

TO FIND FAULT.

People Are Sometimes Paid For That Express Purpose.

You have no idea how many things are wrong in a big business until you are paid to look for them, writes Gellert Burgess in Collier's. There were the clocks, for one thing, when I first began. The girls wore too many rats in their hair, there was grease on the elevator doors, expensive hats were dumped one on another, the ventilation was bad, the boxes on the shelves showed from the street through the show windows and about a thousand other things. Then Spindelheim sold teapots just like our eighteen cent ones for 14 cents, and for a concern like Smith & Co. to be undersold is fatal. There's really nothing that so enrages Mr. Smith; also Rubinstein's window dresser has beaten ours, too, at times. Down it goes in my little report. Wouldn't any woman love my job.

Yes, it's fun to be paid for being a misanthrope, but it's hard work too. At 9 o'clock I begin my promenade through the store—downstairs, upstairs, basement, attic and annex. If a girl at the counter has dirty finger nails or too wide a pompadour to suit me I stop and talk pleasantly, buy 9 cents' worth of edging and so get her number from the sales slip. She never knows anything about it till her superintendent gives her a scolding the next day. I have eyes like a hawk and a nose like a hound and ears like a small boy under the sofa when a young man's calling on his sister. In ten minutes I have spotted the dust in the corner of the aisle, a girl who wears brass bracelets, a porter who is not attending to his duty, a badly arranged counter, an error in spelling on a placard, two store detectives loafing on their job and a hideous combination of colors in the front window. I go to the ladies' room and make a note of these things surreptitiously. I don't dare go there too often, though, for fear I'll be identified, so sometimes I run back to my office, two blocks away. So it goes till about 4 o'clock, hither and thither, nigh and yon, looking for trouble. It doesn't do a clerk any good to be uncivil to me, I can tell you, or to make me wait too long for my change, but I try to be fair, and if I find a particularly willing and considerate sales person down that name goes in my report too. You might suppose that there'd be good graft in that; but, of course, I keep my position only so long as the head of the firm has absolute confidence in my integrity. The funny part of it is that the more I complain the better he likes it. I'm like the opposition party in congress, I'm never satisfied. When I am I'll have to look for another position.

At 4 o'clock I go back to my little office and dictate my report from my notes to a stenographer, and when it's typewritten I send it to the head of the firm.

When "Pluck" Was Slang.

The word "pluck" affords an instance of the way in which slang words in the course of time become adopted into current English. We now meet with "pluck" and "plucky" as the recognized equivalents of "courage" and "courageous." An entry in Sir Walter Scott's "Journal" shows that in 1827 the word had not yet lost its low character. He says (volume 2, page 30), "Want of that article blackguardly called pluck." Its origin is obvious. From early times the heart has been popularly regarded as the seat of courage. Now, when a butcher lays open a carcass he divides the great vessels of the heart, cuts through the windpipe and then plucks out together the united heart and lungs—lights, he calls them—and he terms the united mass "the pluck."—London Notes and Queries.

Henry Ward Beecher's Wit.

On one occasion as Mr. Beecher was in the midst of an impassioned speech some one attempted to interrupt him by suddenly crowing like a cock. The orator, however, was equal to the occasion. He stopped, listened till the crowing ceased and then, with a look of surprise, pulled out his watch. "Morning already," he said. "My watch is only at 10. But there can be no mistake about it. The instincts of the lower animals are infallible."

There was a roar of laughter. The "lower animals" in the gallery collapsed, and Mr. Beecher was able to resume as if nothing had occurred.

French Convicts.

Convicts who are sent to the French penal colony in French Guiana are punished in exactly inverse ratio to their crimes. The murderers and the most dangerous convicts are sent to the island of Salvation, where they lead lazy and healthy lives, but the men convicted of lesser offenses work and die in a terrible climate on the coast. In the settlement of St. Jean de Maroni the mortality is from 40 to 50 per cent. The average life of a convict is two years.

Which Was It?

"Are we slaves or are we free men?" thundered the orator. "I pause for a reply."

