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Why Not Be an Egotist?

There is much mistaken sentiment as to the sin of egotism. The fact is egotism is not a sin. On the other hand, was dark and dull in line, the other it is somewhat of a virtue and an in- | heautifully pink and translucent. dispensable element in all real progress. Some phases of egotism are unpleasant to the beholder and unfortunate for the possessor, but if all of It suits all pocketbooks. All over the self love, or, rather, the love of other people's admiration and good will, were to be extinguished there would be little to held society together and less to give impetus to the great enterprises which spring from individual thought to Africa. They are much liked by and culminate in personal profit.-Les-He's Weekly.

A Human Bungalow. Pilkson didn't impress you favora-

"No; he's just a bungalow." "A what?"

"A bungalow. He hasn't any foundation."-Newark News.

The Resemblance. "I was always interested in airships and flying machines, so I bought a the-

Why did you do that?" "A theater has wings and files."

The dealer held up two strings of coral. They were of equal size, but one "The dark one." he said. "Is worth 50 cents; the pink one is worth \$500.

That is what makes coral so popular. world it goes. These strings of rough, uncut beads are for the dead of India. They are put round the necks of the bodies about to be burned in the ghats. These large and blood red beads go the untives, whose dark skins they perfectly suit. Here are a lot of coral hands with singers extended in a Vthe gesture that wards off the evil eye. The coral hands are for Italy, where the belief in their efficacy is widespread."-Buffate Express.

A man recently entered a restaurant and ordered a steak. When the waiter served him with it the customer said. "I'm afraid you'll have to take it back. for I find I've come out without my"-"Purse," of course interrupted the , "No," replied the man, "my false

Empty Pleasures

By Alva M. Paterson

Emmy sat in the third pew of the church. Anyone behind could just see a large straw hat and two tiny pigtails peep over; also that "the little girl belonging to them" was very restless. In fact, the sermon did not interest her-it was much better fun to look at the new styles in ladies's hats. Almost everybody had a new "Let's see which one I like Her glance shifted from one to the other, and then finally rested on Miss Phelps. "If ever I grow big," she told herself, "I'm going to have one like that. It's a beauty! Just see those

There was a loud slap on the pulpit, and a terrible climax of "emoty pleasures" thundered through the church causing Emmy to start in her seat and lift her guilty eyes from the hat to the minister. He looked right at her. She dropped her eyes

and whispered nervously to herself: ould he mean me? How did he know I was looking at Miss Phelps hat 'stead of listening to him?"

"We will now receive the benediction, said the minister.. Emmy bent ead but she did not hear the lessing. One question was domiant in her mind. "Could be have eant me?" But it wasn't empty, olly. It was lots of fun to look at If the new hats-so it wasn't empty, cally. This she repeated over and ver. When papa stopped to shake ands with the minister, she darted brough the crowd and waited for m at the door.

Mamma," she asked on the way ome, 'what does 'empty pleasures'

'My dear, you're too young to un-

Emmy looked perplexed. No sconer had she entered the house than she scampered to the library, pulled out a dictionary and mumbled: e-e-e, let me see-em-e-m-pempty-'containing nothing'-vacant'-that's best. Now p. P-p-p-pl -a-p-l-e-pleasures-means oyment, full of glauness.' Well, "that means 'full.' Now, let's see-Wacant fulls, vacant fulls! Oh, dear! How can there be vacant fulls? Vaa t gladness. No! That won't do either. Gladness can't be vacant cause it's full." Her white brow uckered up. "I'll try ngain-let's e-nothing enjoyments., no! That won't do either; not even the dictionary will tell me.

"Mamma," she coaxed that evening, "won't you tell me what 'empty 'easures' mean?"

"When you're a little older, my dear," said mother; but Emmy was not satisfied. She was almost ten; she knew some things.

"I'll ask teacher to-morrow." The all-wise Miss Graham would certain-

'Good morning, Emmy," said Miss Graham. "You're early this morning. Do you want anything dear?" 'Could you please tell me what 'empty pleasures' mean, Miss Gra-

"Why, my lear child, what makes you .sk such a question? It means pleasure that is empty.

