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ENTERPRISE OREGO.N.

Every man has his price, and it is generally too high.

The man who is uffaild to earn more than he gets never rises very high.

The post is born-unless he writes a magazine poem that nobody can understand: then he is made.

It is always well to remember that the extinct volcano. like the reposing wasp, will bear watching.

Fortunate is the man who thinks he has married an angel if she only turns out to be a good cook instead.

The professors know why volcanoes operate and how, but unfortunately they don't know when until it is too Late

Life in a tornado country has its disadvantages, but it is many times preferable to life in the vicinity of an active volcano.

It cannot be denied that Mr. Caruegie is making a pretty fair stagger at doing something to bring about an equal distribution of wealth.

Jue Jefferson retused to be gissed by a gang of female admirers. The old man knows that the bussers are the hoodooes of any man's fame.

Andrew Carnegie wants to pay \$20.-000,000 for the independence of the Fillpines. Mr. Carnegie, unlike a lot of other people, has the price of his convictions.

Hetty Green carries a revolver, but this is a needless precaution. In order to insure herself agains: an attack from any man it would only be necessary for her to wear a placard with her name on it.

Young Alfonso begins his reign with a treasury almost empty, but if he can sell a few more insurrections at \$20,-000,000 apiece he ought to be able to meet current expenses and perhaps lay up something against a rainy day.

A New York paper calls attention to the fact that it is felony to stamp a piece of lead a nickel or a quarter, while it is not a crime to stamp white sand as sugar. This is perhaps because the crime in each case consists in being found out.

"To keep up your French?" repeated the old teacher, whose favorite pupil was lamenting that, since graduation, she found no time to study. "Well, to read ten minutes a day is not muchbut ten minutes every day is much." The trouble with those of us who accomplish little is that we dwell upon "every day.

"What does the university require of recent weight of opinion seems to be that he ought to be a combination of

long in the memory of the people of this generation. The ball on which we with troubles of its own. We whe live

on the thick part of the crust are fortunate and can scarcely conceive what it means to be at the mercy of a voicante eruption, liable to break out at

any time, sor to be tumbled out of bed and possibly out of house and home by the trembling of the earth. In Quito, Ecuador, earthquakes are of daily octrophe. some lives are lost, buildings are tum-

survive it.

too often packed away in the vain ure concerning them. hope of getting a little more wear out 11 is surprising-and has often aston-

toes, books, curtains, cushions, rugs, ing to the subject of the letter.

in the West Indies, which will linger LETTERS TO A KING.

ive and strut ourselves is a frail thing POSTMAN'S DAILY DELIVERY AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

> Mail Usually Brings About Six Hundred Letters Every Twenty-four Hours-How They Are Read, Sorted. and Finally Disposed Of,

Though the King's daily movements urrence. Yet the people go about their are fully chronicled in the newspapers business with no thought of cutas- and the "Court Circular," there are When catastrophe comes, many things his majesty does of which the public has little knowledge. "State bled down and things are twisted out business," upon which the King is emof shape. The loss of life is mourned, ployed every morning, covers a multithe houses are rebuilt, and each one as tude of urgent matters, from the writbefore pursues his favorite phantom, ing of an autograph letter to a neigh-The daily gentle reminder does not ap- boring sovereign to the selection of a pall the people. The great disturb- coronation design; and there are, of ances pass from their memory like a course, numbers of official dispatches tale that is told. Man is greater than which require the royal signature.

nature of which he is kin. He is in It is not generally known, however, nature, but over it, and never abdi- that his majesty preserves a careful cates his lordship. He cannot be per- supervision over the answers which manentiy put out by eruptions of are sent to the hundreds of corresponmolten lava, the shivers of the earth, dents dally writing to the King. On consuming fires or tidal waves. St. an average, the King's daily letter bag Pierre doubtless will be rebuilt. Man contains 600 letters, and about haif as must play his part on the stage. When many newspapers, books, circulars, etc., one party of actors disappears another Needless to say, this gigantic delivery takes up the role. The theater may be needs the assistance of a body of pri injured, but the players cannot be put vate clerks, over whom Sir Francis out permanently. They will live after Knollys, the King's private secretary, the theater is destroyed. When comes exercises control.

