

The Canal of Joseph.

How many of the engineering works of the nineteenth century will there be in existence in the year 2000? Very few, we fear, and still fewer those that will continue in that far-off age to serve a useful purpose. Yet there is at least one great undertaking, conceived and executed by an engineer, which during the space of 4000 years has never ceased its office, and on which the life of a fertile province absolutely depends to-day. We refer to the Canal of Joseph—the canal of Joseph—built, according to tradition, by the son of Jacob, and which constitutes not the least of the many blessings conferred on Egypt during the years of his prosperous rule. This canal took its rise from the Nile at Asut, and ran nearly parallel with it nearly 200 miles, creeping along under the western cliffs of the Nile Valley with many a bend and winding, until at length it gained an eminence, as compared with the river-bank, which enabled it to turn westward through a narrow pass and enter a district which was otherwise shut off from the fertilizing floods on which all vegetation in Egypt depends.

The northern end stood seventeen feet above the Nile, while at the southern end it was at an equal elevation with the river. Through this cut ran a perennial stream which watered a province named the Fayoum, endowing it with fertility and supporting a large population. In the time of the annual flood a great part of the canal was under water and then the river's current would rush in a more direct course into the pass, carrying with it the rich silt which takes the place of manure and keeps the soil in a state of constant productivity.

The Hot-Bed Sash.

Those living in the close neighborhood of the city have some excuse that they have no need for hotbeds to advance crops ahead of the usual time, as everything is brought to their doors. But the farmer, and those not so accessible, or who have not the money to pay out daily for everything that may be in the market, had better make use of this old-fashioned help in the garden—the hot-bed. There are very few vegetables that will stand days of travel and exposure, and be as a city as those grown on one's own grounds or in one's own neighborhood. They answer a good purpose for the million, and to those who know no better, are satisfying; but those who have the facilities to grow something of their own, or who live away from the general market, may, if they so elect, have something better.

In the South, the hot-bed time will be at hand; it will gradually travel North, and be in time when it does come, those who have hot-beds should put up and get ready. Those who propose to begin their use should be looking out for ways and means. The sash part is now very cheaply made by manufacturers; the box itself any handy man can make. The only other article wanted for a starter is the horse-manure for heat. A couple of ashes can be made to grow a large quantity of things, such as early cabbage, lettuce, cauliflower, tomatoes, egg plant and peppers. Room should be left to propagate a few slips from the window plants for the flower garden in summer; and there should be a sowing of the choicer kinds of flower seeds for the same purpose.

Wise Words.

Every bee's honey is sweet. The house showily the owner. Anger at a feat betrays the boor. New truths are merely old ones with the cobwebs brushed off. The gratitude of place-expectants is a lively sense of future favors. It is no comfort to be told we are free to follow the advice of others. Man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes and pompous in the grave. Affliction may one day smile again; and till then, sit thee down to sorrow. 'Tis less we know what is in store for us, the more contented we will be. Walk the path of advice carefully for deception will be met at every step. If a man has the toothache, he cannot imagine how a man feels without it. Those who advocate the virtue of yielding are benefitted by the process. To be popular a person must possess the talent of disguising his character. A dwarf sees father than a giant when he has the giant's shoulders to mount on. To express an opinion because some one else had previously expressed it, is like thanking a man for the privilege of earning a living for him. The reason some people are afraid of others will make tall use of it: liberty, it is because they want to monopolize their own, and enjoy besides, all they can deprive others of.

How to Work.

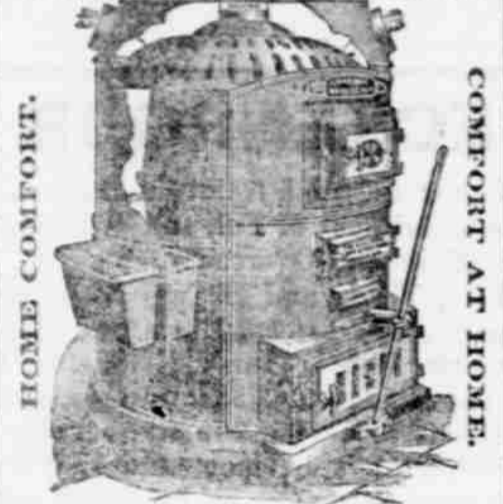
Do not lay out for yourself for any day, or week, or month, more than you can accomplish. Do what you suppose, or ascertain that it cannot be done, and dismiss it, and turn to the next best thing, finishing as you go. Take first in hand the things which should be done, and let those which may be done come after. There are two opposite precepts in the philosophy of common life which dispute for precedence. One is, "don't put off till to-morrow what can be done to-day," and the other, "don't do to-day what can be delayed till to-morrow." To these contradictory the same direction may be applied. Having decided on your day's work, if it is a part of a continuous occupation, fix as definitely as possible on a good place to stop, and having ceased work, cease worry. Leave to to-morrow, and your day's work will furnish you with commanding draughts better than poppy or mandragora. Complete whatever can be completed, and mentally post your books. Business men obtain the best results by advertising in this paper.

