without regard to religious beliefs or affiliations take pride in Cardinal Gibbons as a representative American and an exponent of Americanism to the European authorities in his church.

Cardinal Gibbons rose to the opportunity offered to him by the public honors rendered by the Catholics of New York.

He preached the responsibilities and duties of good citizenship to the members of his church that claims 15,000,000 communicants in the United States. They, he said—and the statement holds good for the members of all American churches—are protected by the government. They should, as Aaron the priest held up the hands of Moses the statesman, hold up the hands of the administrators of the American commonwealth.

The cardinal does well to be devoutly thankful that the Roman church lives where there is liberty without license, authority without despotism and protection from the government without interference with the rights of conscience. His church is a conserving force in American life. Among its sons and daughters have been many of the worthiest citizens of the United States. But it is indebted in turn to American democracy.

REVOLUTION IN TEACHING.

WHY IS it that normal children, with a good degree of mental power, have such difficulty in learning to read and write even at the age of seven?

The experience of Hard, physician to the national institution of France for the deaf and dumb; of Edouard Seguin, a successful specialist in the treatment of defective children, and of Maria Montessori, professor in charge of the Talamo schools in Rome, appears to indicate the reason.

Professor Montessori holds that normal children are hampered by the public schools in their development and that if the special education which develops feeble-minded children into equality with normal children were applied to the latter they would learn to read and write with ease.

This special education is based on the belief that all education worth having is self-education, that the tender brain of the child should not be strained, and that the sense of touch, which is the great guide to accuracy of perception, can be so cultivated that it will start reflex or automatic actions in the nervous system that do not tax the child's mind, but form the habit of writing and reading.

Touch, the sensitive nerves in the

fingers, is the child's teacher, and letters of cardboard or sandpaper are the solid stuff of which its lessons and books are made.

The way of working, in brief, is this:

The fingers are first trained to control pens and pencils by having the children fill in figures of triangles, squares, ovals or circles on paper underneath the cut-out figures. When the pupil can fill in the figure correctly he is set to filling in figures that are merely outlined in pencil. When he fills this outline without letting his crayon slip beyond the outline he has mastered pencil and pen and can write without cramping the fingers.

The child has already learned its letters, either previously or simultaneously, by touch and sight of the shape of each. Now writing-letters of large size and of coarse black-sandpaper are pasted on smooth, square white cards. A guide at the back of each letter, where a guideline would be drawn on writing paper, prevents the little one from putting the bottom of a "g" on a level with the base of an "o." These letters are learned by touch, and forming them is achieved by filling in their cut-out outlines.

Thus the muscles, the eyes and the brain (unawares) have learned to write without taking set lessons in writing. The process has been synthetic instead of analytic, using wholes instead of parts; spontaneous instead of forced; and in the nature of play, rather than of work. Children of four, without strain on themselves, teach themselves to write within six weeks. Perhaps this appears a childish thing for adults to consider. In reality, however, it is of fundamental importance to parents and educators. It demonstrates the unreasonableness of the ordinary method. It may have initiated a revolution in the teaching of very little children.

OBSERVATIONS.

Denver's city-owned auditorium is said to have put \$3,000 profit into the public treasury from rentals last winter. Portland's commercial club has had an agent investigating the public auditoriums of the cities of the central west. As the outcome of his report the club has launched a campaign for Portland to issue \$600,000 of bonds and build a municipal auditorium.

It is never too late to vote. Two women of Seattle, aged 71 and 73 respectively, recently applied for their citizenship papers so they could exercise their recently granted franchise. Such a spirit could well be followed with profit by voters of all ages and either sex.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not endorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

Editor Times: Oh! father, dear father, come home with me now, The clock in the steeple strikes ten, You've broken the Sabbath and mother's heart, And baby won't know you again!

The lawyers are saying there's grounds for divorce And I'll have a stepfather then So please lock up the drug store each Sunday And make us all happy again. A DRUGGIST.

HOW'S THIS We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CLEMENT & CO., Toledo, O.

