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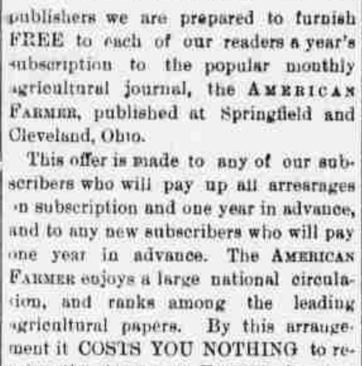

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SOCIETY SLAVERY.

The Burden Placed Upon Common-Sense People by Conventionalities.

It is curious what slavery society imposes on the very strongest-minded men and women, inducing them to do and also to leave undone those things to which they are either constitutionally opposed or violently fond of. From no mandate of polite usage do people of high fashion suffer more acutely than that unwritten law concerning the giving and receiving of presents, says the Illustrated American. It is a mistake to believe that the donors are the sole sufferers in such cases; accepting a gift is often the heaviest kind of a burden, and, in event of marriage, all sorts of ruses are resorted to for the skillful avoidance of unwelcome obligations. However, to engrave this fact on a card is very properly deemed too brusque a mode of conveying an intimation of the fact, and many a young couple set out on their wedding journey overburdened by an oppressive load of souvenirs they would very gladly have gone without.

Form, then, should certainly take a hand in such matters, and do a little regulating in regard to the etiquette of gifts. A scale of privilege should exist and be acknowledged, setting forth the rights of some and intrusiveness of others who essay to bestow favors of value. How quickly a bride would resent an offering of clothes or domestic furniture from the same lightly considered acquaintance who adds a costly bit of silver or a jewel to her collection—without offending the conventionalities. Nor is she supposed ever to quite free herself from this weight of favor until the compliment has been returned in full. First or last she must come forward and earn a clean receipt by means of full reciprocity, or clear off the debt in social attentions.

Surely the line should be drawn somewhere, distinguishing intimates from casual friends, who possess no real claim and often take advantage of opportunity to press fraudulent pretentions they know it will be difficult to repel under the circumstances.

One of the very merriest weddings that ever took place [illegible] very recently in [illegible] on the Pacific coast. It appears that the bride-elect was peculiarly opposed to this double burden of conventional giving and taking, and felt her social position secure enough to venture a slight innovation. With this end then in view, she sent out gracefully worded invitations to her nuptials four weeks in advance, adding an engraved footnote which stated very prettily that, at the earnest solicitation of her own and the bridegroom's near relatives, she had yielded to their affectionate pleas to be sole donors at her marriage, and she was, therefore, debarred from accepting any other souvenirs. The scheme worked like a charm, and never was an orange crowned maiden so overwhelmed with warm congratulations as this one, who infused a tone of genuineness into the handsome things her guests said, by relieving them of a stupidly onerous duty.

GEOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.

Publishers Are Responsible for Many Mistakes Made by Pupils.

"The publishers of school maps," says a teacher in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "are responsible for more errors than any other class of people on the planet. They use sometimes half a dozen different scales of sizes in a single book, and it is impossible for children to get a correct idea of the relative sizes of different countries because of their lack of uniformity in the scale. In an atlas for school use all the maps should be on the same scale, otherwise most incorrect ideas will be formed. I recently asked a bright boy, who had just finished the study of geography and laid it by because he knew all about it, how large he supposed Arabia was. He reflected a moment, and then, with some confidence, replied that Arabia was about the size of Massachusetts. I suggested the possibility of his being mistaken, when he got his atlas and showed me that Arabia and Massachusetts were the same size, that is, on the map. He opened his eyes when I explained to him the mysteries of the scale, and that instead of being a mere speck Arabia was as long as from St Paul to New Orleans, as wide as from St. Louis to New York, and contained more than one-third as many square miles as the United States. He had been misled by the maps, as his teacher probably had also, and thousands of others people besides. A uniform scale would prevent many false ideas, and if a national series of text books is ever adopted the atlases should have that feature prominent."

THE WESTERN PEDAGOGUE

We are in receipt of the May number of our state school paper. It exceeds any of the former numbers in value. The paper this month contains many new and valuable features. The illustrated series on the schools of the state is introduced by a paper on the Friends Polytechnic Institute at Salem, Oregon. These papers cannot fail to be of great value both to the schools and to the public.

