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### THE THRIFTY YANKEE MIND.

Diplomacy of Ex-Minister E. J. Phelps with a Vermont Farmer.

E. J. Phelps, former United States Minister to England, was building a new stable on his home place at Burlington, Vt. He wanted to put it on the line of his property, and in doing so tore down part of a stone wall which marked the boundary and which stood half on his land and half on the land adjoining.

The workmen, instead of otherwise disposing of the stone, as they had been ordered to do, threw it over the line, and Mr. Phelps feared trouble with his neighbor, who was a close-fisted person, of a temper none too sweet and very jealous of his rights. As Mr. Phelps was observing the progress of the work on his stable one day he saw his neighbor looking rather cross at him, as he thought, and went over to him prepared to make his peace as best he might, having it in mind to say that he would haul away the stone at his own cost, which would have been quite an expensive undertaking.

But he did not propose that at once. He went at it another way.

"Good morning, neighbor," said he, "I have been meaning to speak to you about that stone for some time. I suppose it isn't worth anything?"

The suggestion of possible value had its immediate effect on the thrifty Yankee mind, as, perhaps, the diplomat had thought it might.

"Waal, yass, Mr. Phelps, I sh'd think that thar ston might be wuth quite a good deal fer buildin' pupposes."

"I'm glad to know that," said Phelps, "but I can't use it as well as you can. You are entirely welcome to my half of it."

So the result of that interview was peace, and not war.

### WITH A MOTIVE.

Swiss guides have a way of flattering travelers, a beguiling habit much appreciated until one learns the motive of it. Mrs. E. T. Cook says, in her book of travels, called "From a Holiday Journal," that Simond, her guide, expressed great admiration for her powers of walking.

"Madame climbs like a chamois," said he.

She was delighted, until she remembered that this might be the custom of the profession. Like the children in Heine's ballad, guides had probably made the very same speeches to many an old cat since.

One day Mrs. Cook and her husband started on another expedition, this time accompanied by two guides, Simond and Bertrand. The latter a tall, silent young fellow, also pretended to be lost in amazement at madam's walking.

"Monsieur and madame ought certainly to ascend Mont Blanc," said Simond. "Madame would do it capitally."

"She would, indeed," said Bertrand. "Madame would be very proud of ascending Mont Blanc," continued Simond. "Would she not, Bertrand?"

Bertrand spoke gravely: "Two good guides can safely take any one—any old gentleman or lady—up Mont Blanc."

This was not so flattering, but Simond continued:

"It is a mere nothing of an expedition. It may affect madame unpleasantly at first; she may be a little sick with mountain sickness, that is all. She may turn a little black in the face. But we will get her to the top."

"Yes," Bertrand concluded, pensively, "two good guides could do it."

### He Got Even.

A waiter, with parts of two squashes plastered over his face, chased the man who was responsible for his appearance out of the restaurant and down Clark street the other night, much to the edification of the passers-by. The man was halted by a patrolman, and accompanied by the irate waiter, was led back to the restaurant to explain. It seems he wished to buy two squashes for 15 cents, but was informed they were 10 cents straight. The customer grew indignant. Seizing a pie in each hand, "Here goes 20 cents' worth," he shouted and clapped a pie to each of the waiter's cheeks. The man was released with a lecture, after he paid for the pie.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### Her Sole Object.

Toss—Yes, I'm engaged to Mr. Homley.

Jess—Gracious! I don't think you'd want to marry him.

Toss—I don't, but I want to show that I can if I want to.—Philadelphia Press.

### How a Reputation is Made.

"They tell me," said Thompson, "that you appeared at the fancy dress ball as a full fledged highlander."

"Not kilty," replied Billings, who is esteemed a great wit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Experience may be a great teacher, but a man's experience with a woman doesn't teach him sense.

### Against Her Better Judgment.

"Ain't you rather young to be left in charge of a drug store?"

"Perhaps so, ma'am; what can I do for you?"

"Don't your employers know it's dangerous to leave a mere boy like you in charge of such a place?"

"I am competent to serve you, madam. If you will make known your wants."

"Don't they know you might poison some one?"

"There is no danger of that, madam; what can I do for you?"

"I think I better go to the store down the street."

"I can serve you just as well as they can and as cheaply."

"Well, you can give me a 2-cent stamp, but it don't look right."—Houston Post.

### Our Tendency to Worship Heroes.

The names of many heroes have been preserved for posterity in the nomenclature of places in the United States, evidence of our tendency to indulge in hero worship to quite an extent. We have postoffices bearing the name of every President down to and including Roosevelt. Only two of his predecessors are lacking in the list of countries. Naturally, the favorite in the naming of towns and counties is Washington, and he is the only President for whom a State has been named. But others than Presidents enjoy these honors. Successful soldiers, sailors, statesmen, editors, authors, inventors, the heroes of ancient history and mythology, and even popular actors and athletes share a like distinction. Our list of post-offices is a long one and contains names from almost every language, living and dead, and chosen on almost every conceivable principle or impulse. Two counties in Kansas present a curious association of ideas. Greeley County has for its capital a town called Tribune, and Ulysses is the county seat of Grant.

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### Wanted to Know.

"I had a tramp for dinner to-day."

"Is this some of his firm?" asked her husband, poking his fork into the meat rather suspiciously.—Houston Post.

### The Discreet.

A. H. Kirkland of Boston is conducting a fight against the moth. He has imported from Zurich a great quantity of moth parasites, and with the help of the little creatures he and the people of Massachusetts hope to obliterate the moth completely.

"Our work may succeed," said Mr. Kirkland recently, "or we may err somewhere, and it may fail. It must succeed if we make no mistakes—but then, you know, mistakes are common."

