

**Strenuous School Life.**  
School life at Shrewsbury, England, in the sixteenth century was a strenuous affair. Mr. Percy Addleshaw, in his "Life of Sir Philip Sidney," has an interesting account of the school at that time. "The school year," he writes, "was divided into halves. From Lady day to All Saints' day the hours of attendance were from six o'clock in the morning till eleven, the dinner hour. In the afternoon the boys studied from 12:45 till five o'clock. Prayers were recited at the beginning and close of the day. If a holy day occurred in the week it was a play day; but usually the weekly day for games was Thursday. One custom then begun is still observed.

At the earnest request and great entreaty of some men of honor, of great worship, credit, or authority, an extra holiday was granted to the boys. The judges of assize, when visiting Shrewsbury, are still accustomed to ask for, and obtain, this boon."

**Paid the Mourners.**  
The little town of Isle-sur-Sogne, France, saw a very popular funeral recently when the remains of an old maid, scarcely known except to her immediate neighbors, were escorted to the cemetery by nearly one thousand mourners. The story had gone abroad that the old lady left instructions in her will to distribute a small sum to each person who should see her buried, at the gates of the cemetery after the ceremony. For this purpose she collected 100 five-penny pieces, and also set apart \$20 for the funeral music accompanying her hearse. These stipulations were scrupulously carried out, and after being played into the cemetery with all the famous dead marches, the mourners indulged in such a contest for the small coins at the gate that a strong force of police, gathered in anticipation, had to interfere to restore order.

**Cracow's Jewish Quarter.**  
Cracow possesses the most picturesque ghetto in existence. So early as the fourteenth century a large part of its population consisted of Jews driven from Germany owing to the persecutions inflicted on them. Certain quarters of the city were assigned to the refugees; but, being pushed from these in course of time by the growth of Christian population, they chose the suburb of Kazimiers for their habitation, and founded an almost purely Jewish community. There they still have their old synagogues (one of which dates back 500 years), and their own hospitals and schools. They dress in the same way as their forefathers, and speak among themselves a bewildering mixture of Hebrew, German and Polish.

**Children's Plays Changing.**  
Watching the youngsters in the parks during holiday time, I have been struck by the change that has taken place in children's games. I hope I am not unduly pessimistic, but it does not seem a change for the better. Boys play cricket, girls seem to have no recognized games at all, and the impression given the onlooker is one of aimlessness and monotony. Why is it that our boys no longer play "over-buckle," "prisoners' base," "weak-horse," "widdy-widdy-way" and other like strenuous games which some of us enjoyed immensely no more than a decade ago? And why have the girls forgotten "tag" and "ee" and "ring-a-ring-a-roses"?—London Chronicle.

**Keeping Up an Old Custom.**  
Lammas, as August 1 is sometimes styled, remains an important anniversary not only in Scotland, where it is quarter day, but throughout rural England, the Pall Mall Gazette observes. In many parishes the pasture of Lammas lands "belongs from this date until Lady day to all parishioners who draw smoke," not through pipes, but chimneys. The mysterious word Lammas is merely loaf mass, so called, because this was anciently our national harvest festival. A loaf made from the new corn was formerly presented at church on this date, which fell nearly a fortnight later under the un-reformed calendar. Farmers around Chichester seem to have some subconscious reminiscence of this old custom, for they always try to get a loaf baked from the new wheat before the end of Goodwood week.

**Methodism in the United States.**  
Methodism did not start in this country at Boston in the year 1760. It was in New York city, in 1766, that the tenets of Wesley were introduced to the people of the United States by a "few pious emigrants from Ireland."

**Japanese Cages for Singing Bugs.**  
In the land of the wistaria, the gelsa girl and the inlaid ivory knock-neck, artistic appreciation is all for the subtle, the dainty and the miniature, and so it is that the singing insect has come to be an honored institution there. These Carusos and Gadsdiks of bugdom are eagerly sought after by the Japanese and everything is done for their comfort and musical education. They pass their tuneful lives away caroling mournful insect elegies upon their lost freedom, and staring disconsolately at their delicate Japanese mistresses through the bars of sumptuous little cages.

