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In colonial days, 150 years ago, girls and women had "great dignity, modesty, lofty sense of duty, undivided attention to the home, brave bravery, deep religious faith, neighborly kindness and grace and charm of manner." At least, so Mary Hilliard Hinton writes in the North Carolina Booklet. For that matter, have not the women of today these same attributes of character? Perhaps attention to the home is not undivided, but in every other instance yesterday's housewife and today's must be virtually identical. But it must be admitted that the girls have changed, in this particular. All colonial maidens expected to get married, she writes, and, with very few exceptions, all did marry. And usually in their teens they were educated to become home-builders; not decorators, lawyers, merchants, chiefs. Yet one should not be disconsolate. Rather one should be assured that today's girls will be equally fine when they fidget with the budget and darn the children's stockings a few years hence. To believe contrariwise would be to forecast a crumbling civilization.

That Philadelphia judge who held that reading movie titles aloud is a punishable offense has pointed the way to removal of an increasing menace to the peace of mankind. The right of others to pursue happiness is manifestly outraged by those who read titles aloud. Even the gentler movie fans resent such invasions. And the less gentle listen, with fingers itching to get at the throat of the reader. Reading titles aloud is a provocation to the short-tempered that turns their thoughts to battle, murder and sudden death—to the offender. Many a patron goes to the movie in pleasant mood—only to have the evening ruined and temper spoiled by barbarians. Movie fans generally will applaud the Philadelphia ruling and will hope that all judges in the universe will take the same course.

In the meantime, with all the chaos in Europe, the bear that walks like a man is probably doing something more than merely hibernating.

A lady running for the house of commons was so severely hurt in Glasgow that she had to be taken to the hospital. In some parts of the world the game of politics threatens to be mistaken for a variety of football.

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County Teachers Hold Successful Institute at Wasco

One of the features of the Sherman county teachers institute held at Wasco last week, was a talk by Roy J. Baker of Grass Valley. Mr. Baker enumerated and set forth very clearly the numerous deductions that were charged to a bushel of wheat before the farmer received his return. Commissions, high freight rates, dock charges, warehouse charges and high cost of labor were among the contributing factors. The McNary-Haugen wheat bill was taken up for discussion and a resolution unanimously endorsing this bill was passed. Copies of this resolution were telegraphed to the chairman of the house committee, chairman of the senate committee, N. J. Sinnott, Charles L. McNary, Robert N. Stanfield and President Coolidge.

E. D. McKee of Wasco showed that he had been studying the school situation when he stated that our schools needed better discipline and cooperation and that these two factors might well be extended to the homes. He also stated that our younger generation lacked respect for their elders and that a little religious training might help the situation. Plans were laid for a county wide spelling contest from the first to the eighth grades inclusive. The outlying districts from each town are to send their best spellers in each grade to their respective town on March 28th at 7 p. m. to spell for the championship of their respective divisions. The winners in the division contests are to meet in Moro, on April 23d, and spell for the championship of the county. The work is to be written and each child in each grade is to spell the same list of words. Suitable certificates containing the county seal will be given to each champion.

During the institute members of the local and county fair committees who were present met with the industrial club executive committee for the purpose of discussing plans relative to the fair work. It was decided that each division representative of the local fair committee should become acquainted with all club members and leaders in their division—and should encourage them to make definite preparations for the local fairs. Among other things this committee was urged to keep items running in local papers. The question of gaining permission for all schools to be allowed to attend the fairs was brought before the committee and it was decided that this be taken up with the respective school boards.

The county fair committee also discussed plans and decided on again meeting later in the year. J. E. Calavan met with the executive committee and offered many valuable suggestions.

Somebody's always taking the joy out of education—and there is little enough joy in it at best. That the feet of college girls are steadily increasing in size is the latest bomb to be hurled in the line of march of fair ones on the way to knowledge. The girls' feet should not act that way. There is no call for them to swell out just because their owners are crowding their brains with learning. The size of the shoe is not a variable that moves with the size of the hat. Mental understanding and physical understanding should not necessarily be commensurate. It's all wrong!

