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DEVELOP SKILL

Too many young people nowadays are convinced that brain work alone is necessary to success in life. They disregard the skill of the various crafts as being menial and poorly compensated. It is wrong for them to get this impression. Parents and teachers should encourage the development of skill in any worthy craft toward which the child shows a tendency.

As the hand is trained, so the mind develops in proportion, can be taken almost literally. To trace the record of many successful merchants, bankers, lawyers, salesmen, and others would show a hobby of some kind that has developed skill for the pure love of artistic effort.

Can your boy make kites, boats, sleds, skis, tops, whistles, and does he know how to use a plane, square and hammer? Have you taken the trouble to show him and encourage him in many ways to develop skill? Can your girl perform the simple household tasks, and sew a little? But even this is not enough. Encourage them to take part in games at school. If these games were not beneficial, you may be sure the schools would not tolerate them.

By striving for perfection in work that requires the efforts of one's hands, as well as the mind, a sincerity of purpose and poise of mentality is given to a youth that may never be acquired otherwise.

VERNONIA NEEDS A CREAMERY

Rumors have traveled around at various times that various ones were thinking of starting in the creamery business in Vernonia. No doubt they decided that the field was not large enough to be profitable. Very few farmers have cream to sell. Nearly all the milk that is produced is sold as bottled milk, it is said.

But a creamery would pay here. No matter if it is a one-man concern for a time, it would surely build up. And it is a fine thing for the district. When one farmer learns that his neighbor is making \$30 or \$40 a month on the side, with very little effort, bringing cream to Vernonia, others will try it, and so the business will grow.

It has been done in countless other localities, and can be done here. There is so much cheap pasture here that it should pay better than in many districts further east, where it has proven profitable. Our weather lends itself very readily to the dairy industry.

All the butter, cheese and ice cream used in Vernonia is shipped in. The price would be little if any less if it were made here, but the money would stay at home. Those working in the creamery would be permanent, and the town would be benefited thereby for the increased trade.

Diversification of farming is now regarded to be the most economic method. Those who specialize in one or two crops are taking gambler's chances on the scarcity of the crops to bring prices up. A number of side lines on the farm are good insurance against hard times.

PREDICTING TURKEY PRICES

With Thanksgiving Day but a few weeks off the American mind turns to thought of turkey. Will the popular fowl be plentiful and the price low? This question is most important to consumers. Will supply and demand be so nearly balanced that high prices can be secured? This is the concern of sellers. The great public depends on naive faith. In the trade point of view turkeys may be ruinously cheap, but they always are dear as the housewife recons costs.

If a news report from Chicago is correct, the housewife is going to grumble a lot this Thanksgiving as she bastes the browning turkey. Chicago is one of the great distributing points for turkeys. Commission men there are represented as giving warning that the birds will be rather scarce and dear. Not that they meditate putting prices above a reasonable figure. Oh, dear, no. Really, it is not their doing at all, but they will be bound by the dictum of economic law. It's this way, or, it were more accurate, perhaps, to say this is their story:

Turkey raisers were much miffed last year because prices were low. This is the cue for consumers to roar derisively. They know turkeys have not been cheap within

the memory of living men. But hear the whole story. The commission men are quoted as saying the farmers, determined to have a satisfactory price this year, cut the hatch. Thus a shortage is in prospect. It is a familiar form of market manipulation, and you can't blame the farmer for practicing it. But we may have doubts as to the result.

Turkey raisers are human, even as producers of other good things that come from the farm. The farmer is no freer of that inadmirable strain we call cupidity than men in other lines of gainful activity. When it becomes clear to farmers that their salvation depends on reducing production, can you blame every one of them for concluding he might as well get a bit of extra gravy by producing as usual while his neighbors restrict output? We don't know that the turkey raisers have done this. But it would not be surprising if instead of shortage there would be plenty of the Thanksgiving fowl this year.

A NATION HONORS ITS BRAVE

On the continent of Europe, this long was a special day for celebration, before the Armistice was signed. For by coincidence it is the church feast of St. Martin, the soldier saint, patron of infantry. It is, to French and Italians especially, a most symbolic happening that the two, Armistice Day and St. Martin's Day, should fall upon the same date, and it has occasioned a great deal of speculation among the mystics.

