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### STRENGTH AND UNITY.

THAT the greatest canals in the world are in North America and that they are great not because of spectacular construction or length or depth, but on account of the importance in the economics of transportation, speaks well for the industrial unity and strength which the country is gaining from these sources of commerce.

The old countries of Greece and Italy were weak because of their divisions. Mountains and other natural barriers shut each little group away by themselves with their own petty jealousies and each trying to eliminate the other instead of working in common.

But civilization has overcome the mountains with railroads and has united the plains and the oceans and lakes with canals. Three inland waterways alone, the Erie, the Welland and the St. Lawrence system, aggregated in 1910 a tonnage of 62,-363,218. This represents a gain of nearly four and a half millions of tons over the previous year.

These facts show that the commercial interdependence of the country is becoming continually greater, and that the mutual benefits and strength derived from this close intercourse means more for ultimate independence and healthy activity than is easily estimated.

It is the old principle of common interests and needs uniting, and it is, after all, only the primitive demands of food, clothing and shelter which are at the bottom of this gigantic system of commercial industry. is only by a larger and more intelligent selfishness of this sort that humanity gains its greatest steps in

# OUR OWN BOORS.

PTH the disselve multiplication of modern reforms and causes and philanthroofe and nearphilanthropic enterprises, the student of social and moral conditions in sometimes impolled to remember the old proverb to the effect that everyone should swoon before his ern neighbors.

It is rather bewildering to contemplate the general wrackness which would occur among public min to? spirits and others who are fostering movements for the namely good if everyone should suddenly and unexlooking after his own best interest and conducting his private marals in a way which could not interface grass, with the comfort and well-being of In c his neighbors.

There would be a distribling tondency toward stubliving the activlites of he persons oran otors of notthe great middle which describ bother to do its own swin-ing. Many energotte and charteble nemens wen'd get lonemme. Not a few extends, omick markers much not that they plan bettome had and tante fatten out of their schlesse the to the manter would weln semothing in independence and saff-respect and the humble riesauce which comes from indivitual effort in behalf of persenal seroty and saulty and unberalded rightsourness

But the complexity of radern saciety and the general effects of a gigantic system of division of labor which has resulted from this complexity, has made the matter or aweening before our own duors rather a difficult one. Pecarne individuals have not been able, through cowardice or weakness or more thort-sightefness, to discover their population. Even if not dumped in aroused, I rushed out to my after bally and tasks pad to perform the eletted duries which much lawy this full to them the most I has needed mertyre and teachers and subtle survepts. For the same rearejencelosa doscota en' uncela fotot.

But, after all the months of one can fours what he what he patron to in succoundings exerts a considerable to. We can into the having two influence in moding clean characters. Individual hardens as seed as well as with the We are not of to with tittle ct-per on. our rearest and derect. They can this endoughboth tills are presented

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Multitudes of beneficent friends Accumulations of hardships may embitter but neither s with the thorn ortune nor favor nor heavy-footed ery can steal from us the burden We must sweep or the blessing. before our own doors in one manner another, or else suffer the consequences of littered street or roadway and lose the humble satisfacion which comes from meeting the laws of life unshrinkingly.

## WORK OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

NCE it was the fashion to snear at women's clubs as being merely the frevolous centers for the idle gossins. It was pointed out that the club women spent too much time at their clubs and too little in the both their children and their husbands saw so little of them that their feelings became alienated

Coos Bay has had abundant evi dence of the beneficial influence of women and women's clubs. work of the Beautiful America Club in North Bend and the A. N. W. Club in Marsbfield have contributed much to the civic betterment of bella The work of the Chaminade --- has been of inestimable benefit. The practical results from such work cannot be realized at It requires time to realize the effects of the work of these organizations

The real value of clubs for women has as yet been realized by the few. The many still regard them with suspicion, if not with open disfavor. But clubs properly organized are universities of true culture. They can be made the center for the pleasant and instructive discussion of sublects of great importance to society. The views and ideas thus obtained can be used outside the club for the improvement of the home and for the spreading of useful knowledge easily acquired in a truly interesting way

## BUY AT HOME AND BEAT THE BOGUS SALESMAN.

T.o Much Risk Involved In Patronizing the Peddler.

Scarcely a month passes that it does not bring a report from some cural community of fraudulent sales or fraudulent projects of some sort being palmed off on the farmers by smooth talking satesmen. The latest comes from Wisconsin and is in the nature of a kick at the long suffering oil compames. More properly speaking, it is an objection to a certain oil company, a carload of whose product was soid among the farmers last cummer and which did not live up to its agreement is to the quality of the oil, says the American Agriculturist.

