

## How They Feel About It.

A letter to a '09 graduate;— You ask what I thought of our Normals. Well I think the eastern man you quoted is not far wrong in his estimation of Oregon (Oregon is the fool is the family). I am ashamed of her, in fact I declared when I learned the action of the legislature that I should disown Oregon, go elsewhere and never tell where I came from. I cannot understand why a body of intelligent men can act blindly for even the State University is begrudging us every cent it gets. I used to think Governor Chamberlain was to blame during his term of office, but I must have been wrong. Does it not seem strange that the legislators don't realize that they are hurting the common-wealth and making it a byword and laughing stock? I have been anxiously waiting to see what the Ashland delegation of business men will accomplish at the special session.

I received a letter from the ways and means committee of the Normal inviting me to help financially. I am glad to help out such a worthy cause, but regret that such a thing is necessary. I have not sent my mite, but will do so shortly.

How lovely of Miss Smith to return to the aid of our Alma Mater. Is not it noble of the faculty, especially President Ressler and Secretary Butler, to sacrifice their own time thus, but as you say, they will be rewarded for their loyalty and that materially too for the world though largely commercial and unsentimental, will not—cannot ignore such a desirable quality.

Shirley Dorsey was elected to fill a vacancy here a few weeks ago and is teaching at the other end of town. I don't often see her outside of teacher's meetings. She is getting along nicely as far as I know. She took the place of a very strong teacher who had splendid discipline so she will not find that hard at all. Her room is not full either, but she has three different grades.

Feb. 1908 Graduate.

## Roycroft Philosophy

By Fra Elbertus.

Faith is relaxation.

The wisdom we strive for and think we achieve just before we die, if at all, is sometimes a matter of physical breakdown.

Imitation is the sincerest form of insult.

Insomnia troubles only those who can sleep any time.

Art is the visible expression of man's joy in his work.

The reward that life holds out for work is not rest or idleness, but increased capacity for work.

It is our right to damn anything or any man that helps us; and when the wind is East we occasionally avail ourselves of the privilege.

The possession of wealth should never make a man exempt from useful manual labor.

People who are unable to understand truth are quite sure to fumble the fact.

Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become.

The diamond is concentrated carbon; the epigram is the diamond of letters.

We reason from our heads, but act from our hearts.

The many have no belief, they simply believe they have belief.

The past is a millstone that has hung around the neck of many a sturdy man.

A tantrum is only a little whirl-

wind of misdirected energy.

The average successful man is liberal only in advice.

Doubt and fear are the great enemies of knowledge, and he who encourages them, thwarts himself of every step.

No one knows the vanity of riches save he who has been rich.

Strong language is the resort of the weak.

The inspirations of to-day are the shams of to-morrow.

D. W. Cummins was over from Independence yesterday looking after business matters.

Gardening is the order of the day now and the fine weather will bring it up in short order.

Cleaning up has been the proper thing this week and it is said that orders will be issued for the moss to be removed from the roofs before dry weather, as a protection from fire. It would be a good thing to do.

It is rumored that the laundry will open under new management in the near future. We ought to have a laundry here as there is none nearer than Dallas and this place and Independence have a population of near 2500, which is more than that of Dallas.

## A DEBATE ON PRIMITIVE MAN.

(Original.)

Professor Edmonds was so wrapped in the study of primitive man, his origin and the savage traits he transmitted to his descendants, that he had no eyes, ears or any other perceptive organs for anything else. Indeed, he was more familiar with the gibbon, orang outang, chimpanzee and gorilla, man's nearest relatives, than the members of his own family. Absorbed in dreams of these kinsmen he would pass his own children on the street without recognizing them.

Kate Edmonds alone of all his children sympathized with him in his studies and was consequently his favorite. Kate worshiped her father, and it is questionable if her enthusiasm for fossils was not assumed for the purpose of pleasing the dear old man. At any rate, when she was eleven years old her mother met her one morning on the street with a necklace of bones around her neck and ordered her to go home and take off "the horrid" thing.

As Kate grew older she joined her father in his studies and on one occasion delighted him by discovering a similarity in the big toe bone of two animals which he had previously considered to belong to different species. From this time forth he made her an assistant instead of a pupil, and she worked with him continuously.

But, unfortunately for her father, Kate became a woman. Not that the professor noticed a change which occurred in a brief season. He took no note of changes except those that only ages could effect. When Kate took his hand and told him that she was about to be married he was thunderstruck. "What have you done with your doll?" he moaned.

Kate went with her husband to live in a distant city. For a brief season after her departure the professor's bones failed to interest him. Then some one sent him a bone of an animal unlike anything he had ever seen, and straightway the old man forgot his daughter in his efforts to construct the creature of which it had been a part. After that the only evidence that he remembered her at all was occasional inquiries why she was not in her seat at table.

At the end of a year Kate wrote her mother that she was coming home for a visit, but asked her not to inform her father, since she wished to surprise him. Kate arrived at the commencement season and at the hour when the president was holding a reception, with Professor Edmonds in attendance. So Kate arrayed herself in reception costume, went over to the president and, taking position behind a portiere in a room adjoining the one where her father was, began to talk prehistoric man in his hearing.

