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One Must Conform to Their Standard or Remain Outside Society

"We may, if we choose, sneer at snobbery and scoff at social struggles," writes Elizabeth Bisland in the September Ladies' Home Journal...

"Now the 'swell,' as he is commonly termed, is the man who is an artist in living; he may have neither moral ideas nor standards, nor be overburdened with brains...

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age...

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. A house and lot in Glenada. The house is 16 by 24 feet and one story and a half in height...

KILLED BY A FALL. Last Monday while at work painting the roof of the dormitory at the university in Eugene, Henry A. McCrally fell from the roof to the ground a distance of 10 feet...

WASHINGTON LETTER

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

WASH., Oct. 11th, 1897.

The monetary commission resumed its sittings in Washington today, after a recess of two weeks. The gentlemen composing this commission believe that there is going to be a big political fight started in congress soon after that body assembles...

If there is any reason why any set of men in Washington should hold a meeting for the purpose of ratifying, the nomination of a candidate for mayor of New York City, it is not apparent to the eyes of an ordinary individual...

Whether England refused to participate in a conference over the protection of the seals in Behring sea and thereabout at which Russia and Japan, as well as the United States should be represented, after having once promised to do so, has about got down to a question of veracity between ex-Secretary of State Foster...

Judging from official utterances only, one would suppose that the president and his cabinet were entirely satisfied with the progress being made by Spain in its alleged efforts to bring about peace in Cuba...

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advisers are watching the actions of the new Spanish ministry with great care, and if they become convinced that Spain is not acting in good faith, this government will act, and in no uncertain way.

PARSONS' TWO FEATS.

A HARD STROKE AND A REMARKABLE RIDE DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

Cut a Man's Head Off With a Saber—Rode Two Hundred Miles in Eighteen Hours. Other Instances of Decapitation in Battle.

It is claimed by authorities on the art of war that the greatest blow of the campaign between Greece and Turkey was struck by Colonel Mahmood Bey, who with one swift stroke of his sword completely severed a Greek officer's head from his body.

History is silent on the subject. There is not a plethora of literature bearing on its accomplishment. The original of all such stories is, of course, "The Adventures of Jack the Giant Killer," which, for obvious reasons, does not help the subject.

A writer who is evidently informed on the subject claims that Mahmood Bey could not have accomplished the feat of decapitation with an ordinary saber and asserts that the Turk's yataghan was "loaded" with quicksilver.

The assertion made that this is the sole instance of its kind in the history of 100 years is not borne out by facts. The same feat was performed during the civil war, not with a "loaded" yataghan, but with an ordinary United States army saber.

It was in 1864. Colonel Parsons, who was noted as a horseman, was attached to General Sheridan's staff. While reconnoitering one day with a squad of troopers under General Davis they were surprised by a detachment of Confederate cavalry.

Colonel Parsons was brevetted general for distinguished services during the war, but characteristic modesty forbade the use of that title when he returned to civilian life. Not only did he perform the only authentic feat of decapitation during the civil war, but he was the hero of a remarkable ride.

"Send him to me at once." It was 6 o'clock on a Monday night when General Meade gave the young officer his instructions. He was to ride with all haste to General Harding's headquarters and return at once with an answer.

The messenger retired. Two hundred miles were to be covered. The roads were heavy, and they led through the enemy's country. Exactly at noon on the following day Colonel Parsons entered General Meade's tent.

"General, who is the hardest rider, as well as the most trustworthy man, in the service?" asked Meade. "Colonel Parsons, sir," was the prompt reply.

Colonel Parsons killed two horses and went himself without a particle of food. For 18 hours he was not out of the saddle. —Chicago Times-Herald.

STUART, THE PAINTER.

Curious Life Born of His Faculty For Reading Faces.

"I don't want people to look at my pictures and say how beautiful the dexterity is. The face is what I care about," said Stuart, the great American painter.

On another occasion, while dining with the Duke of Northumberland, his host privately called his attention to a gentleman and asked the painter if he knew him. Stuart had never seen him before.

"Tell me what sort of a man he is." "I may speak frankly?" "By all means."

"Well, if the Almighty ever wrote a legible hand he is the greatest rascal that ever disgraced society."