A canyasser drove through the coun try from house to house, taking ad cance orders for kerosene, gasoline and a paint oil which he offered as a substitute for linseed off. The samples he carried with him were apparently first class, and orders were taken with he understanding that the product defivered was to be equally good. The kerosene was sold at 17 cents per galon It was furnished in barrels, which were to be taken back by the company when empty and a rebate of \$1 given The barrels were guaranteed not to tenk.

When the oil arrived most of the barreis leaked badly, and in some cases the loss was very heavy. The oil itself and not trouble about his proved to be of a very unsatisfactory quality and in many cases entirely unat for use. Among the number of farmers who consider that they were swindled in the deal is one who writes that he is unable to use the kerosene in lamps at all, but has transferred it to a tight receptacle and will keep it to use on Canada thisties and quack

In cases of this kind there is apparently no practical means of redress. Purchasers either deposit their money in advance or pay it immediately upon delivery. It is much safer and usually more satisfactory to deal with some well established, well known local concern. Then in case of dissatisfation there is always an easy means of ad-Justment.

# The Public Health.

In cities having an active board of health with a competent corps of in spectors less responsibility rests upon the individual regarding sanitary precautions, but in lesser cities and towns every home owner should be vigitant to keep his or her premises neat and clenn

Garbage thrown about indiscriminately is just as much of a mena-e to health in a village as in a city. As to neatness, tin cans and ash piles. with a miscellaneous lot of rubbish, are far too common in small centers of the home ground the slovenly awners drow it upon the nearest vacant lot or in the alley.

This should constitute a crime pun isnable only by imprisonment. for it is a menace to public health, and may be the indirect cause of many deaths. Cleantiness in person, in character and

# Let Your Goods Se Seen

In trimming your windows try, if possible to have the articles you have on display no higher than the level of the eye. The upper part of the winwhat to hast few us. We sound dow of course, requires decoration to add completeness of detail, but you ake our own fatoute and food und Will get befor results if the goods you have on sale are so placed as to command the attention without effort of all who glance into the window .--

If you have anything to sell, trade

# A SINGULAR WILL CASE

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Of all the strange coincidences I have ever heard none is stranger than one happening to my own 'ife, and it

led to important results. One day, happening in at my law yer's office, he said to me:

"By the bye, we have a blg lot of papers in your case against Bunsby It has all been settled up, and I would like to turn them over to you. We are overburdened here with dead doenments'

He called an office boy and sent for the papers. They came to me in one sarge bundle, which I tucked under my arm, walked home with it, and threw it, without opening it, into an iron box kept for family records

Ten years passed, during which period I went on an average to the box once or twice a year to toss into it some document that would probably never be needed again. I had no oceasion to look into the box during all this period, but the time came when I found it necessary to overhant it in a search for a missing paper. By the time I found my paper every separate bunch had been unrolled and their contents were all in confusion. Picking up a paper marked "Last will and testa ment of James Chieningsby," I was somewhat surprised to find such a document.

I opened and ran my eye over its contents. There was nothing to indicate the value of the estate, nor were the names of any of the legateds familiar to me. There were a few small bequests to different persons, and the residue was to be given to a minor How the paper got into my box was a mystery. I was not interested in the will, but I was deeply interested in how it came to be where I found it It must have been there a long while but not more than twenty years, for the date it was executed was no further back than that. But it might have been put in my box much more intely than that

I should have attached more importance to it if persons could not make more than one segal will. It struck me that this might be an old one which had teen voided by a later one and had got mixed with old out of date papers. But that did not explain how it came to be in my possession. for it was not a paper in which I or any of my family, so far as I knew, had any interest I tooked it over carefully to see if there was any clex by which I could discover who were the legatees, but there was nothing to give me the stigntest information concerning it. I took it to my desk in a room I occupied for smoking and placed it in a pigeonhole, intending to advertise it. But time passed, and i took no action

Some time after this I married my stenographer and typewriter. She was very poor, and I was not rich. I was making a tore flying and until our first child was born she retained her position in my service. Indeed, it was essential that she should and wher children came and I was deprived of her assistance in spite of all my efforts I was tosing my grip and could not afford to hire another stenogra-

One morning while tooking over my newspaper my eye drifted to real es tate Items. One of them mentioned the sale of a piece of property belong ing to the Chieningsby estate. The name was an odd one, but it seemed to me that I had seen it somewhere before.

