

An Old College for Girls.

One of the oldest schools for girls on the American continent is the Colegio de la Pez in Mexico City. This was founded by wealthy Spaniards in 1732 for the benefit of the children of the poorer classes. The building was designed after the royal palace in Madrid and covers nearly five acres of ground. The original name was the Colegio de San Ignacio. About eight hundred girls are usually in the college under a staff of 45 teachers.

Grumbling.

It is the easiest thing in the world to be dissatisfied. Anyone can do it, as the phrase goes, without thinking. But those who really think must agree with Amiel, the philosopher. He counsels thus: "Despise not your situation. In it you must act, suffer and conquer. From every point on earth we are equally near to heaven and the infinite."

Had His Uses.

"That man doesn't seem to do much but stand around and look important," said the manager. "Yes," replied the proprietor. "He's naturally gifted that way. All the rest of us are hustling in such a hurly-burly fashion that I think it well to keep him around to give a touch of ease and dignity to the scene."—Washington Star.

Lucky Escape.

The Desk Officer—"Well, madam, what's the complaint?" The Complainer—"Why, sir, I gave a man named Blinks, Jim Blinks, 75 cents to go to the court house and get a marriage license for me and him—now he never came back." The Desk Officer—"I congratulate you, ma'am. Good day."

Some Big Battles.

At Lepsic the forces were: French, 160,000; Austrians, Prussians and Russians, 240,000; total, 400,000. At Waterloo—French, 71,947; allies, 67,661; total, 139,608. At Gettysburg—Federal, 95,000; Confederate, 75,000; total, 170,000. At Mukden—Russian, 400,000; Japanese, 301,000; total, 701,000.

Stood Up for His City.

A small Chicago boy, visiting his uncle in a country town, was asked if there were as many people there as there were in Chicago. Whereupon he said with all the pride of his seven years: "Why, we have more people in jail in Chicago than you have in the whole town."

Time of Drought.

Bill, age three, was moving to the suburbs and after all the things were packed and the house locked up he came and rang my bell and said: "Please, can I wash my hands and face at your house? Our water is all packed."—Chicago Tribune.

"Penny Situps."

Some of the cheap lodging houses in London are called "penny situps." They provide mere benches, with wooden backs. Each lodger places his arms on the back of the bench before him, and then, resting his head on his arms, tries to sleep.

Diminutives.

The man who is "below five feet in height" may well be reckoned as being among the "diminutives." The average height is around five feet six inches. A man is "tall" when he is six feet or over. Under five feet five he is "short."

England's Life Guards.

England's famous Life Guards were organized just after the Restoration. They were recruited from the old cavaliers who fought for Prince Charles Stuart, and in 1661 they were formed into three troops.

Unduly Suspicious Men.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "has been forced to get so suspicious that if you tries to be plain honest wif 'em, dey thinks you has managed to hit on some new kind of a trick."

Many Juvenile Readers.

More than seven and a half million books are lent by London public libraries in a year, the juvenile readers taking considerably over a million.

First Folding Pocket Knives.

Pocket knives with blades to fold into the handle by a spring, were first made in the middle of the eighteenth century.

Only Way to Make Character.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.—Froude.

Daily Thought.

We cannot improve the world faster than we improve ourselves.—Mandell Creighton.

Happiness Ever by You.

Only learn to catch happiness, for happiness is ever by you.—Goethe.

For Earache.

An onion poultice will often relieve the worst earache.

Daily Thought.

Under all speech that is good for anything there lies a silence that is better.—Scott.

FAVORED THE CONCISE FORM

Neat Rebuke Administered by Emperor Francis Joseph to Devotee of "Red Tape."

The emperor of Austria-Hungary is no slavish admirer of red-tape methods. He loves the fluent, direct manner of the military man, and is on the best of terms with the bluff, honest generals of his army. The following is an instance of how he upheld one of them in his controversy with the bureaucracy.

The officer was Galgotzy, a taciturn old soldier, whom the whole Austrian army knew and admired. After the occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Galgotzy was sent to build a military road. Funds were short and the sum available for the purpose seemed hopelessly insufficient.

By dint of hard work and ingenuity, Galgotzy succeeded, nevertheless, in performing his task, and thereupon reported: "Road built; 25,000 florins received; 25,000 florins spent; remains nothing. Galgotzy."

Dissatisfied with so summary an account, the audit officials applied for a detailed statement of expenditure. Galgotzy ignored the application, which was presently renewed in peremptory form. Impatient of red tape, he replied: "Road built; 25,000 florins received, 25,000 florins spent; remains nothing. Whoever doubts it is an ass."

