

Thirty-five Years Ago.

December 14, 1882.—The Y. M. C. A. of Centre Hall, on last Friday evening gave a reception to the business men of the town in the association hall. Vocal and instrumental music, social chat, etc., were engaged in for an hour, after which a table was spread and stewed oysters with extras were served.

D. J. Meyer has purchased Sheriff Spangler's half interest in the Centre Hall hotel.

December 21st.—James Treaster shot a large wild cat on the Millin county side of the seven mountains.

Wesley Henney and Samuel Shoop have become successors to J. O. Deinger in the manufacture of carriages, etc., in this place.

Increased interest throughout the State in the sheep industry promises to show another increase in the number of sheep this year.

The average potato yield for the State will be considerably higher than last year when the poor crop showed but seventy bushels to the acre.

An increase in the number of silos in the State is shown by reports of the Department of Agriculture statisticians at Harrisburg.

Sheep growers claim that it is possible to establish a flock at present high prices and realize from 50 to 70 per cent profit on the investment during the first year.

It is estimated that Pennsylvania's 8,660,000 people annually consume 48,012,000 bushels of wheat while the production this year is but 26,364,721 bushels.

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ARE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE

Women Possess This Faculty More Than Men and Usually Get What They Decide They Want.

The main difference between men and women is nowhere so marked as it is in the distinction between character and ability.

A man's ability is entirely separate from his character. A man may have genius and no character at all. He may have small abilities and large character. In a man the two things appear to be entirely independent of one another.

But a woman's character is determined by her ability, and her ability is determined by her character, writes T. L. M. in Life. In reality, therefore, women are much more simple than men, although they do not appear to be so. Women are more complicated outwardly than men. They offer more superficial variety. But closer observation and association among them tend to make them more alike.

Men, on the other hand, grow more complicated as you come to know them better. This is because their abilities and characters being unrelated and the proportionate measure of each subject to variations, new combinations are constantly being presented. The various things which go to make up the motive power of woman, on the other hand, are more closely related. Women, therefore, concentrate more than men, although they do not seem to do so, the process being unconscious.

That explains why, if a woman wants a thing and a man doesn't want her to have it, she always gets it.

When a man wants a thing he plans to get it just as much as he can through the ordinary processes of his mind and will. When a woman wants a thing she makes no plan at all—but she gets it much more often than the man, because everything in her whole makeup, conscious and unconscious, is working for it.

If you want to see conservation of energy and the perfection of efficiency watch the working of that perfectly co-ordinated machine—a woman—getting a thing from a man that she wants.

"From Little Acorns."

When a few clerks in the old post office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, joined forces to buy a chest of tea for distribution among themselves, they did not dream that thereby they were founding one of the largest businesses in the country, observes a writer in London Tit-Bits. But, as a fact, they virtually established the Civil Service Supply association, a trading concern which now has a paid-up capital of £353,920.

Clear is the connection between the act of co-operation in its simplest form and the present vast business. The original "deal" was so successful that other clerks joined the co-operators, with the results that very soon two or three chests of tea were bought at a time. Then, as the local grocers, finding that the clerks' wives did not want tea, refused to supply them with sugar, this commodity also was bought in quantities, and both tea and sugar were kept in a cupboard, which became the first of the Civil Service "stores."

Her Pride Humbled.

Miss Sydney Fairbrother, the impersonator, once had rather a doubtful compliment paid her. "I had been paying visits to the local military hospital," recalls Miss Fairbrother, "and I became quite good friends with a young Canadian officer, but he sailed for Canada on long sick leave, and I lost sight of him. One day, a few months later, as I came out of the stage door, an officer came up to me, and I recognized my friend, who had returned from Canada.

"You remember me?" he said. "I'm Ginger from the hospital."

"Of course," I replied. "You saw my name in the program." For my make-up as Mah Hubab converts me into a hag of about seventy years, and I thought it was a complete disguise.

"Oh, no, I never saw the program," Ginger replied. "I recognized you directly you came on the stage."

"It was the biggest blow I ever received."

Choosing Employees by Test.

During recent years much has been heard on the scientific use of human material, including the careful selection of men best suited for various classes of manual labor. An important point is the discrimination between strength and manual dexterity. A number of devices are proposed for testing the latter quality, such as the time to transfer a number of matches from a pan into a series of holes prepared for them. For other classes of work strength of fingers and forearm may be tested with the ergograph, or, again, grip may be tested with a dynamometer. As regards manual dexterity, the shape of the hand and fingers often offers a good guide. It is said that the very finest typists have exceptionally small fingers and that generally small dimensions tend to quickness and deftness of movement.

Desperate Remedy.

