

SAGE SAYINGS

Every man swells up after uttering a big word.
 If we did everything we were told to do—we couldn't.
 The man who works hard to think thinks hard to work.
 Among the drugs that are not habit-forming is castor oil.
 He who lives for self and self alone is a successful failure.
 A dear girl is apt to make a poor young man feel cheap.
 Contentious people will even argue with you about the weather.
 Books must follow sciences, and not sciences books.—Bacon.
 It is often difficult to get even with people who owe you money.
 A woman likes to move to another locality so that people won't know her age.
 Never judge a man's knowledge of human nature by the opinion he has of himself.
 Riches have wings, but they don't seem to have any tail that you can put salt on.
 He gains wisdom in a happy way who gains it by another's experience.—Plautus.
 Half the people are worrying about being found out—the other half about being taken in.
 The average man hasn't enough courage to applaud until some other fellow starts it.
 A good doctor has to know almost as much about medicine as he knows about human nature.
 Everybody wants to boss somebody and there is always somebody who wants to boss everybody.

Good Hauls of Fish Thrown Up on Beach

An unusual sight was reported in the vicinity of Hoodsport, near Shelton, Wash., when residents observed hundreds of fish from the deeper waters thrown up on the beach for a mile or more and captured what they wanted by merely picking up the squirming fish. There were crabs, mackerel, flounders, sole, eels, crabs and shrimp, and even a wolf fish nearly five feet long, says the Seattle Times.
 As a school of black fish was noted in the canal during the week before it was thought they might have chased the smaller fish ashore, although the black fish are not uncommon, and the show of so many small fish ashore has never been known before. Another suggestion is that the recent storm, although mild in this section, might have created some underwater disturbance which drove the fish to commit suicide. At any rate it was easy fishing while it lasted.

Planted a Great Forest

Boy scouts played an important part in the New York state tree-planting program during the last spring and summer, according to a report of the conservation commission of that state recently made public. New York is one of the states which has adopted a broad reforestation program and has invited private individuals and agencies to assist. The boy scouts, according to the report, planted 70,600 trees, an increase of 100 per cent over the year previous. The scouts in their increased planting kept pace proportionately with the increase in tree planting activities throughout the state.

Inquiry and Reply

"Here, there!" yelled Constable Stackputter, the faithful guardian of the peace and dignity of Petunia. "What in tunket d'ye mean—dod blast ye!"—by tearing around the public square like forty dogs after a cat? What d'ye expect to accomplish by it?"
 "Thought I might be able to bust through the front window of the bank, run over a prominent citizen, or something of the sort," returned the offending motorist, cheerily.—Kansas City Star.

Second-Hand Radio Sets

A recent survey carrying a Washington date line states that the problem of merchandising second-hand radio sets is becoming as important a business as that of selling second-hand automobiles. The survey claims that the great majority of radio fans start with small sets and gradually work up to the many tubed receivers, providing a continual and every-creasing supply of "trade-in" sets. It is predicted that the coming winter will see many used radio sales.—The Outlook.

Those Dear Girls

Madge—Are you going to return the poor fellow's ring?
 Marie (who has just broken her engagement)—I haven't decided. I suppose he'll propose to you now, and I thought I'd just hand it over to you to save the bother.

Nothing Like That

Judge—Then the two women had an epistolary dispute.
 Witness—No pistols at all about it, sah. Dey jes' writ a lot o' mean things to one another.

Getting Perfect

"Well," sighed the fellow whose horse hadn't shown, "at least I am a good loser."
 "You ought to be," snarled his wife. "You have had plenty of practice."

YANGTZE IS LIFE ARTERY OF CHINA

Only River Outside America Guarded by U. S.

Washington.—The only river outside American territory on which United States gunboats are constantly on guard; the busiest river waterway in the world; and the stream whose basin holds a greater population than any other.
 Such, according to a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society, is the Yangtze river of China, where, because of looting expeditions by Chinese factional troops, the United States naval authorities have warned American ships to curtail sailings on part of the stream.
 "The Yangtze Kiang cannot quite claim to be either the greatest or the longest river in the world," says the bulletin. "Its length is about 3,000 miles and it is therefore exceeded by the Mississippi-Missouri, the Amazon, the Nile and one or two others. In volume it probably ranks third: after the Amazon and the Congo. But the Yangtze can lay claim to a much more important factor than mere bigness or length. With its tributary rivers, lakes and canals, it constitutes the inland water system most used by man as a carrier of his commerce.
 "The Yangtze rises in central Tibet at an altitude of 15,000 feet or more among the tangled mass of mountains and plateaus that also give birth to three other huge Asiatic streams: the Yellow, the Mekong and the Salween. In its journey to the sea it cuts through several distinct mountain ranges, forming some of the deepest river gorges in the world. At one point in Yunnan, the gorge of the river is 13,000 feet deep. In 1923 and 1924 these far western gorges of the Yangtze were explored and for the first time photographed by an expedition of the National Geographic society, headed by Joseph F. Rock.

