

PROGRESS VS. LOVE.

Ah me! the march of Progress
Is driving Love from hence,
For how can parting lovers talk
Across a barb-wire fence?

A RARE KIND OF TRAMP.

I will reproduce a very pathetic story; a real occurrence, no fiction. It occurred in 1884, during my career as a reporter on a daily paper. I was greatly interested when I heard the dialogue between the kind-looking man and the rare tramp.

"My Darling Boy: I have just heard, through Mr. Johnston, where you are, and I write these few lines, hoping they may find you. You do not know how sad and heart-broken I have been since you went away."

"Where is your home?"
"Where in Huntingdon county, sir, and if I had a ticket I could get there before morning."

"At home at last!" This, his first exclamation, broke the spell that had possessed him, and he began to realize his awkward situation. Rogge, dirty, starved and wan-visaged, he stood and wondered what or how to do.

"Hello, Pat, I hear you lost your job in that department store."
"Yes, got fired the first day."

Germany is Far Behind This Country in Autos.
There are eight times as many automobiles per capita in the United States as there are in Germany, according to A. E. Dunning, Secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin.

When you can't find it in any other paper look in the "Watchman," it's sure to be there.

Scottish Buildings
Something of Mystery

All over Scotland are hundreds of forts built on hilltops. The White Cairn, in Forfarshire, is a good example of these. It consists of four circles of stone, the diameter of the inner circle being 80 paces. The stones are 25 feet thick at the top and over 100 feet thick at the base.

Giants Credited With Building of Causeway

The Giants' causeway is a group of basaltic rocks on the north coast of Antrim, Ireland. This promontory, which is a portion of the basaltic formations found in the country of Antrim and near Londonderry, projects into the North channel. It is called Giants' causeway from the legend that it was the beginning of a road which the giants began to build across the channel to Scotland.

Mistaken Atmosphere

The pastor had been holding revival services for some time. Much interest had been taken in them, but on this particular evening the meeting had been more than usually interesting.

Our Debt to Children

Better teachers, fuller school equipment, it matters not what they cost. We owe them to our children. And we owe them more. We owe them our own example. What we do, and the lives they live with us, will affect them most.

Sexton Kept Track

"I canna git over it," remarked a farmer to his wife. "I put a twa-shillin' piece in the plate at the kirk this mornin' instead o' my usual penny."

From Pillar to Post

"From pillar to post" means from one thing to another without any definite purpose, hither and thither, and on from one court of appeal to another without any decision.

Positive Proof That Woman Had Been Poor

She looked rich and acted rich, because she had married a rich man, yet at least one woman at the tea party, says a writer in the New York Times, discovered that she had once been poor.

When Barrett Wendell Was Roused to Anger

For all his scholarly dignity, Barrett Wendell, Harvard professor, now and then lost his temper and especially at football games. In his biography, M. A. DeWolfe Howes recalls an occasion when Doctor Wendell and his daughter were greatly annoyed by an excited fan directly in front of them, who kept leaping up and cutting off their view.

Sewing Machine Inventor

The father of the modern sewing machine was Elias Howe, who died in 1897. The patent for his first machine was taken out in 1846, and its principles still form the basis of most modern ones. Howe came from Massachusetts, and earned his living in a factory for making cotton machinery; but the honor of inventing the first sewing machine is not entirely American.

That Boston Joke

A number of boys were playing baseball in a vacant lot in Boston, when the ball crashed through the window of an adjacent house. The wrathful householder stormed out in pursuit of the guilty ones. He managed to capture one spectacled, slow-footed youth.

Value of Self-Control

Self-control is self-direction, as well as self-restraint. The engineer controls his engine not simply by preventing it from running off the track or from colliding with an obstruction. It is rather by making it do the work for which it was constructed and intended.

Women as Inventors

American women have patented nearly 1,400 devices. Women have patented contraptions all the way from hooks-and-eyes to artificial eyelashes, including road-building equipment and intricate machinery. When Howe was trying to invent the sewing machine he reached the point of where he was stumped. His wife, tiring of having him sitting around glowering, shoved him aside, sat down before the machine, gave it a few whirrs and said, "Put the thread eyelet in the other end of the needle down by the point." That solved the problem.