Fashions Have Had Slight Changes

One hundred and sixteen years ago Washington Irving described in his "Salmagundi," the proper costume for ladies to wear of a morning in the city streets, says The Villager, "if the weather be very cold," Anthony Evergreen advised, "a thin muslin gown or frock is most advisable, because it agrees with the season, being perfectly cool. The neck, arms and particularly the elbows bare, in order that they may be agreeably painted and mottled by Mr. John Frost, nose-painter-general. Shoes of kid, the thinnest that can possibly be procured—as they tend to promote colds, and make a lady look interesting. Placid silk stockings with lace clocks, flesh-colored, are most fashionable, as they have the appearance of bare legs, nudity being all the rage. The shawl scarlet, crimson, flame, orange, salmon, or any other combustible or brimstone color, thrown over one shoulder." And it was Fontenelle, a man out of that very land where the ladies' fashions are made, who exclaimed, "How many foolish things the present would say and do if the past had not already said and done them."

Somebody estimates there are 600,000 gasoline filling stations in the United States. The estimate seems conservative. You may see one on nearly every street corner and between corners. In almost any town or city, while lines of them stretch out into the country and along the highways, says Calper's Weekly. Not a few are ornate and have cost much money. Overdevelopment and swelled overhead is what ails the oil industry. It has been running wild. The oil men themselves admit it. The public paid for these extravagances and for the filling station-competition for a time, then balked, and this artificial development broke down. The oil industry has more need of cutting down expenses than of reducing production.

Statistics compiled by the Savings Bank division of the American Bankers' association show that, in the last ten years, savings deposits have increased in the aggregate from \$8,425,275,000 to \$17,331,479,000, or more than 100 per cent, and that the number of accounts has increased from 12,584,316 to 30,323,320, or nearly 150 per cent. The population for the same period shows an increase of less than 16 per cent. These figures bear impressive witness to increasing prosperity and its spread among the people at large. They show that workers and small traders—those in the humbler walks of life—are laying up treasure. The distribution of wealth is proof of just laws protecting an industrious people.

The authority with which some of our "touch-and-go" visitors presume to speak on these American suggests that they either overrate their own powers of observation or underrate the intelligence of their "galleries." Americans may not be so secretive and indirect as other peoples, and things American may not be so hidden and disguised as are things foreign, but they are not to be wholly read at a glance. Those who undertake to do so generally fall into the error of drawing wrong deductions from observations that are superficial. We are a hospitable people, but some of the snap judgments that have been passed upon us are an impertinence that not even hospitality can excuse.

An ear to substitute for one he lost is being grown by doctors on a man's back. When it is full-grown it will be transplanted to its proper place. For the present, he has no objection to anybody going behind his back and saying what they want to say.

Canary birds have been used to test the quality of the atmosphere in a room in Pittsburgh where a mother and her son recently died, supposedly poisoned by fumes from a gas stove. It is well known that canaries are more sensitive than human beings to impure air, and the Pittsburgh incident may call public attention to their value as warning signals wherever gas stoves are in use. It may even arouse inquiry as to whether their popularity in the Hartz mountains was originally due to the fact that the German peasant needed protection against his stove in his airtight cottage.

While it may seem unbelievable, it is nevertheless authoritatively reported that more than \$100,000,000 were spent in 1920 for lost and damaged freight by the principal railroads of the United States. Officials find that the claims are mounting at an alarmingly increasing rate. Although mistakes and negligence are responsible for much loss and damage, a good portion of this expense item is due, directly or indirectly, to inadequate containers, insufficient packing and improper marketing.

King George of Greece plans to visit the United States next year, "and travel strictly incognito," says the dispatch. Further details will be supplied by the royal press agent, as to the monicker, itinerary, etc.

Occasionally parties to divorce proceedings manage to convey the impression that their household infidelities have in some mysterious manner become a national issue.

According to Washington statistics there are 840,000 people being cared for in public institutions in the country, and even this number does not include the officeholders.

Death of F. A. Says Ends Active Career of Pioneer

Francis Alroy Says was born at Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, on August 10th, 1856, and passed away at his home in Moro, Oregon, on February 23rd, 1924, being 67 years 6 months and 13 days of age.

