

OBEYED INSTRUCTIONS.

Photographer Planted His Camera Where He Was Told To and There Was Trouble.

The city editor summoned the photographer of his staff, relative's companion. "Col. Wellington's house is burning," he said, "and I want a picture of the fire. Get out there as quick as you can with your camera and take a view of what's left of the building, from the inside of the fence corner."

"But," said the photographer, "if—" "That's the point I want it taken from—right in the corner." "But I think there's—" "I don't care whether there's a better point or not. You know what I want. Hurry up! You are losing time!"

The photographer took his camera and departed. A few hours later he came in with the proof of a picture he had taken from the desired point of view.

"What is this?" asked the city editor. "That is a photograph of the ruins of Col. Wellington's house from the inside corner of the fence, near the street." "I can't see anything of the house." "I can't, either," responded the photographer. "I tried to tell you there was a big tree standing between that corner and the house, but you wouldn't let me."

Mr. Grover's Case. Frederika, Ia., Dec. 28.—Mr. A. S. Grover is now 74 years of age. For the last 30 years he has suffered a great deal of sickness, and, although he is a temperate man and never used spirits of any kind, his kidneys had troubled him very much. He said:—"I was told I had Diabetes, and my symptoms corresponded exactly to those of a young man who died of Diabetes in this neighborhood. My feet and limbs were bloated quite a little."

Getting Her Money's Worth. Milly—I was weighed this afternoon and tipped the scales at 109. Billy—I think that if the man that had weighed you had been real generous, he would have thrown in three-quarters of a pound, and made it an even hundred.

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Tough Proposition. Hicks—Is Tompkins good pay? Wicks—Tompkins! You couldn't get any money out of Tompkins if you should send a warship.—Somerville Journal.

An English Earl's Opinion. The English, next to the Americans, are the greatest travelers in the world, and while they as a rule insist upon having the best there is to be obtained, they appreciate good service and beautiful scenery.

Mrs. Fairbanks tells how neglect of warning symptoms will soon prostrate a woman. She thinks woman's safeguard is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Ignorance and neglect are the cause of untold female suffering, not only with the laws of health but with the chance of a cure. I did not heed the warnings of headaches, organic pains, and general weariness, until I was well nigh prostrated. I knew I had to do something. Happily I did the right thing. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound faithfully, according to directions, and was rewarded in a few weeks to find that my aches and pains disappeared, and I again felt the glow of health through my body. Since I have been well I have been more careful. I have also advised a number of my sick friends to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and they have never had reason to be sorry. Yours very truly, Mrs. MAY FAIRBANKS, 216 South 7th St., Minneapolis, Minn." (Mrs. Fairbanks is one of the most successful and highest salaried travelling saleswomen in the West.)—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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The Obligations of Woman

By KATHERINE POPE, Auditor of "Letters of a Happy Poor Woman," Etc.

HERE are certain social obligations with which men are bound, but the courtesies required of women are not so definite.

Men's hats come off, as it were, automatically in response to a bow from a woman; as a rule they rise automatically (outside of street cars, editorial offices and a few other places) when a woman is seen standing; without hesitation they give her precedence. They are supposed to be reserved in speech and act before her, to avoid gossip and scandal when with her. These things have been drilled into them; they expect to do them, and everyone else expects them to. Are there any parallel obligations for women; generally incumbent, generally demanded?

But "demanded" is a harsh word to employ in speaking of members of the gentler sex, and unfit. They are not to be coerced; if they please to be polite, man must humbly and gratefully accept their companionship; if their attitude be the opposite, there seems little to be done.

When a talkative lady desires to free her mind in a man's hearing in regard to a friend of his, he must not hint that she is doing anything discourteous or disagreeable. When she takes it upon herself, for some whim or other, openly to refuse recognition to an acquaintance, nothing should be said; tradition allows her to know whom she will. When she is in a hurry—and whoever saw a woman when she wasn't in a hurry—of course there is no reason why she should step into line at box-office or railway agent's window; by right of her womanhood she pushes ahead.

When man is meekly acting as escort to fair lady he should, with all meekness, allow her to sweep space with her long skirts and then glare at any unlucky wight that may tread thereupon. When the culmination of play or opera approaches he should, with all haste, assist her in getting into the rustling wrap and nodding plume, and offer no suggestion—for suggestion is criticism—that there are others, a few people who may care for the finale. Or, if she be one "that waits until the crowd goes," he should not proffer any advice about rising so those farther down the row may reach the aisle, and incidentally their trains.

No, for women there are no fixed laws in regard to taking thought for others. Manners, for her, is a matter of individual pleasure.

Katherine Pope

Whip Needed in the Schools

By PROF. HENRY L. BOLTWOOD, Principal of the Evanston Township, Ill., High School.

AUDLIN sentimentality on the part of members of the school board, which forbids corporal punishment in our public schools of Chicago, in part is responsible for the condition of affairs which leads to the bandit evil.

