

A "Let's All Pay Up" Week.
 "You pay your bills—I will pay mine, February 21-28" is the slogan that has been adopted by the inaugurators of the nation-wide movement that has been started to induce people to settle up their debts during that period. The movement originated in the west, and has met with favor in many cities and towns throughout the

United States. From present appearance, it promises to become an annual national event.
 The principal benefit to be derived from it is the large amount of money that can be put in circulation during one week, and wherever it has been tried it has been a big success. Credit, according to the inaugurators, is one of the greatest assets of present day

system of business, but like any other good thing, it is oftentimes abused and overdone, and because so many people are careless about paying their accounts there are millions upon millions of dollars in outstanding accounts that could be paid without inconveniencing the debtor. "If all these millions were put into circulation in one week, there would be the greatest week of prosperity this country has ever known," they say.

BETTER THAN GREAT FORTUNE

Knowledge That One Always Played the Game Fairly is a Comforting Thing to Have.

A contributor to the American Magazine says:
 "When you get up in the morning take a look in the glass. How do you look to yourself?"

"If you can look yourself right in the eye and not be ashamed of anything you've done, you are far better off than many a man with lots more money than you.

"Of course, it is nice to be successful, to have money. No matter what the game is—whether it's marbles or business—it is nicer to win than to lose. Success brings happiness, but it must be real success. If you've cheated to win, you've destroyed the pleasure. There is no satisfaction in being ahead of the other fellow if down in your heart of hearts you know he is rightfully entitled to be ahead of you.

"Win if you can win fairly. The knowledge that there isn't a page in your past to which you dare not turn, that there isn't a man in the world who put his finger on any crooked thing you've done, the feeling that whatever happens you have played the game straight, is worth more than all the money and all the power and all the position in the world.

"If you are in business, no matter what the other fellow does, be content with smaller profits and a square deal. Clean money pays best. Crooked dividends bring wrinkles and worries with them.

"A good test of a business is what you are going to think of yourself afterward."

The Lover's Domain.
 "You say," remarked the married man, "that all the world loves a lover. But where do you get that stuff? Poetry, eh? If it's poetry it must be true. A poet wouldn't lie.

"So, all the world loves a lover! There's the fellow who has to sit up to let the lover in when he comes home late. Then there are the people at the house who have to sit up until the lover goes home. There, also, are the people who can hear the lover talking through the wall—mumble, mumble, mumble! But that's all right. The fellow is a lover, and all the world loves him!

"The clerk at the necktie store likes to sell ties to a lover. It's easy—selling ties to a lover. He takes only an hour to select one, and then he brings it back to change it. But the clerk doesn't mind so long as he's a lover.

"It is time for Mary, the nurse, to be getting back with the children. But Mary has a lover, which makes it all right. A doctor can save the baby if it catches cold."

Proving Daughter's Innocence.
 Ida Black had retired from the most select colored circles for a brief space on account of a slight difficulty connected with a gentleman's poultry yard. Her mother was being consoled by a white friend.

"Why, Aunt Esther, I was mighty sorry to hear about Ida."
 "Marse John, Ida ain't nuyver tuk dem chickens. Ida wouldn't do sich a thing! Ida wouldn't demeanse hersef to rob nobody's hen roost—and, anyway, dem old chickens warn't nothing 't all but feathers when we picked 'em."—Lippincott's.

Brings results—a Reporter adv.

HIS FIRST PUBLISHED WORK

Probably Nothing He Did in After Life Gave Benjamin Franklin More Exquisite Pleasure.

My brother had, in 1720 or 1721, begun to print a newspaper, relates Benjamin Franklin in his autobiography. It was the second that appeared in America and was called the New England Courant. The only one before it was the Boston News Letter. I remember him being dissuaded by some of his friends from the undertaking as not likely to succeed, one newspaper being in their judgment, enough for America. At this time (1771) there are not less than five and twenty. He went on, however, with the undertaking, and, after having worked in composing the types and printing off the sheets, I was employed to carry the papers through the streets to the customers.

He had some ingenious men among his friends, who amused themselves by writing little pieces for his paper, which gained it credit and made it more in demand, and these gentlemen often visited us. Hearing their conversations and their accounts of the approbation their papers were received with, I was excited to try my hand among them, but, being still a boy and suspecting that my brother would object to printing anything of mine in his paper if he knew it to be mine, I contrived to disguise my hand and, writing an anonymous paper, I put it at night under the door of the printing house. It was found in the morning and communicated to his writing friends when they called in as usual. They read it, commented on it in my hearing, and I had the exquisite pleasure of finding it met with their approbation, and that, in their different guesses at the author, none were named but men of some character among us for learning and ingenuity. I suppose now that I was rather lucky in my judges, and that perhaps they were not really so very good ones as I then esteemed them.

