

Cultivate Your Talent.

One talent, well cultivated, deepened and enlarged, is worth a hundred shallow faculties. The first law of success this day, when so many matters are clamoring for attention, is concentration; to bend all the energies to one point, looking neither to the right nor to the left. It has often justly been said that a great deal of the wisdom of a man in this century is shown in leaving things unknown; and a great deal of his practical sense in leaving things undone. The day of universal scholars is past. "Life is short and art is long." The range of human knowledge has increased so enormously that no brain can grapple with it, and the man who would know one thing well must have the courage to be ignorant of a thousand things, however attractive or inviting. As with knowledge, so with work. The man who would get along must single out his specialty, and into that must pour the whole stream of his activity—all the energies of his hand, eye, tongue, heart, and brain. Broad culture, many-sidedness, are beautiful things to contemplate; but it is the narrow-edged men—the men of single and intense purpose, who steel their souls against all things else—who accomplish the hard work of the world, and who are everywhere in demand when hard work is to be done.

That Funny Column.

The Peculiar Effect of Humorous Paragraphs.

A city paper thought it must do like its neighbors and have a paragraph column. It advertised for the right sort of a man in this way: "Wages no object; good looks not desirable; good sense not expected." The man came and went to work. One column was his task, and he furnished it. It looked well as printed, and the publisher hoped for good results. During the following day a plain-looking farmer came in and asked the editor for the man who wrote that column. The paragrapher was speedily summoned.

"You are the author of this column, I hear?" said the farmer. "Yes, sir," proudly rubbing his hands.

"I owe you a debt which I can only partly repay you in money; but here are \$5 which I insist on you taking as an earnest of gratitude I feel toward you."

The man of paragraphs took it and asked what was the special cause of gratitude.

The farmer said: "You saved my brother's life after he had been given up by the doctor. It was this way: He was taken last Monday with a fit of laughing hysterics, which got worse and worse. We had tried everything in vain; had taken him to funerals and scenes of all the horrible accidents we could hear of, but still he laughed and laughed. Medicine was equally useless, and there seemed nothing but death for him. He could not eat, drink, or sleep; nothing but laugh. His mouth stretched twice its usual width, and his jaws were almost paralyzed. I got your paper and commenced reading your column of comics to him. Before I had got to the end of the first one I could notice an improvement in him, and by the time I had got half through the column his mouth was entirely closed, and he was calm as ever. He has never laughed since, and I don't believe he ever will. That is the cause of my gratitude. Is it not enough?" The publisher thought so, and concluded to dispense with the original column of funny paragraphs.

Tudor, who left New York for a horse back ride to Patagonia, wins a \$50,000 bet if he succeeds.

Egyptian Writing.

How the Ancients Perpetuated their Thoughts.

Writing was as old in Egypt as architecture and sculpture. The papyrus reed furnished the most ancient material for paper in the days of the oldest monuments. The dry climate has preserved a great number of ancient rolls, of which part are religious, and of these again the greater are part copies of one book, the "Ritual," which French scholars call the "Funeral Ritual," and Germans the "Book of the Dead." It is a book evidently compiled from time to time, divided into sections, originally separate books, and chapters, each chapter being usually illustrated by a representation of its chief subject above the text. Part of this book has been found of the date of the eleventh dynasty (B. C. 2000,) and, according to its own statement, which derives collateral support from a more general assertion of Manetho, one chapter was discovered in the time of the great pyramid-building kings of the fourth dynasty. There can be no doubt that the greater part is of extreme antiquity.

