

Reminiscences

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other element in the population. That he suffered more from poverty, from segregation, from prejudice than any other race in the city was a new idea to me. The educated,

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well-to-do Negro was also scolded and criticized, gently, for not standing up more for his rights.

Booker Washington did not shine particularly that night. Maggie Washington made an interesting speech on her work among Negro mothers. But the person who remains in my memory is the late William H. Baldwin. I can see him now at the speakers' table, leaning forward, looking at Washington and saying: "I worship that man."

I went home with a new idea I was considering leaving Greenpoint. Our work was growing less important since the public school system had started evening classes in domestic science. Might not my next venue be among Negroes?

That was my last year at Greenpoint. I left more of a radical than when I entered. Labor conditions about me and the discussions at the Social Reform Club had made me a socialist though I did not join the party for two years. I was more revolutionary than the workers with whom I came in contact. It was hard to get them even to agitate for shorter hours. They were afraid of losing their jobs.

The well-fed, whose jobs are not precarious, can agitate for the poor. But let their jobs be touched and they are as conservative as any one else. John Bright worked for the improvement of the rural laborer in England, but his father's money was in industry and the son never helped the factory hand.

Greenpoint seems far away now. I have kept up with a few of my boys and girls but I never go back. Another race, another group has absorbed my attention. I learned a lot living among working people but I doubt whether I did much except for a few individuals.

I could not change the economic situation, and the things for which I cared most, Greenpoint did not care for at all. Books were too dull to open. Music, in any real

sense, was unobtainable. There were glorious exceptions, but the intellectual stimulus that a Jewish neighborhood gives was unknown to me. I shall never forget the first party the boys gave me to which I was invited as an honored guest. I spent my time watching the hands of the great clock on the wall move slowly, so slowly that each minute was ten. Any second I expected a trustee to enter and view the horrid vaudeville.

I gave a party in return that soon got quite beyond my control. The girls sat in the boys' laps, explaining to me afterwards that there were not chairs enough to go around. Of cake and fruit, thrown playfully about, there was gathered up afterwards one large painful. The dancing class was formed to teach manners. It helped, but much, very much, was left to be desired.

While I swept up the floor after a party I consoled myself with the thought that there would all change with the coming generation. The children of these boys and girls, with improved industrial conditions, with shorter hours, would love the finer things in life. The shorter hours have come, but not the dream. Indeed, the reverse has occurred.

Instead of Greenpoint's reaching up to the polite elevation of Brooklyn Heights it has pulled the old elevation down amid laughter and jeers.

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PUZZLING PROBLEMS

A wheel 7 feet in diameter will make how many revolutions in rolling a distance of 7264.56 feet?

ANSWER

330.33 (plus) revolutions. Explanation—Multiply 7 by pi (3.1416), and divide into 7264.56.

To preserve left-over paint in the open can, stir the paint thoroughly, then fill can to the top with water. When needed again, pour off the water carefully.



WHITE WOMAN'S BROWN BABY TAKES 1st PRIZE.—Mrs. James A. Calle, Maderia Madrid, and her daughter.

ENGLISH

Words Often Misused

Do not say, "I am afraid that I cannot come tomorrow." Say, "I fear that I cannot come."

Words Often Misspelled

Desirable; not desirable.

Words Often Mispronounced

Chiller. Pronounce kol-yer, on as in "of," and not kol-i-er.

Synonyms

Guess, surmise, suppose, suspect, divine, fancy, believe, reparation, recompense, redress, restitution, amend.

Word Study

SUSCEPTIBLE; capable of admitting any change, affection, influence, or condition; readily acted on. "Everyone is susceptible to kindness."

Remove chewing gum from garments by taking a piece of ice and holding it tightly over the gum for a few minutes. This hardens the gum and causes it to crumble. It

AFRICANS SAY:

"Africans have much in common with us as well and wisdom expressed in their proverbial sayings. It is time for us to get away from the notion that they are in an inferior and barbaric state. In more than one sense, we Americans are less civilized and more barbaric than they." — C. J. BENDER

Grass is not tobacco, nor a clinging vine a snake.

English—Stonewalls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage.

Modern Etiquette

Should toothpicks be used at dinner?

ANSWER

Never in the presence of others.

In order to remove a cinder from the eye, use an eye dropper and put one or two drops of water in the eye. Then hold dropper directly over the cinder, release the bulb and the cinder will be withdrawn.

"DON'T GROW OLD BEFORE YOUR TIME"

WARNS FATHER OF NINE

Chicago Man Makes Important Statement Regarding Family Health

Medical leaders say that men are losing their vigor and strength at an early age now due to improper living and run-down organs.

Mr. Lindsey of Chicago, the hearty, vital father of 9 lusty children, wants to tell all his friends and neighbors the secret of maintaining health and manly vigor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey of Chicago, photographed with eight of their nine children

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