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EDITORIAL
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Observer.

Referring to an article by Mr. Voget appearing elsewhere in this issue in which he takes exception to our criticism of an anonymous contribution to the Hubbard Enterprise, we want simply to say that we do not offer any criticism of the paper or the writer because the article was unsigned. We simply caution the public against swallowing the article without properly digesting. It is on an entirely different basis from that of the articles signed A Citizen and A Tax Payer appearing in last week's issue of The Observer. In the latter case the authors have qualified under the signature adopted as having a distinct interest in the issue and submit their arguments pro or con. In the former case the writer has not in any manner qualified as entitled to give an opinion, either as an interested party or as an expert witness.

Sham Culture

There are people not a few who believe that culture consists merely in an accumulation of knowledge. The cultured man, in their estimation, is the man who knows.

Knowledge is not to be despised; on the contrary, knowledge, when coupled with sympathy, is much to be desired. But the mere amassing of information is not culture. A man may be a walking encyclopedia and still out of touch with his fellowman. That man is not cultured, for he lacks the milk of human kindness.

It is possible to know a dozen languages and not say anything worth while in one. Decoration and life are two different things. We may paint never so beautiful a picture, but it will not speak. A man might dress like a king and look like a king and be only a clown. "One may smile and smile and be a villain."

This is extremely irritating that a man cannot by putting on certain robes become learned an influential and reputed as an authority. The Pharisees, when they fasted, disfigured their faces, that they might be seen of men to fast; and Christ called them hypocrites. While they abstained from food their heart was greedy for honor.

It is very humiliating that a fine house can not make a fine tenant; that one might buy a first-class carriage and yet not be a first-class traveler. Decoration is useless if it does not express the inner quality of the heart. Carlyle, in "Sartor Resartus," has written two wonderful chapters, "The World in Clothes," and "The World Out of Clothes." In these chapters the eminent author points out what little connection sometimes exists between people and their clothes. We expect a man to be at least as elegant as the raiment he wears, but often we are sadly disillusioned.

All outward cultivation is mockery if it help not towards and if it does not express an inward refinement. It is a pity to observe that some houses are greater than their occupiers, that many a man is outshone by the mahogany furniture that fills his office. We should always be greater than the things we possess: otherwise our culture is nothing but paint, nothing but outward decoration, nothing but a tinted lie. It's a sham.

WM. SCHOELER.

A total of 7904 Chinese and Mongolian pheasants were released in Oregon in 1928 up to August 15, it was reported by Gene M. Simpson, superintendent of the state game farms. Two farms are maintained by the state, one near Eugene and another near Corvallis. Of these 5768 were released at Eugene and 2141 at Corvallis. A total of 25,983 eggs were gathered during the months of April, May, June and July, and from these 13,522 birds were hatched.

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SOME QUEER NATURE FREAKS

Monument Park, Near Colorado Springs, Contains Sandstone Pillars Like Giant Mushrooms.

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In the East, where rocks gather an excess of moisture and then freeze and thaw, they deteriorate much more rapidly. This is noticeable in the case of several historical monuments which have been moved to the United States from the dry desert lands of Egypt, where they stood unchanged for centuries; but under the climatic conditions of our Eastern states they have already shown signs of change and disintegration.

ALL IN THE DAY'S "WORK"

At Least This Incident Should Have Relieved the Monetary of Physician's Routine.

In the evening office hours of a busy physician of the east part of the city a four-year-old lad sat awaiting his turn to interview the physician. The physician was surprised when the lad came into the room to see that he was alone. But the lad, not in the least alarmed, walked in, told the physician his name and where he lived, and then said: "I just came to see when you are going to bring a baby to our house."

At the physician's hesitancy to answer, the youngster said: "There's no hurry, but I wish you would bring one soon." Laddie was not known by the physician, and was many blocks from home, so he asked Laddie whether he should call Laddie's mother, so she would know where he was. The child replied: "I'd rather you wouldn't—but if you will watch until I get across the street I can get home all right."

The busy physician took time to watch Laddie across the street, and as far as he could see, Laddie was trudging hopefully along, apparently undisturbed by the night.—Indianapolis News.

Future Invention.

The ever busy scientific research worker in his laboratory has succeeded in making a superior grade of rubber from the cactus so widely found in the southwestern United States. In South Africa a man has found a way of converting the juice of the prickly pear into industrial alcohol. Probably our dandelions and daisies and buttercups contain alcohol, too. Perhaps some day Winnipeg will ship her old people and invalids to Baffin land in the summer and the West Indies in the winter in flying machines driven with weed-made alcohol fuel. And our heating and cooking and lighting and transportation and factory power may come from sea-power. The ebb and flow of the tides furnishes an inexhaustible reservoir of electric power. Above Bristol on the Severn river in England, a great project is being planned to dam the river and utilize the ebb and flow of the tide for electric power purposes. The high spring tides rise forty feet there.

Life's Little Tasks.

A wise man has said that the most insignificant thing becomes full of interest if studied deeply enough. Beneath the microscope of zest and will the content of the trivial is capable of indefinite enlargement. The disordered minutiae of life fall into pattern when seen as the raw material on which purpose and personality must work. They become "dim fragments" meant to be united in some "wondrous whole"; a heap of beads waiting for the magic string of character to make a necklace of them, and perhaps even in the process change glass to jewel. It is a saving thought that, if "Hoc age" means "Just do this," it means no less that whatsoever the hand finds to do should be done with all the heart and mind and strength.—London Times.

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