

Charts for Commercial Geography.
Commercial geography as it is now widely taught in the public schools by listing the various imports and exports of countries and the products of different cities fails to give a clear idea of the relative importance of the materials listed. It frequently happens that the second or third item on a list may have only one-tenth the importance of the first item. Because the three names are given one after the other, the pupil is quite likely to consider the three items of equal importance, just as three persons may be of different height, yet of about the same importance. The graphic method judiciously applied to school geography and to general commercial geography would make a tremendous difference in the student's grasp of the subject.—Engineering Magazine.

Supremacy of Business.
There never was a time in all history when our national life has been so interwoven in the transactions of business representing as it does the basic principle of progress and permanent success, and the sneer at commercialism passes when we discover militarism only a cloak for it. The United States is proving to the world how inconsequential are those things which have been felt to be paramount in the building up of a nation, such as military power and frowning fortifications along the border, for business is something that concerns individuals and the home welfare, and requires no apology in this day of glorified peaceful industry, which is another name for "Americanization."—"How's Business," Prominent Business Men, in National Magazine.

New Patron Saint.
Polar explorers now have their patron saint in the person of St. Christopher, whose medallion, presented by Queen Alexandra of England, is affixed to the endurance. Not long ago the equally modern profession of shorthand writers was similarly equipped. They fixed upon St. Genest, who suffered martyrdom for refusing to transcribe an imperial decree. That is an odd reason, but not more odd than many which have weighed in other transactions of the kind. The patron saint of skaters is St. Ludwina, who fell on the ice and sustained injuries which she bore with exemplary patience, and St. Cyril was long regarded as the patron of Slavs on the ground that he was "the apostle of the Slav."—

Asbestos Kids.
He was nine years old and practical, and as he came home from Sunday school the mystery of the Sunday school lesson fell upon him. The lesson was about the three men cast into the blazing furnace. The teacher had made it very plain. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were their names, and by the power of faith they had been rescued from the fiery pit unharmed. The story was past all comprehension. It was a miracle—an Old Testament miracle. "Tell you what, mother," he added, after explaining the marvelous lesson the best he knew how, "them was sure three asbestos kids!"

Digestion During Sleep.
Digestion goes on effectively during sleep. The evening meal is digested during the night. The midday meal, especially when it is heavy, causes drowsiness in some persons. The proof that digestion is active in the night is the fact that waste is generally accumulated in the morning. Furthermore, in the case of persons who have died during the night, the autopsy shows that digestion is further advanced the longer the period intervening between the last meal and death; from this fact the probable time of death has been indicated at coroner's inquests.

False Alarm.
The sexton was showing a holiday party around the church, says the Manchester Guardian, when someone asked him if he feared a suffragette attack. "I'd quite a turn the other morning," said the sexton. "I see one of our ladies going in the church with a hammer in 'er' and. She turns round quite upset, and says, 'How dare you think I'm going to break windows? That Mrs. X—, who sits in my pew, will use my hassock. I'm going to nail it to the floor in my place.' And she did."

Snake Farms in Tropics.
Two snake-infested countries, India and Brazil, maintain "snake farms" at which a scientific study of serpents is being pursued. The venom from the poisonous ones is extracted and made into a serum for curing persons who have been bitten. The Brazilian institution, near Sao Paulo, is maintained at an expense of \$40,000 a year. Besides preparing serums the "snake farm" tries to spread knowledge about snakes and induce farmers not to kill them indiscriminately.—The Outlook.

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Low Countries in Fiction.
Both Belgium and Holland, in the guise of the Low Countries, as they used to be called, figure very prominently in English fiction. Thackeray, in particular, placed very many scenes there, as every reader of "Esmond" and "Vanity Fair" will recall. Namur deserves a very special place in literary affections from its associations with "Tristram Shandy." It was the fortifications of this city that "My Uncle Toby," assisted by "Corporal Trim," spent his time in constructing in miniature replica. It was also "My Uncle Toby," it is interesting to recall, who was responsible for that classic phrase, "Our troops swore horribly in Flanders."

The Retort Courteous.
The telephone girls are forbidden to "answer back," no matter how abusive a customer may be. Sometimes they get around these hard conditions in a very clever way. An instance of the retort courteous happened recently in Los Angeles in one of the big exchanges.

After vainly trying for ten minutes to get the number he had asked for, the irate customer shouted: "What the deuce is the matter with you telephone girls, anyhow—are you all crazy?"

The answer came with exasperating sweetness: "I don't know. Ask information."

You and Your Work.
Is work a burden? Do you rebel at everything and are you withholding your best efforts? Get another place! It is time for you to give your notice and attach yourself to another bread line. Never let work overpower you with its demands on energy. The man or woman who dies in the traces, without the joy of work, may have a big funeral, but sermons and shaking heads of the onlookers are of little worth to the personality that has gone too soon. Make your work contribute to the joy of living. Make it help you to grow. Look for something in the near future that will do this.

To Remove Iodine Stains.
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Daily Thought.
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Looking Backward.
Our first years at school were not made easy and joyous to us by the modern methods of the kindergarten and other similar systems of acquiring knowledge without effort, and we thereby escaped the effects of the fallacy that learning and education can be attained without pains and concentration drilled at school in mental arithmetic and other studies of a kind not much relished, I am told, by the youth of today and unfashionable with modern educators of young children; and at home we were urged in season and out, as we then thought, to improve our minds, to contemplate serious things, and especially and most frequently, to read good books, particularly those books which required effort for their understanding and mastery.—George P. Brett in the Atlantic.

Few Have the Opportunity.
"Never look a gift horse in the mouth" may be good advice to the one man in a million who is fortunate enough to have a horse given him.

Daily Thought.
If you wish for success in life make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius.—Addison.

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St. George and the Dragon.
It is rather surprising to find St. George and his dragon turning up on that stretch of the Danube which parts Hungary from Serbia, remarks the London Chronicle. But the cavern of Golubacz on the Hungarian side, opposite to the castle of the same name in Serbia, can support by circumstantial evidence its claim to have been the scene of the encounter. It is true that the "Golden Legend" localizes the dragon in a "pond like a sea" in Libya. But the champions of Golubacz relate that, having slain the dragon, St. George left the carcass in the cavern, where it has ever since bred innumerable flies. And, as Mr. Walter Jerrold notes, there is no doubt about the flies. In the early summer swarms of them cover spaces of six or seven miles, and they have often proved fatal to horses.

Daily Thought.
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