He was married to Emma J. Powell February 22, 1879, at Prineville, Oregon, where they lived until the fall of 1883 when they moved to Sherman county, settling on a farm three miles west of Moro and which has since been known as the Says farm. It was here that Mr. and Mrs. Says first knew the hardships of pioneer life and it is here that their family of boys and girls grew to young man and womanhood, all of whom were at his bedside when he was called to rest.

About the year 1908 Mr. Says retired from active farm service and has since resided in the city of Moro. During his lifetime he has seen the old style frontier dwindle and fade into active cosmopolitan localities. He has seen the interior section of Oregon gradually change from a stock country into the wheat growing empire of the present day. The change of conditions he witnessed can best be expressed by the fact that when he lived at Prineville it was a journey of weeks to freight goods into that section from The Dalles where now it is done by railroad and automobile in comparatively a few hours.

He was active in community and lodge affairs, being a member of Moro lodge I. O. O. F. for 27 years, Moro lodge Woodman of the World for 24 years, a member of the city council for 25 years and a member of the board of directors of Moro school district for nearly 30 years.

Besides his life companion he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. R. T. Morgan and Mrs. C. R. Axtell of Moro, Mrs. W. A. Morgan of Conlon, Mrs. E. A. Race of Mosier; two sons, Omer G. Says and Carroll T. Says of Moro; twenty-one grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Moro and vicinity, both individuals and societies, for their many acts of kindness tendered our father, F. A. Says, during his recent illness and at the time and after his passing and also for the same kind attentions to our mother, Mrs. F. A. Says, during her illness and recovery of her health. Especially do we appreciate the many beautiful floral offerings in memory of our father.

Sincerely, in grateful remembrance,
The Family.

A feminist leader says that old-fashioned methods of education are inadequate to the needs of modern woman; that they do not make for development of her possibilities as a factor in world affairs. Maybe so. But many gleaming examples of such development stand to the credit of those old methods. From Aspasia's day down through the centuries great women have played great roles in the world drama. They have figured large in political movements, held high place with leaders of thought and attained eminence in public affairs, in arts, philosophy and literature. As wives and mothers, women developed possibilities of influence on men and world affairs that are not to be forgotten.

A western sociologist prophesies that within a score of years an intelligence test will be a prerequisite of marriage, says the Washington Post. Would such a requirement be fair to those about to wed? It is common knowledge that Cupid's victims—even those of highest intelligence—are often subject to lapses that would put a moron to shame. Through the ages love has induced something close akin to madness in those whom it has smitten. Any observer can testify that lovers are insane. A high register of intelligence on the eve of wedding would be too much to expect of any couple. Nature has provided that they shall be crazy about each other.

An Even Break. Townly—"Do you often have to rush to catch your morning train?" Subbs—"Oh, it's about an even break. Sometimes I am standing at the station when the train comes puffing in and other times it is standing at the station when I come puffing in."

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Chance for success varies inversely with the weight of the individual, according to a Boston scientist. Play the lean entry to win the race, he advises. He cites John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford as examples of thin racers who have won, says the Washington Post. But how about the undistributed middle that so commonly marks the successful man of business or finance? How about the numerous portly gentlemen who have written their names high on the lists of success in other fields? Fatness of head may militate against success, but bulk of body has little to do with the bulk of success, if the pictures of many successful men are to be believed. The fat man may "get there" just the same.

It is said that English grammar as we studied it has been discarded. I certainly have found nothing resembling it in the school work of my own children. The more the pity! A language has its anatomy, which must be mastered in order properly to manipulate that language, says Scribner's Magazine. How we used to take apart and put together again and pound the meaning out of "Paradise Lost," and the selections from Shakespeare—given in the back of "Brown's Grammar," that grammar that was the law and the prophets of English language study in those days! "Parsing," it was called. But so the English speech became a wonderful and living, albeit useful thing to us.

The large number of speculators who bought the German mark as it was going down, on the gamble that it would come back, and who now are "broke" are paying for folly that was plainly marked "Q. O. D." The downward plunge of the mark was the result of false economic practice that gave plain warning of its danger. The figure to which the number of mark investors runs suggests that the sucker birth rate was greatly underestimated by the late P. T. Barnum, says the Washington Post. German marks appeared like easy money only to "easy marks," who now have only scraps of paper in place of the dollars they threw away.

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