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WHY THE DIFFERENCE.

It is said by those in touch with the subject, that the work of grading, excavating, levelling, and dirt-removal in all its phases, under contract, is done all over Oregon and California, with the ordinary mechanical devices now in use, at a minimum of eleven cents the square yard, and a top figure of nineteen cents. This sounds good to the ordinary man hereabout who has to pay thirty cents as a minimum for such work, and there is meat in the question "Why the difference?" and it is hoped there may be some relevancy in the answer, whatever that may be, when it is made!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Commencement day and the season for expressing girlish dreams and aspirations in poem and essay are at hand. The girl graduate—a dainty creature—all innocence and hope, gowned in white, as unsullied at her own heart. And her commencement essay—the very first flowering into speech of all the ideals the dreamy fancies, the resolves of a scarce awakened heart. Hats off, and a health to the sweet girl graduate! For she is sweet—sweet as was her mother whose youth smiles through her daughter's eyes, and sweet as every ancestress who, vanishing into the mists of long ago, has nevertheless dropped upon her slender shoulders the dower of youth and all womanly qualities and bequeathed to her the mission of reviving hope and love in life.

It seems to be a fact that the Standard Oil Company has hired a "press agent," though what in the world he can tell a confiding public that will make that octopus look less terrible will hardly impose on the most ignorant. Now if the denatured alcohol bill passes, in spite of the opposition of the Rockefeller's, the "press agent" will find a fine field open for his imagination to have full play. He can describe the danger of using alcohol in lamps in motors and picture the lingering death of its victims and show that if Rockefeller oil and naphtha had been used all this suffering would have been prevented.

The mothers of today are receiving scientific instruction in the care of their babies. At the federation of women's clubs now in session at St. Paul, it was announced that babies that are cradled in snow drifts and receive cold baths are more likely to be strong and beautiful than those that are raised after the manner of hot-house plants. The good old mothers of pioneer days, were they to look in on present day scenes and hear theories promulgated, would stand aghast.

CHICAGO, June 26.—Charvat Konduras, a butcher, while intoxicated was barred from the house by his wife. He nursed his grievances all night and this morning forced an entry and killed his wife, then with a knife cut his own throat, dying in the presence of his three children.

Japan's earthquake experts, now enroute to San Francisco, should be able to give useful advice. In Japan an earthquake comes along so frequently that the inhabitants are lonesome without one.

The first deaf mute in this country to become a nun is Miss Etta Mae Holman, who was recently received into Dominican order at Hunts Point, New York.

The long, loose, separate coat is here to stay, and the summer girl is wondering how in the world she ever managed to get along without it.

Man may be wise or wealthy but The station that he holds in life Is likely to be measured by The clothing seen upon his wife.

The sweet girl graduate who can explain how to get up a palatable meal using vegetables only is likely to score a distinct triumph.

Have you noticed that the women who are slighted when invitations to affairs are sent out never go to the Bible for consolation?

The great work of uplifting the husbands begins, as you perceive, by holding them up for public inspection.

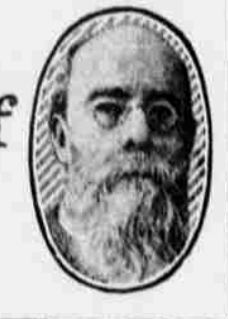
Soap and water and pleasant thoughts are the foundations beautifiers; the rest are trimmings.

Beauty is never complete until it is in harmony with one's character and one's life.

It's a fine, big, sweet old world. All you have to do is to sit up and take notice.

The Effect of The Lowering of Moral Ideals

By Rev. Dr. WASHINGTON GLADDEN, Columbus, O.



IT is a serious thing to have the moral ideals of a large number of the moral leaders of the land lowered, if it be only a very little. But the injury is not confined to the institutions concerned. SUCH TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT IN A CORNER. They are always well advertised, and the THOUGHT in hundreds of thousands is affected by them. They are a testimony on the part of the moral teachers that the conduct of the predeceous rich is not very reprehensible. Men in business whose greed is fierce and who do not easily restrain themselves from robbery take heart from this indication of MORAL INDIFFERENCE and push their schemes more relentlessly; men of better instincts find their convictions weakened; young men experience a chill in their enthusiasm for a life of high integrity; those who are seeking to restrain by law such depredations find their power lessened and the obstacles before them multiplied, while all men of low degree are confirmed in their judgment that EVERY MAN HAS HIS PRICE and that there is nothing in the world for which any one cares very much but money.

Thus it is that in every such transaction the life and thought of uncounted numbers are poisoned AT THEIR SOURCES.

