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TEACHING HIM BAD HABITS

Children and Grandchildren of "Father" Gompers Joined in Leading the Old Gentleman Astray.

Here is a very human little story which President Samuel Gompers told a Cleveland man while they were on their way to the city.

The eminent labor leader's father is still living. He is ninety-two years and hale and hearty, with a keen interest in current events. On his ninety-second birthday his children and grandchildren gave him a family dinner and reception. The fine old gentleman sat at the head of the table and smilingly faced the bombardment of good wishes.

At the close of the dinner cigarettes were passed and finally Father Gompers was persuaded to smoke one.

"It's my first offense," he said as he cautiously puffed at the little tube.

A little later the phonograph was started on a two-step, and presently the patriarch was dragged into the dance.

Then quite suddenly one of the Gompers boys rapped loudly on the table.

"This is outrageous!" he cried. "We are supposed to have come here to honor our revered parent, to offer him a heartfelt tribute of filial respect. And what are we doing? Teaching him to smoke cigarettes and dance the cancan!"

And the head of the Gompers tribe laughed louder than all the rest.

ADVICE TO APPLE GROWERS

Study of Market Requirements Would Pay Well, According to Prominent New York Newspaper.

Apples are cheaper as the season approaches its end, but the market is not glutted with greenings, Spitzenbergs or northern spies, the demand for which always exceeds the supply, says the New York Commercial. These three varieties attain their highest perfection in northern New York, New England and Canada. The snow apple is seldom seen, though it is one of the finest early winter apples. It is more subject to scab than the others, but with care it can be produced free from blemish. Another desirable variety is the red astrakhan, a beautiful summer apple. If eastern pomologists would specialize in these varieties, take care of their orchards and pack their fruit properly they would easily have the first call in city markets where the people pay the price for fancy grades. Spitzenbergs and greenings bear more regularly year after year than other varieties. In New York city the Spitzenberg holds first place for table use and the greening for cooking. The time to judge market requirements is in the spring, when anyone can see what apples are scarce and what have been left over. In all lines of business the thing to do is to produce what the people want.

HICKORY NUTS DOUBLING UP.

Even the hickorynut trees of the United States are helping to win the war and are doubling up their production by growing two nuts in one shell, writes Robert Sparks Walter in the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. Why should there not be such a variety, he asks; and then he proceeds to tell the instance where this is happening in the southeastern part of Tennessee. The chestnuts economize by housing two, three and sometimes four nuts in a single burr; and the writer finds that the hickory is learning the lesson and doing the same thing. Some of the branches have not yet completed the "doubling-up" process.

WILL HAVE TO GET A HUMP ON.

Mother (reading aloud from letter from son Bill in France)—I have been transferred to the camouflage department. Pa, what is camouflage?

Father—That is—why, er that is a kind of feller who flags the—er—camel trains.—Cartoons Magazine.

HAD WORKED TOGETHER.

Messenger—Who's the swell ye was talkin' to, Jimmie?
Newboy—Aw! Him an' me's worked together for years. He's editor o' one o' my papers.

A BAD ONE.

"A lot of that fellow's pro-Germ talk is just windy nonsense."
"Yea. He's one of these scollars."

GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR IVORY

Cotton Solution Being Largely Used to Take the Place of Elephant Tusks in the United States.

The submarine danger and the use of ships for war purposes have lessened the commerce between the United States and Africa to a great extent in the past two years, the Scientific American observes. The supply of many of the products formerly imported from the African countries by this nation has been decreased considerably and in some cases has ceased entirely. Naturally the users of these products have been compelled to find substitutes of American make if they wished to continue the use of these articles.

One of the chief imports from Africa in the prebellum days was ivory, the product of the elephant. The boudoir of many of the ladies of the land contained many ivory toilet articles, the piano sported its ivory-topped keys, and many other uses were made in this country of the product of the tusk of the elephant.

With no ivory being imported and having no elephants in this country, Americans were compelled to find a substitute. Old King Cotton came to the rescue, offering a means of producing artificial ivory that possesses all the beautiful qualities of the real article. A cotton solution chemically treated by several processes changes the raw product of the Sunny South to a hard ivory-colored substance that can be easily molded into any shape desired. Manufacture and sale of this material as an ivory substitute have reached large proportions.

MUCH FREE SEED SENT OUT

Not Many Realize the Gigantic Work Which the Government Has Undertaken and Accomplished.

