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Even a remarkable streak of good luck wouldn't cure a born pessimist.

We notice the statement that the problem of aerial travel is to be solved again this year.

Evidently members of the Thaw family never discovered the secret of living happily ever afterward.

Who says artists are not practical? A Berlin artist has just married a woman worth \$5,000,000.

We are rather inclined to like the scientist who says a man should lie in bed at least twenty minutes after waking up in the morning.

After all American heiresses have married foreign titles there will still be left the sensible girls to become the happy wives of American men.

One gentleman blew off another man's collar with a shotgun. This seems a rather heroic method, but if it was celluloid he was justified.

Chicago is soon to have the world's largest hotel, containing 1,172 rooms. Just imagine what a force will be needed to keep them all supplied with ice water!

Young Maxim has invented a "silent firearm." First they took away the smoke of battle, then the gay uniforms and now the noise. War itself will have to go next.

In the opinion of a Chicago preacher, a girl who can't cook shouldn't marry. It might also help some if the average married man knew a little more than he does about cooking.

The Oregon Short Line Railroad Company is going to distribute an extra dividend of 75 per cent among its stockholders. It ought to be easy for the officials of that road to find good jobs in the East.

"Mythomania" is the new scientific name of the disease that afflicts people who prevaricate merely because they prefer not to tell the truth. But old "shorter and uglier" will continue to be used when men get angry.

A German officer has commented adversely on the standing army of the United States. Like a good many other people, he may change his views if he ever sees our army in motion instead of standing around awaiting orders.

In mid-ocean, during heavy weather, a liner recently slowed down for an hour while the ship surgeon and another physician operated on one of the coal passers for appendicitis. The operation was successful. The incident is pleasant to think about—a great ship lying as steady as possible in pitching seas while a skillful, cool-headed surgeon makes his sure strokes.

Woman's ingenuity with a hatpin, and her invincibility when armed with a hatpin, are well known. A new implement has now been added to the feminine equipment—a pair of rubber shoes. Four persons were entangled in the coils of a live wire in New York. No one dared to help them until a young girl came along, took off her rubbers, and using them as gloves, handled the wire skillfully and safely. When she had tied it round a telegraph pole, she walked quietly away, after having refused to give her name.

The necessity, which sailors understand so well, of making everything fast on shipboard, was illustrated by a recent neglect of the precaution on the steamship Perstan. The vessel was coming up the coast from Philadelphia to Boston, when a heavy steel safe broke loose from its chocks, and for an hour fought a battle with the sailors like that which Hugo, in the famous chapter of "Ninety-three" describes as taking place on the French man-of-war. The safe first dashed through the door, started down across the deck. Fore and aft and from side to side it lurched and plunged, smashing or carrying away everything in its path, and threatening the lives of the men at every rush. Finally, by the aid of ropes, furniture and capstan-bars, it was checked, lassoed and made fast. Those who had a part in the battle will read "Ninety-three" with new insight hereafter.

Education has two sides, the material and the immaterial, and of these the immaterial is the nobler; but so severe, apparently, is the contest among individuals for wages, and so keen among nations the struggle for supremacy in commercial and industrial pursuits and operations, that the advantages of education in the intellectual and spiritual development of mankind are often kept out of sight. The Danes, in their people's high schools, have better than other nations, succeeded in combining the two sides of continuation school work. Against the danger involved in excessive utilitarianism Prof. Sadler utters a timely warning: "Let us not identify the world for which we seek to train every child solely with the world of material interests and of visible things. Let us not forget, in our educational plans, the weight that should be attached to the claims of the

spiritual realm, whose frontiers transcend political frontiers, and whose commonwealth is in heaven."

The war with Japan left Russia practically without a navy. It is not surprising that she should be thinking and planning the construction of a new fleet, and a reasonable naval program would be taken everywhere as a matter of course. A reasonable program would recognize accomplished facts—the loss of Port Arthur, the dashing of the hopes of an ice-free port in the Pacific, the blow to the schemes of empire in the East. But the naval program which the admiralty has prepared and wants the duma to approve is considered wild not only by all the liberals but by many of the conservative editors and writers as well. The total to be spent in nine years is considerably over a billion, and the appropriations for this year for new construction and some improvement work at ports and naval stations amount to \$13,500,000. This certainly seems far too ambitious a program for a country struggling with a famine in some provinces and suffering from poor crops generally, industrial and political disorder and staggering debt burdens. Almost the entire press has opposed the schemes of the admiralty as foreshadowed in semi-official statements, and has pointed to the need of agrarian reform, which will cost a good deal of money, of universal primary education, of public works and other things that are essential in themselves, and, in addition, conditions of pacification and regeneration. But it is reported that the court, including the Czar himself, is determined to force the acceptance of the program as it stands. Indeed, the duma has already been told by high bureaucrats that it would be dissolved if it should decline to ratify the naval budget. What the Octoberists and the other moderates and conservatives in that body will do remains to be seen. The fanatical reactionaries, it is believed, will vote against the naval program in order to bring about the dissolution threatened. They love the navy, but their hatred of the duma and of reform is deeper. Perhaps, however, the government will finally agree to compromise on an alternative program of more modest proportions to cover a shorter period. The prospects of new foreign loans will have something to do with its attitude.

