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**THE ANANIAS CLUB.**

"You're a liar," said the President; "in you I take no stock. You're a low, deliberate liar, and my truthful soul you shock; You're a calm, inventive liar, you're a disingenuous liar, You're a liar, liar, liar; you're a liar a disingenuous liar,

"For your mean, malignant purpose my innocuous words you twist, And you make me somewhat other than the Great Philanthropist. You're a plain, atrocious liar, you're a weak, perfidious liar, You're a liar, liar, liar; you're a LIAR, I insist!

"Don't you think I don't remember? I've a memory like Fate's. And I boast a special faculty for hoarding names and dates. You're a wild and wilful liar, you're a disagreeable liar, You're the very sort of liar that particularly grates.

"You're a smooth and slanderous liar, you're a liar from the start, And the glorious Ninth Commandment is not graven on your heart. You incontinently try us, you provoke the good and pious, You outlive Ananias with your mad, malicious art."

There may be many kinds of liar in the Presidential list, But we beg to add the following, who clearly have been missed: There's the mere reputed "liar;" there's the wholly unproved "liar," And they need not blush like fire to be on the Roosevelt list.

—Providence Journal.

**THE REFORM OF SPELLING.**

The school board of Newark, N. J., finding that school children of today cannot spell as could the pupils of the olden times, has ordered that the old-fashioned plan of standing up and "spelling down" be restored.

The competition of the old plan did produce more good spellers perhaps than do present day methods, but the time given to drill IN SPELLING 30 YEARS AGO WAS OUT OF PROPORTION.

Any one that learned to spell by the stand-up-and-spell-down plan can recall pupils able to spell hundreds and hundreds of words of the meaning of which they had not the least conception.

Boys and girls of 10 or 12 years would stand by the hour, at spelling bee, and verbatim et literatim wade through the worst jaw-breakers imaginable.

The old plan was a test of attention, memory and endurance.

**THERE WAS LITTLE TEST OF COMPREHENSION.**

In fact, it was the habit of the teachers of the old days to train the pupils in spelling tongue-twisters rather than words in everyday use. "Caoutchouc" was one of the catch-words.

Little fellows no higher than the teacher's desk could spell that word without a moment's hesitation.

They could run through those letters like lightning, BUT NOT ONE IN A DOZEN OF THEM KNEW WHAT THE WORD MEANT.

A word of French origin meaning neuralgia in the face was another of the catch-words in the old spelling books.

It was "le douloureux."

Is there any imaginable use for a word like that to a child of 10 or 12, or even to a high school pupil?

Yet it was in the old spelling books and pupils spelled it over to themselves time after time to drive it into the memory so deep that the letters composing it could be called out and arranged in order whenever occasion might demand—THE ONLY OCCASION, OF COURSE, BEING THE SPELLING CLASS OR THE SPELLING BEE.

Another of those words never to be forgotten, yet never understood until maturer years were reached, was "naivete."

Many of pupil prided himself in being able to spell "naivete" almost before it all issued from the mouth of the teacher.

It is altogether likely that gray hairs have come to men and women by not understanding the words THEY COULD SPELL PERFECTLY WHEN PUPILS IN THE GRADES.

Dozens of other examples could be given to show the waste of time and energy in the old system of cramming innocent heads full of rare and polysyllabic words.

It is probably true that school children of today are not such good spellers as they were 30 years ago, BUT THEY ARE GENERALLY OF HIGHER INTELLIGENCE and can define properly twice as many words as could the fine spellers of the olden times.

**WOMEN NEED DEVELOPMENT.**

What does the average young woman want?

She wants and needs more than all else DEVELOPMENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

How can this be obtained? By having money to spend? By gaudy dress, or decking herself out with jewelry, or being much on the streets?

Development is only possible by aspiring to be something. The determination for yourself not to be a nobody, but to be somebody.

Every young woman has a precious individuality that cries out for expression, FOR RECOGNITION BY YOURSELF AND BY THE WORLD.

Resolve first of all, to improve your time mentally some day. Resolve to polish that jewel, the mind.

You do not have to go to an university to do that. Go to school if you can, but DO NOT DESPAIR OF DEVELOPMENT IF YOU CAN'T GO TO COLLEGE.

One hour each day will convert you from a dull, listless animal existence to a thinking, expanding, development sentiment soul.

Read the best. Study the good, be it dictionary, history, Bible classic. DO NOT FAIL TO WRITE SOMETHING EACH DAY, IF ONLY ON A BOARD.

Think. Resolve. Plan. Work. Take your place in the Universe of Life.

**THAT TERRIBLE TRAIN WRECK.**

That awful train wreck in California, where 32 of the most prominent men of two Eastern states were wiped off the earth, has a lesson.

We cannot live for pleasure and making money only. Those men were taking a holiday. THE RAILROAD WAS MAKING MONEY.

The men had a right to go upon an excursion. The railroad has a right to make money. Where does the wrong come in?

Defective equipment, says the coroner's jury. THE TRACK WAS NOT FIT TO CARRY A HEAVY TRAIN AT THAT TERRIBLE RATE OF SPEED.

Who is to blame? The people who want to travel at that rate of speed on the heaviest and most luxurious trains in the world.

Who is to blame? The railroad company which, for the sake of making money, is willing to take such risks with improper equipment.

Of course, there is no such thing as being absolutely certain there will be no accident in human affairs.

UNTIL WE REACH THE PERFECTION OF THE DIVINE MIND THERE WILL BE ACCIDENTS. But the government should inspect railroads and declare at what rate of speed trains may be safely operated on a given railroad. That should not be left to the cupidity of a soulless, money-making corporation.