Not Yangtze to Chinese.

"As a whole, the river is known as the Yangtze only to the western world. It has perhaps a dozen names to the Chinese at different points along its course. Only the two or three hundred miles nearest the ocean go by the name 'Yangtze Kiang' to the natives. The most popular names farther up are the Chinese equivalents of 'The Long River' and 'The Great River.'

"The Yangtze is a west-east river flowing in the lower temperate zone. Placed in the same latitude in America, the stream would rise in southwestern Arizona not far north of Yuma. It would cross into Texas just east of El Paso and zigzag southward to Monterey, Mexico, its southernmost point. Turning northward it would then parallel the Gulf coast a few miles inland, passing near Houston, New Orleans, and Pensacola, to flow into the ocean at Savannah. To duplicate actual conditions this imaginary American Yangtze should, of course, have a solid block of rich territory to the south where the Gulf of Mexico lies.
 "On this relocated river, ocean-going ships would sail 640 miles to New Orleans, the relative position of Hankow, China's greatest distributing center. Smaller river steamers would ascend more than 300 miles farther to Houston, the relative position of Chungking, head of steam navigation, passing en route through the famous mid-Yangtze gorges. Junks would ascend as far as the Texas-Mexican border and beyond.

"The Yangtze is the life artery of China. It drains an area of 770,000 square miles, equal to one-quarter the total area of the United States; and in this basin live approximately 175,000,000 people—once and a half the population of our 48 states.

Natural Commercial Advantages.

"At no other place in the world are three all-important economic factors making for trade so happily associated: a broad, deep-natural waterway for ships and a teeming, civilized population living on fertile, cultivated soil. The Yangtze, from 30 to 40 miles wide at its mouth, is a broad open door to the sea inviting the ships of the world to enter. And enter they do. Trans-shipping is unnecessary for 640 miles, ocean-going steamers ascending easily that distance to Hankow. But broad as the Yangtze is, it is crowded with traffic. The traveler finds no break in the unending stream of steamers, barges, junks and sampans. And frequently he encounters one of the huge rafts of logs on each of which the crew and their families have built a little village. On these floating islands, pigs and chickens wander about, children play, and women hang out their wash and carry on other domestic duties exactly as in some little Chinese hamlet on dry ground.
 "When China was forced after the middle of the past century to open up interior ports to the commerce of the West, the ships of the United States, Great Britain, France, and other powers entered the Yangtze. This shipping was often in danger because of uprisings and looted towns. The powers, including the United States, therefore stationed gunboats on the Yangtze to protect their interests. This is the only place in the world where the United States navy maintains such a force on a foreign river. Since the World war this flotilla, now consisting of seven boats, has been known officially as the American 'Yangtze patrol.' Their cruising itinerary takes them far up the Yangtze river.

Jefferson Bible One of Nation's Treasures

The so-called Jefferson Bible is a compilation made by Thomas Jefferson, consisting of passages from the four Gospels cut out and pasted in a volume according to a scheme of his own. He began the work about 1804, during his Presidency, when he bought two English Testaments and compiled a work of 48 pages. Two evenings were spent at this interesting task, at the conclusion of which the President remarked: "A more precious morsel of ethics was never seen." He intended this first abridgment for the use of the Indians. From a letter which he wrote to a friend it is learned that he was in the habit of reading from the volume every night before going to bed. About 1819 Jefferson completed the work by doing the same thing with Testaments in Greek, Latin and French. He entitled the work, "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth." The book contains no notes except the section of the Roman law under which Jesus was supposed to have been brought to trial. The list of passages, the title pages and the references to passages are in the handwriting of Jefferson. Two maps, one of Palestine and another of the ancient world, are pasted in front. The original work is in the National museum, Washington.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Thoughts of Worth Call for Expression

These two forms of silence—the silence of communion and the silence of repression—spring from beautiful and sterling foundations. But in themselves they are incomplete, and individual lives, though enriched, are never fulfilled through them. Mysticism and martyrdom must be related to living issues through expression, or they degenerate the one into introspective solitude, the other into narrowness of judgment, says a writer in the North American. Lives become sterile which might have been rich, had experience been translated into utterance.

The ministrations of words is indeed a blessed ministry. Because there are so many idle words, so many harmful words, so many insincere and bitter and malicious ones, we must not stumble into the mistake of believing that silence of itself has golden merit. There is the silence of indifference or self-consciousness, of carelessness or weariness; there is the lazy silence, the silence which grows from a sense of futility, or from contempt and pride. Silence, no less than inaction, may be a form of selfishness. As the laws of harmony exist without music, so may all that is fundamentally beautiful in human life exist without words.

