

THE ART OF CONVERSATION; EGOTISM AND TALKING SHOP!

To Be Interesting to the Majority We Must Handle Topics of General Interest—Slipshod Conversation Produces Mental Lethargy

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The art of conversation is something which few people have either the time or the inclination to cultivate nowadays. The people who talk less than they used to do in days gone by—upon the contrary, garrulity is greater than it ever was before. It isn't that there is no time nowadays for the actual conversation itself, but that people don't try to educate themselves into becoming real conversationalists in the best sense of the word.

In the old days of the famous English jesters and wits, the subjects of conversation were very different. The learned savants of that period loved to talk on all and sundry. But, in almost every case, they had something of real value to say. Moreover, they used their words in an attractive dress.

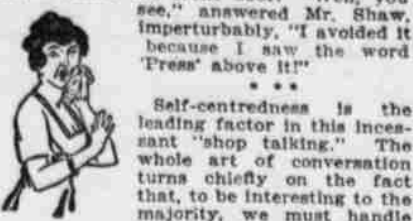
I often wonder what these self-same jesters would have said to the modern egotist and his slipshod conversation. It is a pity that the average middle-class person has no time to devote to the study of the art of conversation. The point of view of phraseology, people won't take the trouble to speak correctly.

One unfortunate thing is that slipshod conversation reacts on the mind. It creates a slipshod attitude there and a chaos that soon makes itself seen.

What is popularly termed "talking shop" is responsible for a great deal of the deterioration in modern conversation.

Each person is so intensely interested in his own little narrow groove that he becomes bored if anything outside that particular groove is touched upon.

In the world of business this is very



Self-centredness is the leading factor in this incessant "talking shop." The person who is conversational turns chiefly on the fact that, to be interesting to the majority, he must handle subjects of general interest.

PLAID BOUDOIR GOWNS A FEATURE OF AUTUMN STYLES

MUCH has been said on the subject of gowns, and now that the autumn showings in this particular department have made their debut, a few words about the most attractive styles will not be out of place. Winter days have developed a particular desire for comfort, to judge by the number of corduroy gowns which are being shown in the shops. These are simply made, with self-trimmings, as a rule. An elaborate and somewhat unbecoming trimmings, was decorated with small corsage bouquets of forget-me-nots and similar flowers. True to the contrary whims of things fashions, the garment was decorated with a small corsage bouquet of forget-me-nots and similar flowers. True to the contrary whims of things fashions, the garment was decorated with a small corsage bouquet of forget-me-nots and similar flowers.

A DAINY NEGLIGEE

MR. GARDEN TOAD hopped over to Tommy Tittle-mouse's house to tell him the news. "Have you seen that creature that has come to live in the back of the garden?" he asked in a great concern. "I saw one yesterday," said Tommy, running to the door in surprise. "What creature?" "That ant eater who is back there in the garden," Mr. Garden Toad shook his head toward the alley side of the garden.

WOMAN SCIENTIST STUDIES RATS



Dr. Helen D. King, after experimenting with more than 21,000 rats at the Wistar Institute, has arrived at the conclusion that "inbreeding" instead of harming the species, improves it. Her suggestion that the same may be true of the human race has met with violent protests from clergymen.

MINISTERS REAFFIRM STAND ON WEDLOCK OF CLOSE RELATIVES

Assert Experiments With Rats Cannot Serve as Basis for Radical Conclusions on Marriage

ROYAL FAMILIES CITED

Possibilities that a revolutionary disturbance in the whole theory of human marital relationship would occur as a result of the announcement of Dr. Helen D. King, a research worker in the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology at the University of Pennsylvania, that through the interbreeding of 21 generations of white rats she obtained a race of rats that was 30 per cent better physically than the race she started with, caused much comment and discussion in clerical circles in this city yesterday.

JAPANESE SOPRANO TO SING OPERA HERE

Tamaki Miura, Noted Singer, Will Take Title Role in "Madame Butterfly."

The first appearance in this city of Tamaki Miura, the noted Japanese lyric soprano, will be during the coming engagements of the Boston Symphony Orchestra when Miss Miura will sing the title role of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

GLoucester Co. HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN ANNUAL SESSION

School Children of Collingswood Hear Instructive Papers

A COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., Oct. 2.—The Gloucester County Historical Society in annual session here this afternoon in the High School Auditorium, with a large attendance of members, many visitors and a large attendance of the pupils of the local public schools.

PLAN NEW PARISH HOUSE

Structure for St. Michael's, Germantown, to Cost About \$25,000

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Germantown, the Rev. Gilbert Pether, rector, is to erect a new parish house to cost about \$25,000. It is hoped to have the structure completed and ready for dedication on St. Michael's and All Angels' Day, 1916.

BOY SCOUT FIELD DAY

Greater Camden District Will Hold Athletic Contest.

A field day inaugurating the formation of the Greater Camden District No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, will be held today on the field of the Audubon Athletic Association, at Orton Station, N. J. Boy Scouts from Camden and the neighborhood will compete in the program, which will begin at 1:30 o'clock with a parade from Audubon, through Haddon Heights, down White Horse Pike to the parade grounds at 2:30 o'clock.