"My dear," I said to my wife "did you ever hear of the name Chienings

"I had an uncle by that name though I never saw nim. He disappeared when he was a boy and was never heard from. All I know of him is that I heard my mother speak of him before she died

I kept thinking of the name till sud denly it flashed upon me that I had seen it in the will found in my fron box. I went to my desk, took out the document and read the name of the testator-James Chieningshy I call ed my wife and read the will to her When I came to the name of the heir to the residue of the estate I stopped. wonder stricken. It was her malden name

She was as much mystifled as I All she knew of the name of Chioningsby was what she had told me. But we were both in a flutter of excitement What did it mean? Then I remember ed that a man may make a will every day if he likes and only the last one is of any value. Nevertheless I was ney, or the one who had once had my inw business, showed him the document and was about to ask inm to make an investigation for me when he exclained:

"By thunder" "Explain" 4 cried impatiently "Instead of answering me he called cut to his purmers "Here's a will for

the Chientneshy estate? Por heaven's sake tell me" Where did you get this?

"Found it in a los of mine where

it has probably been for years" "It represents an estate that has never been settled since he one has been found near enough of hin to claim it. If this is genuine at but these few hopposts goes to Who Kurhorine Miller, whomes she may be

"She's my wife We were rich. The will just been seft by the testator with my attorneys had got coved with the buildle of papers given to me and had e-size to light when thest treefed

# \$ WITH THE TOAST AND TEAS

GOOD EVENING.

A genuine friend is the one • • who can tell us our faults with- • • out being glad about the oppor- • ♦ tunity .- "For Goodness' Sake." ♦ ..............

## AT EVENTIDE.

"Ecency, meency, miney, mo-Into the bed the babies go! A little dress in the corner there, A pair of trousers behind the

door: The frayed-out stockings upon the chair.

And well-worn sandals upon the floor. All the day long have the little feet Pattered about in their childish

play: Voices that rang with a laughter sweet. Stilled and hushed at the close of

Then the sandman comes-creep, creep, creep-And the tired bables are soon asleep.

"Onery, orry, ickery, Ann-Into the bed for the old sandman! sticky print on the windowpane, A muddy track on the hallroom floor:

Four little feet walking By-lo lane, And stillness is ushered in once more All the day long and the cottage

rings With the elfin sounds of their childish glee; Then the night time comes and with

it brings Quiet and lonesomeness for me, For the sandman's come-creep, creep, creep-And I'm alone in the silence deep.

"Fillison, follison, Nicholas. John-Bless the babes my eyes rest on! happy pair in a little bed, Dreaming the dreams that the angels send:

Snuggled so warm 'neath the covers spread. Tired but happy at the long day's end.

All forgot are the bumps and the falls. And all forgot are the pains and aches; Memory fails when the sandman

calls-Never returns when the sun-god wakes. And I rest content till the morning

glad Brings welcome shouts of 'Dood mornin', dad!' "-Selected.

Marriage vows are too often followed by marriage rows. Those who rise early in the morn-

their troubles. Men are like hers, the her ler they have to scratch for a living the

ing are the more likely to rise above

more useful they become. The physiologists tell us that we have five conces, and yet some folks

act as if they had none. Pobruary, it is true, is a tittie short, but it is likely to pull through without bankrupting March.

One of our contemporaries advises scales for the farm, and that San Jose critter is doing its best to supply them.

Farmers are considered the most benest class on the earth, but even e best of them are continually taking advantage of the weather.

"Our best frien's are those who tell us of our faults"-so runs the encions provent; but it is noticeable that they do not remain our frien is very leng after they have told us.

A Pertland preacher told his conprogetten on Son'ay that men is no made for besines sione. But this would be a better world if more men could be induced to stick to business.

"Daltimore," says the Sagremento Pulon, "went the graveward of the old Dopportile nesty." The very place, than, in which to hery a few of the 1912 Presidential booms

Washington, D. C., will nechable never ha a strenghell of suffrage tes. As residents of the nation's conjust are not allowed to vote, women will turally live alrowhere if they value the ballot above everything else.

A Kentrelev man fromost dast co. wife, who have addressed by his wife, who has not sorken to him for 95 mars. Parliams he was augmented by the hormer of the thought that the might try to make up for lest time.

The Usesian weman who wasted a two-cost stime in appending one, enck evillently believes that faint - heeband worth while.

Thereton have a more thing your, it prisons many bound in the section tracks so hen there are not more than in the "notting on dog."

while the second of a state of the face of notes have not rates this warm and base on her person. The law deposits the same of the law deposits the law of the particular number of gresses.