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Slender.

Nothing is more common in society than a repetition of a conversation and the comments made by one's friend on another. Nothing is more common than a repetition of the commentary, meant to be good natured, on an absent friend, made with all the sugar left out.

Sometimes the very change of an accent or a word may construe a perfectly innocent remark into an attack. This is bearing "false witness;" it is the unpardonable sin, for while such a person is keeping within the limits of truth, she is really conveying a lie.

Such are the most dangerous slanders, the sweet-voiced, smiling people, who carry a rattlesnake in their bosoms, a hidden dagger in their tongues.

It is not easy to tell the unvarnished truth, as every lawyer will assure us. Those who are in the habit of taking evidence find what a shilly shally thing human observation is to start with, and again, what a treacherous language! The faculties vary. Then the mind of some good men and good women is absolutely without an intellectual perception of the truth. We have known some men and women, excellent moral characters, who never told the truth in their lives. They do not know how.

Therefore, the habit of making a statement favorably or prejudicial to character does with each people, depend on the charitable or malicious feeling of the moment.

We are innocent while we absorb scandal, while we sit silently and hear our friends abused? Should we not soften down the rumor, disbelieve half of it, give the unfortunate the benefit of a doubt?

Would it not be the safest excess, therefore, to always say of everybody, behind their backs exactly what we would say to their faces.

Distinguished Old Maids. Look at the list of old maids. Elizabeth of England, one of the most illustrious of modern sovereigns. Her rule over Great Britain comprised the most brilliant literary age of the English speaking people.

Her political career was put to as severe tests as that of any other ruler the world ever saw. Maria Edgeworth was an old maid. It was this woman's writings that first suggested the thought of writing similar to Sir Walter Scott.

Her brain might well be called mother of the Waverley novels. Jane Porter lived and died an old maid. "Thaddeus of Warsaw" and "The Scottish Chiefs," which have moved the hearts of millions with excitement and tears. Joanna Baillie, poet and playwright, was "one of 'em." Florence Nightingale, most gracious lady, heroine of Islerman and Balaklava hospitals, has, to the present, written "Miss" before her name.

The man who should marry her might well crave to take the name of Nightingale. Sister Dora, the brave spirit of English pest houses, whose story is as a helpful evangel, was the bride of the world's sorrow only. And then, what names could the writer and the reader add of those whom the great world may not know, but we know, and the little world of the village, the church, the family know and prize beyond all words.

A Woman's Plan for Dinner. A notable little housewife whom I once knew, and who never asks what she shall have for dinner, once told me her plan. She said: "I can't trust my husband. I won't bother my husband. I won't take the time to study it over every day. So I make out a list every two weeks of fourteen breakfasts and dinners ahead. I try to avoid too frequent repetitions, and it isn't very hard to do that. I don't make out a regular bill of fare, but just put down one or two of the principal dishes and the dessert.

Then at the end of the two weeks I begin over again. I don't make just the same list over again, and I don't stick too my program too closely. I do my own buying, and I know pretty well what is new in the markets, and if I want to change the dinners I do it. And after the first list is made out it is easy enough to write out the next one.

By doing my own buying I serve three purposes. I keep posted on the markets, I get exercise, and I save money. I never buy a vegetable or a butcher's bill. If I have not enough money to buy what I want, I go without.

The Vanderbilt Tomb. I saw Mr. Pinkerton, who tells me that every fifteen minutes each clock placed in the Vanderbilt tomb is visited by a Pinkerton detective, two of whom are constantly on guard. One of these detective patrols outside the tomb, while the other is locked in pad sits behind the other bars with a loaded repeating fire across his knee ready for constant use. It would be next to impossible for any robber to get away with the remains of William H. Vanderbilt so long as the tomb is protected as it is now. The Pinkerton men are hired by the year, and there is quite a little colony of them established on Staten Island, very near the mausoleum. They keep eight or ten there all the time, so that those on duty at the grave are retired at frequent intervals, and are, therefore, not liable to fall asleep at their post.

Answer This Question. Why do so many people see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, Constipation, the Food, Yellow Skin, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's System Vitor guaranteed to cure them. Sold by Dr. T. J. Davison.

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The Sewing Machine. There is hardly any piece of household machinery which is capable of causing so much vexation as the sewing machine.

Why People Use Refrigerators.

Why People Use Refrigerators. WILL PEOPLE use the Icebox and Refrigerator which are so common in every household?

Why People Use Sewing Machines.

Why People Use Sewing Machines. When any machine breaks the thread, first examine the broken end to determine whether it is cut or torn.

Why People Use Tying Ladies Shoes.

Why People Use Tying Ladies Shoes. Talking about trying on ladies shoes," said a clerk in a prominent shoe store.

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Be Kind to the Boys.

Be Kind to the Boys. There is something appalling in the sight of a boy, and no one with the right sort of feeling look at one without pity.

Boys are always getting into trouble, disgrace and danger. Pity usually ends with the boy's mother and grandmother; they feel for him, no matter what happens.

