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RUSSIAN PAPAN PEACE SURE.

The theories of the Russian monarchy about a cheap and easy arrangement for peace with Japan is doomed to defeat.

Peace will come, but Japan has won recognition on too solid a basis for that virile little people to throw away their advantage.

The Mikado's representatives are the shrewdest diplomats that the worn-out backbones that represent the monarchies ever encountered.

THEY MAKE NO MISTAKES AND MAKE NO BREAKS. THEY DO NOTHING UNWISE OR FOOLISH. They do not even waste time bowing to public applause.

Japan is entitled to Saghalien island, which is a continuation of their own long strip of sea promontory, and should belong to them.

Japan will hold the railroad from Harbin to Port Arthur, but will not insist on holding Vladivostok, as being too far from their mainland.

Their brilliant achievement in taking Port Arthur, the strongest fortification in Asia, gives them control of China and Korea.

The peace is sure to be established at any price because the monarchial and financial interest desire the Russian empire to stand.

Just as the same interests insist at all times on the maintenance of Turkey, so they will stand as a barrier against the dismemberment of Russia, and would give Japan very little were the plucky yellow men not in a position to dictate terms to almost any nation of Europe, but England or Germany.

Tips by Japanese Envoys.

There is now no question as to where the sympathy of the servants of the Waldorf-Astoria is placed in the battle for peace that is on at Portsmouth. Baron Komura and his suite, on quitting the Waldorf-Astoria last Saturday, where they had their lodgings, being politely willing to acquiesce in a usage unknown in Japan, left behind them tips on a scale listed as follows:

Steward, \$100; his subordinates, sums ranging from \$50 to \$20; head waiters, \$50; ordinary waiters, \$20; hall boys, chambermaids and employees ranking with them in usefulness, \$10.

Anti-tipping reformers look askance at this lavish largess and are praying that we will not have a Japanese peace commission with us every week.

A Collection.

"I want to ask for the hand of your daughter in marriage," said the young man.

"You're an idiot!" said the irate father.

"I know it. But I didn't suppose you would object to another one in the family!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Got His Answer.

"I notice," said the talkative customer, "that one's beard grows faster in hot weather than it does in cold. What makes it do that?"

"Nature," answered the tactful barber.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Equal.

"Do you think time is money?" said Biffson.

"Can't be," replied Bangs. "They say there's no good end to time—and I'm broke."—Detroit Free Press.

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DISCRETION
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Some time ago a supervisor held an adamant rule over the schools of an eastern city. So known and feared was she that the very street Arabs whispered in awe tones to one another as she passed: There goes the board of education.

It was my fortune at one time, to hear her (a woman of rare justness and good sense, if of dreaded austerity of manner) address an assembly of teachers. Her theme was discretion, and her words were direct and to the point.

"Remember that the street car is not the proper forum for the discussion of school questions. It is not the proper place to discuss, for instance, the supervisor's wig."

A pin falling in that room at that moment would have been heard. The breath of the educators was suspended as she went on:

"The state demands of the teacher discretion almost as much as education. I commend it to you as a safeguard, and as a mark of efficiency. I have seen many models of this virtue—and a few striking instances of its lack."

Teachers Often Lack Tact.

Prattling about the failures and deficiencies of his pupils is the vice of a school teacher. At the dinner table of a certain college a number of the faculty and students met daily during the summer quarter. The fact was noted that there was but one professor in the whole lot who did not prate of absent students dubbing this one "downright liar," and that one "a sluggard." Nevertheless, when the trustees of the college met to elect a new president, it was noted that one of these talkative men, however brilliant was named for the presidency, but a man of unimpeachable discretion and of marked judgment was chosen.

Making the street car the stage of indiscreet conversation has marked the downfall of more than one public servant who has recklessly betrayed the dignity of his office.

Less than a year ago an officer of the state department was a chance listener to the following dialogue between two young men on a street car in Washington:

"Wish me luck, I'm off for the state department to make an examination for a \$2,000 consularship."

"Pretty sure you'll pass then, eh?"

"I should say so. Both the senators and half the representatives from my state are backing me; and I guess it would be pretty hard not to pass under the circumstances. The exam. is only a bluff."

Public Conversation Fatal.

Uncle Sam did not send this chatterbox to any government abroad, for across this candidate's application blank was written "Not sufficiently discreet—too liable to discuss private affairs publicly."

Thus the influences of senators and representatives was not sufficiently potent to float one so conspicuously lacking in common sense as to talk on the street cars.

