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### Parent-Teachers' Meeting

The Monmouth Parent-Teachers' Association will hold its first meeting of the school year next Tuesday evening, October 19, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. Those who are interested in educational matters, and particularly such as relates to our own children and community, are earnestly urged to be present. A good program has been prepared, one which we know will give pleasure. Come out and talk over the needs of our school and how best to meet them.

Mrs. Thomas Gentle, Chairman.  
Miss Arbuthnot, Secretary.

### Sunday School Rally

The Evangelical Sunday School has chosen next Sunday as "Rally Day." The members will strive to interest others to come and a special program has been prepared. The 11 o'clock hour has been given over to these exercises.

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## He Didn't Blow His Own Horn

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS.

One beauty of New England is the lakes set in among her hills. On a still morning these hills are reflected on the lakes, giving as perfect an image as the original. I was sitting one summer morning on the porch of a cottage situated on a point of land overlooking one of these lakes admiring the reflection in company with an old man who had been born and always lived in the place. The trees had been cut away before the steps, leaving open a path leading down to the water and a vista revealing a narrow patch on the opposite shore. In the center of which was a small house. My venerable companion gave me a story about this place, the time being some forty years before.

"Cyrus Copeland lived in that house," he said, "when I was a youngster. He had a wife and a daughter. Molly, the daughter, was as trim a girl as ever I saw. I used to see her driving her father's cows toward pasture, and she walked as straight as a soldier boy. She wore her dresses not much below the knee, but when I stood beside her I noticed that she was pretty nigh as tall as I was, and I was a grown man.

"There's never been no one to earn around here. Nature deigned it for summer recreation, and now we're getting city people and bungalows. Copeland died, leaving nothing to his wife and daughter, and his wife soon followed him.

"If you'll move a little this way you'll see another house—that yellow one with a red roof. A man lived alone in that house—he had no wife—who took considerable interest in the Copeland family. He'd seen Molly grow up from child to woman, and even when she was no more than fourteen years old she had kept this man—Jim was his name—from thinking about any woman, although he was past thirty at the time. After Copeland died Jim spent his time inventing ways to make the widow and the girl think what he provided for them was their own, and they were not indebted to him for it. This was no credit to him, seeing that he had no one of his own to do for, and the only comfort he had was doing it for them. He might have married one of them, but he didn't want the widow. She was too old, and Molly was too young for him.

"When the widow died Molly was twenty years old and Jim was forty-two. He saw that some one would have to take care of her since she hadn't anything to live on and no one to tie to. And the worst of it was that Jim had told so many lies that she thought she was well fixed. After her mother's funeral Jim went to see Molly to have a talk. You see, it would be hard for him to conceal much longer that he was putting up all the money for her and the condition couldn't continue indefinitely. There was only one way out of it. Despite the difference in their ages, he must marry her. But how to break the matter to her was a problem.

"Molly unintentionally helped him out.

"There's something, Uncle Jim—she'd been used to calling him Uncle Jim from a child—that I've always wished to know. What was the trouble that preyed on father's mind, and I am convinced, finally killed him?"

"Jim hadn't the heart to tell her and tried to crawlish, but she hung on and at last he told her. Copeland had had trouble with one Gwynne about a mortgage Gwynne had on his place. One day Gwynne was found dead. It was known that there had been trouble between him and Copeland, and Copeland was accused of the murder. Some neighbors tried to lynch Copeland, and Jim drove them off.

"Nothing was done about the matter, but Copeland lived the rest of his life under a cloud, for the real murderer never turned up.

"Jim told Molly the story, drawing it as mild as he could as to the part he had taken in the matter, for he didn't want to blow his own horn, but it wasn't likely that Molly could have lived all these years without her father and mother letting her know that they felt thankful to Jim for something. When he came to the part where he had stood against the men that wanted to lynch her father he tried to make it appear of not much importance.

"Molly just threw her arms around his neck and, crying hard, said: 'Uncle Jim, I know from what father and mother have said that what you did was of the greatest importance, but they never told me that it was. I can see now that you acted the part of a—'

"Jim didn't hear any more for her sobs. Of course he sympathized with her and let her cry with her head on his shoulder. After that it came easy for him to explain to her that he had been putting up for her and her mother, and it wouldn't be best for him to keep on doing it unless they were mar-

ried. Molly saw it in this light and concluded she'd better take the old chap."

"Who was Jim?" I asked.

"Jim? I'm Jim."

"I see. That accounts for the modest part you have given yourself in the story."

I learned from Jim's wife that his defense of her father was a remarkable heroic act. Moreover, she told me that from the time she was old enough to know what love was she had expected and desired that she would be his wife.