Birds That Live Long

There is yet no reliable method by which to determine the length of natural life among the wild animals and birds, says Pathfinder Magazine. Most estimates of bird longevity are based entirely on birds kept in captivity. It is supposed that vultures, eagles, hawks, crows and parrots live the longest among birds. There are many records of parrots which lived over 80 years, and a few lived over 100. There is doubtful evidence of one macaw parrot in Italy living to be 200 years old. A white-headed vulture in the zoological gardens at Vienna, Austria, lived 118 years. Eagles, hawks, and crows are popularly supposed to live a century, but there is no substantial evidence to prove the supposition. Elder ducks are also believed to pass the century mark.

Like 'Em and Tease 'Em

At twenty-one a man is a musical instrument given to the other sex, but it is not as instruments learned at school, for when she sits down to it she cannot tell what tune she is about to play. That is because she has no notion of what the instrument is capable. Babbie's kind-heartedness, her gaiety, her coquetry, her moments of sadness, had been a witch's fingers, and Gavin was still trembling under their touch. Even in being taken to task by her there was a charm, for every point of her mouth, every shake of her head, said: "You like me, and therefore you have given me the right to tease you." Men sign these agreements without reading them. But indeed, man is a stupid animal at the best, and thinks all his life that he did not propose until he blurted out: "I love you."—J. M. Barrie.

The Wedding Fee

Wedding fees are to a minister's family what peanuts are to a monkey. Only the monkey translates the peanuts into energy, while the rector's family translates wedding fees into the most joyous and exciting things! Curtains for the parlor, porch swings, ice cream for Sunday dinner, a real new hat for mother and a pair of silk stockings for the family jointly, a new tire for the auto, and on one occasion false teeth, so long needed, for the rector himself.

All They Wanted

in an Edinburgh shop two young women asked to be shown a selection of tartan cloths, and the assistant turned out bale after bale, naming each tartan as he went along.
 "Of course we don't want to buy any tartan," they explained honestly enough, in the end, "but we're going to buy a pack of playing cards with tartan backs, and we're just wanting to find out which was the prettiest!"

OLD KAISERHOF IS DOOMED TO GO

Famous Hostelry to Become Office Building.

Berlin.—The German government has decided to purchase the historic Kaiserhof hotel on Wilhelmstrasse and to convert it into an office building.
 Berlin society thereby is greatly disturbed, and from every quarter protests are descending upon the ministry of finance. Parliament is being bombarded with pleas to veto the arrangement. Many Berliners feel that one of the chief connecting links between the old and the new Germany would thus be destroyed.
 The Kaiserhof during the fifty years of its existence has been the scene of some of the most brilliant functions under the imperial regime. Here the weddings of the smart set were held. Whenever a large festival took place at court, to which potentates came from foreign countries, some of the guests were lodged in the Kaiserhof, as the accommodations at the royal palaces were limited. For many years Prince von Bulow, former chancellor, was its star guest.
 The emperor's brother, Prince Henry, the grand duke of Hesse and many other royal personages lived at the Kaiserhof, and among those who paid their formal visits were Czar Nicholas of Russia and King George and Queen Mary of England.

Among historic occasions were the arrival of the Boer generals, De Wet, Botha and Delare, after the defeat of the Boer armies in South Africa in 1901; the dinner arranged in honor of Count Waldersee and the other officers who served against the Boxers in China, in 1900, and the benefit bazaar held under the protectorate of Empress Auguste Victoria in 1900.

The Kaiserhof, the first really modern and luxurious hotel to be erected in Berlin, so impressed the aged first German emperor, William I, that he remarked to his brother, Prince Karl, "That's better than anything we can afford."

SOUTHERN BEAUTY



Miss Fannie Dial, daughter of the former senator from South Carolina and Mrs. Nathaniel B. Dial, will make her debut to society in Washington this winter.

Texas Banker Plans Gulf Bird Paradise

Corpus Christi, Texas.—St. Joseph's Island, in the bay off Corpus Christi, is to become the home of one of the greatest private bird preserves in the country.

Thousands of the winged creatures are to be nested on the island under a plan promulgated by T. O. Frost, San Antonio banker and sportsman. Frost and associates have purchased the island outright. A large number of quail already have been stocked on the preserve, and other members of the game winged family are to be placed thereon for conservation purposes.
 Under the Frost plan, St. Joseph's island will outrival in bird tenantry the qualities of Bird Island, about which much has been written. No expense is to be spared in making the preserve complete for the future care of the feathered guests. The island will be a mecca for students of bird lore.

"Plug in" Telephone Flirts on Police Board

Boston.—Many of the telephone calls answered by the Fields Corner station of the Boston police department recently have been inquiries for "Glady's," or "Ida" or "Helen."
 For a long time Officer Williamson, who handles the outside calls in addition to his duties at the police box tape, was nonplussed by the frequent queries for the girls and called in vain on his thirty-odd years of sleuthing to solve the mystery.
 Then one of the Dorchester telephone operators volunteered an answer. To rid themselves of persistent flirts, who insist on securing their home telephone number, the flappers, Glady's, or Ida or Helen and others give the inquisitive Johnny the police station number and have the last laugh.

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