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Theatergoers Unable to Appreciate Shakespeare's Characters Arrayed in Modern Garb.

In Birmingham, England, the other day an experiment in dramatic art, intended to prove that Shakespeare's plays were greater than any representation of them, ended in a ludicrous fiasco. What the experiment proved was that, unless the characters are garbed according to the accepted traditions, the lines and situations created even by the master mind of the world's greatest dramatist have no power to impress a modern audience.

The play chosen for the purpose was "Cymbeline," staged in a country that never existed. Therefore, argued the promoters, they were free to garb the characters in any way they pleased, and so the characters appeared in the modern dress of the present day.

A company of scholarly actors had been assembled to play the parts and all other stage traditions carefully attended to. But Shakespeare in a tuxedo failed to get across. The audience saw only the funny side of the unexpected costumes and laughed at the most dramatic incidents and tittered at the actors' most poetic and inspirational utterances.

Which seems to confirm the attitude of the motion-picture producer—that dramatic art appeals more to the eye than to the intellect.—Los Angeles Times.

Flaw in Alcoholic Fuel.

Although experiments have shown that alcohol as fuel for trucks is successful in the Philippines, this is not the case with passenger cars. Besides the fact of the fuel's offensive odor, the carburetors do not supply enough air, and the economy is not sufficient to warrant passenger-car users in changing their carburetors, even if suitable ones were available.

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TO HAVE SUCCESS IN LIFE

Charles M. Schwab Names Qualities Which It Is Imperative One Must Possess.

"If I were asked to name the most important things that lead to a successful life," Charles M. Schwab is quoted in The Business Woman as saying, "I should say, first of all was integrity—unimpeachable integrity. No one can ever do anything of great value in life, and have the confidence and approval of his fellow men, or be successful in his undertakings with other business people, if he does not have the reputation of being a person of honor and integrity. This is the very foundation of a successful life.

"Another important thing is loyalty. Be loyal to the people with whom you associate at the start. Make your employer feel that you are sincere with him; that you are going to promote his interests; that you are going to stand for the things he represents, and that will reap you a richer reward. Loyalty above all!

"Be friends with everybody. When you have friends, you know there is somebody who will stand by you. Lead a life that will make you kindly and friendly to everyone about you, and you will be surprised at what a happy life you will lead.

"These things secure opportunity. That secured, there comes the need of good judgment, which is one of the prime requisites for enduring success."

Within Bounds.

A young man set out for the first time to get orders in the west of England.

At Plymouth he met an old commercial traveler, who asked him how he had got on.

"Badly," he replied. "I was insulted at every place I visited."

"That's strange," said the other. "I have been on the road 40 years; I have had my samples flung into the street; I have been taken by the scruff of the neck and pitched downstairs; I don't deny that I have been rolled in the gutter, but insulted, never!"

Quebec Gold Fields.

Information coming out by mail from prospectors in the new gold fields of northwestern Quebec is to the effect that the rush has shown no abatement, and that the movement is general toward the east. Some staking is taking place in the township of Clercy, around Clercy lake, but the greater staking is along the Kenogawis river, and extending away off toward the east.

Aurora has free auto camp ground.

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FIGHT MEASLES WITH SERUM

Encouraging Results Are Reported by the New York State Department of Health.

Announcement is made by the New York state department of health that encouraging results are being obtained in preventing deaths from measles by using a serum obtained from the blood of adults who have had the disease. Laymen should note that the report says "encouraging," not that a cure has been found.

If a serum has been discovered which will ameliorate the severity of measles, much less cure the disease, another boon has been conferred on mankind by science, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin announces. Even to this day measles is regarded by too many parents as an ailment inseparable from childhood and the sooner a youngster contracts the illness and gets it over and done with the better. This is altogether a wrong idea. Measles is not only dangerous in itself but is often complicated by serious ailments of the eyes, ears, kidneys and bronchial regions.

A disease of childhood, measles, also attacks adults and in the late years may be more perilous than to a young person. When frequently epidemic, a certain immunity follows, but when the disease is taken among a people who have never before been visited by it the mortality is high. Years ago a British ship from Australia carried measles to the Fiji Islands and 40,000 of the 150,000 Fijians were swept off.

POISON IN ORDINARY FOODS

Fact That Most People Take a Small Amount With Their Regulation Breakfast Dishes.

Did you have your morning dose of poison today?

"Poison?" you ask. "What do you mean?"

Well, the truth is, that if you had bacon for breakfast, salt on your cereal, bloaters or kippers, rolls covered with icing, pepper on any of your food, or even a cup of coffee or tea, you had your morning dose of poison.

Poison, of course, does not harm us if taken in sufficiently small amounts. Bacon contains a little saltpeper, an ounce being considered sufficient to kill.

The Chinese commit suicide by eating a cupful of salt; bloaters and kippers contain formaldehyde; most cake or roll icings have prussic acid in them; cloves, nutmegs, horseradish, and a number of other herbs are poisonous if taken in large enough quantities. Black pepper contains piperine—an alkaloid poison; and doctors agree that overindulgence in coffee is most injurious because of its caffeine content.—Popular Science Monthly.

Copper on the Leviathan.

From the tiniest brass screws to the 16½-foot bronze propellers, the copper and brass industries have played a most important part in the reconditioning of the Leviathan, the world's largest ship. More than 25 miles of copper tubing, 250,000 pounds of it, were required for the heater coils in the staterooms. The heating coils exceed by 50,000 pounds the weight of the 200,000-pound statue of liberty.

