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Canceling a Moslem Divorce.

It is well known that under the Moslem religion divorce is made remarkably easy and that there is no need for any legal or religious formalities—a man being able, so to speak, to divorce his wife by a word of mouth. This facility often gives rise to unpleasant results, as when a man in a burst of anger will divorce his wife and then bitterly regret his rashness. One such incident happened recently in upper Egypt. It is related that a fellow appealed to his omrah to help him to regain his wife, against whom he had pronounced the fatal words.

The omrah told him to traverse the streets of his village for two hours braying like an ass and to eat chopped straw as an ass does, when he would be absolved from his divorce, without needing to go before the cadl. The fellow carried out the order to the letter and then returned to his wife, fully convinced that he had done ample penance for his impetuosity.—Boston Transcript.

Built Upon Cotton.

When the Leasowe lighthouse, England, was built on the sandy Wirral shore the builders were puzzled by the lack of a suitable foundation for the masonry tower. An ingenious way out of the difficulty was effected. In the vicinity an incoming ship, laden with a cargo of cotton, had gone ashore and had become a total wreck. The cotton was useless for its intended purpose, so the bales were salvaged and dumped into the sand at the point where the lighthouse was to be erected. The fleecy mass settled into the sand and under compression became as solid as a rock, while its permanency was assured by its complete submersion. The stability of this strange foundation may be gathered from the fact that the tower erected thereon stood and shed its welcome light regularly every night for about a century and a half, being extinguished only a few years ago, as it was no longer required.—Argonaut.

Corsica and De Paoli.

While the island of Corsica derives its fame from being the birthplace of Napoleon, the name of Pasquale de Paoli is more dear to the natives, for it was under the leadership of this patriot, in 1755, that they escaped from the yoke of the Genoese. For fourteen years he wisely administered the affairs of the island. In 1769 France bought the island from Genoa and landed an army of 22,000, which Paoli met with a few thousand Corsicans and fought until his army was reduced to 537 men; yet he cut his way through and escaped to England, where he remained twenty years. At the outbreak of the revolution in France he returned to his native land and became military governor, but he could not get on with his old enemy, so he retired to England, where he died in 1807.

The Earwig.

There is no insect which has puzzled naturalists as to its proper classification more than the earwig. Some have asserted that it belongs to the beetles, of which it is an "aberrant type," others that it is connected with the grasshoppers. Even about its very name there has been endless discussion. Some have thought the name earwig is the result of the creature's supposed habit of getting into the ears, while others are equally certain that it is derived from the original name, which they say was earwig. From the fact that the wing when spread resembles the human ear. At all events, one thing is certain—the earwig as we know it now is a survival of an early type of which almost every other member has become extinct.

Many Uses For Old Leather.

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THE RURAL TEACHER

Bears Heavy Burden of Civilization.

By Peter Radford.
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With the new development of rural life, there comes the demand for increased educational facilities, and the impulse of universal education which is sweeping the country calls for intelligent and consecrated leadership in our rural schools. It is upon the rural teacher that one of the heaviest burdens of civilization falls, for not only must he lay the foundation of education, but he must also instill into the pupils the real love for country life, which will hold him on the farm and help to stem the onward tide.

In the city, the teacher is a cog in the vast wheel of educational machinery; in the country he is the wheel. It is he who must mold the character, inspire the ideals and shape the destiny of the farm boys and girls, and if he is fitted by nature for the task, not only will the results of his efforts be reflected in the pupils, but gradually the whole community will be leavened with a new ambition for progress.

He can organize around the school the main interests of the boys and girls and develop the impulse for co-operation, which in time will displace the old competitive individualism and make rural social life more congenial and satisfying. The possibilities for making the rural school the social and economic center of the community are almost endless, and the faculty of the rural teacher may have full play, for it will take all his time and ingenuity if he attains the full measure of success.

Must Be Community Leader.

A noted college professor recently said that three things are now required of a rural teacher. The first requirement is that he must be strong enough to establish himself as a leader in the community in which he lives and labors; second, that he must have a good grasp on the organization and management of the new and scientific farm school and, third, that he must show expert ability in dealing with the modern rural school curriculum. If he lives up to the opportunities offered him as a rural leader, he will train boys and girls distinctly for rural life, not only by giving them the rudiments of agricultural training, but by enabling them to see the attractive side of farm life, and to realize that it is a scientific business, and one of the most complex of all professions with opportunities as great as those of any other calling.

