

## THINGS WISE AND OTHERWISE

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### GO!

Not all have learned the fine art of leave-taking in an appropriate manner. When you are about to depart, do so at once gracefully and politely, with no dillying. Don't say, "It's time I was going," and then settle back and talk on aimlessly for another ten minutes. Some people will rise and stand about the room in various attitudes, keeping the rest also standing, then by an effort succeed in getting to the door when a new thought strikes them. They brighten visibly, and stand for some time longer, but keeping everyone in a restless state. After the door is opened the prolonged leave-taking begins, and everybody in general and particular is invited to call. A last thought strikes the departing one, which the host must risk a cold to hear to the end. What a relief when the door finally closes! No need to be offensively abrupt, but when you are ready to go—go!

### WOMEN PREACHERS

There are over 1,000 women in the United States who are ordained ministers in the several protestant churches. There was a time when the public did not warmly receive the woman preachers and woman lecturers, but since woman has come into her own, there is not that feeling that only little things can be expected of the public woman worker. Other professions, as well as the ministry, are taking in more women than in past years, and the time is no more when woman can not have her say as to what profession she may choose. Of course, woman's first place is in the home but present conditions do not make it possible for every American woman to be at the head of a household.

### THE HOME PAPER

When you got married to the brightest and best girl in the country where did you look for that notice which meant so much to you and so little to nearly everybody else? In your home paper.

When the sweet little blue-eyed girl, or the bouncing baby boy came to your home, to whom did you convey the information as to sex, weight, and time of arrival? To the editor of your home paper.

In after years when some manly young fellow takes the blue-eyed girl to a home of his own, or your own bouncing boy—now a man—is given a partnership in the business because he has brought home somebody's daughter, and set up an establishment of his own, to whom do you personally exhibit the wedding presents and brag on the cake, and to whom do you look for that description of the interesting event, down to the last pickle fork and salt cellar, which once more means so much to you and a few others and so little to anyone else? To that same editor of that same home paper. And when

trouble invades your home, and you add to your possession that bit of realty, the lot in the cemetery, and somehow the sun doesn't seem to shine just as it used to shine, and there's a flutter of crepe at the door and the odor of tuberose in the front parlor, and the chair that has for years been beside you at the fireside and opposite you at the table is vacant—when all this happens who makes it his business to write in tender strain of the one whose life has grown to be a part of your own, and whose sympathy and good deeds to others had long been known and recognized, if not publicly announced? The editor of the home paper—and he's only too willing to help you over the hard spots in the road. And all these years, have you advertised in this home paper, and done what you could to help the editor fight your battles in municipal and county matters, and encouraged him as he has worked to build up the town and bring business to it? How is it. Have you?

### BOY SCOUTS

In proof of the fact that the proper early training of boys nearly always results in a fine specimen of manhood we have only to point to the Boy Scout organization that has a strong support in all parts of the country. As our readers are aware, this organization has for its purpose the training of the small boy to become a model of young boyhood, the same of early manhood, and grow into a good healthy old age. These boys are taught much about law and its obedience, they are taught to obey the laws that govern good health, they engage in all kinds of healthful athletics, and they are taught many acts of courtesy and kindness that are neglected by many parents in training the boys. And to show that these boys are being well trained, we quote from an attorney in the state of Washington: "Of all boys passing through the juvenile court in the past year, not one was an active Scout." Over 700 boys had been brought before that court in a year, and of that number only two had ever had any connection with the Scouts, and at time of arrest were not active members. If the boys live up to the pledges they make when becoming Scouts, they will become a credit to their parents and the community in which they live.

It is all very well to talk of economy, but the difficulty is to get anything with which to economize. The little baby who puts his toes in his mouth is about the only one, who in these hard and profiteering times manages to make both ends meet.

A little boy being asked the meaning of the word "gossip" replied, "It is when nobody don't do nothing, and somebody goes and tells everybody about it."

### IT WASN'T TOOTHACHE

In the waiting room at the passenger depot at Portland, last Saturday, were a newly married couple from Idaho. They had been visiting in the city two or three days and were ready to go home. They sat side by side, of course, his arm around her waist and she leaning on his shoulder. A long-waisted stranger from the east, having sore eyes and a big heart, walked in, saw them thus seated, and in about a minute he asked the husband:

"Has that woman there got the toothache?" The husband looked up in surprise, but made no answer. After two or three minutes the stranger again remarked:

"If that woman has got the toothache, I've got a bottle of peppermint in my satchel here."

The bride rolled her big white eyes around, and the husband looked somewhat embarrassed. The man from down east unlocked his satchel, fumbled among shirts and collars, brought up a four ounce vial of peppermint essence. He uncorked it touched the contents of the bottle to his big red tongue, and handing it forward to the husband, feelingly remarked: "Just have her sop some on a rag and rub her gums with it. We've used it in our family for—"

The bride's eyes emitted sparks as she lifted her head from its loving position, and striking at the bottle she snorted out:

"Toothache, you fool! If you don't know the difference between toothache and true love, you'd better pick grass with the geese!"

"My Lord!" gasped the man, and he hurried out with his satchel in one hand and the bottle in the other.

### A TRIBUTE TO THE POETS

The man from the Yukon who can't get warm, who has been cold ever since he put in a winter digging gold, pays an unconscious, or perhaps it is a conscious tribute to the poets. He was anticipated several years ago by Robert W. Service in "The Creation of Sam McGee." Sam couldn't get warm in the Yukon, but he didn't hike for Cuba in an arctic costume. When he felt that he was freezing to death he made his chum promise to cremate his remains. They were consigned to the furnace: later the furnace door was opened for a peek:

And there sat Sam, looking cool and calm,

In the hearth of the furnace roar; And he wore a smile you could see a mile,

As he said, "please shut that door. It is fine in here, but I greatly fear You'll let in the cold and storm— Since I left Plumtree, down in Tennessee,

Its the first time I've been warm."

What is wearing a fur coat in Chicago during the hot days in August compared to this? The poets are hard to beat.

### The Good Boy

A well dressed boy, about ten years old stood on the walk in front of the

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