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### Secret Baseball Signals.

"Perhaps you never realized that there is an exact science in coaching and signaling," says Hugh S. Fullerton, writing on the secret tricks of baseball coaching in the American Magazine; "that the two men out there near first and third bases, who seem to be making fools of themselves or trying to annoy the majestic man in blue serge, are the wigwag men signaling to runners or batters just what the general sitting on the bench wants them to try to do. Sometimes the general is on the lines himself, looking just as foolish as the wigwag men or more so, but somewhere, hidden in his meaningless or hackneyed phrases or his wild gestures, there is a meaning. He is telling the batter not to hit the next ball or to bunt it or informing him that the next will be a straight fast ball and at the same time informing the base runner that the batter intends to hit and that he must start at top speed when the pitcher starts to wind up."

### Salt Water Bathing.

Dr. Copeman of Brighton, England, writing in the Practitioner, London, gives some advice on sea bathing. "The best time to bathe is about two hours after breakfast, the period of greatest vital activity," says Dr. Copeman. "The one time which must be avoided by all is after a full meal. During the process of digestion the vessels of the internal organs are already engorged with blood, and the shock of the cold water is apt to produce a very dangerous condition of congestion, the least of many penalties that may accrue being an acute attack of indigestion. With many keen bathers it is an article of faith to bathe before breakfast. But business men, after months of unremitting toil, those who are below par or who are getting on in years, should avoid taxing their system by bathing at such a time. Even the most robust would be wise to partake of a cup of hot milk before leaving the house."

### Salt.

Salt production is about the oldest industry in the world. In Italy, the cradle of the salt industry, it has been

manufactured commercially for 2500 years. Salt is so necessary to existence that in some parts of the world tribes will sell the members of their families in exchange for salt. Salt has been the cause of wars, and so important has it always been considered that in some places the passing of salt is established as a token of friendship, and women throw salt on a visitor as a friendly greeting. In some countries salt is so scarce that it is obtained through the ashes of grasses and a species of palm and other plants. While salt is produced in almost every country in the world, it is stated that nowhere can salt of such purity be obtained at anything like the cost for mining as in Louisiana—Manufacturers' Record.

### A Real Gas Plant.

There are two varieties of gas plant. One is a manufacturing establishment where coal is converted into gas for illuminating and heating purposes. The other variety is a real growing plant called the fraxinella. Few know why the fraxinella is called the "gas plant." This is because at certain times it releases a volatile oil that actually ignites if allowed to come in contact with a lighted match. The fraxinella is also noted for its fragrance and longevity if not disturbed. One plant in a New England garden is doing its best to outlive a third generation, and elsewhere a clump is still flourishing after no less than thirty-seven years on a grave—one of the most difficult of places for a perennial to keep up a long struggle for existence, let alone a normal life.—New York World.

### Gifted.

"I don't know what I'm ever going to make of that son of mine," complained a prominent Cleveland business man the other day. The old chap is self-made, a graduate of the university of hard knocks and all that, and it naturally grieves him to have a son who is not aggressive. "Maybe your son hasn't found himself yet," we consoled. "Isn't he gifted in any way?" "Gifted! I should say he is! He ain't got a darned thing that wasn't given to him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### State Sunday School Convention.

The annual convention Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association met at New Castle, Pa., Oct. 11, 12 and 13, 1911. Theme—"The open Bible and the uplifted cross." On Wednesday all delegates were met at the different stations by uniformed pages and taken to the First Methodist church where they registered. Each delegate received a beautiful convention hand book, a program, and then were assigned their place of entertainment.