**A JAPANESE CRITIC ON JOHN BULL.**

Never have there been so many visitors to Japan as we have had this year. Perhaps the war has been an advertisement for our country, while the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is probably the reason for the majority of these being English. But what is it that makes the traveling English so different to the English at home? The buying of a Cook's ticket appears to effect a transmigration of their souls. A "Cooked" Englishman is a transformed being. When he leaves England he instinctively regards all other countries as uncivilized, and regards Japan in particular as only just emerging from savage barbarism.

The other day I heard a member of parliament say patronizingly: "It is wonderful what your people have done during only 40 years of civilization." Civilization to the European mind seems to be synonymous with the acquirement of the knowledge and use of man-killing machinery. English people at home are not overburdened with politeness or courtesy, and when they travel in barbarous lands they seem to prefer to travel light as far as these qualities are concerned.

I was traveling in a train the other day when a big Lancashire man and his wife got into the carriage. The lady looked around and gave a little sniff or snort and said: "I am surprised that they allow the natives to travel in the first class carriages." There was a Japanese nobleman sitting opposite her whose family was an old one when William the Conqueror crossed from Normandy. As he was a graduate of Cambridge, too, and spoke English quite as well as she did, it made him smile.

English ladies often walk into our houses with their boots on, and I saw one refuse to put on the cloth covers which are provided for them at the entrance of the great Mitsui silk store. I suppose we have not yet become sufficiently civilized to like soiling the cleanliness of our floors with muddy boots. Everything that we do not do in the European manner is wrong. Our books begin at the wrong end because not at the European end, but if anyone will try the experiment of putting picture books in the hands of little children he will see that probably five out of six will open the book and turn over the leaves in our manner.

Some English people appear to think it very shocking if a Japanese girl in running displays vistas of her bare legs. They forget how shocked we were when low-necked dresses were introduced into Japan, displaying an amplitude of what our ladies keep carefully concealed, except in the bath, which is the proper time. As we imported your ideas of indecency we necessarily adopted some of your customs while bathing.

After the regulations were promulgated that "persons when bathing are to wear bathing costume," I saw a peasant neighbor of mine walking down to the seashore in the costume of his birthday carrying a tiny garment in his hand. This the law-abiding man immediately donned when he got into the water, and only removed it when he emerged. He then walked back to his house, about a quarter of a mile off, in the same

manner as had been his habit for years previously. The regulation that the sexes had to be separate in the public baths was frequently carried out by placing a thin bamboo rod across the middle of the bath.

We are rapidly rivaling the prudery of our esteemed allies. Yet with all that sensitive sense of English purity it is curious to observe that one of the first places visited by your tourists—ladies as well as men—is our Yoshiwarra. I have seen on the evening after the arrival of a steamer a number of fellow passengers all having mysterious engagements for the evening, and all meeting in one of those streets behind the windows of which are segregated that type of damsel which you allow to pursue her calling along your sidewalks.

But we have to thank you for many things, dear allies—the blessing of beer among the number—which you first taught us to appreciate. We sent out a commission some years ago to investigate which religion was the best and which was the best of European beverages, especially for soldiers. On the first question the commission failed to come to any conclusion, on the second they were unanimous in favor of British beer.

In return for the boon of beer we might offer you our Bushido—the main factor of our success in the late war. It is the spirit of valor and self-sacrifice which our poet, Motoori, likened to the short-lived cherry blossom scattered by the breeze.

From beneath the window where I write on the cliffs of Enoshima the surf on the rocks sends up a lazy murmur as soothing as incense; at intervals a faint wandering breeze sighs through the cherry branches and a glory of blossoms gently scattered, seems to whisper "Bushido, Bushido," in reverent requiem over the grave of a flower so fair.—Tanna Shigi in London Tatler.

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High school building, 75 cords of fir.  
Yew Park school, 70 cds. fir and 5 cds. of oak.  
Lincoln school, 34 cds. of fir and 6 cds. of oak.  
North school, 60 cds. of fir.  
East school, 140 cds. fir.  
The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

H. A. JOHNSON, Jr.,  
5-13-6t. District Clerk.

Proposals for Brick Asylum Wing.

Salem, Oregon, May 13, 1907. Sealed proposals, endorsed on the outside of envelope, "Proposals for Brick Asylum Wing, Salem, Oregon," and addressed to W. N. Gatens, clerk of asylum board, will be received at the executive office, state capitol, Salem, Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m. of May 27, 1907, for furnishing materials and labor required to construct and complete a brick asylum wing with plumbing, hot water heating, gas and electric light, water and sewer connections, in strict accordance with plans, specifications and instructions to bidders, which may be examined at the governor's office, capitol building, and W. D. Pugh, Salem, Oregon. For further information apply to W. D. Pugh, architect, Salem, Oregon.

W. N. GATENS,  
5-14-18-21-25. Clerk

**Proposals for Painting.**

Proposals are hereby requested for estimates on painting the roof, windows and metal work on main building at the state reform school. All painting material to be furnished by the state. Bids must be sent to the office of the superintendent on or before May 16, 1907. Information and specifications can be had on application. Ten per cent certified check of amount must accompany bid.

N. H. LOONEY,  
Superintendent.

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It is perhaps needless to add that we refer to the dictionary in our judicial work as of the highest authority in accuracy of definition and that in the future as in the past it will be the source of constant reference.

CHARLES C. KOTT, Chief Justice.  
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