

# ABOUT THE TWO FLIES

"I HAVE some remarks, which I should like to make," said the fly. First he dusted off his hind legs and then he brushed off his front legs and gave his head a good dusting. He did all this without any duster—his wings and head and legs could be kept clean by himself without any outside help.

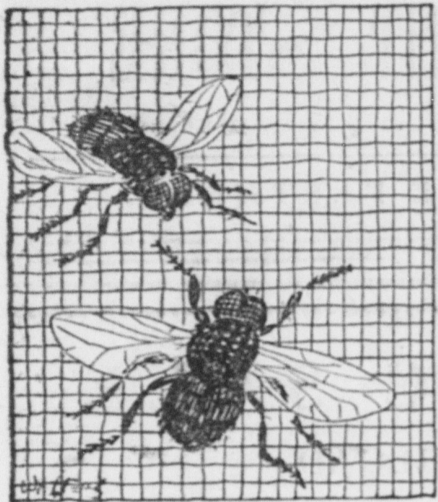
He didn't care to be too clean—just enough, just enough, that was all.

"Yes," the fly continued, "I have some remarks to make."

Another fly looked at him out of his double eyes and said: "If that is the case you'd better make them."

"Just what I intend doing," said the first fly.

"I see," said the second fly. "You



"I see," said the Second Fly.

intended making these remarks whether I encouraged you or not.

"You just hoped I would urge you to do so, and then it would sound as though the suggestion came from me when you had already made up your fly mind to speak. Ha, ha, buzz, buzz, I understand."

"Oh, very well," said the first fly. "I do not mind if you understand so well. I won't let my feelings be hurt. I

### Norway Given Island

Spitzbergen was first believed to be a part of Greenland, and was subsequently claimed by Denmark. Then it was found to be an independent island, and was formally annexed by England in 1914. Of late years Norway, Sweden and Russia have contended for its ownership. Norway finally received it by a treaty signed at Paris in 1920.

## U. S. N. BOYS ASHORE IN THE ORIENT



Life ashore for the United States navy sailors in the Orient is rather pleasant at times. Here are two of them on Temple hill at Chefoo, China, chatting with native youngsters.

## Finish What You Start

By F. A. WALKER

THIS world is filled with good starters. But there is an oversupply of poor finishers.

Getting out in front isn't winning the race. It is STAYING in front. Man of War was the greatest race horse that ever lived, not because he was always in the lead at the quarter, but because he was always first AT THE FINISH.

It isn't the fellow that leads over the first hurdle that gets the cheers and the medal. It's the boy that has nobody in front of him when he touches the tape.

There are thousands of men, successful—rich—respected—envied, who started under a good deal of disadvantage, but who are finishing with heads up and something to spare.

Some young men are hampered at the start by too much money. That's an easy obstacle to get rid of if you have judgment and good sense.

Some are hindered by the aspirations and frequently bad judgment.

won't go away and keep from speaking to you on that account.

"I wouldn't be a child and get mad at another child and 'not speak' for anything.

"I'm the other way. I don't mind how much I am insulted. And it is about this that I wish to make my remarks.

"People would not stick to each other if they were told to get away and were pushed aside or brushed aside.

"People would not stick around if they were not wanted.

"People would not like other people if they were not treated well.

"People would not stay in houses where they were not wanted and where they were told they were not wanted.

"But flies will!

"Yes, people can shove us aside when we light upon them, they can talk about us and wish we'd go away, but still we come about.

"The other day I settled on the forehead of a little girl five different times in less than ten minutes.

"She brushed me off and complained about me and said she wished I'd go away and not come back again.

"But back I came.

"That just shows you how much better a friend I was to her than some people would have been if she had talked to them the way she talked to me."

"Still," said the second fly, "you wouldn't have been anxious to show her any real friendship.

"Maybe you'd go back to her and bother her and stick to her but not in any friendly fashion.

"In fly fashion perhaps, but not in friendly fashion."

"True," said the first fly, "but still I remark that that is more than people will do—stick when they're not loved."

"Oh, well," said the second fly. "I can't say anything, as I do the same. I show the same interest in those who show no interest in me.

"I fuss about people who are annoyed by me.

"I don't care whether I'm wanted or not—I'm still the same stick-about fly.

"It's the fly style not to object whether we're wanted or not."

And then the two flies began to fly about and buzz and sing this little song:

Two flies are we,  
Buzzing with glee,  
We're a nuisance, it's true,  
But it won't make us blue  
If we're urged away  
At night or by day,  
We're not healthy, you know,  
But that can't make us go,  
When we're having our fun  
We wait 'til we're done,  
We love to annoy  
A girl or a boy,  
Two flies are we,  
Buzzing with glee.  
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## THE TIME STEALER

By JOHN BLAKE

EVERY important person in the world is constantly besieged by people who want to steal his time.

Stealing the time of a prominent person is often the same thing as stealing his money.

Time stealers are not usually aware that they are thieves. They would bitterly resent any hint that they might be dishonest.

Yet it is something like dishonesty to rob a man of his valuable time and give him nothing in return.

There are many kinds of time stealers. Some may be total strangers who want to sell their victim something he doesn't want. Some may be friends who merely want to pass the time of day.

It is because time stealers are so numerous that nearly every prominent man is surrounded by a barricade of door boys and secretaries, whose duty it is to keep the intruders at bay. By the time a visitor threads his way through this vigilant force his business and qualifications for seeing the boss are usually pretty well established.

Nearly everybody is occasionally beset by them. And many kind-hearted individuals allow themselves to be robbed again and again.