Quite recently the German ambassador, Baron Speck von Sternberg, said in reply to an inconsiderate interviewer:

"It is an excellent rule of conduct for an ambassador to avoid talking about the affairs of other nations. The less he talks about those of his own the better his superiors like it, except, of course, when it is a case of correcting a false impression or of explaining a matter on which his ruler desires the people of that country to be enlightened."

The incumbents of any public post the employees of any corporation, the servants of any household in what ever capacity employed, should lay it to heart that any unseemly talkativeness in public works a passing injustice to the dignity of labor as a whole and a permanent injury to the chatterbox concerned.

Any position of however small importance tacitly demands a certain reticence, a certain loyalty to the trust given. In the highest positions discretion can not be verbally asked for, as the asking itself would imply its want; and, in truth, many matters are too subtle, too refined, to bear thus bringing into question. A man to fill a high place of trust must have a curiously delicate quality of labors discretion. Like a woman's proverbial intuition, it must be ready to spring up full armed to meet any sudden or strange emergency. This sense can be trained to a wonderful degree, but it

JUDGMENT KEY TO GREATNESS.

Roosevelt, John Hay, and a few other men owe a great part of their unique fame to the possession of this rare good judgment.

A young man was canvassing in his own neighborhood for a new style of dustpan. While demonstrating the taking points of his article he said to his prospective purchaser: "Now, you see, this is gotten up especially for just stout ladies as you, who find it difficult to stoop." The woman in question chanced to weigh about 170 and was of fine figure and carriage, and an expert golf player. She afterwards said that she felt more like boxing his ears than buying anything he might have.

Needed in All Professions.

One who would succeed in any business, either for himself or another, must discipline and sharpen his judgment, until tact is intuitive and becomes a second nature. An indiscreet worker is a menace to his employer. To be a first-class merchant, or lawyer, or craftsman of whatever kind, you must have tact and use it. In direct proportion to the amount of discretion you employ in your daily work will be the measure of your success.

A Gathering of Fossils.

To festivities and exercises in its honor, the big meteorite recently brought to the Lewis and Clark exposition from Oregon City, was unveiled in the mining building. Many scientists of national renown were present and took part in the exercises in honor of this freak. Governor Pardee, of California, and Governor McDonald, of Colorado, and also Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, were in the audience.

Every visitor was presented with a flask containing concentrates from some of the richest gold mines in Oregon.

Among those who took part in the program, which began at 3 p. m., were United States Senator Carter, of Montana; Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; Charles D. Walcott, director of the United States geological survey; Dr. David T. Day, of the geological survey, and Henry E. Doseh, director of exhibits at the exposition.—Telegram.

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THE DOG DAYS.

Continually Dropping Back and May Come Eventually in Winter.

Dog days begin, according to the traditions of boyhood in certain parts of the United States, when the green scum, algae, begins to appear on the surface of the lakes and rivers. Then it is supposed to be unsafe to go in swimming. And it is then that, according to the tradition of many adults as well as of boys, dogs most frequently go mad. All nations and races of civilization, apparently, have had a period during the summer known as dog days, when many maladies were supposed to be common. But the madness of dogs, hydrophobia, was never associated with dog days by the ancients.

Dog days are a rather indefinite period, according to this green-scum rule, but there is a disagreement of authorities as to when dog days really do begin and end. According to the Century Dictionary, "dog days are part of the year about the time of the heliacal rising of the dog star, Sirius;" that is, when the dog star rises in conjunction as may be observed. Various dates from July 3 to August 13 have been assigned for the beginning of dog days, and they are given various durations from 30 to 50 days.

It seems to have been from the heliacal rising of Sirius that the ancients most commonly reckoned the dog days. Thus, at the present time, dog days would begin July 3 and will end August 11. Sirius is the brightest star in the heavens, and it was easy to associate the mutual heat of the brightest star and of the sun with the hottest and most unkindly period of the year. Hippocrates (450 B. C.) declared the dog days to be the most unhealthy part of the summer.

Dog days are continually dropping farther back in the calendar. Now they are 12 days behind the schedule to which they held in the period of the Pharaohs. In time Sirius may rise in the dead of winter. The Egyptians maintained that the first indication of the rise of the Nile took place on the morning of the longest day when, as they said, the sun and Sothis (Sirius) rose together. They attributed the rise of the river entirely to the great heat generated by this star in conjunction with the sun.

Sirius is situated in the mouth of the constellation Canis Major (the "great dog"). The Latin name of dog days was "dies canicularis," and from this comes the term "canicularis year," which was known among the Egyptians and Ethiopians. It was computed from one heliacal rising of Sirius to the next and consisted ordinarily of 365 days, every fourth year having 366 days.—Chicago News.

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