"Upon my word," said the professor, "there is a lady in there who knows more about the tertiary period than any woman I have ever heard talk. But she is making one egregious blunder. Introduce me to her."

The professor was introduced to his daughter, but whether he had forgotten her entirely or was too deeply engrossed in his subject to recognize her or had on his reading instead of his

distance glasses doesn't matter. He plunged right into the work of correcting her error.

"I heard you say, madam," he began, "that evidences of the existence of man's progenitors are not found in the tertiary period. During the eocene system, a division of the tertiary, several orders of mammals were developed, including the ancestors of lemurs, monkeys, anthropoid or manlike apes."

"But these are only the germs, so to speak, not man himself," Kate replied. "There is no beginning, no stop in development. The anthropoid apes are simply a continuation in the development of man."

"And do you think, professor, that man of the present day will develop into something higher?"

"Undoubtedly—that is, if our planet is not in the meanwhile knocked into dust or burned by concussion at meeting some one of those opaque bodies known to be plunging through space."

"Or a comet," said Kate, with a twinkle in her eye.

"Nonsense, madam. Comets are gaseous. The earth has passed through their tails often."

"To return to man—man in his present stage of development. What would you think of a father who would forget his own child?"

"Such a failure of the faculty of memory would undoubtedly be inherited from his brutish ancestors. We have no evidence that lions, tigers, cats, dogs and other brutes remember their cubs after they are grown and have passed away from their parents."

"Do you refer to man in the present stage—to yourself, for instance—as brutal and to your child as a cub?"

"By no means. I have passed the brute condition, but now and again traits, like rudiments of organs that have ages ago become useless and degenerated, must necessarily crop out."

"But if the parent forgets the child why not the child forget the parent?"

"In the brute state the only use of the offspring has for the parent is food; among us the only use the child has for the parent is food, raiment and gewgaws. But while the memory of the parent becomes impaired with age that of the child—"

This was too much for Kate, who had for some time been on the eve of betraying herself. She burst into laughter, which was echoed by those who had been listening, and threw her arms about her father's neck.

The astonishment of the professor was pathetic.

S. HUNTER HALSEY.

### Cruelty to a Wife.

It was a happy inspiration, and Mr. Flexby immediately acted on it, as his appetite was particularly keen. Ringing up his wife on the telephone, he said:

"I'd like to bring a friend home to dinner this evening. Have something good."

"Why, certainly, my dear!" responded Mrs. Flexby.

"John," she said later, "you told me you were going to bring a friend home to have dinner with us, and I've done my best to prepare a really nice meal. Now, where is he?"

Mr. Flexby did not even blanch.

"My dear," he responded, "I said I'd like to bring a friend. I couldn't find one to bring. If dinner's ready, let's make a start. I'm hungry!"—Chicago Journal.

### Hair Ropes and Snakes.

The curious black rope was made of hair.

"It is going out to India," said the dealer. "We ship lots of hair ropes out there. They are placed on the floor about beds to keep the snakes off."

"Snakes won't cross a hair rope. Inside a hair rope you are as safe from a snake as though inside a steel case. Cowboys know this, and lots of them, in rattler infested regions, carry lariats of hair that they lay in ellipse form on the ground and sleep in when necessity makes them camp out on the plains."—Buffalo Express.

### The Burning Diamond.

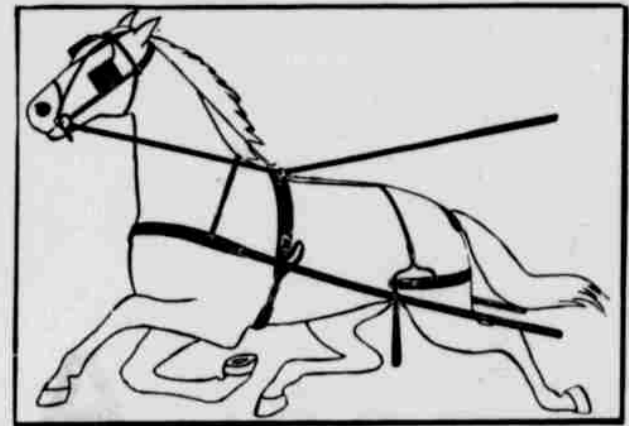
The great French chemist Lavoisier proved by actual experiment that the diamond is combustible. He imprisoned a diamond in a glass vessel containing air and standing over mercury. By means of a burning glass it was then ignited, and the resulting vapor, being confined in the vessel, was subjected to close chemical scrutiny. This vapor was found to be nothing more nor less than carbonic acid gas, a gas that consists of carbon and oxygen and is produced whenever any form of carbon is burned. — New York American.

### Seeing the Scenery.

"Did your wife enjoy the Swiss scenery?"

"I don't think she saw a bit of it. She was kept so busy adjusting her camera."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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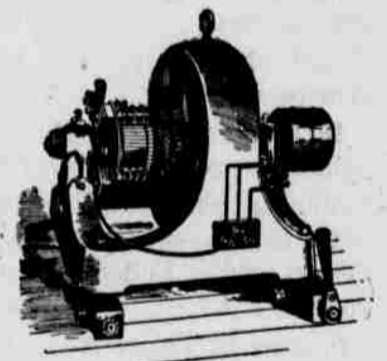
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