The convention proper opened at 10:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church, with a general conference of county and district association officers meeting with the state field force, W. G. Landis presiding. Mr. Landis asked for a season of prayer. Rev. C. A. Oliver read the 19th Psalm. Then Mr. Landis said the workers should take a backward look, then a forward look for the coming year in order to improve by the mistakes that were made. He asked the audience to join him in looking at the card showing the increased record for the past year. The four churches in which the convention was held were decorated in the convention colors, purple and gold, vines, flags, and bunting. The mass meetings were held in the First Presbyterian church and in the First Baptist church. The address of welcome was given by City Solicitor Gardener. He told that New Castle had 42 Protestant churches, 6 Catholic churches, one Hebrew church, 12 missions, 14 school houses, one high school, and no saloons. The response was given by S. E. Gill of Pittsburgh, state treasurer of the S. S. Association. Address of the evening was given by Prof. Frances H. Green of West Chester Normal School; subject, The Survival of the Fittest in English Literature. He advocated a more intelligent study of the bible, and not so much time on lesson leaves and quarterlies. He commended the bible to all the world as the greatest book in literature.

The general session of the convention was held at 9:15 a. m., Thursday. Prof. E. O. Excell conducted a praise service. After business session, reading reports, and making appointments of committees, was the recognition of Front Line Counties. In this I was especially interested as we have been working since our last county convention to bring Forest County to the front. One of the most pleasing reports made was the one received in regard to the counties that had been awarded banners during the last year for having been received into the Front Line. Giving recognition to these counties was most interesting. Mr. Landis gave a description of the work carried on and told of the struggle to get the counties interested. The first year only five counties were received in the front line. In all 56 counties have received banners. An effort was made to get 57 counties as a mark of appreciation to H. J. Heinz, who awards the banners. On one side of the church was a large banner covered with muslin. Many of the delegates were curious to know what was behind the curtain but it was not until the recognition of counties in the Front Line was given that the curtain was lowered. Back of the curtain were the banners awarded since the work was taken up. In the first row were the first 5 counties to reach the classification. In 1907 the first 5 counties had reached the high standard of perfection. They were Columbia, Washington, Greene, Fayette and Union. The representatives from these counties stood while the curtain was lowered just far enough to exhibit to view the beautiful banners awarded those counties. The next year Lebanon, Beaver, Fulton, Northumberland, Lycoming, and Snyder received the Front Line. The next year when the Convention was held at Harrisburg, Dauphin, Bucks, Sullivan, Montour, Cameron, Clarion, Allegheny, Warren, Monroe, Delaware, Clearfield, Chester, and Erie were added. The next year Mercer, Juniata, Berks, Bedford, McKean, Northampton, Westmoreland, Adams, Blair, Cambria, Somerset, Bradford and Wyoming were added. This year Wayne, Tioga, Potter, Center, Armstrong, Clinton, Schuylkill, Indiana, Butler, Lackawanna, Montgomery, Pike, Cumberland, Lancaster, Venango, Jefferson, Carbon, and Forest were added to the list.

### Greetings from Hon. John Wanamaker.

honorary president, also from President H. J. Heinz, who were unable to attend the convention on account of illness. Howard Heiss was called to the platform and contributed the Heinz money for the jubilee fund. At the first Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon at the praise service when Prof. Excell asked the women to sing a song, it was surprising to see how few women were present compared to the number of men. Thursday afternoon session at this church was the Organized Adult Bible Class arranged under the direction of W. D. Stem at the head of this work. J. A. Kinnear presiding officer, in opening the program of the afternoon said, "The day is past when father says to John" goes to Sunday school. Mother says, Mary come to Sunday school. Ten three minute talks on Organized Adult Bible Class work formed the first half of the program. The second half of the program was an Organized Adult Bible Class demonstration, prepared by W. D. Stem. The reception committee and teachers of Organized Adult Bible Classes present were called to the platform where they formed a class. From the opening of the class, with a general hand shaking and greeting reports, and the lesson proper, it was a model session and furnished much inspiration to every teacher present. By Thursday morning 1,400 delegates had registered and still kept coming on all trains during the day. There were between 7,000 and 8,000 men in the big parade. It took the parade 45 minutes to pass.