Weak sentimentality protects bad boys and leads to crime. In forbidding corporal punishment you are asking of teachers what you ask of no government on earth—that they rule without power. You can try moral suasion on a hoodlum five days in the week and forty weeks in the year, and, at the end of the year he'll still be a hoodlum. Of what power is a threat to expel a pupil when what he wants most is to be expelled? "Darn you, you dassetn tough me," is what they tell their teachers.

Three things are necessary if we would cure the bandit evil—establishment of free kindergartens, enforcement of the truant laws and restoration, to principals at least, of the power of corporal punishment.

One woman cannot expect to rule fifty-four boys from the streets unless she have some authority to back her up. The teachers of Chicago cannot make honest men of street hoodlums unless the power of corporal punishment is restored to them. This moral suasion idea is too theoretical to work—it is mere weak sentimentality.

True Patriotism

By WOODROW WILSON, President of Princeton University.

TRUST the patriotism of a man who is always spending his feeling upon some distant object, whose energy does not seek the nearest duty, but the more remote. Every citizen who is thoughtful of the welfare of his country should seek to see and understand his nearest duty, and to do it with all thoughtfulness and yet without impatience.

Patience is indeed, though one of the most difficult, yet one of the most indispensable virtues in a polity like our own, for the essence of that polity is consultation, movement, not singly or in chosen groups, but in the mass and multitude, so that in whatever we think or purpose we must carry masses of men with us, and so we need the sort of patience which is full of hope and equally full of persistence.

We need constant and frank talk also about affairs local and national—full, uncolored information, courage to select and use the right arguments and push the right motives. Every effort is worth while which leads even to the slightest betterment, and no discouragement of temporary failure ought to hold us back from the long fight to put the knowledge and the practice of what is right at the front at all times and in every contest.

The Conversion Age

By DR. WILLIAM E. BARTON, Pastor First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Ill.

HERE is little chance for the conversion of any man after he has passed the age of 23. The spiritual period of girls is 16 and of boys 17. This is the giggling and gum-chewing age of girls and the awkward age of boys.

General education has little effect on the spiritual phenomenon known as conversion. It occurs in the spiritually perfect period of human life, and what is to be done with the child spiritually must be done between the ages of 12 and 17. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the teaching of a child to distinguish the coarsening influence of such things as the low vaudeville and the penny arcade with its indecent pictures.

Any thing that makes the child clean, healthy and happy is not to be despised. The spiritual nature must always be paramount. It is the spiritual character that justifies the spending of thousands of dollars on the training of Helen Keller and it was the spiritual nature that justified the calling of a surgeon accounted the best in Europe to America to treat a single child.

HOT TIME OUT WEST.

United States Senator Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.

Charged with Trafficking in the Appointment of Postmasters—Accused Official Denies Claims of His Enemies.

When the federal grand jury sitting at Omaha returned three indictments on November 16 against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, of Nebraska, charged with trafficking in the appointment of postmasters, it established a record which has never been equaled. Never before in the history of the country has a United States senator been officially accused of selling government positions.

The specific charge in this case was that Senator Dietrich had accepted a bribe in connection with the appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings, Neb., and also with conspiring against the United States in connection with the same case.

Rumors began to be circulated more than a year ago that all was not right with Mr. Dietrich's appointments. It was said that Postmaster Fisher, of Hastings, had even complained that his appointment had cost so much money that he could not afford to contribute to the regular campaign fund. Several other appointments in the South Plate country, which is Mr. Dietrich's recognized district, were said to have been made for money.

These rumors became so strong that they finally attracted the attention of the federal grand jury. The appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings was the first case presented to the grand jury.

The New York Herald says that evidence before the grand jury was to this effect: Mr. Dietrich owned a building in Hastings which he wished to rent to the government for \$1,800 annually. He negotiated with the department on these terms, but the postmaster, Hahn, refused to approve the contract. Later the rental was lowered to \$1,200 a year, after which Mr. Hahn approved and signed the agreement, with the additional proviso that Mr. Dietrich should provide the office furniture at his own expense.

Jacob Fisher, who was an applicant for the post office, was informed that he could have the appointment provided he would purchase the post-office furniture, which must be left in the room on his



CHARLES H. DIETRICH. (First United States Senator Ever Indicted by Grand Jury.)

retirement from the office. He was also to pay Mr. Dietrich \$200 a year if it declared, as side rent for the building Leopold Hahn, the former postmaster, is said to have testified that Mr. Fisher also executed a note for \$2,500 to Dietrich in further payment of the appointment. Fisher received the appointment. Since the Hastings investigation the appointments at Orleans, Alma, Arapahoe, Fairbury and Wilsonville have been subjected to rigid examinations, and with the exception of the Alma case no votes have been taken by the jury. Elliott Lowe, a business and personal friend of Dietrich, has been indicted for alleged conspiracy in connection with the appointment at Alma. Postmaster Mitchell, of Alma, has also been indicted for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government.