Man Butter of any other flow there st a maning that epithers to many in during tean year is all nonsence.

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • Nevertheless lots of men are going to be afflicted with that uneasy feeling.

## LEAVE HER, BULLIES, LEAVE HER.

This is one of the most popular little town of Kuala Lumps. modern chanties and will probably last as long as there are sailing ships; "O, the times are hard and the

wages low Leave her, bullies, leave her; guess its time for us to go, It's time for us to leave her.

O. don't you hear the old man say, Leave her, bullies, leave her. l'omorrow you will get your pay It's time for us to leave her.

If every man on Coos Bay who owns a vacant lot without incumbrance would borrow enough money on the property to suitably improve it Coos Bay would make an astounding g owth and new people would, ed. Yet it has lost its name come in and pay the rent. That old of the history not only of the idea that Coos Bay can never be any- group, but of the American en thing but a shipping town is being exploded by the increasing number of retired people who want to come here and live.

Some of the people who howl because things are not published would tion contained in Columbuc in howl a doggoned sight louder if we published some of the things we know about them.

The decline in shipbuilding in California is gradually decreasing at the rate of about 3 per cent per annum.

THE BLACK VULTURE.

LOOF upon the day's immeasured dome He holds unshared the silence of the sky Far down his blenk, relentless

eyes desery The eagle's empire and the falcon's home. Far down the galleons of sunset roam; His hazards on the sea of morning lie; Serene he hears the broken tempest sigh Where cold sierras gleam like scattered

And least of all he holds the human EWAFM-

Unwitting now that envlous men prepare To make their dream and its fulfillment When, poised above the caldrons of the

Their hearts, contemptuous of death, Ills roads between the thunder and the

-George Sterling.

Not a Lucrative Job. Friend - So your son has left college. What is he in?

MUTT

iles ord.

Pater Debt Boston Transcript. In the Lover's Eye. All's fair in love, especially the girl t tedow is in love with.-Philadelphia

An Expensive Habit. When you borrow trouble you'll find the rate of interest pretty high. Atomtoon Globe.

# Very Easy.

"Is she easy to get along with?" "Yes. She believes everything you tell her." Detroit Free Press.

A Matter of Verdict. Caffer-Will the cashler be away iong? Office Boy-It depends entirely on the bury. - Roston Courier

Justifiable Prograstination.

Always put off tonight what you are going to put on in the morning .t'rinceton Tiger. Wanted to Know.

"My conscience never troubles me any more "

"I didn't know that they could amputate the conscience so successfully. "What Y" "Who is your surgeon?"

Har Sarrow. "Mrs Brown says marriage is a fail-

ure." "Why, what complaint has she to

"She says the courts no longer allow large attmony " His Way of Harding.

mnike?"

"Does by Islen with they called" "Piners time" "And responde?" "You he atways thets that me had

business in another direction" Evidence: "Is Mr. Black a sensible many AND ENGLISH

"You are some of it?" "Certala He always agrees with me I never have any trouble with him at all."

Attractions of a Malay N We are so accustomed to the guidebooks that the be are the best in the east that freshing, says the Java Times across a description of a bas Federated Mainy States, Re few points which our botel p might notice: Bedrooms 7 1 feet by 20 feet, each with the twenty-live candle power las tric bell and electric fan; a le 30 feet by 12 feet attached to a room and fitted with tops, force colored tiles, walled with the ton dittos; a long, conting dor 625 feet in length by 12 fee each electric bell fitted with ring, so that the visitor knows whether he is being attended h

don Globe.

Watling's Island, San Salvador is perhaps the s teresting historical point on the lean side of the world, as it is land upon which Columbus by us well, it is far from surprise the identity of the famous should have been long lost or reidentification should have a layed until the middle of the tury, when Captain Becker of h ish navy by application of the the course from Gomera to the mas determined clearly that We island alone met all require the case.-Argonaut

Putting It Nicely, There is a good deal is per

thing nicely. A prisoner un sentenced at the assizes the sta-"You have a pleasant house bright fireside with happy cash ting around it. haven't your a judge.

"Yes, sir," said the prisone thought he saw a way out of s culty

"Well," said the judge, "If the children sit around the cheefe side until you return they up there just two mouths"-Look

Making His Meaning Clar Senator quist returned into higher-Mr Eeler, what is is ment of the people in your ten corning

Rising Politician esterns a ings. Senator, we don't deal ment to our town, we don't -f H X file of Philosopa Con.

# \$100 Reward, \$10

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