### Human Blocks and Pulleys.

The block and pulley, or "tackie," was a great mechanical discovery, but nature made every man carry several of these about with him at the very beginning of creation. The most important of these tackies is found in the eye. If you turn your eye to the tip of your nose you use this block and pulley, which are just as perfect as any erected on a ship to hoist sail. The muscle which moves the eyeball works through the block easily and smoothly and without friction, and nature has supplied to all of her machinery automatic or mechanical lubricating inventions. These never fail to work unless we are ill.

### The Business Gyroscope.

"Going to work tomorrow? Surely you aren't strong enough yet, after your long illness."

"My friend," replied the convalescent, "did you ever hear of the gyroscope? It's a thing that will keep a street car upright, right side up, on a single rail. Well, the gyroscope of business works the same way in a man's life. I could name you a dozen fellows who would keel over and give up in a minute if they didn't have the gyroscope of business to keep them on their feet. I shall go to business tomorrow and hithell on the gyroscope again, and never know I've been an invalid."—Newark News.

### He Walked Across a Field.

Early Methodist preachers had reason to deplore the power of the all mighty landlord. Charles Wesley himself suffered, for he was humiliated and fined £10 (\$50) and heavy costs not for firing ricks or uprooting hedges, but for walking across a field to address an audience. Here is the record: "Goter versus Wesley; damages, £10; costs taxed. £9 16s. 8d. July 29, 1739. Received of Mr. Wesley, £19 16s. 8d. for damages and costs in their cause. William Gason, attorney for the plaintiff."—London Mail.

### A Quick Dodge.

Walking along Wall street the other day, he was accosted by a shabbily dressed man evidently armed with a hard luck story.

"I beg pardon, sir," began the stranger, "but could you help a poor man along? Now, I'm not looking for money, sir, but—"

"Well," came the almost breathless answer, "if you're not, I am. Good day."

And in a moment the young man was halfway down the street.—New York Post.

### His Selection.

"Do animals possess the sentiment of affection?" asked the teacher of small Margaret.

"Yes, ma'am, almost always."

"Correct," said the teacher. Turning to young Harold, "And now tell me what animal has the greatest natural fondness for man?"

With but a slight pause the little fellow answered, "Woman."—Everybody's.

### A Useful Mother-in-law.

"After all, a mother-in-law is a pretty good thing to have sometimes."

"What wonderful experience have you been having lately?"

"My wife was afraid to discharge our cook, and she wouldn't go for me, so we sent for Birdie's mother and turned her loose in the kitchen. They smashed some of the furniture, but the cook's gone."—Exchange.

### A Nonbeliever.

Mrs. Fidget (as she lays down her novel)—These ghost stories are silly. Just as if any one could believe them!

Mr. Fidget—Yes, that's so. But you had better go to bed now, dear. It's after 11 o'clock, and I'll have to be up for a couple of hours yet.

Mrs. Fidget—What! Go to bed right after reading that book? Not much!—Exchange.

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The result is that they ultimately emerge, to the admiration of their adoring relatives and to the townsfolk at large, perfect mountains of flesh.

"A day is set apart," says Mrs. Talbot in "Woman's Mysteries of a Primitive People," "for the first appearance of the girls of each town who are ready to emerge from the fattening house. On several occasions we have been present when these swollen specimens of femininity strutted through the market place, enjoying their brief hour of importance, while the men, who at every other period of a woman's existence are looked upon as of superior race, draw back indignantly to give them passage. \* \* \*

"The woovers, who stand during this parade appraising the merits and value of the various debutantes, afterward hurry to the parents with offers of dowry. A marriage is speedily arranged for each, and the young bride quickly finds her place amid the new surroundings, no longer petted, spoiled and pampered, the center of attention for whom her family stint and deny themselves, but only too often the slighted, hard worked drudge of her new lord."

### E Pluribus Unum.

The translation of "E Pluribus unum" is, "One from many," referring to its use on the seal of the United States to the fact that one country was evolved from or composed of many states. It was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who had been appointed a committee of three to prepare a device for a seal. This device was not accepted, however, and it was not until June 20, 1782, that the motto was adopted as part of the second and successful design submitted by Charles Thompson, secretary of congress. In 1796 congress decreed that the words should appear on certain specified coins.

### Woodcraft.

"No one who studies man's beginnings in the light of modern research can doubt that woodcraft was the earliest of our sciences," writes Ernest Thompson-Seton. "It was woodcraft, indeed, that constructed man out of the crude and brutish stuff that was then the best live product of the earth. We can see a little of the process today in our children, just as we see the baby panther wear first the spotted coat of his long past forbears before he dons the brown of his older kin. And weightier yet, it seems to me that woodcraft, in its broad entirety, more than any other activity is calculated to save our species from decay."

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