Shocked by such impropriety, a red-tapist-in-chief submitted the general's "account" to Francis Joseph, who blandly inquired: "Do you then doubt it?"

FATE OF THE FOURFLUSHER

Young Man Was Mistaken in Thinking Girl Had "Fallen for" the Automobile.

She sat on a bench under one of the elder trees, with closed lips, drinking in the glories of the setting sun.

"Excuse me," he said, lifting his hat with his right hand while he addressed her with the left, "but do you happen to have such a thing on you as a match? That is my automobile standing there and I find myself without a match to light the lamp."

It was obviously but a ruse to engage her in conversation, but he was rather a nice-looking young man, with a three-dollar knitted necktie and all, and she smiled as she told him how sorry she was about having no match.

"They all fall for the automobile," he muttered to himself.

One thing led to another, and soon he was sitting beside her chatting gayly about the Latin Quarter, Shakespeare's latest play, the prevalence of divorce and other absorbing topics. But soon it really did begin to darken up.

"I must go," she said, and, giving him a final smile, she strode daintily to the automobile to which he had pointed as his, hopped in and was lost in a cloud of dust, leaving him to reflect on the just deserts which sooner or later must envelop all fourflushers.

Limitations of Private Philanthropy.

In a certain city an energetic association secretary was just completing his fund for a fine new building. One night his wife was called out to a case of distress, through which he got an insight into the bad conditions surrounding working women in his city. After carefully getting up his facts, he formed a committee, secured speakers and announced that on Friday there would be a public meeting to consider the problem of the working young women in local industries. Promptly he was summoned by telephone to meet the directors of his association, and when he entered the room, one of his Christian backers burst out upon him with: "What in h—l do you mean by getting up this public meeting? Don't you know I've got 80 girls working in the basement of my department store?" His other directors were equally stern, and he was ordered to call off his meeting or lose all the important contributions to his building fund. He held his meeting and immediately thereafter resigned.—Edward A. Ross, in Atlantic.

Buchanan's Public Life.

One hundred years ago James Buchanan, who in later life became President of the United States, was elected a member of the house of representatives in the Pennsylvania legislature. This marked the beginning of Mr. Buchanan's public career. At the time he was affiliated with the Federalist party. He disapproved of the war with England, but did not shrink the duties of an American citizen when the war became a fact and was himself one of the first volunteers to march to the defense of Baltimore. Mr. Buchanan retired from the legislature at the end of his second term with a determination to abandon political life, and devote himself exclusively to the practice of law. A few years later, however, he was induced to accept election to congress and soon became a figure of national prominence.

Non-Retroactive.

A New York salesman tells of a stay made by him at a western hotel where he observed an old-fashioned roller towel.

"Say," asked the Gothamite of a man in the washroom, "don't the owners of this hotel know that it's against the law of the state of Illinois to use roller towels now?"

"He knows it right enough," said the man addressed, "but that law wasn't passed when this towel was put up."

FAVORED MUSIC IN WARFARE

Great Soldiers of the Past Maintained Absolute Need of the Martial Strains.

The war between Russia and Japan was regarded by many experts in things military as having sealed the fate of the martial drum. The Japanese armies moved from first to last silently, save for the occasional blast of a bugle. The drum was conspicuously absent. Before that war it had been abolished in some European armies, but no great war had been fought without it.

Napoleon was an ardent defender of the drum, and he believed, with Marshal de Saxe, that great general of the eighteenth century, that the measured sound made by the drum and the fif was indispensable to make men march well. "The drum," the Corsican is reported to have said, "imitates the canon. It is the best musical instrument in the world, for it never gets out of tune." And the little corporal was fond of pointing out the passages in "Othello" wherein the poet makes the Moor pay a glowing tribute to the "spirit-moving drum."

Napoleon's opponent, Wellington, contended that without the strains of music it was quite impossible for troops to make successful charges. Wanting music, he said, men would come up ragged and open against the enemy.

Musical authorities seem agreed that, when used in a proper way, the drum is thoroughly musical. The common snare or side drum is freely used in musical compositions. A large number of drummers performing simultaneously out of doors produce good music. In this connection Berlioz, the composer, pointed out that a sound that was insignificant when heard singly, such as the clink of one or two muskets at shoulder arms, or the thud as the butt comes to the ground at ground arms, becomes brilliant and attractive if performed by a thousand men together.

GERMAN MOTTO "ICH DIEN"

Urged That Language of Teuton Be Removed From the Prince of Wales' Badge.

The school readers of a past generation told the brave story of the battle of Cressy, fought on the 23d of August, 1346, in which the English defeated the French with great slaughter, an exchange of remarks. Among the dead was the old blind king of Bohemia, who was led into the battle by guides. His standard was taken and carried to the black prince. On it was his crest, three ostrich feathers, with the motto in German, "Ich Dien" ("I serve"). This the prince adopted; and it has been borne ever since by the successive princes of Wales in memory of this victory.