TALKS ON ADVERTISING

Some think that a line set in very large type is strong and convincing, but all strong men are not six-footers and a wild yell is neither polite, eloquent or reasoning.

In all legitimate advertising it is better to be definite. Separate one article from another clearly. Make each proposition distinct. Exhibit the features as you would a picture. Individuality is an asset of all goods and should be of the representation of them in the advertisement. People of this age like facts and the really interested buyer likes them best of all.

A newspaper may boom a town through its editorial columns, but a critical investor looks to the advertising columns for substantial evidence of push and life. To him they are the thermometers measuring the intensity of public warmth. They are the pulse which indicates the healthy condition of the collective body of the people. They tell him whether or not the community is up to times in business matters.

A large advertiser says: When I read an advertisement that is particularly attractive to me, I assume that it will be equally attractive to others. When I read a line of argument that appeals to me I reason that the same line will convince others. Suppose you take the question of position. Do you yourself read more frequently the advertisements which are at the top of the column or page or those at the bottom? What display attracts you most? Then about prices. Are you tempted to buy a \$1 article because it is marked down to 75 cents? The argument which caused you to consider it will serve you in turn when you write about the special price you desire to make.

A Change of Name.

"Father," said Tommy Bardell of the William Henry Harrison grammar school, "you want to come next Saturday afternoon and see us play a game with the Oliver Wendell Holmes football team. We're going to do 'em up."

"Do you belong to a football team?" asked his father. "It is news to me."

"Do I?" exclaimed Tommy, proudly. "Well, I reckon! I'm the quarter-back of the Tornadoes."

"The Tornadoes? Who are they?"

"That's the name of our school team."

"Humph! And you are going to play a game next Saturday, are you? Well, I'll go and see it."

The game took place according to announcement, and the Tornadoes were beaten by a score of 26 to 0.

"Tommy," said his father, overtaking him while he was on his way home, "what did you tell me was the name of your team?"

"The Tornadoes," answered the boy, "but we're going to change it to something else. We ain't even a fog!"

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

EXPERTS TO GOVERN OUR CITIES.

By President Elliot of Harvard.



PRESIDENT ELLIOT.

I believe that a board of five selectmen would be safer, more intelligent, and in the end more democratic, than an autocratic mayor or our present system. We need men as agents of the people who are competent business men and have proved themselves to be such. Municipal business has become very complicated and needs expert service.

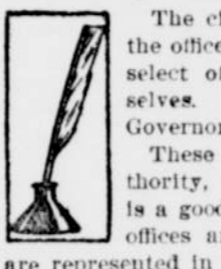
We can only get expert men into our city business as great business corporations get them. These corporations are governed by a small body of directors, whose chief function is to select experts. These directors have to be men capable of directing the grand policies of the corporation.

We want in our cities men who have proved their competence in their private business. The commonest objection is all in the word "un-American." So many good things nowadays are un-American. So many I have heard called that when first proposed have later proved their worth and been adopted. Undemocratic is another such word.

Whatever policy will get the work of the people well done ought to be democratic, if it isn't now. Those are the very conditions of the life of democracy. But no form of government will be good government unless there be behind it the voting population which desires good government.

AMERICAN CITIZENS REAL RULERS.

By Chancellor Day of Syracuse University.



The citizens always have been greater than the officeholders, for they create the offices and select officeholders, who cannot select themselves. The people are the President, the Governor.

These are names for their will, their authority, and their power, their agents. This is a good reason why they should defend such offices and those who occupy them, for they are represented in them, and their self-respect must suffer by any degradation of the instruments of their self-government. And this is why men chosen as representative rulers can never afford to forget whom they serve.

That remark of one of our Governors that "the people want a governor to rule them" was the opposite of the truth. It could be reversed and be true. The people should rule the Governor. They make the laws and the institutions and they determine the person who shall be called Governor. And he can rule nobody. He can simply act for the people in carrying out their rulership and enforcing under well-defined limitations their laws. He has absolutely nothing that they have not given him. And any assertion of any other authority is a usurpation and an impertinence. Even his discretion is buoyed, an unmistakable channel.

The citizen is supreme. One-half and one of the citizens of the State can control it absolutely by the choice of one of their number to execute their will. And they have said what number of the whole shall amend constitutions or make laws. All of the Governors and Judges and Presidents and Cabinets combined cannot do it.

The people, however humble and unlearned and obscure, can do what no persons by any office or

position or wealth or influence can do. And if they do not do these things, and prevent things which they do not approve, it is because they are indifferent and unworthy of their citizenship, or have sold to the demagogues the birthright of the primary and the ballot.

WHAT TO READ AND HOW TO READ IT.

By T. P. O'Connor, M. P.



Reading is part of the great universal "pursuit of happiness." Also it is a sea to drown care and a sword to kill time. It is a pastime, like golf, only a much better one. I read because I enjoy reading. I try not to pretend to like things I don't like—and when I am bored I try candidly to admit the fact. I have again and again failed to get through masterpieces, or even to perceive that masterpieces are masterpieces. Therefore I no longer attempt to read them. But at the same time I do not make a practice in my quest of enjoyment of discarding every book that threatens to prove tedious.