"Some of us are married," came the answer from the last row of seats.—New York Sun.

An Opportunity.

Judge—Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth? Fair Witness—It will be just perfectly lovely if you really have the time to listen.—Harper's Bazar.

"A little of this goes a long way," said the aeronaut as he flicked the ash from his cigar.—Harvard Lampoon.

CASTE IN LONDON.

Good Clothes Count For Nothing If One Lives In W. C.

"I'd know you were an Englishman if I'd only seen you addressing an envelope," said the American. "Englishmen always seem to put all they possibly can into an address."

Well, the address of an Englishman is a very important thing, almost as important as his pedigree. A good address, especially in London, is more highly regarded than square meals, the latter often being sacrificed for the former.

There are, as has been explained, only certain parts of London in which one can live and be recognized. It is divided into districts, the most important of which bears the address London, W.

The next district in importance is S. W. (southwest). This includes Chelsea, where the artists congregate, and South Kensington, where upper middle class fashionable folks live.

N. W. (northwest) includes Hampstead, St. John's Wood, Belsize Park (one of the prettiest and healthiest parts of London), where wealthy city men reside, and the many large residences there can boast beautiful gardens and lawns, such as are unobtainable in any other part of London.

The next district and one of the most closely populated is W. C. (west central). It is a world of boarding houses, and, being the most convenient part of London for railway stations, places of amusement and sightseeing generally, it is peopled with the most cosmopolitan set to be found anywhere in the world.

One of the puzzles of this address is that if you write W. C. after the recipient will probably not bother to call, but if you write in such and such a place and add "Russell square" that makes it all right. Russell square is recognized, but west central is not.

On meeting new people the first thing they invariably ask is your address. If you are wearing a nice frock and say you live W. C. they immediately ask you to dinner, but if you say west central the nice frock carries no weight. They simply say, "How very odd!" and talk about the weather.

School Lands Now \$13.

Another advance of \$13 an acre in the price to be paid for base for indemnity school lands has been made by the state land board. Indemnity selections have steadily increased in price from the first basis of \$5, then to \$8.75, to \$10, and now to \$13. The growing scarcity of available school lands, the increasing land values and the demand are given as the reasons for the present increase. In a year the indemnity school land acreage has decreased from 150,000 to 40,000 acres. The state only requires a payment down of one fifth of the price, and there are no fees except where the selection contains less than 10 acres.

A \$50,000 Depot.

Assurances were given to Walla Walla Monday that the Northern Pacific would build a \$50,000, two story, pressed brick depot there this summer. The building is to be located in a triangular spot owned by the railroad in the vicinity of Whitman college and bounded by College avenue and Pearl and Baker streets. The building will be one that will take care of all traffic in the next 30 years, say those in a position to know, and will be one of the best of its kind in the northwest.

COLONISTS RATES ANNOUNCED

From All Parts of the East to Pacific Coast Terminals.

Low one-way colonist rates from all parts of the East to Pacific coast terminals are offered by the railroads from March 1 to April 15. The opportunity to bring thousands of new settlers to Oregon is a valuable one and commercial organizations of the state will take advantage of it to the fullest extent.

The attractive literature sent out during the past year and the wide publicity given all parts of Oregon have been fruitful of results and inquiry about this state was never so general as at the present time. Because of the widespread interest in Oregon, it may be expected that the state will receive a large immigration during the coming spring.

Oregon people should do all they can to add to this movement to the Pacific Northwest by arousing interest among their friends in other parts of the country who are looking for new homes and information should be supplied them on the opportunities here for newcomers and particularly those who desire to engage in agriculture, horticulture, stock raising or dairying. These lines of endeavor are rewarding those who are engaged in them.

Stallion for Sale.

I offer for sale the well known Shire stallion "Cute Glory." He is in the prime of life and first class condition. Ed. Ringle, Helix, Ore.

Horses For Sale.

