

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

One half the stuff you buy does you no good. Don't carry a lot of keys to private drawers. Burn papers you don't want seen. A dollar is a large amount to pay for bread, but it is mighty insignificant in a poker game. When some people haven't any great trouble, they smile as much as to say, How brave I am! Many a good man fusses a great deal about nothing and makes himself unnecessarily disagreeable. There is this in being a parent: They get the abuse if their children are bad and no particular credit if they are good.—Aitchison Globe.

Five Thousand Distinct Languages. Mr. J. Collier is authority for the statement that there are no less than 5,000 distinct languages spoken by mankind. The number of separate dialects is enormous. There are more than sixty distinct vocabularies in Brazil, and in Mexico the Nahu language has been broken up into 700 dialects. There are hundreds in Borneo. The complexities are beyond classification in Australia, and generally the number of dialects decreases with the intellectual culture of the population. If there is an average of fifty dialects to every language we still have the enormous total of 250,000.

Burying the Inn Sign. In some parts of England when a public house loses its license the signboard is solemnly buried. On the last night it is removed from over the door and "waked" in the bar by the old customers. When the clock points to closing time and the house ceases its career as an inn the signboard is carried in procession and interred with an appropriate burial service, which ends with watering the grave with a gallon of beer or a bottle of whisky.

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Business, like your salary, might always be better. The croquette is the old fashioned bash ball after it gets into society. Some people are too insistent on the right to be fools in their own way. When a young man refuses to work, that is the beginning of all his other troubles. When you abuse a boy for being worthless, remember how worthless you were at his age. Some people say farming is so much easier than it used to be. Still, if a farmer does his duty even in these days he knows he has a job. There is a good deal in print about the contagious laugh, but how often do you hear it? The writer of this knows but two people of all his acquaintance who have a laugh that is contagious.—Aitchison Globe.

They Cut Both Ways. Some intelligence offices encourage even the greenest girls to abandon general housework and try for the place of cook, parlor maid, etc., for it increases the fee, many offices basing this upon

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament. Many people believe that blonde, or light hair denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average bald-headed man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others, that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, inoculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide. "Destroy the cause—you remove the effect." Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Eagle Drug Store, 351-353 Bond St., Owl Drug Store, 549 Com. St., T. F. Taurin, Prop. "Special Agent."

are amounts of wages paid. This is one explanation of the decreasing number of general housework girls. They are also responsible for some of the restlessness of employees. Girls are placed in positions and removed when they are needed for others. Some use employers as training schools. Green foreigners are sent, and when they have learned enough English and housework they are sent to others for higher wages, the office not neglecting to collect the extra fees. Then they inform the long suffering employer that they understand her girl has left and that they can supply her need.—Atlantic Monthly.

Both Astonished. A boy, apparently a newsboy, with papers under his arm, was standing at Eighth and Market streets when a man hurriedly approached, slipped a paper from under the youngster's elbow, tossed a coin at him and then boarded a passing car. Instead of appearing pleased at having made a sale the supposed newsboy uttered a yell and started up the street in pursuit of the car, bawling "Stop thief!" at the top of his voice. He caught the car at Ninth street and rushed inside. "Gimme that!" he demanded, grabbing the paper away from the man who had taken it from him. The boy swung off and walked away before the astonished passenger had recovered his self possession. Then matters were reversed, for in his indignation the passenger alighted and started after the boy. The latter made no attempt to escape. "You young rascal!" exclaimed the excited pursuer, collaring the lad. "What do you mean by taking that paper away after I bought it?" "Bought nothin'," said the boy defiantly. "I ain't sellin' papers. You went an' swiped me paper that I put over the boss' pictures to keep 'em clean. Look here!" And he turned the pages back, revealing to the surprised citizen several nice engravings stowed in between the leaves. It developed that the boy worked in an art store and was on the way there with the prints when the hasty individual mistook him for a newsboy and ran off with about \$10 worth of art works.—Philadelphia Record.

A Coat For a Word. A poor man may possess a wit so fine that it is capable of doing him a great deal of service and then wait a long time before an opportunity comes for him to exercise it profitably. This was the case with an elderly tramp who was once intrusted, for want of a better messenger, with an errand to the Duke of Bedford. "Well, you're a queer fellow," said the duke on seeing him. "What is your name?" "My name is Russell, your grace." The duke laughed heartily, for his own name was Russell. "And how about your coat of arms?" asked the duke. "Is that the same as the Duke of Bedford's?" "Ah, your grace," said the man, "our arms may be much the same, but I fancy there's a slight difference in our coats!" As this fact was only too apparent, the duke sent for a good coat of his own and gave it to the man.

Fitted For the Business. "Have you ever had any experience in canvassing for subscription books?" asked the man at the desk. "No, sir," said the applicant for a job, "but I can put up a good talk." "Well, take a copy of this work and go and see if you can get an order. I'll give you half a day to make the trial." The applicant went away. In an hour or two he returned. "What luck?" inquired the man at the desk. "I've got an order for this book in full morocco from your wife, sir." "The deuce! You'll do, young man."—Chicago Tribune.

Outflanking the Enemy. "Bridget, you must be more careful with your dusting. I declare I could write my name upon the piano." "Deed, ma'am, it's yerself has the gran' eddycaishun!"—Town and Country.

WOMEN IN TROUSERS.

In Champéry, Switzerland, the Sight Causes No Comment. It will probably be news to many advocates of feminine dress reform to hear that the women of Champéry, a primitive mountain district of the Canton Valais, Switzerland, have worn trousers from time immemorial. The Champéry region is in the southwestern part of the Canton Valais, the village of Champéry itself being at the foot of the Dent du Midi, well known to Lake Geneva tourists. The men of Champéry are noted for their lazy habits, and beyond acting as guides to mountain climbers in the summer months they lead an absolutely idle life. The women perform all the hard labor required of a mountain-people. It is they who pasture the cattle on the steep and often dangerous Alpine slopes, cut the timber and mow the grass. It is a usual sight to see a Champéry woman, her daily toil ended, returning to the village dragging her husband on one of the wooden sleighs in general use throughout Switzerland, her lord and master all the while lazily smoking his pipe.

Under such circumstances it is not surprising that the women of Champéry should have adopted the masculine attire. Their costume is of the simplest kind—a jerkin of rough, dark blue material, with trousers to match, and a red foulard to protect the head. While desperately practical, nothing more unprepossessing in the way of feminine dress could be imagined than this costume of the Champéry dames and damsels. Moreover, these wives and mothers of Champéry, who are accustomed to all the work generally supposed to be the lot of the sterner sex, not unnaturally seek what consolation they can in masculine comforts. Chief among these is the short briar pipe, which they all smoke and evidently enjoy as much if not more than their husbands and fathers.—New York Tribune.

Business. One of the principal elements of safety to life and property in our society is the indolence and the consequent stupidity of many of the evil disposed. There are malicious persons who are harmless only because they are afflicted with the germ of laziness.—Philadelphia Record.

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