the wreck of matter and the crush of All letters and parcels, with the exworlds the actor, man, will witness and ception of those which are quickly recognized as being "personal to his ma-

jesty"-i. e., which contain a distinc House-cleaning would be robbed of tive private mark, mutually prearrang many of its terrors were there no attic ed, on the envelope or cover-are openwhere is stored that dreary accumula- ed by the secretaries, and distributed tion of things too good to throw away. in boxes, separately labeled, according and not good enough to keep. The to their nature and contents. These modern housekeeper has painfully un- boxes are then carefully examined and learned some of the lessons in thrift checked by Sir Francis Knollys, and inculcated by her Puritan grand- those letters of an urgent character mother. She tries to be generous when requiring the consideration of his mashe looks over each season's wardrobe. jesty are retained by the private sec-But gown, hat or shoes, unless some retary and are laid before the King, one is actually suffering for them, are who indicates in a few words his pleas-

of them. There they stay to collect ished those in receipt of replies-how moths and burden the housekeeper's rapidly an answer is dispatched from judgment and conscience. A city mis- the royal residence. Many a time has sion in Boston and a church in a manu- a correspondent whose letter has been facturing city have recently contrived received by Sir Francis Knollys by the a plan for relieving this situation, and first morning delivery, obtained a refor making the best of what would ply the same night, intimating that the otherwise be lost. The mission pro- first missive has been "iald before the vides stout canvas bags, holding a King." Many letters-those emanatbushel, which are properly tagged and ing from cranks, faddists and notorious left at private houses with a card of beggars, those making impossible reexplanation. Into them may go al- quests and those of a purely commermost any article of household use- cial character-are never submitted to clothing, hats, shoes, ties, ribbons, his majesty, but are either ignored or collars and cuffs, toys, pictures, mot- stereotyped replies are sent, accord-

Thus filled they are sent to the factory | This much can be truthfully said: city. There they are turned over to a The greatest courtesy and delicacy corps of skilled workers who put them have always characterized his majesin order. Milliner, dress-maker, seam- ty's public correspondence, and many stress, cobbler and tailor-all experi- instances could be quoted where his enced in their art-transform the con- secretary has gone out of his way to tents of the bag into their best possi- explain at length the King's objection ble estate. This done, the articles are to some application, or his majesty's "ten minutes" instead of empinisizing sold to the employes of the mills, and reluctance at being unable to comply

BAD FEATURES OF CIVILIZATION.

It Does Not Insure Good Digestion.

Which Is the Basis of Health.

wholesome. It does not insure a per-

fect digestion, which is the basis of

good health, to use West Philadelphia

city water. It is not healthful to

only of a vegetable existence, the men

and women of to-day are at their best.

grandmothers are demanding the right

to run for public office, instead of being

content to knit stockings. A believer

in the physical superiority of the sav-

Some features of civilized life are not

report says that the demand for them with some request. Since the new at reasonable prices far exceeds the reign began the typewriter has been supply. The profit is shared between introduced in the paince, and many reits president?" inquires a writer in the mission which has procured and plies, formal and otherwise, are now a current magazine. Well, the collected them and the church which typed in violet ink. In the late reign has repaired and distributed them. In the private secretaries were supposed addition to this very considerable gain to, and actually did, write every letter there is the advantage of giving em- with their own pens, but when Edward ployment to several kinds of workers. VII. ascended the throne a modern and of providing the final owner with change was quickly introduced, saving garments so skillfully renovated as to a large amount of time and labor. be much better than those to be All sorts of conditions of people bought elsewhere for the same money. write to the King. Many of the envel-Altogether, the clearing-house scheme opes bear no stamps, as if Buckingham is so admirable that one wishes a simi- Palace were a government office, and lar plan might be devised for the some are boldly addressed in a pencil brains of some of us. How delightful scrawl. if we could thus pass on our outworn The East End postmark is a predom experiences, our well-thumbed wis- inant feature; there are many poor peodom, our threadbare discretion, so that ple, who, alas! fondly believe the Klag they would find favor in the eyes of can redress their grievances and mitiyouth and folly, leaving us no poorer gate their woes by a wave of his hand. and the world the richer. It is no secret, however, that in several instances, after discreet inquiries **Bogus Oil Paintings.** have been made, suffering has been re-Something curious in the shape of lieved in poor districts as the result of fake oil paintings are now on the mar- a letter to the King of Queen. Usualket. They are such poor imitations, ly the channel of relief is one of the however, that it is easy for one to de philanthropic societies, of which his tect their real character almost at a majesty is either a patron or interested glance. These pictures, generally copies in, to whose office the deserving letter of famous paintings of the nude figure, is privately forwarded.-London Exare simply chromos pasted upon a can- press.