TWO GREAT DIFFICULTIES Assail us in the endeavor even to construe this book. It was held to be specially advantageous to the mummified Egyptian that a copy should be deposited in his tomb. Consequently it became the custom to write these copies in great numbers, and, as they were not intended to be read, the scribes were careless in their copying. Hence arise a multitude of errors which at every step embarrass the student. The other difficulty is due to the causes which render the Egyptian religious writings more hard to interpret than the historical. Yet, thanks to M. DeRouge's patience and skill, the general purport of the work is now understood. It is, throughout, text and commentary, and curiously simpler than the commentary, which, by its allegorizing method, renders the obscurity of the subject greater. The theme of the ritual is the story of man's fate in the nether world, and the text consists of a series of prayers to be said in each of the several zones through which the soul was to pass on its way to judgment, and the confession of innocence that was to insure its acquittal. It might be supposed that so great a matter would have been treated in

THE LOFTIEST STYLE Of which the language was capable, with the simplicity of the Egyptian memoir, the pathos of the dirge, and the occasional grandeur of the historical writings and the religious hymns. But it is far otherwise. Nowhere is the lower element of the Egyptian religion so evident as in the ritual. It is obscure and mysterious, without elevation or dignity. The student seeks in vain for a single passage worthy of the ideas conveyed through the eye by the pyramids and the tombs of the kings. He wanders through a labyrinth peopled by the forms of the lowest superstition, and the idea forces itself upon him that the negro element of the Egyptian mind is here dominant, not always in the thoughts, but always in their expression. Nothing more forcibly shows the strength of this element, not even animal worship. Side by side with the ritual we find another work relating to the underworld, the "Book of the Lower Hemisphere," describing the journeyings of the soul after death through twelve zones corresponding to the twelve hours of the nocturnal sun. This book was in fashion at the period to which most of the tombs of the kings (nineteenth and twentieth dynasties) belong, and their pictures afford the illustrations of its chapters.

A Bad Fix.

The Woman who Bothered a Post-Office Clerk.

From the Detroit Free Press. At an early hour yesterday morning a woman called at the post-office and purchased a three-cent stamp, and had it already "licked" to paste on her letter, when she discovered that she had left the letter at home. She received the heart-felt sympathy of the stamp clerk and went home for the stamp. At 11 o'clock, when the stamp window was besieged by a crowd, the woman returned, having the letter in one hand and a minute fragment of a postage-stamp in the other.

"Stand out of the way for a poor distressed woman!" she called out as she made for the window, and those who didn't obey were poked aside in a way to be remembered by their ribs. The change which one buyer was about to pocket was swept off the board on the floor by her arms, and she held the fragment of stamp and exclaimed to the clerk:

"Do you dare deny, sir, that you sold me a three-cent stamp two hours ago?"

"I think I sold you a stamp," he replied.

"And I didn't have any letter here. After I'd eaten all the paste off the stamp I couldn't find my letter. You remember?"

"Yes, I remember!" "Well, sir, I carried that stamp all the way home on the tip of my finger, and I laid it down on the windy sill till I could find my letter, and what

did my little Clarence do but pick it up and begin to chew away, and by the time I could choke his mouth open nothing was left but this little bit."

"And you want another?" "I demand another, sir, in place of this!"

"I couldn't do that." "But you'll have to! This is the stamp I bought of you! Look for yourself and see. I make oath that I never put it on a letter. Am I to be cheated out of my three cents in such a back-handed way?"

The crowd began to call out and jostle her, but by vigorous use of feet and elbows she cleared the space again and said:

"I demand a new stamp!" The clerk tried to explain how she couldn't get one in exchange, but she interrupted:

"Have I got to murder my child and get the rest of the stamp! Never! I'll never leave this windy till I have a new stamp put on my letter to Thomas!"

The clerk tried to explain again, but she brought the letter down with a thud and said:

"I leave this letter here. It is to my Thomas in Port Huron. If he doesn't get it in three days you'll hear from me and my four big girls and three sons, and when our family gets started on a row, we never stop for the biggest post-office in America!"

At dark last night the clerk was undecided. He doesn't like to be bluffed into going down for his small change, but in the dim future he sees a solemn procession, headed by a determined old lady, marching down the corridor to make a vacancy in the ranks of government.

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