Mr. Dietrich's rise from an Illinois farmer boy to a bank president and United States senator is a story of hard work, ability, courage and determination. Starting in life without a cent, he has pushed himself forward to his present position of wealth and influence. He has been a retail dry goods clerk in Chicago, ordinary workman on a southern plantation and a miner. It was while working in the mines of the Black Hills that he got his start in life by "striking it rich."

Two years after Gen. Custer first entered the "Hills" Mr. Dietrich was there, searching for gold. And when he found it he showed his good sense by leaving the mines forever and returning to civilization. Settling at Hastings, Neb., he invested in lands and organized the German national bank, of which he is the president. His lands increased in value and he grew wealthy. The country was settled by Germans, of whom Mr. Dietrich was leader. He entered politics. In 1900 he was elected governor and one year later United States senator.

Being as a Fine Art. A strange way of arousing sympathy and winning contributions of money is pursued by a beggar in Paris. Choosing a tree near which children are playing, he deliberately hangs himself; then he groans to attract attention. Their cries bring help, and he is cut down and relieved. A letter in his pocket describes his needy condition, and his reason for suicide. He is given money, and sent on his way rejoicing.

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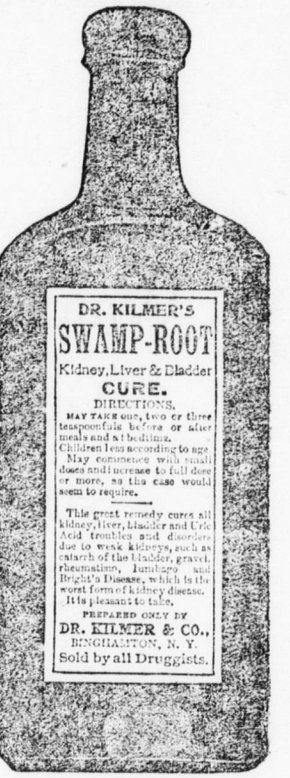
Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering with fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Unhealthy kidneys cause rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; makes your head ache and back ache, causes indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a sallow, yellow complexion, makes you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

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DEATH RATE LESS.

Inroads of Consumption in New York City Have Been Reduced 40 Per Cent. in Recent Years.

Since 1881 the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis in New York city has fallen from 4.2 per 1,000 to 2.29 per 1,000, a reduction of more than 40 per cent. This is set forth in a circular of information just issued regarding measures adopted by the board of health for the sanitary supervision of tuberculosis in the city. Since the disease was recognized as infectious the board registers all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis at the department of health.

The board also furnishes instructions as to measures to prevent infection; disinfects or orders the renovation of all premises which have been occupied by persons suffering with the disease; provides as far as possible for charitable assistance and hospital care for cases needing it; educates the general public as to the nature of the disease, the precautions to be taken against its spread, and the advisability of institution and sanitarium treatment. As a result of these and other similar measures a great impression has been made in the fight against the disease.

Deserves Punishment.

A New York man signed his love letters "Swak." This, according to the lady who got the letters and is using them as evidence in a suit for breach of promise, means "sealed with a kiss." Guilty or not, the man who swakked should be swatted.

Cheerfulness is an offshoot of goodness and of wisdom.—Bovee.

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them.—Johnson.

"I came near marrying that girl once." "Did her parents object?"

Happiness is an equivalent for all troublesome things.—Epictetus.

Worry is the worst wolf that comes to our doors.—Chicago Tribune.

Even in a restaurant a man may reveal his religion.—Ram's Horn.

Luxury is apt to transform pleasures into burdens.—Chicago Daily News.

The man who puts his heart in his work is using good material.—Puck.

The religion of success is never successful in religion.—Chicago Tribune.

A man may be won by flattery; he can be retained only by cookery.—Life.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "says dey don't care fur money, when as a matter of fact dey means dey ain't able to take care of it."—Washington Star.

"You say you saw my sister at a recent wedding?" "Yes. It wasn't very long ago." "But I don't remember that she mentioned you." "Very likely. I was only the groom."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dangerous for Him. Mrs. Church—Did you ever catch your husband flirting? Mrs. Gotham—That's the way I did catch 'im.—Stray Stories.

Town Against Town. "Is it true," asked the rummy individual from Cleveland, "that trains don't stop at Cincinnati unless they are flagged?" "Well, even if it is true, it might be worse," said the Cincinnati man. "I understand they never stop at Cleveland because the engineers can't see the place."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Gentle Hint.

"I—er—had a peculiar dream about you last night," said the girl on the other end of the sofa. "And what did you dream?" asked the young man. "The case."

"That I saw you in a jewelry store prying engagement rings," the blushing replied.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Remarkable Discovery.

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