OYSTERS PREPARED WITH CHEESE A CREOLE DISH

OYSTERS with cheese isn't a particularly new combination, but there are ways and ways of preparing the same. The devotees of cheese, as a rule, enjoy it in almost any form. If they like it at all, this is the favorite dish of old Southern mammas, a sort of oyster and cheese delicacy, prepared in old Creole style. The bread crumbs, strewn chopped parsley over them, are a good one to paste in your chafing dish cookbook for future reference.

CENTRAL Y. M. C. A. PLANS SEASON'S WORK

Renovated Auditorium Opens Tomorrow, When Laurence B. Saint Gives Reading

The auditorium of the Central Branch, Y. M. C. A., which underwent a complete renovation during the summer, will be thrown open for the Sunday afternoon men's meeting tomorrow for the first time this season. The room was beautifully painted and decorated and presents an inviting appearance.

Laurence B. Saint, author and artist, will give a reading from his book, "A Knight of the Cross," which has been causing so much comment recently among church people of Philadelphia. No tickets will be required and the public is invited to attend.

The Sunday speakers for the remainder of October follow: October 10—Judge Raymond MacNettle, "The Boy Problem."

October 17—Dr. Edgar J. Banks, "The Bible and the Spade" (illustrated with stereopticon slides).

October 24—Professor Llewellyn Phillips, Bucknell College, "Who Is Jesus?"

October 31—Mrs. Harry Phillips, of Cambridge University, and lecturer of International fame, "A Modern Trinity."

The arrangements are under the general direction of Richard E. Wilson, director of the Y. M. C. A., and will be maintained for more than 10 years, starts its 10th year on the 1st of October.

The Rev. Dr. David Spencer, pastor of the Lehigh Avenue Baptist Church, will speak to men in the North Branch Association lobby, at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

The Rev. J. D. Hall, superintendent of Gallies Mission, will be the speaker at the West Branch Y. M. C. A. meeting tomorrow afternoon, 7:30 o'clock. His topic will be "Keeping the Trail Hot."

AGED PASTOR RETIRES

Germantown Baptists to Act on Dr. T. S. Sanson's Resignation

A congregational meeting of members of the First Baptist Church, Germantown, will be held on Tuesday night, to act on the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Sanson from the pastorate.

RELIGIOUS BREVITIES

Prof. James Carter of Lincoln University, will be the speaker at the ministers' meeting Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

A special musical and song service will be conducted in the Franklin Home tomorrow at 8 p. m. by the superintendent, Charles K. Gibbs.

The Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, minister of St. John's Episcopal Church, will preach tomorrow morning on "Called to a Throne," at 10:30 a. m. His topic will be "Fighting for a Throne."

Holy Communion will be administered tomorrow morning in the West Hope Presbyterian Church by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Brown. Holy Day will be observed in the afternoon, 7:30 o'clock. There will be a special service at 8 o'clock.

"The Angel of Truth" was the subject of a sermon preached this morning by Dr. Henry G. Carter, at St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China.

The Rev. Dr. A. F. Robinson, pastor of Temple Episcopal Church, 520 and Race streets, will preach tomorrow morning on "The Much More of the Christian Life."

The Rev. P. C. Wright will preach on "Christ Is All" tomorrow morning in the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, and in the evening sermon will be the first in a series on "Victory."

The Rev. George Brewer will preach in the Holland Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. "The Victory Over the World" and the evening his topic will be "Nonconformity."

LIVE PIGEONS A PART OF CHURCH CEREMONY

Homers Will Occupy Loft in Front of New Berean Baptist Auditorium

Live homing pigeon will be used as an object lesson and to add realism to special services to be conducted by the New Berean Baptist Sunday School, in observance of rally day tomorrow. The sign "Will you be a homer?" has been hoisted throughout the community in which the church is located at 9th and Pine streets, through the distribution of cardboard pigeons.

ANNIVERSARY AT OAKMONT

Grace Chapel to Celebrate Tomorrow at All Services

Grace Chapel, Oakmont, the Rev. James H. Feely, minister, will be the centre of unusual activity tomorrow when anniversary exercises will be held.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

ORGANIST AND CHOIR BUREAU

Baptist

HOME COMING, OCTOBER 3 TO 10, INC.

CHESTNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

GETHEMENE BAPTIST CHURCH

MANTON BAPTIST CHURCH

FRANKLIN HOME FOR THE REFORMATION OF INHERITED SINS

MESSEAN LUTHERAN

TEMPLE CHURCH, 525 and Race streets—Rev. A. JOHLMAN, Services, 10:30 and 7:30.

TABERNACLE, 9th and Spruce—Wm. J. MILLER, Services, 10:30 and 7:30.

THE UPPER AND NETHER SPRINGS OF LIFE

WEST GREEN, 19th and Green streets—Rev. C. E. GRABAM, Services, 10:30 and 7:30.

WEST HOPE, Cor. Preston and Aspen streets—Rev. Charles E. Brown, D. D., Minister.

PARISH OF ST. LAURENCE AND ST. EPIPHANY

ST. CHARLES BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. CHARLES E. GRAMMER, E. T. D., Rector.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. PETER'S BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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