It appeared that the man was an attorney who had been detected in sundry dishonourable acts.

Stuart's daughter tells a pretty story of her father's garret, where many of his unfinished pictures were stored.

"The garret was my playground, and a beautiful sketch of Mme. Bonaparte was the idol that I worshipped. At last I got possession of colors and an old panel and fell to work copying the picture.

It is pleasant to add that the little girl who thus found her inspiration eventually became a portrait painter of merit.—Youth's Companion.

FOR AN OCEAN VOYAGE.

Take Only Half the Clothes You Think You Will Need.

"Take only half the clothing that you think you will need for an ocean voyage and do not attempt to have a small trunk in your stateroom," writes Emma M. Hooper in The Ladies' Home Journal.

"In a large traveling bag place a change of underwear, hose, bedroom slippers and needed toilet articles, with which include a small hot water bag, bottle of salts, vaseline, box of cathartic pills and bottle of camphor.

When Judge Pendleton grows reminiscent, he is always interesting, and when Mr. Henry Tompkins walked in he said: "Mr. Tompkins, your cousin, Louis Garth, was the only bully I ever saw who was a brave man."

In old days, when the spear was used as a weapon of war, men had to be very careful how they carried it. If in a strange country they bore their spears point forward, it was taken as a declaration of war, while if they carried them on their shoulders with the point backward they were treated as friends.

It is my creed that a man has no claim upon his fellow creatures beyond bread and water and a grave, unless he can win it by his own strength or skill.—Hawthorne.

Let him who neglects to raise the fallen fear lest when he falls no one will stretch out his hand to lift him up.—Saadi.

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It is believed by some naturalists that wasps, like bees, establish sentinels at the door of the nest to prevent the entrance of intruders.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED)

The more one judges, the less one loves.

Nowhere would there be consolation if religion were not.

The shortest road to riches lies through contempt of riches.

Revenge at first, though sweet, bitter ere long lack on itself recoils.

Pleasure is the flower that fades; remembrance is the lasting perfume.

Repentance clothes in grass and flowers, the grave in which the past is laid.

Vulgar minds refuse to crouch beneath their load; the brave bear theirs without repining.

He who goes round about in his requests wants commonly more than he chooses to appear to want.

Nothing has ever remained of any resolution but what was ripe in the conscience of the masses.

All sects are different because they come from men; morality is everywhere the same because it comes from God.

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.

One cause, which is not always observed of insufficiency of riches, is that they very seldom make their owner rich.

Rogues are always found out in some way. Whoever is a wolf will act as a wolf, that is the most certain of all things.

Of all the riches that we hug, of all the pleasures we enjoy, we can carry no more out of this world than out of a dream.

What is opportunity to the man who can't use it? An unfecundated egg, which the waves of time wash away into nonentity.

Some men are, in regard to ridicule like tin-roofed buildings in regard to hail; all that hits them bounds off, not a stone goes through.

Never confide your secrets to paper, it is like throwing a stone in the air, and if you know who throws the stone you do not know where it may fall.

The mind is found most acute and uneasy in the morning. Uneasiness is, indeed, a species of sagacity—a passive sagacity. Fools are never uneasy.

The ship retains her anchorage yet drifts with a certain range, subject to wind and tide. So we have for anchorage the cardinal truths of the gospel.

More is learned in a public than in a private school from emulation; there is the collision of mind with mind, or the radiation of many minds pointing to one center.

To be ruined in your own way is some comfort. When so many people would ruin us, it is a triumph over the villainy of the world to be ruined after one's own pattern.

Science is a first rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor. But if a man hasn't got good common sense, the more science he has the worse for his patient.

If a man should register all his opinions upon love, politics, religion, learning etc., beginning from his youth, and so on to old age, what a bundle of inconsistencies and contradictions would appear at last!

They may say what they like; everything is organized matter. The tree is the first link of the chain, man is the last. Men are young, the earth is old.

Vegetable and animal chemistry are still in their infancy. Electricity, galvanism,—what discoveries in a few years.

"Tis much the doctrine of the times that men should not please themselves, but deny themselves everything they take delight in; not look upon beauty, wear no good clothes, eat no good meat, etc., which seems the greatest accusation that can be upon the Maker of all good things. If they are not to be used why did God make them?"

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