But, father, grandfather, aunts and uncles consider him a good-for-nothing young nuisance, who doesn't get half the whippings he deserves. When he falls into calamity or disgrace they are ready to exclaim: "I didn't expect anything else!"

For little men, with all the great howling wilderness of life ahead and no one to fight their way for them! Who cares that their growing bones and hearts pain them for lack of words of sympathy. They are called lazy when they are ill, and nobody but mother takes the trouble to inquire into their bad feelings.

Sometimes a terrible accident swoops down upon the boy. He is accidentally shot, or gets drowned, or in some other way meets his fate. Then it is revealed to those who never gave him a pleasant look or word that possibly they have been unkind. But years of unavailing sorrow and regret cannot undo the past. The pale face of the dead boy, who was driven like a dumb beast from place to place, will surely haunt the ones who have been his persecutors.

Take it home, you who have boys to whom no word of kind encouragement is ever given. Somewhere in the country boys are being brought home every day, all their little cares and troubles over for all time. Then comes the regret and heart break that never can be cured.

By this I do not wish to excuse the worthless and perversity of many boys, or to imply that there are no fathers with tender, affectionate hearts; but I desire to touch a few who never lean to the side of charity in their dealings with the boys.

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Farm and Garden Notes.

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A very large orchard requires a large capital to run successfully. The yellow races of bees are shorter lived than the dark races.

The period of cheapest growth in an animal is before the animal matures. A frequent change of diet is necessary to the health and best growth of the pig.

A hive cursed with a fertile worker will not raise a queen; break up the colony. Ventilation should exist in well-regulated stables, but draughts should be unknown.

A cow fed partly on ensilage will be healthier and make more butter than when fed on dry feed. Inferior honey should not be put upon the market, but fed to the bees in small quantities to spring and fall.

The Carriolan race of bees possess some traits superior to Italian bees, but are not on the whole superior. After washing a horse's feet and legs they should be thoroughly dried, otherwise cracked heels, etc., are invited.

After any colony swarms examine the hive and cut out every queen cell but one, which will prevent further swarming. Much loss from what is commonly known as cholera may be avoided by care and a mixed diet, or a change of diet.

A wrench and one or two tools for making repairs are easily carried in the farm wagon and come very handy at times. Small potatoes boiled and mixed into the warm mash given in morning will help poultry along through the next two months.

The Colorado beetle can be destroyed much more after trouble prevented by scattering over the newly planted ground slices of potatoes sprinkled with Paris green. A good plan in a small way.

It is better to expend a sufficiency of money to make the dwelling fire proof than put by so much of your time in preparing fuel. The average Northern home is not constructed more than one-half as warm as it should be.

Do not feed the newly hatched chicks for thirty-six hours after they come from the shell. If not fed forty-eight hours it will do no harm. Give them time to rest and get strong. Nature provides them with food before they hatch out.

The sheep shed should be open on the south side to admit the sunlight and to allow of the escape of the malaria from the manure under them, but it should be protected by a board fence high enough to shelter them from the wind when lying down.

Sawdust is one of the various substitutes for straw as bedding. As it does not make so warm a bed as straw, a corresponding Rural Home suggests using it as an under-bed, with straw or hay above. The straw or leaves so used last much longer, and their of the stable is kept purer by the greater absorbent power of the sawdust under-bed.

Ways recommended to make artificial swarms: Select a swarm of the strains of bees in spring; work up to the swarming point and take the queen away. When queen cells are about to hatch, form nucleus colonies and place one of the queen cells with it, and afterward build up from other strong colonies and give the queenless portion a laying queen.

New Women Board a Street Car. The way they lie in wait for their particular car when it is not there ahead of them and make a rush for it as soon as they perceive it affords as much entertainment to the onlooker as would an ordinary play at the theatre. There are generally as many of them on the ground as would comfortably fill three cars, and they seem to have entered a contest with each other for who can get in first. With a bound they leap from the sidewalk, and regardless of what may be in their way make for the car as if being the first to enter it. They do not wait for it to come to full stop, but jump on both platforms while it is still in motion and rush into the car all in a heap, elbowing and jostling each other in their struggle to get their first, without the least ceremony.

And how they make for the seats and strive to be first to get one! And the indignation that overpowers their faces when they fail to secure one on which they have fixed their fancy is something wonderful to behold. It Dickens of a Mark Twain were to write a book of "Woman's Treatment of Woman in the Street Cars," I would venture to guess it would be a big sale.

Keep It to Yourself. You have trouble, your feelings injured, your husband in unkind, your wife frets, your home is not pleasant, your friends do not treat you fairly, and things in general move unpleasantly. Well, what of it? Keep it to yourself. A smothering fire can be found and extinguished; but, when coals are scattered, you can't pick them up. Bury your sorrow. The place to put sad things and disgusting things is the graveyard. A cut finger is not benefited by pulling off the plaster and exposing it to somebody's eye. Cast your covetous are cured without a word, but once published and condoned by meddling friends, there is no end to the trouble they may cause. Keep it to yourself. Troubles are transient; when a woman is healed and passed, what a comfort it is to say: "No one knew it till it was over."

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