We must sadly confess that the function of the moral teacher has been imperfectly fulfilled by many to whom it belongs, but we must also give thanks that there are many others, from whom less might have been expected, who have greatly helped in clearing and bracing the MORAL JUDGMENT of the people. Many of our great daily newspapers, several of our most popular magazines, have been making a magnificent fight for public morality; political leaders have arisen here and there who have spoken like prophets of God for righteousness and equity; and, best, and bravest of all, in the forefront of the battle, always smiting with the wrath of a great love the foes of social justice, always lifting into the light the great ideals of a TRUE DEMOCRACY, we see the white plume of the best fighter, the greatest peacemaker, the best loved ruler in the world today.

An Alarming Situation

frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic. This condition is unknown to those who use Dr. King's New Life Pills; the best and gentlest regulators of Stomach and Bowels. Guaranteed by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 25c.

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"I wonder where Sue is? I ain't seen her this hour an' a half."
 "She ain't fur," replied the old man. "Last time I seen her she wuz killin' a couple o' rattlesnakes, to git rattles enough to make a necklace to wear to the party!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Deadly Serpent Bites

are as common in India as are stomach and liver disorders with us. For the latter however there is a sure remedy: Electric Bitters; the great restorative medicine, of which S. A. Brown, of Benettsville, S. C. says: "They restored my wife to perfect health, after years of suffering with dyspepsia and a chronically torpid liver." Electric Bitters cure chills and fever, malarial, biliousness, lame back, kidney troubles and bladder disorders. Sold on guarantee by Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50c.

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Following the Flag.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles and all lung diseases. Guaranteed at Charles Rogers, druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Sam—I rode to the office in a crowded car this morning and a peacock feather on a woman's hat stuck in my face all the way down.
 Handwich—Why didn't you move away from her?
 Sam—I stood three feet away from her as it was.—Detroit Free Press.

"Uncle Jack, mother says you're very ill, so I thought I'd like to come and talk to you a bit."
 "That's kind of you."
 "Will there be a band to play the Dead March at your funeral?"—Ally Sloper, London.
 "Please, sir," said the office boy, "no gran'mudder—"
 "Is dead, is she?" snorted the boss, testily.
 "No, sir. She wants me to take her to de bull game."
 He got off.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Death From Lockjaw

never follows an injury dressed with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its antiseptic and healing properties prevent blood poisoning. Chas. Oswald, merchant, of Rensselaersville, N. Y., says: "It cured Seth Burch, of this place, of the ugliest sore on his neck I ever saw." Cures Cuts, Wounds, Burns and Sores. 25c at Charles Rogers, drug store.

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MILLIONAIRE MURDERERS.

The country at large is being deluged at present with big and little details of the Thaw-White tragedy in New York on Monday last. The press despatches abound with stories of the parties to the crime, and the trend is the same that usually emanates from the "swell" murderer. Licentiousness is the cardinal element of the tale, and the frills of fact and fancy are added to make it read for, or against, the criminal, as the case of the writer may be. Had the same deed been done by obscure and humble patrons of Madison Square Garden, upon the same pretext, in the same manner, twenty lines of wire news would have been sent out the first day; ten, the second, and a stringy little paragraph on the third. That would have ended the matter as far as the country at large is concerned. But the millionaire murderer and his millionaire victim, make it a world-wide story of infinite length and perspicuity, with the accompaniment of all the nasty history that can be unearthed of both families involved, and the morbid stuff passes under the eyes of the young, clean-hearted and pure, with the same readiness it reaches the eye and understanding of those who are older, wiser and more experienced. It is one of the worst evils of the times, and some steps should be taken to curb the range of such news. This may be queer doctrine for a newspaper, but it is uttered with the consciousness of the real need of its abatement, and the stringency of a law that should work to this end, would operate against all newspapers alike and would work no detriment, except to the carnal minded who might miss the salacious and dangerous reading that they feed upon so avidly.

THAT EVERLASTING BAR.

Now comes the announcement that the big dredger Chinook is laid up with bum boilers that will require \$80,000 to repair, before she can be used for any purpose, and there is no such fund available to put her in service. The strange part of the whole thing is, that this was not known until this last moment, when Astoria was quietly hoping she might be soon engaged in deepening the bar channel that lies to the westward of her. A week or ten days ago the Portland press had a good deal to say about the probability of her being put on this job and spoke right cheerfully about it, too. Well! Well! It beats the devil how opportunely these things are discovered!

Pretty clothes when one can well afford them are good investments. Every woman is justified in being interested in this interesting matter which is so large a part of her life. It should not be all her existence of course for one must think of one's studies, one's home duties, affections, charities and all that. But to neglect oneself is to neglect everything. When we fall into a state of neglect and carelessness we can safely realize that we are beginning to outlive our usefulness as well as our "ornamentalness."