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BUT DOES HE WANT IT?

It is said that if a man will go after almost anything in this world courageously and persistently he will stand a mighty good chance of getting it.

Now there was Phinehas. He had a tremendously tough job getting his wife—not that she wasn't willing. Her father was the obstacle. He declared he would never give his consent and that if Phinehas married the girl without his consent he would shoot him full of holes.

From that Phinehas gained the impression that the old man was not partial to him. And the girl refused to marry Phinehas without her father's consent, because she had been trained not to disobey him, and neither did she want a perforated husband.

And so Phinehas set to work courageously and persistently to win the girl's father. He would call around at the house about twice a week trying to make the old man see it his way. The old man finally told Phinehas that if he called again he would handle him unceremoniously.

And Phinehas, who was of thrifty New England stock put on an old suit and a shirt that had a tear in it anyway and went back.

And the old man kept his word. He handled Phinehas unceremoniously. Phinehas took it all as a matter of course. He didn't try to hit back.

But he called again on schedule time. He had a discolored eye and there was a strip of court plaster across his cheek where his face had touched the steps when he left the porch.

And Phinehas' girl's father blustered and stormed furiously. But he didn't hit Phinehas this time. There was a peculiar light in the old man's eye that was almost one of fear, certainly one of apprehension.

To make a long story short, Phinehas kept at it—courting the old man persistently and courageously until he got the girl.

Of course that was quite an achievement. He had won his goal. But did he want what he got? After he got it? He did not. The girl was just as pugnacious as her father. Furthermore, she and her folks had become accustomed to seeing Phinehas knocked around and taking it good naturedly; so it was the most natural thing in the world that they should treat him like a book agent after he became one of the family. They banged him around like a second hand flivver. They disregarded him and joked and ridiculed him even before company. And after Phinehas had been married to that girl a year he would have given anything in the world never to have laid eyes on her.

Yes, it is true that a man can generally win almost any goal if he will go after it courageously and persistently. And he really does not need a marked degree of intelligence either. However, sometimes a kindly Providence paces obstacles between that which one wants but which one had better not have. To be able to know when an obstacle is a thing to be overcome, and when it is a kindly warning to lay off, is where intelligence comes in.

AUTO THIEVERY INCREASING

Auto thefts increase remarkably. Police are worried in many large cities and many states. What is wrong? Are men more dishonest? Or are automobiles more alluring to the dishonest?

Probably nothing of the sort. We are just getting to the place in automobile habits where the line of opportunity for dishonesty and the line of individual carelessness in the handling of automobiles crosses to the side of public evidence.

We have been, for these 20 years, children in dealing with automobiles. We are children in buying them. We are children in driving them. We are children in keeping them going. Just as most men all their lives are children in handling watches, so are most of us children in dealing with automobiles.

So even the thievery instinct of men has been in its childhood, for automobiles. There were a few dishonest men who got "wise" to the automobile as an opportunity, very early. There have been automobile thefts for years. But not many. And the potential crooks are learning a little faster than those that they prey upon.

We leave a contrivance worth many hundred, perhaps several thousand dollars, out on a public place. It has its own motive power, as well as its own wheels. Its identifiable parts are few in number, and easily removed or replaced. It is very complicated, with each of the complications possessing a merchantable value.

Why should it not be stolen, with human nature as it was 20 years ago, as well as today?

This was not cynicism about human nature. If anything, human nature is better today than it was 20 years ago. But it can be still more improved. One of the graces we should display, we were told centuries ago, was, "Lead us not into temptation." The man who is careless with his property is leading someone into temptation. Especially, we are just beginning to learn about caring for our own automobiles.

ANOTHER COOLIDGE SURPRISE

The newly named governor of Alaska is so modest that he does not know, until he inquires of his friends, whether he is fit for the job. Most men would have taken the President's word for it. But George A. Parks is at 42 years of age a bachelor, which may explain it. Having gone that many years without being grabbed, he has relieved an inferiority complex. No woman has thought him worth while.

Perhaps Parks has reason for being suspicious even of the President's commendation. For the Senate has been displaying a very peculiar temper regarding the President's nominees. There are 96 senators, or thereabouts. And a material portion of the 96 have been showing a restlessness about these little nomination surprises. There is a form of strategy to which they have not been accustomed, at least not for several years. Even Theodore Roosevelt, independent in so many things, plaintively said once that no one should judge his administration by the nominations he made. He was careful to pay formal allegiance at least to the laws of senatorial courtesy.