hrated ancestor had defeated even white runner here and in England, but his record has been surpassed long

Life in the open air is necessary to the best health, but there is no reason why the modern conveniences should be abandoned. On every hand are tiful, A chatty, recent writer says of proofs of the physical superiority of them:

the men and women of to-day over the people of any other known period. The rules of wholesome living are better understood and are more generally observed. It needs only for men to refrain from business excesses, from dissipating their energies in the pursuit of wealth, in order that they may find life well worth living. The too frequent suicide of successful buliness men may be traced to their long and absolute absorption in the work of money-getting and the discovery that it is profitless and unsatisfactory. The realization of the fact that wealth alone does not bring happiness comes always off some vivid hue, with which only after it is too late to effect a the golden tint of the skin contrasts ous. change. The delusion that there is no more satisfying purpose than the necumulation of money is the chief obstacle in the way of man's happiness.

JEWEL OF A DOMESTIC.

She Did Not Stay Long, but Did Not Steal Anything.

hearing their neighbors complain about Crimson, yellow, blue or green may be ed a woman in the government service flowers of vividly contrasting shades to a friend.

friend, "but then you know we all have length, and a long scarf of thin silk such troubles, and when we hear oth- is draped coquettishly around the ers relate their experiences we can shoulders. The costume is completed say, 'I have troubles of my own.'"

The woman who started the conver- the head with a conspicuous bow on sation told how many domestics size top, and frequently a large jeweled the Master walks. had employed during a short period of brooch at each side of the fastening. time, and how they had not given satisfaction.

"Finally," she said, "I sought relief Whether bearing a basket of cakes by doing what I thought was an act or fruit on the head, to be sold at the of charity, and at the time getting a shops and houses, or sauntering down woman who I thought would be a jew- to the water to be rowed about for el. She was a white woman, the first amusement, their dignity of manner woman of my own color I had ever and statuesque beauty of form are fasemployed."

This woman, she explained, was tak en from an institution where a great and the women study a little music hurry and gave the appearance of be- very prettily. ing a willing and rapid worker. In the They are a cleanly people and utilafternoon when her employer returned lize the mountain streams to keep the home the dishes were still plied where streets clean, as well as for baths, she had seen them in the morning. One of the "show" places is the great The washtub, boller and irons had been shower bath in the court of the almsused by the woman, who had evidently house. The force of the water from for him. washed and iron her own garments and the mountain height is immense, and departed. On the table was a note the baths are frequented by many he- not prevent the blister from follow which read: "My dear Mrs. ---. I sides the inmates of the houses. found the work was too hard for me." cluded the woman who had been her that one derives from the street employer, for so short a time, according throngs is that of the native popula-

So Sweetly Innocent.

not steal anything."

He had been to the boarding-school ro pay a surprise visit to his daughter, his are perfectly content to be ignored soonly child. He had parted from her, proud to be the parent of such a handsome malden, pleased with the innocence of budding womanhood. The principal acompanied him to the door.

"Madam," he said, with deep feeling.

WOMEN OF MARTINIQUE.