"Bu" pleasure isn't empty, Alisa

'No, child, so 'tisn't. Let's see, it s-my dear child. I don't believe

I can give you a definition." The week passed pleasantly; only sace or twice did Emmy think of Sunday : experience. Saturday came. The whole day was hers. She would have hours of fun up at High Rock. Emmy tripped down the gravel path and p the white road until she came to a high rock with moss-grown ides. Digging her toes in the crevces, she climbed to a little plateau. Here she rested a moment. "Guess i. so way up to-day. It isn't much farther and I can pick flowers up there and watch the river below.

At last she reached the top, but war were those people? Was it the r nister? "Oh, 'empty pleasures! He'll see me and scold 'cause I looked at Miss Phelps' hat."

Emmy stood still. The minister's bac. was toward her. Miss Phelps stood beside him. She had her new hat on, too.

"I'd like to ask him about ,empty plensures,' but just see how they stand there holding each others hands and saying nothing. I shouldn't think that was much fun Just then the minister picked up

daisy and handed it to Miss Phelps. She smiled, then 1 oked down the river beneath. "This is a beautiful spot," said

the minister.

"Yes," said Miss Phelps. "Empty pleasures." thought Emmy. "Surely, this must be 'empty pleasures.' Here they stand looking at each other smiling once in a while, hardly ever speaking, yet

they seem to enjoy it They are truly having pleasure; they are full of glodness. Still they stand there, empty like." "Evelyn," said the minister, turn ing balf-way round.

"Oh, he'll see me," thought Emmy, She climbed down the rock, heedless of the wet moss, till she reached the white road; then she scampered away home-victorious, to tell mamma the

"I've found it! I've found it!" she

"Found what, child "" "Empty pi asures," and Emmy

told mamma the story. "Perhaps it was empty, my daughter, for you. And Emmy wondered way she felt a sort of "empty pleas ure" ache round her heart who mamma pressed her hand.

REMARKABLE.

About six weeks ago a swelling came in my groin 21/2 inches from my navel about the size of a half lemon very painfu! and said to be caused by blood poison. I doctored about six weeks, and was getting worse, when Mr. Brown told me swer. about San-Cura Cintment. I applied it them!" as a poulties, changing merning and night, removing all pain at once. In two days it broke, discharging pus. I then changed it once a day until it was perfectly healed. I recommend San-Cura Ointment as the best poulties I ever used. It removes pain and all pus, keeping a sore moist and soft.

VANDALISM IN LOUVRE.

Because of the Destruction of Paint-

ings They Are to Be Incased. Another act of vandalism at the Louvre has been committed. Just before the museum closed for the day a girl took from her pocket a pair of scissors and deliberately lacerated Ingres' fine picture of the Sistine chapel, piercing the eyes of the pope and three cardinals

A guardian, who was a witness of the act, arrested the girl, who stated that she disfigured the picture that she might be taken into custody,

This is the third outrage of the and committed in the Louvre within o months, and it is felt that if the celess collections there are to be quately sateguarded radical reras must be introduced in the surveillance of the galleries and their contents.

As a result, it has been decided that certain pieces of sculpture-notably the famous Venus of Milo-are to be the object of special protection. Glass is to be placed in front of several chefs d'oeuvre of painting, and, in addition to an increase in the number of guardians, fifty plain clothes policemen are to be added to the staff .-Modern Society.

Socialism in Hungary.

In Hungary a noticeable factor, writes our Budapest correspondent, is the enormous influence that Germany, Italy and England wield. Every work of value dealing with the diverse forms of Socialism has been translated and scattered broadcast in all disaffected and discontented areas. Fines and imprisonment increase, but the literature of social democracy is flooding village, hamlet and town with new ideas and providing new forces. Certainly one or the best equipped printing establishments have ever seen outside England is that of the Socialists in Budapest. It is an enormous place. It represents money and it makes money, and money means organization, and from this flows power.-Pall Mall Gazette.

Littl Man, Big Had.

John O. Archebold, the other John D. of the Standard Oil Company, and the active working principal, is about five feet three inches in height, but his head is big enough for a sevenfooter. It is a remarkable head, physically speaking, and when Archbold was on the witness stand the newspaper cartoonists accentuated his phrenological bumps. Once he teaped from the chair and snatched a pencil from a cartoonist's flugers. Like the other John D. this one has a pet college, the Syracuse University, to which he has contributed more than a million dollars.