"School for Parents" Needed.

The duties of the rural teacher are more varied and complicated than those of the city teacher, and he sometimes has to include the parents in directing his efforts for the best results. In communities where the older population is opposed to any departure of the younger generation from established customs in either social or economic life, their co-operation can often be secured by calling community meetings and instructing the parents on matters of community interest. It is related that a successful young teacher in a remote locality had weekly meetings attended by parents of his pupils, which finally evolved into a "school for parents" in which they were taught how to live a community life in its broadest and biggest sense.

Social Features Essential.

The successful rural school is the vital social and economic center of the community and the successful rural teacher is the one who realizes that the responsibility of training local leaders for the future devolves upon him. Organized play, inter-community athletics, community festivals, lyceum and debating clubs, Y. M. C. A.'s, with occasional neighborhood entertainments, utilizing home talent, contests in cooking and various other phases of home economics, in corn and hog clubs and other agricultural activities are a few of the methods employed by the successful rural teacher in stimulating interest and enthusiasm while teaching them the fundamental principles of successful community life.

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Origin of Myths.

The human mind, whether that of the savage or the civilized man, is naturally a thinking machine. In early times, before science was born, the phenomena of nature required an explanation, and the savage beholder shaped the myth, which satisfied his untutored mind. It is out of man's natural craving to know the "reason why" that all myths are born. As the distinguished anthropologist, Tyler, puts it, "When the attention of a man in the myth making stage of intellect is drawn to any phenomenon which has to him an obvious reason he invents and tells a story to account for it." In such way all mythology originated.—Exchange.

He Was a Stayer.

Two millionaire business men were marching in Fifth avenue when an old graybeard stumbled by. "That's Brown. He works for me," said the first business man. "He's an honest looking chap. Has he got staying power?" asked the second business man. "He has that," said the first. "He began at the bottom of the ladder twenty years ago, and he's stayed there ever since."—New York Tribune.

Beggars on Horseback.

Horses are cheap in Chile. According to Francis J. G. Maitland in "Chile: Its Land and People," you can buy a horse in Santiago for \$25 or \$30 and for less in the country. In illustration, he quotes a little happening witnessed by Miss May Crommelin in Mendoza: "Up rode a gaucho, dressed in white, if I remember rightly—no worse than his fellows, at any rate. He bestrode a nag, sorry enough, yet still capable, and wore a medal round his neck. Off came his hat with a bow of much grace, but he stretched out his hand toward the window grating imploring alms. 'It's all right; he's one of our beggars. The town has so many licensed ones who are allowed to come round, said my hostess, looking out over my shoulder. So, instead of dismissing him with a little 'Pardon, little brother, for not giving you anything, some small coins were placed in his palm. 'Dios lo pague' (God will repay it) was the dignified response, and with a farewell bow of perfect politeness the beggar on horseback rode on."

Carlyle's Amenities.

Carlyle had his flings against science, but they were not very virulent. Nevertheless in regard to literature he placed himself in the position of the ill bird that fouled its own nest, as witness the following amenities: Keats is a "curried dead dog," whatever that may mean; Shelley is "a ghastly object," Coleridge, "a puffy, obstructed looking old man talking in a maudlin sleep an infinite deal of nothing;" Lamb, "a pair of crutcher, with a thin streak of cockney wit, nothing humorous but his dress;" Walter Scott, "a toothless retailer of old wives' fables;" Brougham, "an eternal grinder of commonplace;" Wordsworth, "stooping to extract a spiritual ketchup from mushrooms that were little better than toadstools;" Sir Robert Peel, "a plausible fox;" J. W. Croker, "an unrhymed hound;" Lord John Russell, "a turnip of good pedigree;" Lord Melbourne, "a monkey."

Waste of Life.

The true waste of life consists in the love we have not given, the services we have not rendered, the sacrifice from which we have drawn back.—George Elliot.

An Old Mark.

It is said that the dollar mark can be traced back to the fifteenth century. But at that it isn't near as old as the easy mark.—Birmingham News.

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