Their Love of Bright Colors Exem-Ram's

plified in Gay Costumes. The women of St. Pierre, who only a few weeks ago were leading a happy, butterdy life, are said to have been strikingly picturesipe and even beau-

Their love for color is the passionate fondness for brightness of all the races from which they spring-negro. French and Indian. Fushious change not at all from decade to decade, and the only difference between the dress of the richer class and the poor is a matter of quality, except in the case of the women who act as carriers of

fruit and vegetables. These wear a simple garment, not unlike an Empire gown, made with a good deal of fullness and drawn up bor. under the girdle in such a way as to leave the limbs free. This gown is any.

exquisitely, and as the women are beautifully formed, the effect is that of draped statuary.

In the well-to-do class the same passion for color is shown. Over a loose, white linen garment, richly embroidered with full, flowing sleeves, a gown lamps.

is worn that is much like that just "I imagine people must get tired of described, but is of silk or fine muslin. a faith. the question of domestic help," remark- the ground color, on which brilliant in the day,

are printed. This is caught up by a "I guess they do," acquiesced the silk sash to a comfortable walking

by a kerchlef of gay colors, tied about

The women have a stately carriage that I have never seen surpassed.

cinating in the extreme. The better class has some education.

amount of charity is done. She was and embroider exquisitely by way of his flock than of his fleeces. given the best room in the house, and accomplishments. They have musical It is a greater thing to prevent in the morning when breakfast was voices, as a rule and sing sad little disease than to invent its cure. over she bundled up the dishes in a creole songs or gay French chansons

The white population is only a few "But she was a jewel, after all," con-thousands, so that the only impression your invitation to the marriage is

to the Washington Star, "for she did tion, with its colors and brightness, The two do not mingle in any way, as there are enough of the whites to form a charming society, and the natives cially .- New York Tribune.

> HAD WHOLE CAR TO HERSELF Woman Journeyed from Atlanta to

Washington in Solitary Grandeur. A PREACHER'S REBUKE A plucky Southern woman scored a Heard, It Lucited Sus

TRUMPET CALLS

Horn Sounds a Warning No. to the Unredecmed.

T ates cannot fy. F Sweet fruit grow from bits

out from us.

seed. Preparation the best prayers Providence. Every bless received create

an obligation. Religion is at in us unless it por

Righteousness will not come by rote His need makes another my negs

He loses all who is unwilling to im-

The corrupt man cannot be count

No man can run away from his m heart.

Heaven does not walt for earthing plause. Lights are more important in

A creed may be made a casket to

The oil for the night must be born

To cultivate a callous heart will a

insure calm.

Pence is the poise of the soul's pe fect activities.

There is no virtue in the bottle with out the medicine.

The waves are always stilled win

It Christianity does not grow set cannot be put on.

It takes a small breeze to miss storm in a puddle.

Crutches become a curse when might have wings.

The church fair does not help then:

name of the church. Some men tempt the devil more in

the devil tempts them. The good shepherd thinks may

A man has no more religion that can command in his day of need.

God is not revealed in His Wall the man who will not read His was When a man begins to go down no are always plenty to smooth his w

Agnosticism in regard to heat #

the burn.

of the Lamb. The man who is always first where he will come in will find hims

Some expect to be happy with 6d

There is a good deal of different

tween having a mission before

heaven who would be most uncom

cast out at the end.

able with Him on earth.

and having one for them.

the church debt-raiser, the gold brick operator and the moral philosopher, As such men are rather rare, some colleges have had to be content with executives who are strong on the two tirst-named qualifications, but a little shaky on the third.

Auction-room rivalries do not always end so pleasantly or with such credit to both parties as did the recent sale in New York, the sequel to which is that the Metropolitan Art Museum becomes the owner of Rubens' painting of "The Holy Family," which is said to be the most notable painting ever offered at a public sale. Two men bid for it, One who desired to present the picture to the Metropolitan Museum, offered forty-nine thousand dollars, but the pic ture went to his rival on a bid of fifty thousand. It then developed that the purchaser wished to give the painting to a museum in the West. The two men got together and talked the matter over, and the conference ended in an agreement on the part of the purchaser to allow the other bidder to have the painting for the sum he had paid, in order that it might go to the Metropoli tan Museum. It ought to be a matter for rejoicing that such a noble picture is to be forever a possession of the American people.