There are also several fine articles by our best writers and the departments, "Current Events," "Saturday Thoughts," "Educational News" "The Oracle Answers, Correspondents," etc., each contain much valuable reading for teachers or parents. The magazine has about 50 pages of matter, well printed and arranged. We pronounce the Western Pedagogue the best educational monthly on the coast.

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We would advise, however, that U. S. soldiers, sailors and their heirs, take steps to make application at once, if they have not already done so, in order to secure the benefit of the early filing of their claims in case there should be any future pension legislation. Such legislation is seldom retroactive. Therefore it is of great importance that applications be filed in the department at the earliest possible date.

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CONTEMPT OF COURT.

How the Offense Was Punished by a Georgia Justice of the Peace.

"I stopped at an out-of-the-way cabin in Georgia," said a tourist to the Arkansaw Traveler, "to git er drink of water. I noticed a number of men, in short sleeves and wearing bed-tick suspenders, sitting under a tree. They were gathered about a pine table upon which I noticed several volumes of patent-office reports. I did not know that the assembly was one of solemn ceremony until I asked for a drink of water. Then a gaunt man with a long neck and eyes that wore an expression of dead [illegible] looked up and said:

"'Air you from sich a uncivilized country that you don't know how to behave yourself when court is in session?'

"'Excuse me,' I answered, 'I did not know that this was a court.'

"'But it is, sah, and I want you to understand it. You have come up here an' throwd a chunk under the wheels of justice. A man is drawd up here on trial fur his life.'

"'You don't mean to say that this is a court of such serious jurisdiction?'

"'Yes, I do mean to say it and if you even hint that I don't I'll send you to jail for contempt.'

"'Pardon me; I do not mean to be offensive.'

"'Good thing you don't, I'll tell you that.'

"'May I ask why you are trying this man?'

"'Yes; he stole a set of plow gear.'

"'But is that a capital offense?'

"'I don't know what sort of offense you call a capital, but when a man steals gear in this community why that settles it with him.'

"'Pardon me, but that isn't law.'

"'Mout not be in a uncivilized community but it is here.'

"'Are you a circuit judge?'

"'Worse than that; I am jestice of the peace.'

"'But under the law you have no authority to sentence a man to death.'

"'Ha, you dispute my authority! Mr. Constable, arrest this man.'

"A man stepped forward and placed his hand on my shoulder. 'You are under arrest,' said he. 'Try to git away, and I'll hurt you.'

"I saw, by the determined faces about me, that I was in a serious predicament. 'Gentlemen,' said I, 'you surely would not harm an innocent man. You—'

"'That's enough,' the judge broke in. 'You have come along here and have tried to overthrow our local self-government. Secession was a grave offense, but nothing as compared to this. You have committed treason. Mr. Constable, have you got a rope?'

"I began to beg. I told them that I was their friend. I said I would do any thing for them.

"'I am inclined to excuse your ignorance,' said the judge, 'but what assurance can you give us—what proof that you respect our local rights, generously granted to us by the constitution of the United States?'

"'Gentlemen, I have nothing but good will. I—'

"'What have you got in your saddlebags?'

"'Nothing but two quarts of whisky that I bought for medicinal purposes.'

"'Bring it and give it to us as a pledge of good faith.'

"I did so and as I rode away I congratulated myself upon my escape. Shortly afterwards, upon arriving at a village, I told the story of my adventure. The crowd in the post-office laughed. 'That is a favorite joke of those fellows,' a man remarked. 'They never fail to get a stranger's whisky.'"

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Edison says that the profits he has received from the patents on all his marvelous inventions have not been sufficient to pay the cost of his experiments. But the man who conceived the idea of fastening a bit of rubber cord to a child's ball, so that it would come back to the hand when thrown, made a fortune out of his scheme. The modern sewing-machine is a miracle of ingenuity—the product of the toil of hundreds of busy brains through a hundred and fifty years, but the whole brilliant result rests upon the simple device of putting the eye of the needle at the point instead of at the other end.

THE LITTLE THINGS THE MOST VALUABLE.

Comparatively few people regard themselves as inventors, but almost every body has been struck, at one time or another, with ideas that seem calculated to reduce some of the little frictions of life. Usually such ideas are dismissed without further thought.

"Why don't the railroad company make its car windows so that they can be slid up and down without breaking the passengers' back?" exclaims the traveler. "If I were running the road I would make them in such a way."

"What was the man who made the saucepan thinking of?" grumbles the cook. "He never had to work over a stove, or he would have known how it ought to have been fixed."

