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A Voter's Catechism

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
R. Yes.
- D. What form of Government is this?
R. Republic.
- 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 our State Senator?
R. Theo. M. Kurtz.
- 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. Who is our Assemblyman?
R. Wilmer H. Wood.
- D. How many State 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. By whom are they elected?
R. By the people.
- D. For how long?
R. 6 years.
- D. How many representatives are there? . . .
- R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
- 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. Who are our U. S. Senators?
R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.
- D. For how long are they elected?
R. 2 years.
- D. Who is our Congressman?
R. S. Taylor North.
- D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
R. 38.
- 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. Brumbaugh.
- 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 which teaches 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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Traveler Tells of Seductive Sounds
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as Water Bells.

When you are traveling in unsettled regions and camping on the trail, writes a Companion reader, one at least of the saddle and pack animals that you turn loose to graze wears a bell, so that you can find them more easily when you want them.

At the camp in northern Minnesota I thought I heard the bell of a "shag-snappe" (Indian pony), and followed the sound more than half a mile without finding any track.

When halfway back to camp I heard the bell again, and, taking the bearing accurately, I followed a compass line in the direction of the sound. I went through brush and glade for about a quarter of a mile until I came to a tiny waterfall. I could still hear the sound of the bell, but rather faintly, through the splash of the falling water.

There were gong-shaped bubbles, some of them four inches in diameter, floating on the water below the fall, and the water came over the fall in a divided stream; some of it dripped from the ends of twigs.

The charm of the brook's music held me there for some time enjoying that delicious drip! drip! drip! and the clear, soft ting! ting! ting! That still night in the tent I heard the silver bell-like tone again. What was the source of the ringing? I have found an explanation that seems to me to fit. Have you ever been hammering at something and when you struck a certain blow have you heard a ringing from a pan or barrel near by that you had not touched? Or, in blowing a horn, or even in shouting, have you not heard the answering ring of some sonorous vessel set in vibration by the horn or the voice?

Well, there you are. The dripping water sets those bell-shaped bubbles in vibration. The original sound of the drop is re-enforced, and away it goes through the air, as if on a witch broom, to play its mysterious pranks on some unsuspecting traveler.

Since that time I have often listened for water bells when camped near a brook, and usually with success when the air was still and the water in condition to form large bubbles.—Youth's Companion.

NO POSSIBILITY OF ERROR

Truck Counter Does Its Work Automatically and It is Said Cannot Make a Mistake.

An ingenious machine designed to automatically count truck loads of merchandise is invented. It is claimed that where any considerable amount of shipping is being done, the truck counter will frequently save its cost in a single day through the elimination of errors that invariably creep in where the usual method is employed.

The counter is so made that when the truck rolls on to the apron, the weight of the truck load presses the apron down, the truck wheels move the lever forward, and the load is tallied. As the trip lever moves forward, it also goes down, and with it the narrow apron; therefore the platform becomes so nearly level that no resistance is offered to the trucker.

As the truck passes off of the machine, the latter is instantly set for the next load. The machine cannot be tripped by the weight of the men pushing the truck or by returning with either an empty or a loaded truck.—Modern Mechanics.

Persian Easy to Learn.

A new interest in Persia which the war has awakened may tempt some of us to become acquainted with the language of the country. We need not be afraid of making the attempt, for Persian shares with English the reputation of being a singularly easy language to learn, the chief trouble being that it is written in the Arabic characters.

It had, however, at one time three numbers and eight cases, and the Avesta, the chief book of the Zoroastrians, is only to be understood by the ripe scholar. But modern Persian has no cases, no declensions and no genders, and may therefore, be mastered without tears and without the application of wet towels to the head.

Summer's Sure Sign.

"There are various ways by which we can tell with more or less certainty when summer has come," said Mr. MacFlickerton. "You can tell in some degree by the weather and the temperature. You can tell in some measure by the clothes you see people wearing and by the advertisements of summer resorts in the newspapers. In seasons such as the present you can even tell something about when it ought to be here by consulting the almanac. But, after all, in any season, the one sure sign that summer has actually come is found in that one, single, solitary fly that comes in to wake you up ahead of time in the morning."

Consoling Arithmetic.

A Leipzig professor has been calculating on the basis of grams of energy how much a housewife really brings home when she has succeeded in buying one hundred grams of butter. He concludes that she has really only brought 44 grams home, and that she would have done better to lie quietly in bed, as in resting the consumption of energy is far less than in standing outside the butter shop.—London Times.

Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

EVERY saloon is one link in a great chain that adds to the sum total of human happiness. It is as though the Fraternal organizations kept open house at nearby corners, for the membership of the great order of Saloon Patrons includes every male who wants to join.



WHAT the sewing circle and the pink teas, the church social and the Sunday School picnic are to the women of the land, the saloon is to the men of the nation. It is a common meeting ground—a sort of masculine pasture of pleasure.

There are Good and Bad People in Every Business and Profession

IN THE hurly-burly of life the saloons are the quiet spots. Here it is that friendships are created and cemented, the past and present discussed, the future guessed at, ideas exchanged and the raveled ends of care forgotten.

THERE are good bankers and bad bankers, good grocers and bad grocers, good policemen and bad policemen, good people and bad people, just as there are good saloons and bad saloons. The good saloons outnumber the bad ones in the same proportion that good people outnumber the bad. If the people who go to a saloon are bad, the saloon will be bad. If they are good, decent, moral people, the saloon will be good, decent and moral. The same is true of every hotel, clubroom, theatre, dance hall, summer resort or church. A place does not make bad people. It is the bad people who make a place bad.

IT IS as much a FALLACY to condemn the good saloons because there are a few bad ones, as it is to say all men who drink are drunkards, when FACTS show that only three per cent. do not drink temperately and in moderation.



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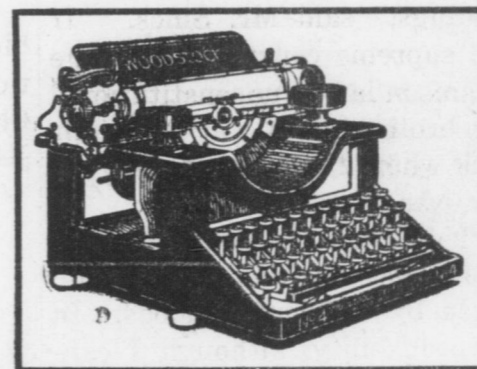
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