Certainly the linking of the two gives a suggestion of the days of the Crusaders. And there never was crusade with more holy and self-forgetting object than that in which our own boys of all faith joined when they journeyed into foreign lands to stamp out the war beast.

They fought for mankind against the menace, for civilization against chaos.

This anniversary brings back to some the pang of loss. They are upborne by the realization that their boys who laid down their lives where now spring poppy fields did so with an exalted smile upon their lips. And yet—how could they not remember those some lads, in childhood, in youth, marching with braveness to the railroad station and the dock? And then there came a day when the terse message from the war department seemed to shut the sunlight out. A hero was dead for his country.

This Armistice Day, parents and relatives of the country's dead soldiers, the nation honors you with them, Your bravery in sustaining your tremendous loss has been next to that of those who are gone.

CONVERSATION A LA CARTE

That worry or anger interferes with digestion is not a new theory, although most people who are worried or "mad" during meals are to be preoccupied to remember it. The medical correspondent of the London Times carries it further, insisting that conversation at the table should be gentle and digestive.

Families who never sit down together without getting into a snarl, people who go out to lunch together to talk over business, even the now popular luncheon clubs where speakers of more or less note start discussions, are warned by this authority against "mental concentration at meal time" as injurious to the process of digestion. Nor, he warns, will eating alone avoid the danger, because it is precisely then that the solitary diner thinks of worries he should forget while he eats.

The blood which should be engaged in the work of "digestive conversation" is added to the list of modern panaceas. Judging by the chatter heard on the street cars a great many are already expert in it.

- Sidewalks are hard on the head.
- Love makes the world go round foolish.
- Staging a comeback is seldom a pleasant trip.
- Hunt the brighter side. The present never lasts.
- Only thing worse than being bothered is being ignored.
- Generally speaking, too many people are generally speaking.
- The world war was not the longest on record, but the hangover seems to be.
- Another useless article is the sweat-band in a cake-eaters' hat.

Home Pointers

(From School of Home Economics—O. A. C.)

A potato peeler saves both time and material in paring carrots and parsnips, as well as potatoes.

Stale cake makes an excellent dessert when steamed and served with sauce.

A Pumpkin makes a nice fruit or flower basket for fall table decoration.

Clothes left on the line until the dew falls are much nicer to iron than when dampened by hand.

Rubbing the hot cake griddle with a freshly cut potato eliminates the necessity for greasing the pan.

When preparing pumpkin pies, the flavor is improved by adding spices and sugar to the pumpkin towards the end of the cooking process.

A toothpick is more sanitary to use in testing cakes than a broom straw. The holder may be kept with other cooking materials.

In making a jelly-roll, cracking is prevented by cutting the hard edge off of the dough before rolling.

Soaking game in salt water over night takes out the strong flavor.

A dish of cold water works well in cooling the oven off when it is too hot.

A good way to eliminate starch making is to serve boiled rice on Saturday and use the water in which it was cooked on Monday for starching. Rice water really works better than starch.

Guest towels are often made from old linen dresses.

A silver knife is always best for testing baked custard. When the knife comes out clean the custard is done.

Butter cakes are more satisfactory if only the bottom of the pans are oiled and floured.

"Inside Information"

Try pop-corn for a breakfast cereal, served with milk or cream.

To remove saltiness from a slice of ham, let it stand in sour milk or buttermilk for an hour or two. This will help to make it tender.

Oiled floors should be swept with a soft brush and dusted with an oiled cloth or mop. Occasionally clean them with a cloth wrung out of warm soapy water, followed by polishing with a cloth moistened with kerosene or good floor oil. Use water and soap sparingly.

The only positively label requirement in the Federal food and drugs act is that all canned food labels shall bear a correct statement of the net weight of the contents of the can. If other statements are made on the label, they must be true and must not be false or misleading in any particular.

Rancidity in lard is caused by chemical action of the air. The Federal meat inspection service advises that lard should be well rendered, free from moisture and particles of scrap. Lard should be placed in completely filled, tightly closed containers, preferably of glass or earthenware and kept in a cool dark place for preservation.

Hale Greenman was one of the bodyguards for Queen Marie of Rumania in Portland recently.

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