"Hang such a collar button!" growls a man who is late for breakfast. "If I were in the business I'd make buttons that wouldn't slip out, or break off, or gouge out the back of my neck."

And the various sufferers forgot about their grievances and began to think of something else. If they would set down the next convenient opportunity, put their ideas about car windows, saucepans and collar buttons into practical shape, and then apply for patents they might find themselves as independently wealthy as the man who invented the iron umbrella ring, or the one who patented the fifteen puzzle.

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To induce the people to keep track of their bright ideas and see what there is in them, the Press Claims Company has resolved to offer a prize.

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He Tells a Yarn the Like of Which Has Never Before Been Heard.

Among the recently invigorated liars of the town is one who has just returned from a session with ozone in Colorado, says the Omaha World-Herald. It was his first trip through the mountains and he was much affected by the feats of engineering skill there manifested, as witness the following:

"I had heard of the curve on the Pennsylvania, where according to the time-card schedule, the engineer is obliged to lean out of his cab and exchange tobacco with the brakeman on the rear end, so as to give the passengers something to talk about, and now I believe it. There was an old, honest, horny-handed miner rode over the road out of Denver with me and he told me several things. Once while we were being jerked around the edge of the mountains and could look out from under the roots of our hair at the track opposite in the valley he told me a tale. Said he:

"'That yere track down yan is the one we're onto, but we won't tech it for an hour. We run up the ravine an' down the side of the mountain an' double back. Down thar is wher' Jim Lyle saved the paymaster o' the road.'

"'How?' I inquired.

"'It were this way: The paymaster's car was hitched onto the hind end o' the freight train, his own engine havin' had a little trouble with her runnin' gear an' bein' abandoned for awhile up the road. Well, the train was snortin' and crawlin' aroun' the mountain, when all of a sudden the back brakeman comes a runnin' up an' yells to Jim:

"'"Pull out! Pull out! They's a gang o' rustlers has caught the engine an' are humpin' after us! Pull!"

"'Well, Jim Lyle noticed that. He seen at wunst that the engine had been fixed up an' that the rustlers had took her to ketch him an' git the dust in the paymaster's car, so he pulled out right peart an' tried to outrace 'em, but it wan't no go. They kep' gittin' up on him.

"'Pretty soon he struck the beginnin' o' this yere curve. He didn't stack a breath an' the conductor come rushin' up an' hollered:

"'"For God's sake, what kin we do! If we run this we'll climb a rail."

"'"Sallright," said Jim Lyle. "If I calculate rightly that car's saved," an' he gave her another pull out an' just as we reached right here he jerked her wide open. Then we see what was what. Lookin' back I, bein' on the train, seen the last coach go up in the air, there was a jerk, an' away over into the canyon she went.'

"'Well, where does the salvation of the coach come in?' I asked. 'I don't see any particular advantage in being spilled over a mountain-side and being shot by train robbers.'

"'Now, don't git frisky,' said the old man. 'I'm tellin' this yere an' I ain't done. That there coach, as I say, sailed over offn the track just like the hind boy did when you used to play "crack the whip" at school. It floated down as nice as you please an' lit on the track below in the valley, an' with the force it was slung rolled ten miles to the next station. When we got there it was in on the sidin' an' we pulled by, an' when the light engine load o' rustlers come bullin' along the towns people was waitin' for 'em an' the new cemetery was started in good shape.'"

Equine Humor.

A Mansfield (O.) doctor is the owner of a horse which has a fondness for playing practical jokes. Recently the physician drove out into the country to answer to a sick call. Arriving at his destination he tied his horse to a post near which hung a rope attached to a large bell used as a dinner signal for employes on the place, and went inside. Shortly after the bell rang violently. The doctor and the man of the house both looked out, but could see nothing except the horse. They had hardly turned away, however, until the bell rang again, and again they looked, but could see nothing. This was repeated and the doctor determined to solve the mystery, so, at the third ring, instead of going into the house, he stepped out and hid in the yard. He kept his eye on the bell rope, and in about a minute was surprised to see his horse lift up his head, smile slyly and give the rope a good, hard tug. When the physician sprang out that confectioned the horse the animal [illegible] put on a look of [illegible] but [illegible]successful.

French Ingenuity.

An ingenious advertising dodge is to be found in Paris. Small, folded paper bags, something like those grocers twist up, have been noticed on the pavements. These, when opened, have been found to be handbills, which would never have attracted any notice unless curiosity had prompted somebody to look and see whether there could be anything in these old screws of papers.

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