President Coolidge is trying another plan. He is getting much applause from the galleries. But it happens that the galleries do not always drown out the chorus of "Noes" from the Senate seats.

THE FARMER AS USUAL GETTING WORST OF IT

Commenting on the recent increase in the price of wheat, J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, says:

"The farmer will get a very small part of the increase. More than 85 per cent of the wheat raised by the farmers last year has been sold by them. About three-fourths of the Kansas crop was hauled from the farm in the last week of November. The average price up to that time was only \$1.07. And the farmer was happy to get that."

Naturally he was. For three years the wheat grower had been living on hope and hope does not pay the family bills.

Not once during that period had wheat touched a dollar up to last summer and most of the time the crop was actually disposed of at a heavy loss.

Real money looked as good to him as the springs of the oasis to a desert traveler. Yet as he sees the lucky traders making millions out of his product; and speculators clothing themselves in purple and surveying the world from high powered limousines, he feels outraged.

And the public, which pays the freight, sympathizes with that feeling.

If we must pay higher prices for bread, it should go to the producer and not to the gambler.

But whether it ever will is another question.

What does it profit people to beat swords into plowshares if they must endeavor to beat locomotives into grade crossings?

Correct this sentence: "She's the prettiest girl in the chorus," said the millionaire to his son, "and I'm sure she isn't after your money."

TWO UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GIRLS WERE FRIENDS OF COLLINS

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 18.—(Special)—With Floyd Collins, the unfortunate Kentuckian entrapped in Sand Cave, as their guide, the University of Oregon girls, Flossie Perce of Clackamas and Helen Whitcomb of Portland, four years ago visited Crystal cave, which young Collins had discovered on his father's farm. The girls were in Kentucky in June, 1921, and made a trip to Mammoth Cave.

"The Collinses were plain country people who earned a living principally by guiding tourists through their cave," Miss Perce said. "They seemed to be typical Kentucky mountaineers, who seemed to have little education and who had had little contact with the outside world."

"We had just come out of Mammoth cave, and one of us remarked that we were disappointed because we had not seen the crystal formations, when a man stepped up and said, 'Why don't you go see Crystal cave? It has more beautiful crystals than these.' We decided to go with him. He was Homer Collins, the brother of Floyd; the one who was taken exhausted out of the cave in trying to rescue Floyd."

When the Oregon girls arrived at the Collins place they offered the elder Mr. Collins a travelers' check in payment of the admission fee to the cave. He looked doubtfully at it and remarked, "I don't like to take things that I don't know anything about."

He had had some trouble with a check before and declared that he "wasn't going to be caught again."

His son, Homer, persuaded him that it was all right, so he accepted it, but said that he "preferred money."

Floyd liked to guide people through the cave because he had

discovered it. "His parents had almost decided to send Homer with us," Miss Perce said, "but Floyd looked so disappointed that they said, 'Well, go long with you if you want to, but don't stop to look at every little mark.'"

"There was a quick descent from the entrance. We had gone only a little way when Floyd asked us, 'Are you skeery? Then step over here and I'll show you something. Looks like some one had been here ahead of us.' We stepped to the side of the trail and on a big piece of rock by a great crevice there were the remains of three human skeletons."

"Presently we came to some huge barefooted human tracks about 15 inches long. They had evidently been made when the floor was soft. A little farther on were some tracks that looked like those of an unshod mule. Floyd remarked with his customary drawl and with a twinkle in his eyes that he 'sposed old Adam and Eve took their honeymoon here. S'pose old Adam made the tracks and old Eve rode the mule.'"

Nearby they came to a ledge of rock on which lay a piece of stone that closely resembled a lower set of false teeth. "I found these along here," he drawled. "I s'pose old Eve lost 'em. I put 'em up here for her; thought she might want 'em when she came back to earth.'"

One of the most beautiful sights, the girls report, was a place on the roof about 200 feet square where the salts had formed a mass of perfect white lilies. The



Health Hints by the Father of Physical Culture

The superiority of milk as a food is not confined to its protein content alone, but its mineral and vitamin contents are equally efficient. Scientists have not, at this writing made full investigations of the relative value of protein from all food sources, nor can the investigation upon other species of animals apply absolutely to the human nutrition. We can, however, derive certain principles from the investigations thus far made that will be of use in determining the approximate value of protein from various foods. Milk, as already clearly demonstrated, heads the list for the efficiency of protein. A close second is eggs. Next in value we may expect to find the proteins of flesh food. Since the average proportion of protein in a diet of cereals, nuts and vegetables, together with milk and eggs, furnishes an ample amount of protein, the use of meat as a source of protein is uncalled for, and such dangers as may be involved in the introduction of disease germs or poisonous waste products of the animal through meat is a danger that may very wisely be avoided. There is ample evidence that there is no quality in meat protein that cannot be secured through milk and eggs, and since the quantity of protein required is much smaller than that usually eaten, meat is unnecessary as a source of protein, either from a quantitative or a qualitative standpoint.