The business session of Friday morning was very important. The next convention will be held in Philadelphia. It is the jubilee convention celebrating the fifty years since its organization. With the exception of one all the old officers were re-elected. \$25,000 was raised for the jubilee fund. The speakers of the morning were Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, International Elementary worker, who spoke on "Before the Teen age," Mrs. W. J. Barnes speaking on "Graded Lessons," Miss Marie Braslin, International temperance worker speaking on the "New Crusade," and S. E. Gill made an interesting temperance talk. After the devotional exercises in the Central Presbyterian church, Rev. C. A. Oliver, State Teacher Training Supt., spoke on Elementary Grades. He said so many mothers refuse to teach the children in elementary grades and children are so receptive,

more than at any other age. He said, Bring them to know that God is their father. Those who join the church early make the best christians. He advised all teachers to take the Normal Training Course and fit themselves for the most important work that they can do.

In the first Presbyterian church on Friday evening Percy L. Craig, general chairman, took charge of the meeting. In the praise service it was wonderful how E. O. Excell, with his pianist A. W. Roper, controlled the large audience in song. After scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. B. McCormick then R. M. Campbell announced the awards of banners, and when representatives of the classes came to the platform, Secretary Landis presented the beautiful flags bearing the words By this sign conquer." Mr. Landis asked delegates from the counties winning banners this year to stand up, I stood for Little Forest.

After the address by Rev. Velsheimer, Mr. Landis asked the audience what the convention had meant to them and many responded, telling of inspiration and power that had been gained through the splendid meetings held. With the singing of "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and the benediction, the great convention closed, the workers planning to meet in Philadelphia, October, 1912. Mrs. H. M. Cook, Nebraska, Pa., Nov. 4, 1911.

### Good Money After Bad.

It is a curious fact that many men, level headed enough about other things, seem to lose their wits entirely when they become involved in lawsuits. In one case recently concluded in the German courts a Berlin merchant paid out over \$500 to recover the value of a five cent postage stamp. He had written a letter asking for an address and inclosing postage for reply. Failing to get an answer, he sued for the stamp.

The famous Missouri watermelon case was just as trifling and even more disastrous. The seed was planted on one farm, but the vine crept through a crack in the rail fence, and the melon grew on the other side. Both farmers claimed it, and instead of perceiving the humor of the situation they went to law. To add to the puzzling features of the question of ownership there was the further complication in that the fence stood on a county line, whereupon a question of the jurisdiction of the courts came up. The farmers bankrupted themselves without obtaining a decision as to the ownership.—Green Bag.

### The Bloody Hand.

The noted English family of the Holtes has for its badge a bloody hand, and this sinister badge commemorates a wager that ended in a crime. Sir Thomas Holte one day in 1612 was hunting. He invited his comrades home with him to dinner, and as he rode along he made a heavy bet on his cock's punctuality. But the cock failed him for once. When he got home dinner was not ready. The jeers of his companions at this failure, together with his huge loss in the matter of the wager, enraged him so that he ran into the kitchen, seized a cleaver and split the cook's head open with it. Afterward his family, to keep this crime alive, adopted for its crest the bloody hand of the cook killer.

### An Eskimo's Dwelling.

We do not look for any great amount of inventive genius among the Eskimos, but for years they have employed a rather complete respirator, used in the preparation and taking of a vapor bath, as a means of protection from the dense smoke. This Eskimo respirator is a little basket woven of twisted strands of the grass. It is placed with its shallow side against the mouth, and a wooden peg, which arises from the center of the basket, is laid between the teeth. For this purpose water is evaporated over a big fire in a very low hut, which is tightly closed to keep in the heat. In this stifling atmosphere the employment of a respirator is absolutely necessary.—London Globe.

### The Tyrolean.

You may find the artistic temperament among the peasants in the villages of Bavarian Tyrol. They talk still of the King Ludwig, who lavished money on palaces and died an insane suicide and murderer. You remind them that they are still paying off the debts of the mad king. They reply cheerfully that they are glad of it, for Ludwig loved music and gave us Wagner.—London Chronicle.