"Mistakes are common everywhere. I heard a lawyer and a doctor taunting one another this afternoon about them."

"You make a good many mistakes, I suppose," the lawyer said.

"You too, no doubt," said the doctor.

"But doctors' mistakes are often buried deep under ground," said the lawyer.

"Yes," said the doctor, "and lawyers' mistakes often swing six feet in the air!"

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### Speaking In All Candor.

Miss Peachley—Mr. Spoonamore, have I ever given you good reason to think I preferred you to other young men and wanted to marry you?


Mr. Spoonamore—No, to tell the truth, you never have. I learn from the other fellows that you kiss them good night when they go away, the same as you do me.

### IN CONSTANT AGONY.

A West Virginian's Awful Distress Through Kidney Troubles.

W. L. Jackson, merchant, of Parkersburg, W. Va., says: "Driving about in bad weather brought kidney troubles on me, and I suffered twenty years with sharp, cramping pains in the back and urinary disorders. I often had to get up a dozen times at night to urinate. Retention set in, and I was obliged to use the catheter. I took my bed, and the doctors failing to help, began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The urine soon came freely again, and the pain gradually disappeared. I have been cured eight years, and though over 70, am as active as a boy."

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### CITY REAPS THE PROFIT.

#### Seattle to Build City Hall Without Cost to Taxpayers.

Seattle plans to build a new city hall without a bond issue or a dollar of cost to the taxpayers, according to the New York Tribune. It is proposed to do this from the proceeds of the defalcation of a former city official and, incidentally, the great appreciation in value of lands which at present lie twenty feet under water. The scheme is probably without parallel in the history of western cities.

Sixteen years ago Henry Krug, the city treasurer, defrauded for a sum approximating \$250,000, and as the hard times had struck Seattle many of Krug's bondsmen were unable to make good their indorsements. In the resulting suits to enforce payment many of the bond signers turned over to the city pieces of property that at the time were considered of little value. The city had no choice and took what it could get. At the time it was believed that the city had recovered only about one-tenth of the money lost. To-day this property represents values of over \$1,000,000, and several weeks ago one block of tide lands lying under water was sold to the Union Pacific Railroad for terminal purposes for \$341,000.

For years the municipal buildings of Seattle have been a disgrace, the main section being a collection of ramshackle wooden buildings thrown together as the demands of the offices required. They are a fire trap and frequently threaten to fall down. But now, with something like \$400,000 in the general fund, obtained from the sale of city property, the plan has been suggested of selling still more lands and using the money to erect an office building for the use of the various city departments.

So popular is the proposed plan that several men have offered the city sums ranging from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 for its holdings of tide lands and hill property, while others have offered to sell it on small commissions, all with the understanding that the money goes into a modern fireproof building. In like manner the county may obtain a new building, for it owns much land obtained on judgments against banks that held county deposits and which failed in the hard times. The present county building stands on a hill 400 feet above the city, the site being worth \$100,000, while a site purchased five years ago for that same sum and now valued at \$450,000, lies in the heart of the city and within easy reach. Thus a defalcation and bank suspensions have done a good turn for Seattle and will result in new public buildings for the city and county.

### BIRD CITIES OF THE ATLANTIC.

#### Secluded Spots on the Sea Given to the Dwellers of the Air.

Scattered along the Atlantic coast are bird cities, great capitals, of Birdland where the sea birds congregate in countless numbers, says the Four Track News.

On Gardner's Island, at the end of Long Island, is the fish hawk city, where, under the protection of the family owning the island the ospreys have learned to nest upon the ground, instead of upon the highest trees, as on the mainland.

Pelican Island, in the Indian River, Florida, is the metropolis of the pelican folk.

Far down on a remote islet of the West Indies, containing only four white inhabitants, the wary flamingo tribe has hidden its capital.

On Cobb's Island, off the Virginia coast, is the tern metropolis, where the birds of that family "most do congregate." These birds were so fiercely sought for millinery purposes for some years that several species were exterminated, but they are again multiplying on Cobb's Island, where their nests and downy little sand-colored chicks cover the beach.

At the mouth of the St. Lawrence is Bird rock, the greatest bird tenement house in the world. In the clefts of its precipitous sides nest thousands upon thousands of enormous, snowy gannets, sedate, grenadierlike puffins and elfin crowling stormy petrels, "Mother Carey's chickens." The rock is absolutely beachless, and the visitor is drawn in a crate to the top by the lighthouse keeper, who dwells thereon; the birds surveying the whirling ascent with motionless calm.

All these bird cities and others in the Everglades of Florida, and along the Maine coast, are protected by the American Ornithological Union. The union secured laws and paid wardens to protect the birds in their cities at the breeding season, confident that during the rest of the year the feathered folk will preserve themselves from extinction.

Though the gun is forbidden, one may hunt them with the camera, a far more skilled and difficult sport.

### The Editorial Opinion.

"Don't you think that a school for the purpose of teaching people to write poetry would fill a long-felt want?"

"I think a school for the purpose of teaching them not to write poetry would fill a longer felt want."—Houston Post.



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Here he stopped and took a drink of water.

"And I might add," he proceeded, "that my candidacy is not the result of any corrupt political bargain."

"Yes, you might," interrupted an old farmer in the audience; "but if you did you'd be lyin' like Sam Hill!"

### Didn't Mind the Machines.

"I hope," said the renter of room No. 1197, "that the rattle of the typewriters in my office doesn't annoy you."

"No, sir, it does not," responded the crusty capitalist whose office was No. 1198; "but their gabble does annoy me exceedingly."—Chicago Tribune.

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### His Turn Coming.

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