Leaf That Will Hide a Man

The ape-man plant is a giant growth which once grew all over the world, but now it is found only on the volcanic slopes of Hawaii, where it grows in great profusion. It covered the entire earth millions of years ago, when gigantic animals roamed over the surface. The best specimens at present are found on the sides of Haleakala, in a gulch, where the conditions resemble those of a hothouse. A fully developed leaf of this plant is sufficient to hide a full-grown human standing behind it.

Marriage in France Regarded as a Duty

A few months ago, girl students at the University of Minnesota replied to a questionnaire asking their notion of an ideal husband. According to the replies, he must be "moderately good-looking, athletically inclined, morally clean, respectful toward religion, healthy, appreciative of the good and beautiful in life, well trained socially, chivalrous, optimistic and good-natured"; but such qualities as patience, courage, industry, sound judgment, love of children and an infinite capacity for self-sacrifice—these they failed to emphasize. In other words, each young woman was seeking an agreeable mate. He must be "charming." Then the young woman in her turn would be "happy." Whereas, no one is ever "happy," and those who marry in order to win "happiness" meet with disillusionment. They ought to.

In France, where marriages are arranged by the old folks, no one thinks of marriage as bringing "happiness." No one thinks of marriage as a personal indulgence. In France, marriage is a duty. Such prerequisites as patience, courage, industry, sound judgment, love of children and an infinite capacity for self-sacrifice are not underrated. Except in rare cases, interesting to the novelist because of their rarity, French marriage succeeds. Very few French couples seek divorce—so few, indeed, that France was shocked when Americans began to seek divorce in Paris, and applauded the ministry of justice for somewhat abating the scandal.

Inasmuch as we are not Latins and have neither the background nor the shrewd, calculating, businesslike and socially dutiful inclinations of the French, who arrange marriages for their children as deliberately as they finance those marriages, we shall never adopt the French system. Instead of arranging marriages for our children, we are much more likely to find our children arranging divorces for us.—Rollin Lynde Hartt in World's Work.

Reforestation Goes On

A traveler through New England, observant, may have noted in recent years the springing up of little patches of new forest here and there. He may notice also that old forests, perfectly ready to cut under temptation, are left standing. He may notice also that the ground under the trees is in many cases cleaned up so that inflammable material for quick fires has been removed. Small as these evidences are in the country as a whole, they are numerous enough in some places to show that the forestry propaganda is beginning to accomplish results. It is sure to grow in strength and the work of protection and reforestation is sure to progress faster as it acquires momentum, says the Waterbury (Conn.) American.

The dedication of a people's forest, on the banks of the Farmington river, where several hundred acres of forest land were placed in the hands of the state as a memorial and an addition to the system of parks which the state has provided, is one small but significant item in such work. As the habit grows much Connecticut land now running to waste, but suitable for forest growth, will be covered with trees, and the next generation will see quite a different face on the state of Connecticut.

Grass Growing by Electricity

Electric lights have been used successfully at the Jumping Brook golf club, in New Jersey, to grow grass on the greens at night, and thus shorten the delay in putting the course into service. Grass lighted at night grew four inches in three weeks, while grass on the unlighted portion of the green grew but one inch in the same period. Twenty-four thousand-watt globes with special reflectors were hung four feet from the ground to give a continuous, even spread of light. On the lighted portion the seed came through in five days, while seed sown on the unlighted part of the same green did not germinate until two days later.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Still Worse

Great guns, Gap" ejaculated an acquaintance. "What 'pears to be the matter? Has your wife had a back-set, or something that a-way?" "Worse than that," sadly replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "The doctor says she mustn't do a lick of work for two months, anyhow. And I don't know who in the nation is going to get the winter's wood in—the children say they won't, and I'm all down in the back till I can't turn a tap. 'Pears like we've got to freeze and starve whilst we're a-doing it."—Kansas City Star.

Name Like Fire Alarm

An Indian chief visited Muskogee, Okla., recently and stayed over night at the hotel. Going to his room that night he decided to call his wife, who lived at Dewar, a few miles away. He took down the phone receiver and started in: "This is Big Fire Chief Fire—" but the telephone operator let him get no further. She sounded the general fire alarm, and when the department arrived the Indian was still trying to get in his call and verbally losing his temper through the phone.

Fan Becomes Historic

When the duchess of Atholl entered the house of commons with a fan just before the close of the last session, friends said that it was the first fan to appear there, so had it sent to the Perthshire museum for preservation.

FARM NOTES.

—Now is the time of year to mark the location of winter springs and "spouty" places. Later a properly located tile drain can be installed to remove the surplus water.

