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EAST AURORA PHILOSOPHY.

New Thought Convention at Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft Shop.

The Roycroft shop at East Aurora, N. Y., was the meeting place a short time ago of what was called a "new thought convention." The Roycroft is a child of the brain of Elbert Hubbard, editor of the *Philistine*, author of "Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Men" and often known as "Fra Elbertus." He is poet, philosopher, author, bookmaker and lecturer, and the Roycroft shop is one of the most original institutions of the kind in America. It looks more like a church than a shop, which is appropriate in that the Roycrofts aim to pursue their work in a religious spirit and to take delight in making beautiful things. The theory is that love lightens labor and that under such conditions the almighty dollar is not always kept in such plain sight as a motive for work.

Fra Elbertus went to college in his youth, but got most of his education from the "university of hard knocks."



ROYCROFT SHOP, EAST AURORA.

At the new thought convention he discoursed on socialism, remarking that he was himself a working man and also an employer of labor and asked no better food, bed, shelter or clothes than were enjoyed by his helpers.

"I am a socialist," said Mr. Hubbard. "The only way my socialism differs from that of Mr. Debs and Mr. Sinclair is in matter of methods. Eugene Debs, Upton Sinclair and Jack London represent Marxian socialism. They hold with Karl Marx that when 51 per cent of the voters cast their ballots for socialism the 51 per cent of the voters will then step in and oust the men who have built up and now operate the so called monopolies, confiscate the property and put in men who will manage the business not for themselves, but for good of all."

"This will be a revolution, and so in all the letters written by Mr. Sinclair and Jack London they sign themselves 'Yours For the Revolution.'"

"I sign myself 'Yours For the Evolution.' I am a Fabian socialist and am willing to take a biscuit when I cannot get a loaf, as opposed to the Marxian Socialist, who demands the whole loaf or nothing."

California, the land of wonderful achievements in the horticultural line, has produced another vegetable freak to command the admiration of an astonished world. While this latest feature is not anything like as remarkable as a coreless apple or a bugless potato plant, it is very interesting. An ingenious farmer trained several pumpkin vines up the trunk of an old tree. The experiment proved a success. Wise nature made the vines particularly sturdy, so that they could support the heavy vegetables in the air. The pumpkins were especially fine because of not having to lie on the damp ground.



PUMPKINS UP A TREE.

The farmer and his neighbors next cultivated large tracts of pumpkins that they trained on trellises. The large golden globes, glistening in the sunlight, presented a beautiful sight. But when the earthquakes came they were unable to withstand the unusual strain and were shaken off the vines, breaking on the ground.

Woman and Love.

Tell a woman day after day, if she requires it of you, that you do love her and make her believe it, and then you can rob her, neglect her, and she will still cling to you and fight for you--in words in polite society, or words and deeds in impolite--against all the world.--London Pall Mall Gazette.

A Bride's Dilemma.

A successful schoolteacher married a wealthy widower. The man had lived alone with his servants since the death of his first wife. On the morning after the bride's arrival in her new home the cook appeared for orders. Now, the little woman was far more familiar with the classics than with roasts and stews, and she was not a little dismayed when Mary innocently put the question:

"An' how will ye have the beef cooked, mum?"

For the merest instant she hesitated. Not for a fortune would she have the old servant suspect her absolute ignorance of cookery. But her years in the schoolroom had not been in vain. Calmly and sweetly she answered:

"You may cook it your way today, Mary, and then another time you can try my way."

And the cook went downstairs with a high opinion of her new mistress.--New York Press.

Bluebottle Fly Eggs.

The eggs of a bluebottle fly, if placed in the sun, will hatch in two or three hours. Linnaeus declares that the larvae of three bluebottle flies will devour the carcass of a horse as quickly as would a lion, so rapidly do these insects increase and so voracious do they become.

Bird Sand.

Bird sand which is too dry and dusty may be rendered fit for use by mixing it with a tenth part of fresh garden mould.

A Remedy For Cramp.

The following is a simple and certain cure for cramp: When the cramp comes on take a thin piece of cord, wind it round the leg over the place in which the pain is felt and take an end in each hand and give it a sharp pull, one that will hurt a little. The cramp will cease instantly, and the sufferer can go to bed assured that it will not come back again that night.

Hornet Nest Baskets.

The nests of South American hornets are used by the natives as baskets, being light, strong and so tight as to be waterproof. They are cleared of the partitions and coils in the interior and with handles affixed make useful domestic utensils.

Tuskless Elephants.

Elephants without tusks are numerous in Abyssinia.

Football.

A kind of football was first played about the time of Edward III. In England. Shortly after its advent, however, it was prohibited. Later it was again revived, but in the reign of James I. it was suppressed as being rough and brutal.

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