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IDLENESS.

Idleness breeds rust and courts evil. An unhappy life is an idle one. Those who are happiest are the most earnest workers. It is folly to say that we can find no labor. Life itself is a stupendous task. It is cowardly, however, to shirk labor by feigning not to see it. Each mortal, if he does his duty, will have a busy life.

Cold Feet.

During a marriage ceremony in Scotland recently the bridegroom looked extremely wretched, and he got so flustered, standing first on one foot and then on the other, that the "best man" decided he would find out what the trouble was.

"What's up, Jack?" he whispered. "Hae ye lost the ring?"

"No," answered the unhappy one, with a woful look, "the ring's safe enough, but, man, I've lost ma enthusiasm."—Boston Transcript.

Lucky He Was Saved.

"You can't convince me," said the little man with the ragged trousers, "that you can bring up children right by talkin' to 'em and lettin' it go at that. You've got to use the rod, or you'll spoil the child. I used to git about three licks a day on the average."

"It doesn't seem to have done much for you," replied the lady with the protruding jaw.

"It done a lot for me. If they'd let me go my own way I might almost of been a failure in life."—Judge.

A Spirit of Resignation.

An actor on his benefit night, having a very limited audience, when he came to the often quoted passage, "Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll deserve it," heaved a deep sigh and substituted for the last line, "But we'll do more, Sempronius; we'll do without it."—"Pictures and the Picture Goer."

For Baby's Bath.

If the baby is afraid of the water and cries and screams when taking his bath buy several prettily colored cork "bobbers" such as fishermen use. Throw these in the bathtub and baby will be so busy trying to catch them that he will forget to be afraid of his morning bath and will even learn to like it.—Mother's Magazine.

Not Worth a Rush.

The expression "Not worth a rush" is as a popular saying the predecessor of the now more common simile "Not worth a straw." In precarpet days it was the custom to strew the floors of dwelling houses. When guests of rank were entertained fresh rushes were spread for them, but folk of lower degree had to be content with rushes that had already been used, while still humbler persons had none, as not even being "worth a rush."—London Standard.

Modern Requirements.

The real estate man was showing apartments to the young married pair. "There are," he said, "seven rooms and two baths; large, spacious kitchen; hot and cold water, southern exposure, elevator service, steam heat, gas, electricity and no charge for janitor's jobs. The price is especially low—only \$1,500. We will do all the papering, repair floors and ceilings, alterations you desire." "I won't

A Summer of Haze.
 Europe and Asia were covered by fog during the summer of 1783. Says Gilbert White (letter 109): "The summer of the year 1783 was an amazing and a portentous one. . . . for, besides the alarming meteors and tremendous thunderstorms, . . . the peculiar haze or smoky fog that prevailed for many weeks in this island (England) and in every part of Europe and even beyond its limits was a most extraordinary appearance. The heat was intense. Calabria and part of the Isle of Sicily were torn and convulsed with earthquakes." Cowper also refers to this phenomenon in speaking of "nature, with a dim and sickly eye."

Too Much Wit.
 An East Cleveland man who likes to tinker about his home pulled away the steps to his side door last Saturday and took them into the garage, where he added sundry nails to their makeup. He was lugging them back when his next door neighbor looked over the fence and said:
 "Hello, Brown. What you doing? Repairing your house?"
 "I'm taking steps in that direction," Brown replied.
 He was so much pleased with his wit that he forgot his caution, tripped on a croquet wicket and, falling over the steps, cut his nose on the scraper.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Magnetic Poles.
 The north magnetic pole is in latitude 70 degrees 5 minutes; and west longitude 96 degrees 41 minutes. The south magnetic pole is in latitude 72 degrees 30 minutes, and in east longitude 155 degrees 30 minutes. A straight line drawn from pole to pole through the earth would pass at a distance of 750 miles from the center. And one of the remarkable facts about this magnetic axis of the earth is that it keeps itself at right angles to a line drawn from its center to the center of the sun.—New York American.

Psalms Not Barred.
 The other evening Miss Y., a maid-lady of uncertain years, suspecting the cook was entertaining her beau downstairs, called Martha and inquired whether she did not hear some one talking with her.
 "Oh, no, ma'am!" cried the quick witted Martha. "It was only me singing a psalm."
 "Very good," returned Miss Y. significantly. "You may amuse yourself with psalms, but let's have no hims."—Exchange.

MODERATE ABILITY.

The art of being able to make a good use of moderate abilities wins esteem and often confers more reputation than greater real merit.—La Rochefoucauld.

Cheerful.

A certain philosopher used to thank his lucky stars when he had the gout that it was not the toothache, and when he had the toothache he gave thanks because he had not both complaints at once.

Never Touched Him.

Landlady (to new boarder, crushing-ly)—Mr. Newcome, that is the cream and not the milk you are pouring on your oatmeal. It was intended for the coffee. Mr. N.—Oh, never mind, Mrs. Balkins. I like it just as well.

Quick Growing Rice.