Little Talks on Advertising TALK No. 16

PERSISTENCE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS SAYS MAN WHO MADE MILLIONS BY ADVERTISING

"THERE is no advertising value in one-time insertions," says Truman A. De Wesse, for many years director of publicity for the Shredded Wheat Co., one of the most successful advertisers in the country. "It is the keeping everlastingly at it which brings results in advertising. It is the consecutive, persistent pounding away that does the trick in advertising, and the advertiser that does this year after year is the man who knows that advertising pays. With him it is not an experiment, neither is it an expense. It is a part of his investment, the same as the cost of raw material and the cost of production."

WITH TEA AND TOAST

GOOD EVENING. edge on the chap whose wife wants him to explain what neutrality is.

TAKE BACK YOUR GOLD. Take back your gold, For gold will never buy me. Take back your coin, Remove it from my view, Don't be so raw, You'll surely mortify me. Send me a check, That's all I ask of you.

MY PENMANSHIP. (With apologies) The hours I spent with thee, old pen, Are dark as ink—I daily dip, I count the A's—each one again, My penmanship! My penmanship!

SWAT! Friends of Sweetness and of Light, Possibly we can unite On an issue that will win In this town of slush and sin. Peradventure we can pick Some reform and make it stick. There, for instance, is the fly: We will swat him, you and I— Swat the fly!

THE ISTS. Mother is a suffragist, Brother is an atheist, Sister's a Theosophist, Grandpa is a pessimist, Grandma's a Christian scientist, Uncle Bill's a ultramontanist, Aunt Jane is a pantheist, Cousin Joe's an optimist, Cousin Sue is an artist, The baby is an oppositionist, The hired man is an anarchist, The hired girl is a socialist— In fact, Everybody is an "ist" But father. —Puck.

A NEW OLD HOTEL. Old patrons of The Windsor Hotel, San Francisco, will be glad to hear that this famous house is now open in a fine new six story building right down town. New furniture, new carpets, steam heat, hot water and telephone in every room. Cafe in connection. Notice these rates: Room with private bath \$1 a day, \$5 a week. All cars pass the door. Select family hotel, Windsor Hotel, 238 Eddy street, San Francisco.

FISHING FANTASY. A reel, a creel, A rod, a line; A hook, a brook, A day that's fine; A bunch of lunch, A harmless flask, What more, Lenore, Could mortal ask? —FRANK LAISE.

DOC STRAW. All day you stay Pent in a punt And bear the glare Without a grunt. No bite by night, Sunscared your skin, A fry you buy Then lie like sin. —DAVE STAFFORD.

THE SENTIMENTAL SUITOR makes the exacting husband. The girl that's hard to please is worth trying for. Thankless task—entertaining a girl engaged to the other fellow.

There was an old man from Eugene Whose manners were rude and unclean. He chewed and he snuffed And his countenance stuffed Like a giddy old sausage machine.

The first day Wanamaker opened his store in Philadelphia 50 years ago, he took in \$24.67. He kept the 67 cents for change and spent the \$24 for newspaper advertising. With what he now knows, John would today put the whole \$24.67 into ads and borrow another \$24.67 to put into newspaper advertising, so as to get rich twice as quick.

Each word a drill, each drill a line, I send in tears of rainbow hue; Had I a heart 'twould not be thine Oh, Spencer Man, enough of you.

Oh, Spencer E, oh, Spencer O, Oh, Spencer gain, oh, paper loss, My sleeve is worn, my speed is slow— I turn my page and write across.

Epochs in a girl's existence—her first long dress, her first "put up" hair and her first steady.

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"I will not let my wife or my mother risk their lives cooking with a gasoline stove." This was the declaration of a fine appearing young man in our office a few days ago. He had called to inquire about our limited free gas range offer. He wanted to see the stove. He was amazed to learn that we not only give the range away, but run all the pipes, connections, etc., free. Within 30 seconds his signature went on an agreement to take and use the range. Will you let the women of your household run the danger of gasoline this summer? OREGON POWER COMPANY

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