It is difficult to be curt when a pleasant stranger tries to sell you something which you may need but don't want. Especially when he tells

## Princess Ida's Engagement Announced



From Europe comes the announcement of the engagement of Princess Ida Cantacuzene and John Hanbury Williams of England, son of Maj. Gen. Sir John and Lady Hanbury Williams. Princess Ida is the younger daughter of Prince and Princess Cantacuzene and was a popular member of the younger set in Washington, where she made her debut a few years ago under the patronage of her grandmother, Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant.



## A Sour Stomach

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## PHILLIPS Milk of Magnesia

Swift Waters

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NURSES know, and doctors have declared there's nothing quite like Bayer Aspirin for all sorts of aches and pains, but be sure it is genuine Bayer; that name must be on the package, and on every tablet. Bayer is genuine, and the word genuine—in red—is on every box. You can't go wrong if you will just look at the box:



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Goosey, goosey gander,  
Whither do you wander?  
Upstairs, downstairs,  
In my lady's chamber,  
Lady's got the rheumatism,  
And can't climb the stairs,  
But now they've sent her SALICON  
In answer to her prayers.

SALICON certainly is the answer to the prayers of those suffering with rheumatism, lumbago or any other painful affliction. It relieves pain and soothes the nerves, yet does not affect the heart nor upset the stomach.

### Hard Work

"Algy says he does an awful lot of brain work."  
"I believe it. To make what little he has work must be awful."

## HELPED DURING MIDDLE AGE

### Woman Took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Denver, Colo.—"I have taken six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and will take more. I am taking it as a tonic to help me through the Change of Life and I am telling many of my friends to take it as I found nothing better before this to help me. I had so many bad feelings at night that I could not sleep and for two years I could not go down town because I was afraid of falling. My mother took the Vegetable Compound years ago with good results and now I am taking it during the Change of Life and recommend it."—Mrs. T. A. MILES, 1611 Adams Street, Denver, Colorado.



which might have been turned into money or culture show only a debit of unprofitable ennui.

There is only one way to treat the time stealer, however rude or inconsiderate it may seem. That way is to tell him you are busy and have no time to waste.

If you can prevent his reaching you, do so. That will avert embarrassment on both sides.

But if he does crash in, tell him your time is valuable and that you expect it to show a profit. If you can be polite, so much the better. But don't be afraid of being rude, if that is necessary.

The time stealer does not consider you when he robs you. Why should you worry about hurting his feelings? (Copyright)

## The Jonah Superstition

By H. Irving King

THOUGH it is not the custom today to throw overboard people who are suspected of being the cause of storms and disasters at sea, yet the beliefs in Jonahs still flourish, and deep-water sailors still have a lingering opinion that the weather conditions would be vastly improved if the suspected persons were jettisoned. In less enlightened times they would have been—even as was the prophet son of Amittal.

The Jonah superstition is older than Jonah. The prophet was merely the victim of a Phoenician superstition ancient even before his day; but being a "celebrated case" his name has clung to it ever since. It is the old idea of the appeasing of an angry god by a human sacrifice. Human sacrifice to Baal was the main feature of Phoenician worship, and the Phoenicians were the great seafaring people among the ancients, and took their religion to sea with them.

In Jonah's day the victim appears to have been chosen by lot, but subsequently he came to be designated by personal peculiarities or by coincidence. It is thus that a "Jonah" is indicated today.

The writer once knew a young naval officer who, because of the mishaps which occurred to a series of ships to which he was successfully attached, became known throughout the service as "Jonah" So-and-so. Not so long ago a sailor on a coasting schooner caught in a storm cried out that the tempest was because of his wickedness and jumped overboard. The storm still continuing the sailors threw his dunnage after him—and the tempest ceased! Of such stories "the name is legion." The fact that it is getting on to three thousand years now since Phoenicia ceased to exist affords another example of the superiority of the vitality of a superstition over that of empires and races. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

## OBEDIENCE

By Leonard A. Barrett.

WHILE much may be said about the duty of children obeying parents, there still remains a good deal to be said about parents, so conducting their discipline and their personal attitude toward their children as to make them want to obey them. There is fundamental law in life which is applicable here—"Like attracts like." It is nature's first law. Love attracts love. We are irresistibly drawn toward those whom we admire. The opposite is also true. The unlovely repels the lovely and suspicion destroys trust.

The commandment reads that we shall honor our parents. This should be a most natural thing to do and a child should not be impelled to offer any excuse for not doing so. The child is a child and not an adult. You can drive a horse to water but you cannot make him drink. A parent cannot compel ultimate and voluntary obedience by threats of punishment. A temporary obedience, restrained and involuntary, may result in the loss of something that is very essential to the child's development.

There is something very beautiful about the way a child instinctively clings to what may be called home. Be it ever so humble there is no place in the world just like it. Why? Because the elementary instincts of human nature find their first expression there. It is within the walls of that place called home, where they are impressed with the realities of life. There they seek appeasement for the hungers not only of the body but of the mind and heart as well. No mat-

ter how far a man or woman may stray away later on in life, they will not forget the home of their childhood—that is if they really had a home. The garden with its old-fashioned flowers will always remain vivid in memory. The spirit of the place, however crude, is part and parcel of their experience. The more affection manifested in the home the dearer it becomes.

Thwart that element of affection, destroy the spirit of home and something very sacred has been destroyed in the heart of the child. Real obedience is voluntary. Love creates obedience. (© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

## What Does Your Child Want to Know?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



HOW IS SALT MADE?  
It isn't made, it's dug my dear  
From a deep and gloomy mine,  
Then taken to a factory  
To make it white and fine.  
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