

Most people have had experience with old people who were hard of hearing on ordinary) occasions, but who seemed to have a preternaturally alert ear when things were said which were not designed for their benefit. It is as dangerous to speak before such persons as to intrust one's thoughts to English in a foreign land, fondly believing that the hearers are only conversant with their mother tongue. Many travelers can sympathize with the feeling of shamefacedness and mortification which arises when the third person sooner or later reveals perfect familiarity with English. It is never quite safe to rely on the ignorance or obtuseness of those who may overhear our conversation, or to confide in the apparent deafness of even our own grandmothers.

A new variety of deafness was observed, says an exchange, the other day in an active business man, who was engaged in sqliciting advertisements. A friend, who had had to repeat a good many remarks to him, at last exclaimed, "I do believe you are getting deaf."

"I believe I am," was the candid reply. "Only there is one peculiarity about it, I can always hear a man say 'yes,' but I am deaf as a stone wall when he says

Alert for the affirmative! That is a good position for any one to take in these questioning times. A conscientious person inquiring to be assured with reference to the character of an acquaintance of whom evil rumor had said unkind things, on being assured that the accusations were false, the reply came with positiveness as from the conveniently deaf business man: "I always listen to good about people, but I turn a deaf ear to things said against them." How soon "strife would cease," if the world were made up of such people! for those who heed no tales carry none. "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no tale-bearer the strife ceaseth."

We all have frequent need of well-timed deafness. But, though one may be oblivious to trifles that deserve reprimand, the ear cannot be too alert for the first sign of repentance, the faintest breath pleading for forgiveness. "When he was yet a great way off," the father of the prodigal son heard the returning footsteps of his way. the returning footsteps of his wayward boy, and "had compassion, and ran and Tell on his neck, and C. H. Stockton kissed him."

A horse pricks forward first one ear, then the other, gathering Pioneer Painter and Paper Hanger. sounds from all directions, unbiased, unprejudiced in his impartial judgment. But men are not all so House Painting, Craining, Free coing, etc. alert for truth whencesoever it may come. They are too apt to listen in one special direction. There are ears quick for negatives, favor others which hear only the gloomy, unpromising side of society, of men, of women. If we must hear unequally, let it be the other way. Like the advertising agent, we should then hear more to our advantage.

THE Examiner has the following regarding the present influx of eastern people into California: "The eastern visitor is among us in such profusion that we no longer count him-he is best measurable in bulk. When crowded into our hotels he can most easily be estimated by the cubic yard; seeing him on the ground, we calculate him also by the acre. At no previous time in the history of California has he been with us in so abounding quantity and never before did he manifest so tranquil an indifference to his line of retreat. of the same. Among other things they He will, in many instances, be found to have burned his boats, or as the less classical but happier metaphor hath it, to have brought his knitting.

hail the good man with effusion, he may shake our hand as ong as he likes, and it is no trouble to show goods. If he sees anything he cannot reach let him ask for it. Possibly the prices of some of our choice lands may be of that order of things-inaccessible to his means. In the matter of hospitality, Californians justly believe themselves pre-eminent in liberality; in a trade with us the eastern visitor will, we venture to think, find something to remind him of his own thrifty spirit and provident ways. Socially our latch-string freely proffers itself to the sussion of his thumb and finger, but in a commercial sense we welcome him with bloody hands to a financial grave. May heaven bless him.,,

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