I have five head of work horses and two 2 year old colts, coming three in the spring, for sale reasonable. Stock is in good condition. Also Plymouth Rock cockrels from a choice laying strain, at \$1.50 each. Call on or address J. M. Swaggart, Weston, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 2. Farm three miles northeast of Athena.

Choice Wheat Farm For Sale.

800 acres, 2 miles from Helix; fair improvements; fine well. Price, \$50,000. Leased to 1913. Easy terms. John A. Gross, 814 Boyer avenue, Walla Walla, Wash. 2mo

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Farm Lands.

705—An estate of 480 acres of the finest land in Umatilla county. Abundant water supply—hot and cold water—ten room house modern and well appointed. About 40 acres of good alfalfa land. The farms adjacent to this are all selling for \$100 per acre. This place can be had for \$85 per acre if taken at once. If you want a home let us show you this immediately.

700—560 acres of fine wheat land—good water—eight room house—good barn and out houses—place highly improved—on the railroad and only one mile from the station. \$65 per acre.

City Property.

505—\$1100 for a nine room house in Athena—two blocks from Main street and half block from the school building. You can not buy the material in the house for what we ask for the entire place.

If you have something to sell or trade tell us about it. It will not hurt either of us and it may be an advantage to both of us.

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Here's a Snap.

A 640 acres dry land ranch for sale cheap, if bought before March 1st, 1910. Have option and can sell cheap. Will guarantee 50 per cent a year on your money in raise in value, besides guarantee 10 per cent interest on crop. Write concerning this ranch and learn particulars. Midvale Real Estate and Loan Co., Midvale, Idaho.

A Wretched Mistake.

to endure the itching painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will A. Marsh of Silver City, N. C. "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and was soon cured." Burns, boils, ulcers, fever sores, eczema, cuts, chapped hands, chilblains, vanish before it. 25c at all druggists.

Notice to Farmers.

I will stand at my place, 3 miles northwest of Athena, an Oregon bred Mammoth Jack. This animal is a prize winner. He took first prize at both the Pendleton and Walla Walla fairs and took first in sweepstakes in 1909. He is a registered Jack, six years of age. Terms right. Address J. M. Swaggart, R. F. D. No. 2, Weston Oregon. 2mo.

For Sale.

Some articles still remain, which we wish to sell, and application may be made to R. C. Walker regarding same. A good reliable horse with buggy and harness. A fine family outfit. Water power washer at a bargain. Kitchen table, a snap. Also several empty economy fruit jars. Ellis B. Harris.

Do You Want to Sell?

If you want to sell your business, or if you want to sell your property, and will make the price right, I would like to hear from you. Give description and price. Address J. E. Smith 513 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

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Saved at Death's Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds; growing weaker daily. Violent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c at all druggists.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. O. Hammond, Pastor. Sunday service: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service 11, Epworth League devotion service 6:30, preaching service 7:30. Ladies Aid Society every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: that F. S. Le Grow, administrator of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of said estate with the clerk of the above entitled court, and that the county Judge, by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 21st day of February A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the County Court house at Pendleton in said County and State, as the place, where any and all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made. This notice will appear in the Athena Press from Friday the 21st day of January A. D. 1910, until Friday the 18th day of February A. D. 1910, once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1910.

F. S. Le Grow,

Administrator.

Peterson & Wilson, Att'ys.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that we have been appointed executors of the last will of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased, by order of the above entitled Court and have duly qualified; all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, to us at the First National Bank of Athena, in Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated February 11, 1910.

Edward Koontz,

Marion Jack,

Executors.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

Dora C. Hahnert, Plaintiff,

vs. William F. Hahnert, defendant.

To William F. Hahnert, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons in the Athena Press, a newspaper published weekly at Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, viz: For an absolute decree of divorce from you; for plaintiff's name to be changed to Dora C. Adams, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. H. J. Bean, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 29th day of December A. D. 1909, and the first publication thereof is made on Friday the 31st day of December A. D. 1909, and the same will be published for six consecutive weeks, the last publication to appear on Friday the 11th day of February A. D. 1910.

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