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THE HANDSHAKE  
A news dispatch from Mantua, Italy, declares that handshaking has been prohibited among all employees of that city, and that henceforth the old Roman salute must be used as the sign of greeting.

It would make quite a change in the customs of society if the habit of handshaking should be frowned upon by health authorities, or discontinued for any reason. The handshake is a social method that has been a great power.

By its means innumerable politicians have won their way. Many of them had no very definite ideas on new legislation, but if they could greet all whom they met with a good warm handshake and put some feeling into their grip, the cordiality thus expressed was a vote getter.

A good active group of handshakers can boom a town. If they give an energetic handshake, they come, it seems to cheer up these lonely folks. Previously they had felt like the traditional cat in the strange garret, but when someone comes along and gives them a warm handshake, they say this is a good town where people are welcomed.

Even if it is claimed that handshaking is not sanitary, yet it can be said that you can always protect yourself from any contagions by washing your hands before eating. A social custom that so promotes friendliness is not to be lightly set aside.

A warm handshake and a firm look in the eye will drive away more diseases than could come to one through the handshake. So I am for the handshake, with a grip and a flash of friendship in the eye.

COMMENDATION DUE SENATE  
A movement has been started in the United States senate to curb the "habit of the senate" of embarking upon numerous investigations.

There is a feeling that congressional and senate investigations are in many instances largely for political effect, and that as such, they upset sound industrial conditions, with resulting loss and inconvenience to the public.

We have legal, judicial and regulatory departments of our government which should be capable of carrying on proper investigations and hearings where the facts warrant. Such duly authorized proceedings might not be so sensational in character as the "shows" the senate stages, but they would be as effective in getting results and far less expensive for the taxpayers.

DEFERENCE TO WOMEN  
A Russian dispatch says that Madame Lenin, wife of the former premier of soviet Russia, feels offended if a man offers her a seat in a train, or steps aside to give her precedence. Such an attitude may seem exaggerated, yet may be a logical outcome of modern feminism.

The old idea of chivalrous treatment of women was based on the knightly conception that men were stronger and hence that it was their duty to shelter and protect women.

The modern woman wants to stand on her own feet, and believes she will make better progress if the idea is dropped that women are in any way inferior and needing help. Many people feel that old fashioned chivalry had its charm, and tended to soften manners. Perhaps what the world needs is not so much to drop the old idea of deference to women, but to have everyone show more deference and chivalry toward everyone else, regardless of sex.

Mother's day is only about a month off, but it might be a good idea to start writing home now in order to get the habit.

The dotted line is often a fish line.

Giving the Old Tree a Good Work-Out



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
NEA Service Writer  
WASHINGTON — Chains are being worn again this season. This fashion note comes from the Fort Peck (Mont.) Sioux Indian reservation.

It's on the authority of a couple of the tribesmen — Steele and Rufus Ricker — who are here as the Indian's representatives, trying to protect their rights in Congress. Steele brought one of the chains along, to show how the style looks. It's no new style, however. Ever since Indians have lived on reservations it's prevailed. Nor did the Indians introduce it. The whites did that, for the red's benefit. For some reason or other, the Indians are unappreciative. For an out-and-out dangerous criminal Steele and Ricker admit, a good, strong log chain, firmly riveted on, perhaps with an iron ball attached, may be all right. But they don't think it ought to be wished onto an Indian tinnous.

at an agency, superintendent's whim, for breaking some rule that he wouldn't think, as a white man, of paying the least attention to.

To be sure, the sentences are passed by Indian judges of the reservation "courts of Indian offenses," but the superintendent appoints the judges and can remove them when he likes. There are 80 such courts in the country. The judges get \$10 a month each.



You've got to keep whistling if you want things to keep humming. Sometimes a quartet is nothing but four fluffers. It's a wise man who makes up his wife's mind before his own. People who live in spring suits should not open milk bottles. Wedding rings are different from circus rings. In wedding rings the performance is continuous.

SAP AND SALT

A woman's tears beat a man's logic every time. A piece of pie in the hand tastes better than two pieces on a plate. Very few of us succeed in being eight more than 51 per cent of the time. Success has many ingredients, but the only one that really counts is hard work. Some men do no cheating for the simple reason that they lack the necessary technique. There isn't much choice between the odor of the old-fashioned livery stable and the smell of smoke in the modern garage. Hes Heck says: "About all they is to genius is sidesteppin' hard work and raffin' up a big bank balance with it."

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



VIENNA RETURNING TO PRE-WAR STATUS

VIENNA, March 22—(U.P.)—As an important political capital Vienna is to be restored to a city for music, art, and enjoyment. Vienna is rapidly returning to her pre-war position. Despite many financial troubles, the opera is back to its pre-war status. With the exception of the Metropolitan of New York, according to general opinion, the Vienna opera has no close rival anywhere. In the Vienna studios many foreign artists, as well as local celebrities, are continually busy, a fact of which one is reminded almost daily by exhibitions of new paintings and sculptures. It is in the realm of gaiety rather than in her opera and her studios, however, that the casual traveler would find Vienna most changed from the last reconstruction days of 1919 and 1920. On the floors of her many ball-rooms and dance palaces they would see a sight which was unknown five years ago. As in the imperial pre-war days the Viennese forget their troubles each evening in the giddy whirl of the famous Viennese waltz. The dance fever has been increasing in intensity for several years past. During 1924 there were 3,064 balls. In 1925 this number increased to 3,448. During the month of January, this year 2,527 dances were held, an average of more than eighty each night—and this does not include the cabarets, tea rooms, cafes, hotels, etc., which are open for dancing each afternoon and evening. It includes only those specially arranged balls for which official permission must be obtained from the city authorities.

New Auto Safety Signal Invented

YUMA, Ariz., March 22—(U.P.)—Richard Smith, Yuma, Southern Pacific railroad engineer, has patented a new automobile safety signal. The device is manipulated by buttons on the steering wheel, one for a right and the other for a left turn. The signals will do if you have it dry-cleaned now. We will gladly call for and deliver after it has been cleaned and pressed.

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