To comparatively few of us has it ever occurred that the United States government is one of the world's largest buyers of garden and flower seed, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. The few ounces of seed carried to us by the postman give no impression of the acres upon acres of land devoted to their propagation, or the care taken in determining their fitness for planting. But these small envelopes represent tens of thousands of others, and those represent tens of thousands of pounds of the best seed procurable.

It is illuminating to know that the aggregate weight of the free seed circulated from Washington this spring amounted to 499.06 tons, or, for the sake of juggling figures, 15,969,920 ounces. Of this amount, it is also interesting to know, corn seed predominated, 350,000 pounds of it being mailed to various sections of the country. Machines are used which automatically proportion the seed by weight, fill the individual packages and seal them.

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

As it more clearly appears that the railways cannot handle the additional work which is to be done in these busy days, the man possessed of a motor vehicle finds himself in a position more favorable than that of his fellows. When it becomes necessary for him to go some place or to transport his goods he is not absolutely dependent upon the railroads if the distance be at all reasonable. Though half the passenger trains be removed, though no freight cars be available, the passenger automobile and the motortruck will serve him.—Milestones.

HE'LL ROAST THE BIG GUNS.

Theater Manager (the theater page of the Empty News in his hand, and rage in his soul)—What can we do with these critics? Burn them?

Stage Director—No, send them to France to write up the critical stages of the war.—Cartoons Magazine.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

"What was that story about Hero and Leander?"

"I don't remember exactly, but I believe he was one of the first people who got through the Dardanelles without hitting a mine."—Dayton News.

DOUBLE PROBLEMS.

"Are you trying to get in your winter coat?"
"Not yet. I am wondering how to avoid a freeze-out on my summer ice."

EMPRESS KEPT SECRET LONG

Eugenie Has Only Now Revealed Facts Connected With the Result of the Franco-Prussian War.

Nothing more dramatic has marked the long exile of the Empress Eugenie than her transmission to the French government of the German letter which decided the fate of Alsace-Lorraine forty-seven years ago, the London Daily Chronicle states. All these years she has kept silence. The first news the world had of any such correspondence appeared in the Bernstorff papers a dozen years ago. There the empress, for whom France had suffered, appeared for the first time as one who suffered for France. For a German hand revealed how she threw away a throne rather than cede an inch of soil. Had she not behaved with Spartan resolution the world might have gone very differently for her. Bismarck and Bazaine were prepared to ignore the imprisoned Napoleon III, and to crown her son Napoleon IV—if she would agree to the cession of the coveted provinces. Lord Cowley, our ambassador, knew, for the negotiations were conducted at his house, but she kept her secret from the world for half a century, the secret of a great renunciation. How many women could so long have preserved silence on a theme so honorable to themselves?

APPREHENSION



Lizzy Lizard—What's that snake leaving his old home for?
Percy Prairie Dog—It's too close to the road. He is afraid these autoists will get to using him to repair their tires with.

LONDON PARKS YIELD FOOD.

A report has just been issued showing the results of last year's scheme of food cultivation in three of the large London parks. In the first, 79 acres of oats were sown, and yielded a profit of \$550. In the second vegetables were grown with a profit of \$600. But in the third, there was a net loss of \$1,900 on the 75 acres cultivated with oats. This is explained, however, as due to the fact that "the intention is to cultivate this particular area for a number of years and the planting of spring oats was in the nature of an opening crop, so that future crops will have the benefit of the cultivation of last season."

HER IDEA OF TRENCHES.

Patience—So your brother has gone to the war?

Patrice—Yes, he's over there in the trenches.

"Good for him!"

"But I never saw such a forgetful man. Do you know, he went away and forgot to take his coat hangers and that thing he uses for crossing his trousers. I'm going to send them to him this very day."

EXPRESSING A NEGATIVE.

"Any chance to borrow \$50 from you for a few days?"

"Do you think Nicholas Romanoff has any chance to 'come back'?"

"No."

"You got my meaning?"

"Sure. Good day."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

HORRORS OF WAR.

"You remember that cigar I gave you yesterday? Well, I'm sending 5,000 of the same brand to the front."

"Good idea! But how are you going to fix it so that the Huns will get them?"

A DOUBTED TALE.

"Old man Spillikens showed me a letter from his son, who gave a vivid account of how in France he has been going over the top."

"Humph! I'd like to get to the bottom of that."

FILIPINO SCHOOL CENSUS.

The latest school census in the Philippines shows that there are about 660,000 Filipino children attending school. For them there are 11,000 native teachers and 500 American instructors. When the United States took hold of education in the islands there were 800 American teachers. At first the Philippine teachers assumed charge of the primary work, then the intermediate, and now some are teaching in the high schools.—Argonaut.

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