The lighting system required 745,000 feet of copper wire. All salt water lines are copper, according to Skillings' Mining Review. In the condensing system, 20,346 pounds of admiralty brass tubing were used. Where German engineers had used iron in the lubricating system, copper was introduced.

His Experience.

"Well, I'll tell you, Ellick," confessed Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "I hung back right sharply about getting married. You see, I kinder got to thinking about the monotony of living with one—p'tui—person all my life."

"When you got married how'd it work out?" asked Ellick Onken.

"Never had a chance to try it, skurcely. I've got fourteen children, three brothers-in-law, a father-in-law, mother-in-law, several other kinfolks and a couple of fellers that I never did find out persizely who they was, hanging around more or less generally."—Kansas City Star.

A New Make of Car.

Fred A. Wetherby, who lives in Martinsville, has taken an unusual interest in a bright four-year-old boy of one of his neighbors, and this interest has elicited some very amusing remarks by the youngster. The other day Mr. Wetherby drove into his neighbor's place and stopped near the place the four-year-old was playing. "I'm going to get me a car when I get big," the boy announced emphatically. "You are," encouraged Mr. Wetherby good-naturedly. "What kind are you going to get?"

"A Rhode Island Red," replied the youngster.—Indianapolis News.

Canadian Wheat Holds Its Own. During the last season wheat from Argentina has been a serious competitor of Canadian wheat and has supplied a large part of the requirements of Great Britain. However, Canadian wheat has sold readily whenever tonnage could be secured at rates sufficiently favorable to enable Canadian wheat to reach the British market even at a slight advance over the Argentine product. Shipments of Argentine wheat to the Orient are approximately one-third of the amounts shipped during the season of 1921-1922, when Japanese crops were very light.

PREFERS THE "YOUNGER SON"

Undergraduate's Somewhat Unconventional Viewpoint on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Speaking with an undergraduate at Harvard, who had reiterated the need of something positive in life as against the "negativeness of commandments, creeds and church history," I received this reply:

"I can't make very clear what I mean by 'positive,' but the story of the prodigal son helps me to see it, and it seems to me that the younger son had six virtues and one vice, and the older son six vices and one virtue."

"I suppose that sounds funny—too much like a sermon—but you see I've always admired the younger fellow. He was ambitious when he wanted to get started in life, he was energetic and adventurous, for he went to a far country; he wasted his money on harlots—that was his sin; he was humble when he tried to earn an honest living even though it led him to the pig sty; he repented; he had common sense, so that he took the logical course of remedying his conduct, and when he reached home he confessed his sin.

"Look at the older brother; he was jealous, grouchy, greedy, ungrateful, disrespectful to his father, and stupid. The only virtue he had was that he stayed at home with the old man."

"Somehow I imagine God liked the young fellow even from the beginning, for he had grit enough to strike out for himself, and vision enough to strike out far, while the older brother was a stay-at-home stick-in-the-mud. It's the positive, adventurous disposition of the prodigal son that I like."—A Student at Harvard in the Outlook.

GENIUS ALLIED TO INDUSTRY

Men Whom the World Calls Great Rose to Highest Place Largely by Their Own Efforts.

Every great orator in history was a failure in the beginning. Paderewski was expelled from one of the great conservatories of Europe and told he could never learn to play the piano. He was seriously recommended to study the piccolo as he then could always get a job in an orchestra. Verdi wrote for twelve years and produced eighteen operas before he brought forth "Rigoletto," his first score of intrinsic merit, perhaps, excepting "Ernani."

Henry Irving failed in his first appearance, and was urged by all his friends to go back to the desk and ledger. Shelley's first poem, "Queen Mab" was poor stuff, flimsy and incoherent. Edison worked from eighteen to twenty hours a day for seven months trying to teach a phonograph to pronounce the letter "a." We look upon Chopin as having his genius handed to him on a gold platter, yet his practice at the piano was for hours at a stretch, repeating a single bar over and over again for nearly a thousand times.

These men made themselves geniuses by their own supreme efforts, raised what might have been mere mediocrity, or perhaps talent, to supreme power.—William George Jordan, in The Forum.

American Flour Regains Hold.

American flour is regaining something of its prewar hold in the markets of Portuguese East Africa and, with direct steamer service now introduced, this tendency to return to the American product may be further accelerated. Before the war it was the general practice to mix the flour used for breadmaking, three-fifths American hard wheat flour and two-fifths Australian soft wheat flour, but with the transportation difficulties and governmental regulation of the war, American goods were practically eliminated from the imports, says Consul Cecil M. P. Cross, Laurence Marques.

Mutes Gather for Companionship.

Many early morning risers, arriving at the Brooklyn bridge have recently noted a gesticulating group of men who gather there every morning on their way home from their night jobs. All the men were deaf and dumb. They are employed in buildings near the bridge. Owing to their affliction they are unable to talk to their fellow workers. They agreed to meet each morning at the bridge to talk over the affairs of the world and to re-establish the feeling that they were not completely cut off from the current of human relationship.—New York Sun.

Clever.

You could heat your house with the hot blast that escapes up the chimney. Additional heat units are lost in ashes. But there's a new way of burning coal, a way you may use later in your furnace.

The coal is pulverized like flour. A blower shoots the powder into the furnace, in a fine stream, which spreads out fan-shape and burns like gas. Several times as much heat this way—and no ashes at all. Ford has installed this new process in his River Rouge plant.

Butte.

Butte is an important city but this Montana mining center is still spoken of as a mining camp, and it is probably the largest in the world with a population of about 80,000 when mine operations are going strong. About 15,000 men are employed in the mines. The total value of the output of these mines since they began to produce copper, zinc, silver, gold and lead has been about \$1,500,000,000.

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