Today it is being urged by British newspapers that the language of the Teuton be removed from the badge and the plain English, "I serve," be used in its stead. To the feathers taken from John of Luxembourg, king of Bohemia, with the motto, the coronet was added, it is said, by Edward VI and "the prince of Wales' feathers" are vested in the heir apparent, whether he is created prince of Wales or not. But worse is yet to come if the suggestion of a Welsh paper prevails. The paper suggests that to be a correct and proper motto for the prince of Wales neither "Ich Dien" nor "I serve" should be used, but the simple Welsh translation, "Gwasanaethaf."

War Brought Prosperity to Cuba.

"The European war," says a traveler recently arrived from that island, "has put money in the pockets of the Cubans, and they are good spenders." North American goods, liked by the Cubans, will find a better market there today than at any time since the founding of the Republic.

"The sugar crop is better this year than it has been for many years. Not only is it larger than usual, but they are getting better prices for it than ever before. This is due to the European war, which has cut down the best sugar crop of the continental countries from one-quarter to one-half. Prices for raw sugar will go much higher than they are now in the estimation of many down here.

"In the ten years I have been working in Cuba I have never known the people so happy and prosperous. Certainly they have the money to spend, and it is waiting for the manufacturer who is willing to go into the trade."

Raise: Neutrality Question.

One hundred years ago the famous American privateer General Armstrong met her doom in a heroic battle with three British warships. The engagement took place in neutral waters, in the harbor of Fayal, belonging to Portugal, which fact resulted in a historic diplomatic controversy. President Madison took steps to compel Portugal to insist upon the inviolability and obtained the promise of an award, but later Louis Napoleon, to whom the matter was referred as arbiter, reversed the award. Great Britain apologized to Portugal for the act of the British commander in attacking an enemy in a neutral port.

Mark of Regiment's Bravery.

The white plume borne in the badge of the Royal Sussex regiment (35th foot) is a memorial of the conspicuous bravery displayed by that regiment on the brink of the precipice at the battle of the Heights of Abraham, near Quebec, more than a century and a half ago.

Relic From Ireland.

The Tara brooch belongs to the tenth century period of art. It is one of the finest pieces of early Irish work known, and is composed of white bronze, a mixture of copper and tin. On it are 76 different designs of tracery. It is a wonderful relic of the middle ages, illustrating the traditions of the early Irish church. It is now in the possession of the Dublin museum.

Still Teach Outworn Belief.

Noted for many queer institutions, Cairo has the unenviable reputation of being the home of the "deadest university in the world." This is El Ezhar, the great Moslem university, which schools its 11,000 students on the Ptolemaic theory of the universe which makes the earth the center of the solar system around which the sun and stars revolve.

Unbusinesslike Transaction.

Probably the smallest money order ever sent from Easton, Ga., was sent recently. A man walked into the post office, asking for a money order for three cents, which he owed to his society, and he said he would have to send a money order, as it didn't take stamps. The money order cost him three cents, and it took a two-cent stamp to send the order.

Farm Work a Lasting Joy.

Approached from the point of view of science, the labor of the farm is a continued joy. It is a manipulation of the laboratory which the real chemist does not relegate to a helper, it is the touching of a canvas by an artist's brush which cannot be left to an amateur.—From Dr. Harvey W. Wiley's "The Lure of the Land."

The First Telephone.

Robert Hooke, in 1667, conveyed sound to a distance by distended wire; and between Hooke's time and that of Elisha Gray considerable progress was made in the direction of the telephone; but it appears that the first real telephone was given to the world by Alexander Graham Bell, about 1877.

Prophet's Liking for Narcissus.

Mohammed loved the large-flowered narcissus, and has sounded its praises in the epigrammatic saying: "Whoever has two loaves of bread, let him exchange one for the narcissus flower; for bread is food for the body, but the narcissus food for the soul."

Expensive Wood.

One of the most expensive woods used regularly in an established industry in the United States is boxwood, the favorite material for wood carving. It has been quoted at four cents a cubic inch, and about \$1,300 by the thousand board feet.

Worth While Quotations.

"Never wait for life to come to you, but create the atmosphere around you. Believe in joy until it comes, for she is only half alive who allows life to make her instead of making life."—Selected.

One Thing She Knew.

Salesman—"What size collar does your husband wear?" "Dear me, I've forgotten! But I know it's larger than Fido's."—Judge.

Worth While Quotation.

"Great men had good mothers, but if all good mothers had great sons there would be a surplus."

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