

APPALPING WASTE OF TIME.

Thraldom of Inevitable Usage—Award of Our Despatch System. No better illustration of the thraldom to inevitable usage can be found than the inconvenience to which people submit in the purchase of articles sold by count and the American people have employed a decimal system of currency for nearly a century; but few of them have yet learned how to use it to the best advantage.

What has been illustrated in the purchase of postage stamps, is even more strikingly evident in purchases made at the grocer's and the baker's. Much trouble, inconvenience and loss of time can be saved by gauging the purchase by the price, so that the cost shall come in aliquot parts of the dollar, or as nearly as possible to such parts. Thus, corn meal at 2 1/2 cents per pound should be put in packages of even pounds, 4, 6, 8, etc.; sugar at 7 1/2 cents, in like manner; rice at 3 or 4 cents, in packages of 10, 15, etc. pounds; and in like manner for whatever is sold by the quart or the peck.

At the baker's we usually find buns, small cakes, etc., for 1 cent apiece, some at 2 cents, some at three for 5 cents and so on. Where is the sense, common or uncommon, in pricing and selling these articles invariably by the dozen or the half dozen. Furthermore, since 3 or 5 cents is at the rate of 30 cents per dozen, and 4 or 5 cents is at the rate of 40 or 50 cents per dozen, the use of the term dozen only adds complexity to an otherwise simple problem.

How to Discover the Enemy. There are two methods of obtaining information of an enemy's country and strength. One is by spies and the other by reconnaissance. First, as to reconnaissance, they are of two kinds. The first are entirely topographical and statistical, the object being to gain a knowledge of the country, roads, defiles, bridges, etc. As has been noted, a reconnaissance is a preliminary operation, there was a lamentable ignorance of these topographical features. Reconnaissance of the other kind are conducted to gain information of the position and movements of an enemy, and they are made by detachments of greater or less strength. If a scout is in uniform and armed, their operations may be reckoned as reconnaissance on a small scale, but, if unarmed and disguised, they are really spies. In reconnaissance, if the enemy is drawn up in line ready for battle, the reconnaissance is conducted under the eye of the commanding general. If he is on the march, his divisions of cavalry may be thrown out to break through his screen of posts.

Frederick the Great found his most dangerous opposition while fighting Austria and Russia in Silesia. The Poles and Austrians ruined his campaigns. Both sides in the late war inaugurated a system of "raids" made by a picked force of cavalry with a battery or two of guns. These were both reconnaissance and effective offensive movements. Dahlgren, Kipatrik, Custer, Grierson, Stuart and Ashby distinguished themselves and their commands in these important and splendid enterprises. Dahlgren being killed in the very suburbs of Richmond, which he might easily have dashed into. In some of these raids the leaders on both sides rode clear around the main force of the enemy. Probably the most notorious raid made during the war was that by Morgan through Kentucky into Ohio, where his force was scattered or captured after creating as complete a panic as the war produced.—Boston Herald.

The Etchings of a Crazy Artist. The etchings by Charles Merion, lately at Frederick Koppell's gallery, have gone to the Boston art museum for exhibition. What a story they tell! Hand firm, sight clear, but mind unbalanced. Hunger and want drove Merion to the madhouse, where he died miserably. He begged a printer to trust him for 10 cents, the price for printing two proofs from one of his plates, and could not repay him for the work. Now the plates are as costly as many of those of Rembrandt.

It was not wholly lack of recognition that kept him poor, but his own pride and his ambition of any thing that savored of charity. There was anger as well as despair in the mood that seized him when he cut his plates to pieces after the publishers had refused them. Some of his etchings are crazy, and one that he made after being sent to the asylum is perfectly sane. It is a simple, well composed view of the ruins of Hierapolis. In his crazy etchings he brings the sea to the walls of Paris and erects city mountains near the city. He represents horses and fish flying in the air. He draws designs for upright sleeping cases, and appears, in words spelled backwards, the assertion that, if he were an automaton, he would mark all the people who sleep in them. He draws masters and giants into his foreground. He draws the morgue, with a drowned body on its way thither, and writes beneath it: "Say, ye jasse s-ty! Hier, likea charitabls mother."

The City of Paris grants alms to poor children. "Both bed and table gratis!" The gaudy humor of that verse gives one a chill.—Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

Trying Beverages on a Dog. Some experiments on a large butcher's dog, with reference to the effects of various beverages on digestion, have been recently described by Signor Ogata (Archiv fur Hygiene). The observations were made by means of a stomachic fistula (quite hidden) the dog was fed on horse flesh and fibrin from ox blood. The following conclusions (which may not be strictly applicable to man, accustomed to the drinks named) were reached: 1. Water, water containing carbonic acid, tea and coffee in moderate amount, do not disturb digestion. 2. Beer, wine, and brandy retard digestion considerably at first, but absorbed; and in the case of beer the extractive matters in it, as well as the alcohol. This beer retards digestion more than wine containing the same quantity of alcohol. 3. Sugar (cane and grape) retards digestion considerably. 4. Common salt accelerates it distinctly.—Frank Leslie's.

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