Profitable British Fisheries.
 The British fisheries yield about 2,500,000,000 pounds annually, for which the "ultimate consumers" are believed to pay at least \$125,000,000.

In view of the part which herring and other small fishes play in this total, it may be within the truth to estimate the number of fishes caught in an average year by the fishermen of the United Kingdom, at two billion or more. For all Europe the enormous number may be multiplied by three, perhaps by four.

Dry Dock a Dutch Invention.
 A correspondent in Holland draws our attention to the fact that the construction in that country of a floating dock of 14,000 tons, for Soerabaya harbor in the Dutch Indies, should remind us that the floating dry dock is a Dutch invention, and that many floating docks of this type are built on Dutch ways and towed to their destination. Dry-dock towing is a specialty, and many foreign-built docks are towed to their destination by Dutch tugs.—Scientific American.

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DEFINITION OF GOOD MANNERS

No Writer Has Made a Clearer Statement of Them Than Thomas Nelson Page.

Manners, familiarly known as the plural of manner, signify, in general, good behavior and polite deportment. In conforming to the usages of etiquette thus recognized, one need not copy the example of Lord Chesterfield, whose ambition was to be regarded as the worthiest man in England, as a mirror of politeness in the eighteenth century. Nor would any true American care to be aping Beau Brummell, later in the same century, famous as a leader of fashionable society in London, where he was born, but died, at the age of sixty-two, as an imbecile in confinement at a French asylum. One is apt to think of the Scottish physician, John Brown, for his happy way of utilizing spare hours in association with his collier "Rab" and friends. But the good doctor's canine fellowship still left room in his heart to utter this terrible sentiment: "Etiquette, with all its bitterness and niceties, is founded upon a central idea of right and wrong."

One more quotation shall suffice, and it is this from the pen of Thomas Nelson Page: "Whatever its form may be, and there are many forms in which good breeding may present itself, so many indeed as are the incidents of social intercourse, whatever tends to put at ease the person one meets is good manners, and whatever tends to the opposite is rudeness."

What for Christmas?

—FURNITURE, of Course.

NOTHING gives so much real, lasting, and genuine satisfaction to the recipient of a Christmas gift as a piece of furniture. You may feel sure that your gift will be really and truly appreciated, and your buying of so sensible an article as a piece of good furniture is a direct compliment to your intelligence in solving the ever perplexing Christmas-Gift problem.

We have something suitable for everyone whom you have down on your "list" for gift-giving—from baby to grandpa—we have just the thing to gladden the heart on Christmas morning. We mention a few, but our store is loaded from top to bottom with other useful gifts.

Big line of Beautiful Pictures

In oval and square frames—an endless variety. A sensible gift at a very low cost.

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| Library Tables | Parlor Tables | Couches |
| Davenports | Music Cabinets | |
| Rocking Chairs | Kitchen Cabinets | Mirrors |
| Buffets | Carpet Sweepers | Rugs |
| Hand-Painted Calendars, very pretty and priced low | | |

--but why go on enumerating; come in today and see what we have.

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The Gift-Giving Store
 CENTRE HALL, PA.

KREAMER'S for Your Christmas-Gift Purchasing

We are ready to help you in solving the perplexing Christmas-Gift solution by having a big selection of practical and useful gifts for any member of the family. Don't delay your purchasing until the eleventh hour when the best of everything has been selected but come early and make your Christmas shopping a pleasure instead of a hardship.

A few of the many things we have for your selection are—

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Christmas Suggestions

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Selections of GIFTS is Easy Here

Here everybody will be provided for. There are thousands of things for the LITTLE FOLKS. Plenty that would be suitable to give to the OLD FOLKS. Unusual gifts for the SWEETHEARTS.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

FOR MEN AND BOYS

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| Auto Gloves | Ladies' Fine Silk Sweaters | Arm Bands | Handkerchiefs |
| Auto Caps | Mackinaws | Auto Caps | Mufflers |
| Bedroom Slippers | Middies | Auto Gloves | Mackinaws |
| Bathrobes | Night Robes | Bath Robes | Neckwear |
| Coats for everyone | Rain Coats | Belts | Overcoats |
| Children's Dresses | Sweater Coats | Clothing for the family | Overgaiters |
| Dressing Sacques | Silk Hosiery | Collars | Pajamas |
| Dresses | Silk Petticoats | Cuff Links | Rain Coats |
| Furs | Shoes for the family | Caps | Shirts |
| Gloves | Silk Waists | Dress Shirts | Shoes |
| Girls Tams | Slippers | Footwear | Slippers |
| Hand Bags | Skating Sets | Gloves | Suit Cases |
| Handkerchiefs | Umbrellas | Hats | Suits of Clothes |
| Kimonas | | Hosiery | Smoking Jackets |
| Mufflers | | Hose Supporters | Suspenders |
| | | | Sweaters |

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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