### A Stirring Appeal.

The following epistle was sent by an angry tenant to his landlord: "Dear Sir—I want them cellar steps fixed right off. My wife fell down last nite and like to broke her blame neck. Please send blumber and fix our bath tub it will soon be time now for us to use bin again and oblige. Yours true, —Everybody's."

### Meals and Medicine.

Doctor—You are debilitated. Take one of these pills three times a day before meals. Post—if I could get the meals I wouldn't need the pills.—Town Topics.

A reporter was once interviewing Thomas A. Edison. "And you, sir," he said to the inventor, "made the first talking machine?" "No," Mr. Edison replied, "the first one was made long before my time—out of a rib."

### Three Not of a Kind.

Sir Henry Maine's famous political diagnosis is worth quoting. The king of England reigns, but does not govern. The president of the United States governs, but does not reign. The president of France neither reigns nor governs.—Boston Herald.


### Usual Reason.

"He used to be a straight enough young chap. What made him get crooked?" "Trying to make both ends meet, I believe."—Toledo Blade.

### His Strong Face.

"Bilked's is a strong face or I'm no judge of physiognomy." "It ought to be. He and his whole family are living on it."—Buffalo Courier.

Obedience is not truly performed by the body of him whose heart is dissatisfied.—Saadi.



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### HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

#### Are You Too Thin?

There is no better way to keep thin than by constantly looking for something to worry about. First of all you must learn to "take life a little easier." See the funny things and the pleasant things and just forget the others. When you have established this habit then try the daily dose of olive oil about two hours after your noon meal. Take a glass of hot milk at bedtime and another in the middle of the afternoon. Do not boil the milk. Just get it hot and sip it slowly instead of drinking it down as you would cold milk. Do not forget also that you must always have plenty of fresh air to breathe. Vitiated air will burn up the flesh you do gain very quickly.

#### The Crocodiles Dived.

The cunning of wild animals in concealing themselves in moments of danger is well known. A party, spending a week on the Nile, were watching eight or ten crocodiles sunning themselves on the surface of a small lagoon. It was determined to trap these monsters, if possible. The water was breast deep, including about two feet or more of heavy mud. Four nets were tied together, so as to make one long enough to reach across the lagoon, and this was weighted on the bottom. This net was drawn with long poles from each shore, and behind the net came a line of men a yard apart, prodding the mud with poles. The scheme looked like an admirable one, but the crocodiles sleepily dived, and that was the last seen of them. The water was dragged backward and forward, but they had burrowed so deeply in the mud that not one could be found.

#### A Political Genius.

Congressmen sometimes adopt queer expedients to gain the good will of their constituents. Years ago a member from a western state was afraid that his first term would be his last, as he had not managed to make himself a power in congress. While he was debating what he should do a friend said, "You live near the center of the United States, don't you?" "Yes." "Then why don't you introduce a bill to have the capital moved to the principal town in your district?" The congressman introduced the bill, and the people of his district at once concluded he was a great man and sent him back for another term. He reintroduced the bill in the next congress, and, although it was promptly pigeonholed in committee, his constituents gave him a third term as a reward for his genius.

#### The Blushing Octopus.

The octopus frequently changes in color like a marine chameleon. It would appear, from studies of this creature, that the colored pigment whereby this change in color is effected is contained in envelopes in its skin, in the tissue of which are muscular fibers actuated by nerves. Should these fibers become relaxed a dark pigment appears. The phenomenon is said to be analogous to blushing.—Harper's Weekly.

#### Not Lively.

Anna Maria Wilhelm's Pickering. In her memoirs, edited by her son tells a Yorkshire incident which contains a great deal of human nature. Variety spoils life. The plan is monotonous until its extent entitles it to the name of prairie or desert and it gains interest through vastness. There was an old couple in the village whom I used often to go to see. One day when I found them sitting, one on each side of the fire, the old man said to me: "Well, 'tisn't and me, we've been married long on fifty years, and we've never had one quarrel!" The old woman looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and said: "It war varie constenutions, but varle dool."

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