The main principle, which should underlie the reading of every man is the esthetic or intellectual bliss to be derived from reading. His perusals should fall into two divisions—the disciplinary and the purely joyous. When he is beginning to form his taste in imaginative literature his disciplinary reading should consist of classical imaginative masterpieces. As time proceeds, the inexperienced student, growing experienced, will discover that his joyous reading approximates more and more to his disciplinary reading. He will discover that the verdict of the ages was right, even though it did not accord with his own early views. He will discover that the reason why the classical writers from Homer to whom you please are esteemed and immortal is not primarily because they are deep and correct, and restrained, and shapely, but primarily because they give joy, sheer joy, to the largest number of cultivated readers.

ORDER COMES THROUGH STRUGGLES.

By Dr. Paul Carus.



Ethics teaches us all struggle must be undertaken in the service of a higher and greater cause than our egotistic self. He alone will conquer who fights for something greater than his personal interests; and even if he is vanquished he will still have the satisfaction that his ideal is not conquered with him. He will find successors to do his work. His ideal, if genuine, will rise again in his successors, and they will accomplish a final victory for his aspirations.

The Teutonic nations in many respects, it appears, are the most successful peoples in the world, because of their stern ethics of undaunted struggle, to which they have adhered since prehistoric times. It was no disgrace for the Teutonic warrior to be slain, no dishonor to be vanquished; but it was infamy worse than death to be a coward, it was a disgrace to gain a victory by dishonest means. The enemy was relentlessly combated, maybe he was hated, yet it would have been a blot on one's escutcheon to treat him with meanness. It was not uncommon among these barbarians for the victor to place a laurel wreath upon the grave of his foe whom in life he had combated with bitterest hatred.

A wonderful harmony results from the conflict of antagonistic principles. All order proceeds from the antagonism of factors that work in opposite directions.

EVERYBODY LIKED HIM.

At an auction in a storage warehouse the auctioneer had but just restored harmony between two females, each of whom believed herself to be the purchaser of two pigs in a blue china automobile, when a small voice piped up, demanding to know when the kittens were to be put up for sale. The auctioneer paid no attention, says a writer in the New York Sun, because a roll-top desk was in danger of going for six dollars and a half. Again the small voice arose, and as no one answered, it died down.

The roll-top desk finally brought twelve dollars, and in the triumphant moment that followed, the auctioneer heard the small, persistent person saying:

"Please, aren't you going to put up the kittens?"

"Kittens?" said the auctioneer, wondering if he had missed a lot.

Here the small person was raised on some one's shoulder. He proved to be a black-eyed, curly-haired little chap. Every one smiled and asked him what kittens he meant. He was quite abashed by so much attention, but managed to slip out:

"The men that drive the horses said the kittens what lives in the box are going to be sold, and I want one."

As a grimy fist containing four cents was held out for the auctioneer's inspection, the small person grew so in popular favor that the kittens were sent for, and he was allowed to take his choice. He trotted off, having bought the only live stock of the morning, but holding it so tightly round its fat little waist-line that it stood small chance of being live stock long.

Men smiled tolerantly after the re-treating little figure, and even the auctioneer was moved to momentary silence, all of which goes to show that the simple, natural child is never really out of fashion.

Gave Himself Away.

The group of friends stood admiringly before the latest picture by a well-known illustrator which ornamented the wall of the bachelor girl. It represented an exceedingly athletic young man in the act of engulfing a fluffy ruffled young lady and imprinting a passionate salute upon her upturned lips.

The young ladies gushed over it with enthusiasm, while the men agreed that 't was very lifelike.

"There is one serious defect in the picture," announced the bachelor girl, after the first outburst. "The artist

has made one serious mistake, at which I am surprised. Can any one pick it out?"

"All agreed that it seemed perfect. 'Don't you see that the girl's eyes are open?' said the bachelor girl. 'What girl, I ask you, ever received a real kiss, such as is portrayed here, with her eyes not blissfully closed? A woman always closes her eyes when she is kissed by the man she is fond of.'

The women all agreed that the criticism was true and said how strange it was they hadn't noticed it, while the men glanced at each other with looks which admitted their own stupidity.

"Now, as to whether the man's eyes ought to be closed, I don't know, as I have never noticed."

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During the general scamper to neighboring refreshment bars and sandwich depots between the first and second acts four attendants carefully carried into the rear of the royal box a small table, already set, and containing the Queen's favorite dishes. The food had been prepared at the palace and kept warm by means of patent heat-retaining devices.

Thus Queen Alexandra, with one or two friends, was able to turn from the stage to dinner, which they had time to enjoy heartily before the beginning of the next act. When the curtain ascended the attendants disappeared with the dinner table as silently as they had appeared.

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A curiously marked stone has been found at Colebrook, Devonshire, England, in the middle of a wheat rick, and geologists who have seen it express the opinion that the markings on the stone were caused by rats using it to grind their teeth, which otherwise grew to an inordinate length. Some rats have been known to starve owing to their teeth getting too long.

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