—Bulbs potted last fall for Easter blooming must be started into active growth now. It is better to have these develop normally than to force them too fast later on, landscape specialists of The Pennsylvania State College say.

—Further expansion in dairying in 1925 seems inadvisable. A recovery in prices of dairy products could hardly be expected should the number of milk cows be further increased. Domestic production appears adequate, and the foreign dairy situation is such as to keep world market prices low.

—A thin, under-nourished ewe cannot be expected to raise big lambs. If no grain has been fed yet, now is a good time to begin. Feed one-half pound of the following grain mixture to each ewe each day: 300 pounds of oats, 200 pounds of corn and 100 pounds of bran. If good clean corn silage is available this can be fed as high as three pounds daily per ewe.

—Hatching eggs should be collected often during cold weather. Make it a practice to gather these eggs about every hour during the coldest days. They should be stored in a fairly dry room which is free from foreign odors and which is kept at a temperature between 65 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Turn the eggs daily and never hold them longer than 10 days before placing them in an incubator.

—Prices for beef cattle for 1925 should average somewhat higher than for 1924. The industry is gradually working into a more favorable position due to the relation of beef to competing commodities, especially pork; improved industrial conditions, and in no small measure to the cattleman's own sacrifices. Market will probably be somewhat smaller than in 1924. All conditions indicate that the long-time outlook for the industry is even more favorable.

—It is advisable to have some commercial fertilizer on hand in addition to the manure placed on the garden. Acid phosphate broadcast after plowing or spading at the rate of five pounds per square rod is a good practice where manure has been applied. Where no manure is available a high grade complete fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potash should be broadcast at the rate of seven to ten pounds per square rod after plowing. Nitrate of soda is also valuable to apply as a top dressing to the growing plant, a handful to 15 feet of row.

—A large part of the weed seed distribution could be prevented by stopping the exchange between farmers of home grown seed which has not been re-cleaned.

A frequent source of unreliable seed is out-of-State cheap mail order houses which are not regulated by the Pennsylvania seed law.

If there are weed seeds in the field crop seeds which the farmer produces it must be because the farmer has a weedy field.

The responsibility of getting good seed falls as much on the farmer as on the seed men.

Much of the seed exchanged between farmers is not up to the standard required by the Pennsylvania seed law.

—Producing 12,659 pounds of milk and 621.5 pounds of butterfat, Option's Ima Daytonia, a Jersey cow owned by Pennsylvania State College, recently established a new state record in the 305-day division. Raleigh's Majesty, owned by White House Farm, Paoli, formerly held the Keystone state record with 13,555 pounds of milk and 613.4 pounds of butterfat.

The new champion was bred by G. B. Dayton, Richardville. She was purchased by the college because of her outstanding breed type. She has now proved that type and production can go hand in hand. At present she is producing over fifty pounds a day, according to P. D. Jones, dairy herdsman at the college.

It is interesting to note that it cost \$200 to feed Option's Ima Daytonia her 12 tons of rations while she was on test. During that time she consumed 5,233 pounds of grain, 346 pounds of molasses, 843 pounds of dried beef pulp, 8,860 pounds of roots and 2,872 pounds of alfalfa and mixed hays.

Returns on milk sold amounted to \$776 which leaves a handsome profit when cost of feed is deducted. Since all of the milk was sold in the grade A or certified classes, the returns are higher than could be expected.

—A considerable increase in hog production next fall, and a corn acreage about the same as in 1924 are recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture in the second section of its annual outlook report. Beef cattle prices this year should average somewhat higher than last year, and those for sheep and wool should be at least on a par with those of 1924, the report says. Dairymen are urged to make no further expansion in their industry. Higher egg prices may be expected during the season of flush production this year than last, but poultry prices may be lower. "Hog producers," the report says, "enter 1925 with 18 per cent fewer hogs than a year ago and there is every indication that prices during the next 18 months will be higher than at any time since 1920. Six to eight million fewer pigs will be born this spring than last spring. Fewer sows will farrow next fall if producers respond to the unfavorable relation of corn and hog prices as they have done in the past. While the 1924 corn crop will probably be well cleaned up an increased acreage in 1925 does not appear advisable in view of the indicated reduction of the feeding demand. Stocks of old corn on farms are likely to be smaller than usual in the beginning of the new crop year 1925, but it appears that not more than an average crop will be required to supply the needs of the country for both feed and commercial purposes.