

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

DON'T BE A SLAVE TO ETIQUETTE

By Juliet V. Strauss.



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Certain things have been invented for the use of people who are not born noble enough to do without them, two of which are law and etiquette. Neither is requisite for nature's nobleman, but unfortunately such individuals are scarce, so the above named institutions flourish. By law we do not mean those natural laws of chastity and honor, which institute themselves, but those other statutes and limitations, on the hither side of which our most popular citizens keep with difficulty. By etiquette we do not mean the common decencies and kindnesses of life, but those little quirks of conduct by which people of fashion demonstrate to the unthinking masses that they are very superior, but convince the respectable minority of thinking people that they are fools. If either of these things harass you, be sure you are not to the manor-born, and have numberless incarnations before you in which to learn what those who do not fret against such barriers know instinctively. To do the naturally kind and polite thing is the first impulse of a real lady or gentleman. To do the showy and smart thing is the ambition of a perverse and forward generation, new to riches and to the elegancies and refinements of life. Good horse sense is a tolerably fair guide to etiquette, and when this is supplemented by a kind heart, he who possesses both is not likely to make a serious blunder, even in the most critical society. There are a number of things done in the name of etiquette which are, to say the least of it, silly, if not positively rude. The truth is, formal politeness is one of the most worthless things in the world, unless accompanied by a genuine feeling of kindness and good will. There is a kindly and humane bearing that must go with it, else mere mechanical etiquette is in itself insulting.

SILENT GIRL IS ATTRACTIVE

By Helen Oldfield.



There are few negative virtues which conduce more to the comfort of the possessor, and those associated with him or her, than a talent for holding one's tongue. To know when to speak, and equally when to be silent, is no small part of the necessary equipment for life. Many a man passes for wise simply by means of saying nothing and looking intelligent when others speak; while those who talk least make fewest enemies. "A man who cannot hold his peace," says Carlyle, "is no right man." The strong man keeps his own counsel; the foolish babble. It is a weakness into which most people fall without reflection, and those who wish to please, being wise, endeavor to lead others to talk about themselves, to reveal their emotions, their thoughts, their hopes, and their feelings. Some wise man has said that such confidences are "the insanity of conceit and the feeblest species of self-display," which, while severe, is frequently true. A woman, especially, to be attractive must preserve a

sense of reserve; she must, so to speak, keep up a certain amount of mystery about herself. To many persons this reserve is in itself a compelling charm. In a popular modern novel the imaginative hero wearies of his bride because he discovers that she is "too transparent, too easily understood." Which, however unreasonable, is not an impossible state of affairs. There is an Arabian proverb, one of the seven sayings of Suleyman the Sage, "Never tell all you may know, since he who tells all he may know often tells more than is wise." The precept is one well worth keeping.

DANGER OF OVERPOPULATION.

By Dr. Charles A. L. Reed.



The overpeopling of our land is destined to be a very practical, indeed a very perplexing problem in the not remote future. The rate of increase in the density of the population in Great Britain for the seventy years from 1820 to 1890 was 250 per cent, and in France, Belgium and Italy it was less than 100 per cent. In the United States for the same period it was 650 per cent, and for the succeeding fifteen years the rate of increase in this country has greatly accelerated. Take these facts in association with the additional fact that much of our great area cannot contribute to the sustentation of the people, and it requires no vivid imagination, no prophetic vision, to foresee the time not many generations hence when the family institution here will be subjected to the disintegrating Socialistic influences that are to-day assailing it under pressure of overcrowding in the countries of Europe. In India and in China the population is too large as it is. The result is periodic famines and plagues and unduly low wages in towns. A dense population is no evidence of a nation's prosperity, but often the reverse.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

By Rabbi T. Scantlarber.



When certain men must starve while others live in luxury and extravagance, little mindful of the struggling sons of toil to whom life has become a burden and a curse; when employers treat employes as tools and machines and fail to see in them their brothers; when fraud, corruption, dishonesty, grab and graft and loot take place in the city, the State and the Federal legislative halls; when Senators are entrapped in land-grabbing schemes and unholy family relationships; when deacons of the church rent out their hotels for low and immoral purposes because this nets them a large income on their investment; when devotees of the church and synagogue rent out their tumble-down, ramshackle, uninhabitable tenement houses to the poor, because they bring them usurious returns; when the youth of this country are stunted and blunted and dwarfed through inhuman child labor; when factories and railroad crossings and the murderous railroads send thousands to an untimely grave, the time has come for every lover of humanity to cry a halt and to use every influence to have such legislation passed as will make these things an impossibility in the coming years.

THE JAMAICAN EARTHQUAKE.



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WHY GIRL HELP IS SCARCE.

Allurements of the Chorus Prove More Attractive than Store Jobs.

A New York paper recently contained an article upon the growing difficulty of securing help for the large department stores, and the writer of this article wondered where all the men and girls who only a couple of years ago stood in line to apply for work at these very stores from which the complaints are now coming have gone, says Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly. Hotels are complaining about the scarcity of maids and of waiters, and there is the everlasting wail about the lack of household servers. Do they vanish into thin air? Not at all. The secret of their mysterious and steadily increasing disappearance is solved. They go on the stage. The hundreds of musical comedies playing in New York and throughout the country swallow up these girls and men by the thousands.

There are at present being produced in New York alone twelve musical plays, in which from 100 to 200 girls are employed in the chorus, and at the hippodrome 400 or 500 girls and several hundred men find constant employment.

One reason of this stampede to the footlights is that it means more money. Few girls in shops earn more than \$10 a week, and the great majority earn considerably less, while the homeliest kind of a chorus girl commands at least \$15 a week, with costumes furnished. If she happens to be pretty and is a good dancer, she earns at least \$20 or \$25, and often more. From the writer's point of view the shop work, even with its low wages, is preferable to the life of the chorus girl, which is anything but beer and skittles; but to those who only see the glare of the footlights and hear the music of stage life, the chorus opens up a sort of perpetual fairyland to their mental vision. Despite the hard work and the hardships

which form a part of the chorus girl's life, there is undoubtedly a fascination in it and few that have once entered upon it care to desert it for other work.

Memory. Somebody of a psychological turn of mind once asked Lord Rosebery, "What is memory?" "Memory," Rosebery replied, promptly but somewhat pensively, "memory is the feeling that steals over us when we listen to our friends' original stories."

Farmyard Gossip. First Rooster—Some of these humans are fearfully inconsiderate. Second Rooster—I should say! Two of them have just been standing in front of me discussing which was best, the white or the dark meat.—Detroit Free Press. The man who tackles farming because he thinks it is an "independent life" never plows a great deal of corn.

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Moving Pictures of Man in Fits. The cinematograph has demonstrated its usefulness to the science of medicine in more ways than one. Dr. W. G. Chase of Edinburgh used it to procure films illustrating the convulsions accompanying an epileptic fit. The thoroughness with which the subject has been pursued may be judged from the statement that the films exhibiting epileptic seizures measure 1,550 feet and contain nearly 23,000 minute pictures of attitudes assumed during the convulsions. The value of such records lies mainly in using them to instruct medical students so that they may recognize the character of a fit when encountered in actual practice.

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SKIN DISEASES

HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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