Therefore when milk and eggs are available the use of meat must be defended on other grounds than that of normal nutrition. For the growing child the substitution of meat for milk and eggs is never to be advised or tolerated where the purer forms of animal protein can be secured. For the adult meat may be utilized as a source of protein if taken in small quantities, and no harm will ordinarily result.

The relative value of vegetable proteins is a point upon which we still need more light. The present information would indicate that oats rank higher than wheat, and wheat higher than corn. But a more important discovery is that the leguminous foods (peas and beans) have in the past been generally over-estimated as a source of protein.

place called the diamond field was a mass of eight-sided figures about the size of honeycomb octagons, but each point was separate. They caught and reflected the light and sparkled more brilliantly than a diamond which was compared with them. Beyond this was a formation on the wall that looked like an old hen and chickens.

There was a stretch of rocky cavern almost as smooth as pavement which Floyd pointed out to the girls, remarking that he wanted to put an automobile in there next year so he could give people a car ride in the cave. The girls don't know whether his ambition was realized or not.

"The Canny Scot Mandy: 'Why do you roll your own cigarettes, Mr. McTavish?' Sandy: 'Aweel, ye ken after I smoke a bag o' baccy, I can always get twa smokes out o' the vacuum cleaner.'"

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WOMEN AND WARS CAUSE HUGE SLUMP IN USE OF "FAGS"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The outstanding feature of the tobacco industry in the past decade has been the vast increase in cigarette consumption in all parts of the world, says T. L. Hughes, chief of the tobacco section of the Department of Commerce, in a report on the international trade in leaf and manufactured tobacco released today.

This trend, according to Mr. Hughes, developed during the war years and has steadily gained momentum. The more general use of cigarettes by women in all countries has given a further impetus to this movement. The consumption of cigars, however, during this period, due chiefly to the curtailed purchasing power in many of the larger consuming countries, has registered a marked decline.

As an indication of the increased use of cigarettes it is pointed out that in the decade of 1913-23 consumption in the United States gained fourfold, increasing from 15,000,000,000 in 1913 to 63,000,000,000 in 1923; in Japan, threefold from 7,000,000,000, to 23,000,000,000, and in Germany almost twofold, from 12,000,000,000 to 23,000,000,000; Sweden consumed 157,000,000 cigarettes annually during the years 1911 to 1916, compared with about 825,000,000 in each year from 1916 to 1920. Belgium is now consuming 5,500,000,000 cigarettes annually; Austria, 4,000,000,000; Hungary, 3,200,000,000 and France more than 4,750,000,000.

The consumption of cigarettes in Denmark has increased from 139 per capita in 1913 to 264 per capita in 1912, or a total consumption of 950,000,000 in the latter year. The popularity of the cigarette in Italy is shown by the

increase from 2,690,450,000, consumed in 1914, to 7,721,168,000 in 1922, or 187 per cent.

Strange as it may seem the report states that the consumption of tobacco is probably influenced as little by the economic conditions or prosperity of a people as that noted in any commodity. Absence of prosperity among a people may cause a revision from the use of the more expensive to the cheaper forms of tobacco. This is corroborated by the fact that although the United States is the richest nation per capita in the world, it has not the largest per capita consumption of tobacco.

In recent years leaf tobacco alone has formed approximately 8 per cent of all agricultural products exported from the United States, being relatively of more importance than our export trade in meats. This country is by far the most important producer and exporter of tobacco, but strong competition has developed from a number of other countries, including the Dutch East Indies, Brazil and Greece.

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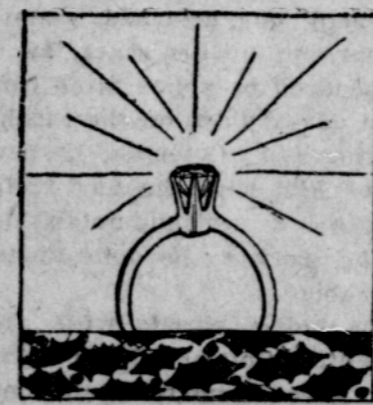
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