Rev. Henry Rasmus is right when he says that a woman's truest capital is not in her beauty of face but loveliness of character. He carries the matter farther than circumstances warrant. however, when he says "it was the wisdom of the Almighty to give to womanhood a retiring disposition. Eve took the intiative in family matters in the Garden of Eden, and gave a controlling direction to everything that has occurred since that time. Sarsh, the wife of Abraham, decided the fate of nations, and Rebekah's cunning devices had far-reaching political effects. The fact is that progressive womanhood of the modern type is not essentially different from the old-fashioned sort. In both cases they have usually made, not to say taken, every advantage of their opportunities in further ing their own power. There is abun dant evidence to show that women are of "a retiring disposition" when they are forced to retire, but this does not by any means prove Dr. Rasmus point, that the Almighty gave to woman a retiring disposition. With fair play she comes to the front every time.

Man's perpetual fight against nature is emphasized by the seismic cataclysm seem to mind her grief much.

vas. The background and surroundings are then painted over in oil, and also parts of the figures, especially the clothing or drapery, but when it comes to the exposed body, face, head, etc., the very parts where the greatest amount of skill would be necessary in painting, they are left untouched by

the painter's brush. Going into a store and asking the breathe sewer gas in houses the plumbprice of these seemingly beautiful oil ing of which has been passed by an paintings, the prospective purchaser is inspector who receives Christmas gifts astonished when the dealer says \$2 or from the plumber. There are many something lower, and turning the bogus other conditions which are not favorapainting up to the light, he soon sees ble to the best physical health. Howthat it is only a cheap chromo, over cer- ever, in spite of other drawbacks and tain parts of which a little paint has disadvantages, there is every warrant been daubed.

Aimshouse Fare.

high as it is to-day. Though an indoor The 2,500 inmates of the New York life is vicious in its influence, the men almshouse last year were fed at a per and women of to-day-and especially capita of about 10 cents a day. These the women-are capable of a greater persons lifed on bread and coffee for physical endurance than has even been breakfast, bread and stew for dinner. known before. The first and best proof and bread and tea for supper, without of this is that at the age when our sugar, butter, or vegetables. grandsires and their dames took their places in the chimney corner as capable

Potatoes and Their Value.

Potatoes form the world's greatest single crop, 4,000,000,000 bushels being and, as Dr. Stevenson complains, the produced annually, equal in bulk to the entire wheat and corn crons.

Earliest Case of Insanity. The earliest known reference to in-

sanity is found in Egytlan papyrus of the fifteenth century B. C.

A woman in half mourning doesn't

"I owe you much for the manner in which you have reared my child since she has been under your care. When I notice the contrast between that innocent maiden and some of the girls of her age, who have not had the advantage of such strict supervision, I feel that I have indeed done wisely in placing her in your charge."

"And how proud you must be," said the principal, glowing with satisfaction, "to be the father of so large and devoted a family."

"Large-devoted!" gasped the proud parent. "What do you mean?"

"Devoted to each other," said the principal. "No fewer than seven of Clara's brothers have been here during the past three weeks to take her out, and she is expecting another to-mor-'ow."-London Tit-Bits.

Doubtful Prerogatives.

Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution was driving with a New York friend along, a roadway in Georgia. The Northerner noticed that many of the negroes along the way took off their hats as the carriage passed.

"They seem to know you pretty generally down here," he said to his host. "Oh, no. They don't," replied the latter.

"Then why do they bow?"

"That," said Mr. Howell, "is one of the privileges we allow the darkies down here."-New York Times.

Whistling Language Used

The aborigines of the Malabar Islands employ a perfect whistling language. by means of which they can communicate with each other over long distances. A stranger wandering over the to affirm that never has the standard islands is frequently surprised to hear of health, strength and agility been as from a hilitop the sound of loud whistling, which is quickly repeated on the next hill, and so is carried from summit accused was stated to have fired two to summit until it dies away in the disfance.

American Looms Abroad.