**NOT AN ECONOMICAL PEOPLE**

Americans Do Not Seem to Attach Very Great Importance to Saving the Pennies.

Of all the nations the United States seems to care least for saving pennies. Not the government, but the individual. Measured by the number of savings bank depositors in proportion to the entire population, this country is far behind those of Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

One reason for this is that in the southern and western states the number of savings banks is relatively few, because the small banks serve the same purpose in those sections. There are approximately 11,000,000 savings depositors in the United States and almost three-fourths of this number are in the six New England states, and in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

In making a comparison with other countries in this matter the government postal banks introduced a few years ago should be included. They are included abroad and therefore should be here if an accurate idea of the thriftiness of the various nations is to be given.

We are prodigals compared with Europeans, and while there is perhaps not the same pressing necessity here to count the pennies, it is undoubtedly true that Americans are too strongly inclined to be spendthrifts, to let the morrow take care of itself. From the experience of hard times occasioned by the war we may learn that laying something aside for a rainy day is not only a virtue, but a practice which makes old age and nonemployment less terrible to think of. The trouble is Americans do not think of it, but they should.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

**WHY CHILDREN SEEK GIFTS**

As Instinctive for Them to Ask as It Is, or Should Be, for the Adult to Give.

In the Woman's Home Companion Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of Broadway tabernacle in New York city, writes a talk entitled "The Joy of Receiving," in the course of which he explains why little children enjoy receiving more than giving. He says in part:

"In little children, the joy of receiving outruns the joy of giving. Children are born beggars. They come into the world empty-handed, and they stretch their hand to those who are nearest them, expecting to receive. It is instinctive for a child to ask, and it is instinctive for an adult to respond. The child's mind is as empty as its hands. Its mind reaches out with questions—and what are questions but hands of the mind?—pleading for bits of information, scraps of knowledge, donations of light. It is a pleasure to give to a child, but who would dare say that one's pleasure in giving outstrips the child's pleasure in receiving? Who is happier, do you think, at Christmas, the child or the parent?"

"It is not the child's nature to lie awake wondering what it can give to others, but when he falls to thinking of what others are going to give him it is difficult for him to go to sleep. Look at a child receiving a present, and then look at him giving one, and note which act is more natural and which brings the intensest delight. Little children know how to receive."

**The Literary Future.**  
What will be the effect of almost worldwide war upon the world's writers? No one can escape its psychological effect—the first stunning sense of the futility of one's ordinary labors and habits of thought, a profound unsettling of one's mental base. But afterward? Perhaps, as a reaction against the literature of the war, we shall have a flood of light comedy of the gayest sort. Serious writers, finding their usual material stale and unprofitable, will turn to making mad farce. With the world going to pieces about one, what can one do but laugh? We must laugh, in spite of ourselves, at the spectacle of Anatole France, in uniform, editing the Soldiers' Bulletin! And no one of course will take seriously George Bernard Shaw's advice to the soldiers of the opposing armies, to "shoot their officers and go home!" Shaw is the only literary man to raise a voice against patriotism—but then of course he is an Irishman. People are used to saying: "Shaw isn't serious!"—Neith Boyce in Harper's Weekly.

**The Servian Drum.**  
It seems that the men who play the big drums in the Servian army bands have an easier lot than the drummers of other lands, since they do not have to carry their own drums.

In nearly all cases, instead of being slung in front of the man who plays it, the instrument is put on a small two-wheeled cart drawn by a large dog. Of course, the drummer must play as he marches, but the dog is so well trained that there is no difficulty in doing this.

The animal keeps his place even through the longest marches, and the drummer walks behind the cart, performing on his instrument as he goes along. Each regiment is provided with two or three big drums, but few regiments have a band.

**Was Quite Willing.**  
Girl's Father—I want you to understand, however, that I consent to your marriage only under protest.  
Sutor—Oh, that's all right, if you will let none of the demands I may make on you afterward go to protest.