In Siam there is under cultivation a common sort of rice which in flood times grows as much as a foot in twelve hours, so that the plant often attains a height of ten feet in its efforts to keep its leaves above water.

Selfish.

"Bliggins says he can't write on a typewriter because the noise disturbs him."
 "Yes. If there is any noise going on Bliggins wants to make it himself."—Washington Star.

Successful.

"I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me, and I went to find it."
 "Did you find it?"
 "Oh, yes; I'm in a hole."—Baltimore American.

Always Dreaded the 14th.
 Most dismal of all men off the stage was Grimaldi, the clown, and his father fathered him. He had that curious dread of a certain date which assails so many. The elder Grimaldi hated the 14th of the month, and when it was passed he regarded himself as safe until the next. He was born, christened and married on the 14th of the month, and, being discontented with all three events, he will hope his death on March 14, 1788, satisfied him.—London Tatler.

Pitfalls of Stang.
 Host (in India)—Do you see that fanatic over there? He has sat on that corner and in that posture without moving for six months. Traveler (from America)—Gee, that's going some!—Chicago Tribune.

A Proud Boast.
 A teachers' meeting was in progress, and it was decided that the more difficult subjects should come in the morning and those that required less application later in the day. History was last on the list, and Miss Wheeler, the young teacher, protested.
 "But it certainly is easier than science or mathematics," the principal insisted.
 "As I teach it," replied the young teacher, "no subject could be more difficult and confusing."—Lippincott's.

White Socks Diplomacy.
 She—Jimmy wears different socks every day. He—How to you know? She—By just looking at them. Sundays he wears white ones; on Mondays he wears them shaded under the ankles, and on Tuesdays he has a cute little ring around them next to his shoetips. He—And the rest of the week? She—He wears high shoes.—Detroit Free Press.

The Liberty Statue.
 From time immemorial such great sentiments as liberty, justice, truth have been spoken of and when put into verse, statue or painting have been represented as being feminine. Just why this should be so there is no telling, but it is so. It was in obedience to this custom that "Liberty Enlightening the World" stands in the shape of a woman.—New York Journal.

Building For Earthquakes.
 In the seismic districts of Italy all new buildings are being erected under strict supervision with respect to their ability to resist earthquake shocks. Professor Omori, the Japanese authority, has estimated that 99.8 per cent of the deaths in the great Messina earthquake of 1908 would have been prevented if the buildings had been properly constructed.

CONTENTMENT.

The happy state of mind so rarely possessed in which we can say, "I have enough," is the highest attainment of philosophy. Happiness consists not in possessing much, but in being content with what we possess. He who wants little always has enough.—Zimmerman.

The Place For All.

"Nothing," says Robert Herrick, "irritates the thinking woman more than to be told that woman's place is in the home. She knows it. It is the man's place also, and she knows that."—Boston Globe.

Watch Crystals.

A few factories in Europe make all the watch crystals used in the world. These comprise five in Lorraine, two in France, two in Switzerland, one in Alsace and one in Bohemia. The annual output is about 800,000 gross. Hand labor is employed to a great extent in making the crystals, and the wages paid are very small.

To Wash a Greasy Bottle.

To wash a bottle or a glass that has contained oil use very hot coffee grounds. If the glass be badly incrustated wash it with a mixture of bichromate of potash and sulphuric acid in equal parts, being careful not to get a drop of this upon the fingers, as it is a powerful caustic. Then wash in several waters.

QUESTIONS THAT A GOOD CITIZEN SHOULD KNOW.

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
- R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
- R. Republican.
- D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
- R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
- D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
- R. The Congress.
- D. What does Congress consist of?
- R. Senate and House of Representatives.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
- R. President.
- D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
- R. The Vice President.
- D. What is his name?
- R. Thomas R. Marshall.
- D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
- R. By the electors.
- D. By whom are the electors elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?
- R. The Legislature.
- D. What does the Legislature consist of?
- R. Senate and Assembly.
- D. How many States in the Union?
- R. 48.
- D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- R. July 4, 1776.
- D. By whom was it written?
- R. Thomas Jefferson.
- D. Which is the capital of the United States?
- R. Washington.
- D. Which is the Capital of the State of Pennsylvania?
- R. Harrisburg.
- D. How many Senators has each State in the United States Senate?
- R. Two.
- D. By whom are they elected?
- R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
- R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there?
- R. According to the population one to every 30,000.
- D. For how long are they elected?
- R. 2 years.
- D. How many electoral votes has the State of Pennsylvania?
- R. 34.
- D. Who is the chief executive of the State of Pennsylvania?
- R. The Governor.
- D. For how long is he elected?
- R. 4 years.
- D. Who is the Governor?
- R. Tener.
- D. Do you believe in organized government?
- R. Yes.
- D. Are you opposed to organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Are you an anarchist?
- R. No.
- D. What is an anarchist?
- R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
- D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. No.
- D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
- R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
- D. Do you belong to any secret Society who teach to disbelieve in organized government?
- R. No.
- D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
- R. No.
- D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
- R. The Board of Aldermen.
- D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
- R. Yes.

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