American ribbon looms are being imported by Swiss manufacturers. These looms are much more expensive than those made in Switzerland, even leaving freight and duties out of account but the manufacturers find it profitable to use them because of their great solidity of construction and the much larger amount of work they do.

Unintentional Aid.

"They asked Essle to sing at the age brought out the great-grandson of benefit concert, but she refused. a famous Indian sprinter to pit him "Which will benefit them all the against the white runners of the colleges. Even after a systematic training more. I'll buy some tickets now."he was beaten by amateurs. His cole- Philadelphia Bulletin,

victory over a grasping corporation recently and is one of the proudest of her sex in consequence. She got on a Pullman car attached to the Southern's train at Birmingham and showed a ticket and a Pullman car coupon for Washington. When the train arrived

at Atlanta it was found that the wom-

an was the only passenger on the car

ticketed for the North. When she was

asked to transfer to another car at-

produced her Pullman coupon from her

"This entitles me to a section in this

"That is all right, madam," replied

card case and said:

car to Washington."

go through."

Premeditation.

"In New York several months 4 went to hear a well-known pres who delivered a remarkably equivisermon." said the traveling man as the minister was in his permi-he suddenly stopped, took off he w tacles, and, in a voice of censure marked:

" I will be very much obliged it young man in the rear part of tached to the North-bound train she church will cease his conversation "He then replaced his spectades proceeded with his sermon. Asla pened to sit in the rear part of the ditorium I felt rather surprised at Interruption, for, while there the conductor. "Other arrangements many young men present in that have been made and this car will not of the edifice, I did not notice the conversation.

"Not long ago the same preacher

invited to Philadelphia to present

special occasion. I went again the

him. To my surprise he took the

text and delivered the same series was more than surprised as he rest

his peroration to see him remot

spectacles and give expression N

same rebuke in exactly the same

guage as he had done in New 1

I could not help arriving at the ca

sion," said the traveling man, acc to the Philadelphia Times, "that's a place marked somewhere in his

uscript for administering a m whether it was needed or not and

"I think it will," said the lady. "My coupon says I am to ride in this car to Washington and I don't propose to leave the car."

Efforts of the officials to make the woman leave the Puliman were in vain. She was perfectly cool and determined and finally the rallway officials admitted defeat by attaching the Puliman with its single passenger to the North-bound train and carrying it through to Washington. The car was without a conductor or porter and passengers along the way thought it a deadhead car, but J. M. Culp, traffic manager of the Southern, and J. L. Cox, of Atlanta, a soliciting freight agent for the road, who were on the train, told the story of the occurrence at Atlanta and admitted defeat for their company. The name of the woman was not given by the Southern officials. She was well dressed and dis-

tinguished looking.

The Better Part of Valor.

In a case of attempted murder, the shots at his victim in rapid succession. Counsel, examining witness: "You say you heard the shots fired? Witness-Yes, sir.

Counsel-How near were you to the scene of the affray?

Witness-At the time when the first shot was fired I was about ten feet from the shooter.

"Ten feet! Then tell the court how far you were when you heard the second shot fired!"

"I didn't measure the distance. "Speaking approximately, how far should you say?' "Well, I should think it was about

balf a mile"

perhaps his intention was to m particular attention to something was about to utter." A Chicago Porter. And-a lady from Bostan Pullman car, entering St. Louis ter obsequiously whisk-broeming an passenger. After lingeriog of antly he receives a tip-1 5-cetto He looks at it critically, then do into the cuspidor, remarking de "Ah'm er portah frum Chicago!" this window?" commands the He obeys, whereupon she stoops up the cuspidor, and empties if the -track; then, drawing best haughtly, observes, "I am a lat Boston." When, in the station, passenger had left the car the said to the conductor: "Los' dat el, en' Ah'm er fool. It teachs lesson, howsomdever, never ur wid none o' dese Yankee women dey ain't er woman through de West who'd er thought o' cast nickel on de roadside when der is Ah wanted it."-New York Pres

A wise man is as slow about advice as a fool is about taking

Truth may be eclipsed, but cannot be

extinguished.