**The Long Engagement.**

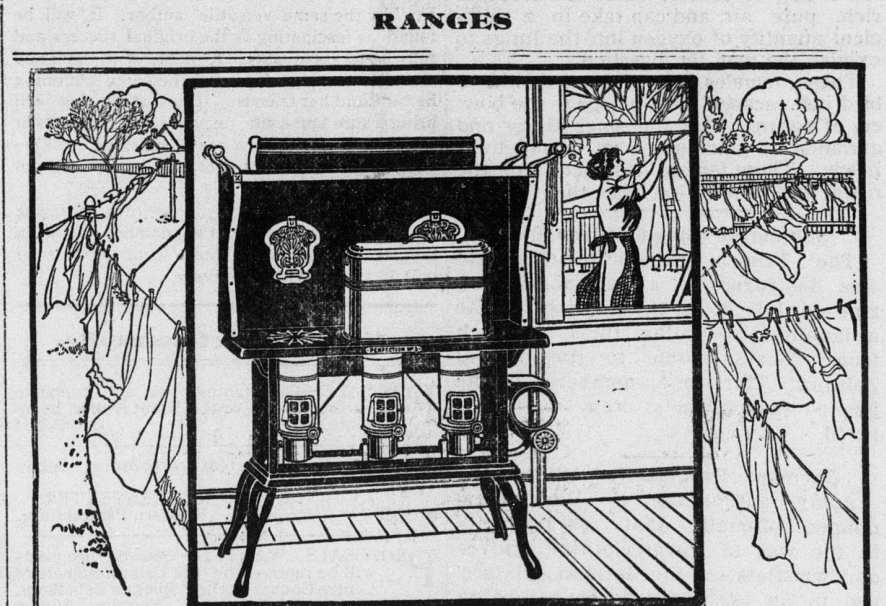
Long engagements are an injustice to the girl, and the man, too. It cuts her off from her man friends entirely, and unless "the" man happens to have extraordinary powers of entertainment, unhappiness is almost certain to follow. Not that a girl should be amused all the time, or the man either, but memories will recur, and after a long time spent in useless waiting with no prospects of change, thoughts of the others are bound to creep in. A man is bound, hand and foot, by a long engagement. He cannot force success or make an opportunity out of the empty air, yet the thought of the girl drives him on—sometimes to desperate measures. Of the two, it would be better to keep the engagement a secret, and not to see each other too frequently.—Exchange.

**Literal Interpretation.**  
An alert little girl, learning with surprise that she must not whisper in church, promised, if permitted to go again, not to transgress in such manner. Auntie, taking the child to a brief service, was surprised, in the middle of the sermon, to find that the "No whispering!" command had received quite literal interpretation. "Oh, auntie," sighed her small companion, gently but with terrific clearness, "why did we come to hear this preacher? He's worse than the other one we heard last week."

**The Hearts in Men.**

Two riverfront wanderers unceremoniously leaped into the river to rescue an unfortunate woman who took her own life. Whether or not these men were outcasts we cannot know. The report didn't attempt to furnish a description of them. But little as their own lives might be worth, they did not hesitate to offer what they had. On the river front one may daily see little evidences of heroism among the discarded members of society and the refuse of humanity. Under tattered clothes and seared features beats many a heart which would freely spare its blood for others more unfortunate. A child falls in the river and it is a rare day when a dozen dock wallpapers won't begin shedding their coats for the rescue. It is almost as difficult to kill the good in men as it is to suppress the bad.—Detroit News.

**Napoleon's Time of Happiness.**  
In the days of the First Consulate, life tripped merrily at Malmaison. Those were the happiest days of Napoleon and Josephine. Often they visited Malmaison, sometimes quietly, sometimes surrounded by a brilliant crowd, but always accompanied by Hortense, the consul's beautiful step-daughter, who was to become his sister-in-law and the mother of the third Napoleon.



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