"I don't know how to rid myself of Mr. Grewsky's attentions," said Mrs. Twiddle. "He has proposed to me half a dozen times and simply won't take 'no' for an answer."

"I understand he is a great stickler for correct English," said her friend, thoughtfully.

"Well, what has that to do with me?"

"Try him with 'nix.' The shock might cure him."

PRISONERS WENT ON STRIKE

Refused to Go Back to Jail Until One of Their Number Was "Fired" By Workhouse Superintendent.

Perhaps the queerest strike on record was that of workhouse prisoners in Delaware county, Indiana, recently, when they refused to return to jail unless one of their number received his freedom. And it was not that they desired him to be free, either, but because they wished to be freed of his presence.

"I had my gang of prisoners way out by Yorktown, working on a country road that needed repairing," said James Cole, workhouse superintendent, according to the Indianapolis News, "when I noticed, about time to load them into the automobile and bring them back, that the prisoners were hanging back and talking among themselves. Finally one of them came to me with the story and his demands.

"The boys here won't go back to jail with you unless you fire Danny, there," said the spokesman. "They won't ride back in the machine with him because he has vermin in his hair and on his body. You either let him go or no more jail for us. We've agreed to make a run for it if you don't, and you can't catch all of us."

"Of course, I had no right to allow the man his freedom," Cole continued, "but the fellow jumped up and ran away just then and I'm bound to admit we didn't try very hard to catch him. Anyway, that broke the strike."

"TOMMIES" CALL IT "WIPERS"

British Soldiers Have Given Their Own Pronunciation to the Little Belgian Town of Ypres.

The little Belgian town of Ypres is sure enough a place in history; but, in England, at any rate, it will always be specially sure of it under a name which no cloth worker of Flanders ever heard, and would certainly never recognize. The British "Tommy," who for over two years has held up the German forces around the famous Ypres salient, insists on calling it "Wipers," and the name has "taken on," as he would say. It traveled over to England, and "Wipers" began somehow to be associated with "hot corners." The present prime minister, in the course of one of his speeches, some months ago, alluded to the place by this name, and "Wipers" it is likely to remain, and as "Wipers" it is likely to be discussed for many years to come, says the Christian Science Monitor.

Curiously enough, it is not the first entry of Ypres into the English language in this, or at any rate a similar form; for it was in the looms of Ypres that was made, in the middle ages, the famous "toiles d'ypres," the costly table linen, or diapers.

Testing the Eye.

Lecturing on the "Effect on the Eye of Varying Degrees of Brightness and Contrast" before the Illuminating Engineering society recently, Dr. James Kerr of the public health department of the London county council, referred to some effects which may be surprising. Having to examine long lists of figures in black type, he tried to facilitate his task by drawing vertical and horizontal lines in red ink, but the different focusing of the black and red strained his eye and gave him a headache, which did not trouble him when all the figures and lines were either black or red. Doctor Kerr questions whether a target is more distinct when a brilliantly illuminated disk appears on a jet black background than when the surroundings were diffusely illuminated.

Joker Dressed as Bear.

Representing himself as a bear which is said to have annoyed the residents of Reddon, Del., a young man of that village was shot at and badly beaten before his identity was discovered.

For several weeks residents of Redden declared that they had seen a bear in sections of the village. Taking advantage of the fright in the little town, one young man dressed himself up to represent a bear and started out to startle the villagers. His practical joke took the wrong turn when a number of men with guns and clubs started to chase him. Before he could tell who he was he was badly pounded with clubs and came very near being shot.

Movie Film as Evidence.

A moving-picture film is to be introduced into court in Paris as evidence in a divorce case.

The plaintiff in the action saw on a screen on the boulevards pictures of the procession of Italian delegates through the boulevards to the Place de la Concorde to lay a wreath upon the Strasbourg monument.

The procession was followed by a taxicab in which, to his astonishment, the spectator saw his wife, seated with a stranger. He bought the film, to be used as the basis of his action for divorce.

King Has Many Namesakes Now.

His majesty has sundry namesakes in London now that he has adopted his new surname, says the London Globe. There is a solicitor in Bishopsgate and a cabinetmaker in Dalston, to name two. There is also a Miss Windsor, who has a respectable business in South Kensington. Likewise a Mr. Cornelius Windsor lives in North London, and another Windsor has a grocery shop in Lewisham. A firm of ironmongers at Roehampton and some clothiers at Finsbury Park can also claim the same surname as the royal family.

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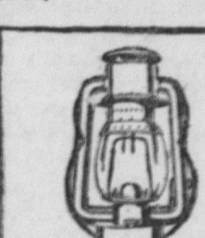
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