"Hous of th Baskervilles." Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles," a "fearsome animal," is said to have its origin in the legends of packs of spectral hounds, which are popular in various parts of England and Wales. In the North of England these apparitions are known as "Gabriel's hounds;" in Devon, the Wisk," "West, or "Heath hounds;" in Wales, "Cron Annwn," or "Cwn Wybir," and in Cornwall, the "devil's dandy dogs." They are supposed to be evil spirits hunting the souls of

Royal Joke Not Appreciated. Leopold of Belgium has been playing his royal joke about his unroyal pranks for many a year, laying every story of his unseemingly behavior to his "double" in Paris, M. Fouret of the Hachette publishing nouse. But Fouret, who is eminently respectable, is getting tired of the joke, and proposes to bring suit for libel against the King. Leopold's reputation is of Do sort of consequence at this date, but M. Fouret's is valuable.

Chair of Animal Psychology. For the study of animal psychology a new chair has been founded in connection with the Natural History Museum at the Jardin des Plantes, Paris. It will be under the direction of M. Pierre Hachet-Souplet, who will seek to establish an intellectual gradation of the animals that are domesticated as well as the wilu. Their passions, their batreds, their joys, their sorrows, will all be studied thoroughly.

A Central Cooking Hall. Garden City, Letchworth, Herts, England, is to have a central cooking hall for cooks and domestics, all the tenants to share the expense, the object being to save wives the worry and expense of preparing meals, and to give servants greater freedom and new dignity.

Increase in Automobile Exhibitors. At the Paris automobile exhibition in 1898 there were 340 exhibitors and \$800,000 worth of machines were shown. This year the exhibitors number 1,400 and the exhibited propcrty is of the value of \$8,000,000

Egg-Distributing Stations. Ireland maintains nearly 400 eggdistributing stations for the purpose of bettering the poultry of the coun-

First Tinplate in Canada. Consul John ... Hamilton of Cornwall reports that on October 25, the first tinplate made in Canada was produced at a steel works at Morrisburg.

Many people slam servants,-few

"I have been engaged to at least dozen girls," said a young man. "And always been unlucky in love ch?" inquired a lady "Oh, no-rather lucky!" was the an-"I've never married any of

An Order Not Obeyed. An exasperated Irish sergeant, drilling a squad of recruits, called to them

"Halt! Just come over here, all of ve and look at yourselves. It's a fine AUDREY PORTER, Pa. line .e're keepin', isn't 112"

The Wrong Horse.

Bridget had been in America only few months, but she believed in the principle of pretending to know what she ought to know. She had been engaged as laundry girl in a small family of well to do people. When asked if she understood all the details of her work she unbesitatingly replied, "Sure

Her mistress was not quite satisfied, however, and while she was busy with her first washing looked in upon her. Bridget seemed to be doing all right, and she left without offering sugges-

Next morning the froning was in order, and Bridget was hard at it when her mistress looked in to say, "As you get the clothes ironed, just throw them over the horse."

"All right, ma'am," the busy laundry girl replied without stopping to raise her eyes from her work in hand.

The laundry room was located in an outhouse adjoining the barn, and occasionally the neighing of the family horse and the merry voice of Bridget rescunded throughout the house.

Returning to the laundry house a couple of hours later, the lady could scarcely believe her eyes nor restrain her mirth when she beheld the famfly horse, standing patiently beside Bridget, londed down with newly froned sheets, pillowenses, tablecloths and lace trimmed waists and skirts. With an anxious look on her honest face Bridget observed. "I'm glad you've come, ma'am, for I'll have to have another horse,"

Working Too Hard.

The owner of the farm had been enjoying himself at the county fair, while his hardworking wife staved at home to see that the farm suffered no loss in his absence.

"Well, Sarah," said the owner upon his return, "I'm about all tired out. Is the cows in the barn?"

"Yes; long since," replied his wife, barely looking up from the task then in hand.

"Is the hosses unharnessed an' fed?" "Yes.

"Chickens locked up?"

"Wood chepped for mornin'?"

"Wagon heel mended an' ready t' start in th' mornin'?"

"Well, then," concluded the exhausted owner, with a sigh of relief, "let me have my supper. I'm goin' to' turn in. Farmin's beginnin' t' tell on me."-New



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