Left-Handedness.

No attempt should be made to teach naturally left-handed children to use their right hands, according to P. B. Ballard, inspector of schools of London, as it is likely to make them stammerers. Mr. Ballard supplies the following statistics: Out of one group of 545 left-handed children 1 per cent of pure left-handers stammered, against 4.8 per cent of 899 being taught to use the right hand. In another group of 207 the figures was 4.2 per cent and 21.8 per cent, respectively.

Handy Scrapbook.

Have you a little blank book which you keep full of household suggestions, in alphabetical form? Much can be gained when reading the papers and magazines if you clip out some of the suggestions which are worth while. Paste them in the proper place in your little book. It is more than worth the trouble.—Exchange.

Watch Winding Machine.

In a New York watch repairing establishment, where more than 700 watches have to be wound every day, an electrical apparatus has been installed to do the winding. It does the work more efficiently than human hands can, and takes the place of several men formerly required for this work.

A Break.

Member S. P. C. A. (to brutal driver) —"No, my friend, I won't shut up. Your poor horse, unfortunately, cannot speak like Baalam's ass, but I would have you know, sir, that I can.—Boston Transcript.

Jumping Rope Recorder.

All the vocal gymnastics have been taken out of the youthful pastime of jumping rope. A jumping rope has been invented which automatically registers the numbers of times it is turned. In other words, children can jump themselves to death without uttering a sound.—Popular Science Monthly.

Must Develop Higher Tendencies.

Every evil tendency in childhood must finally be conquered, not by force or punishment, but through the cultivation of a higher tendency. The good man or woman is one whose life has been slowly organized to act upon his good impulses and to restrain his evil ones. There is a thief or a robber in us all, but fortunately for the majority of us, he has become too weak through inaction to be able to do us any harm.—Chicago American.

Not to Come Back.

An authority says, "Wet the cat with camphor and water, and the fleas will leave at once." So will the cat.—Minneapolis Journal.

Work.

There is nothing but what's bearable, as long as a man can work. The nature of things don't change, though it seems as if one's life was nothing but change. That the square of four is sixteen, and you must lengthen your lever in proportion to your weight, is as true when a man's miserable as when he's happy; and the best of working is, it gives you a good grip-hold of things outside your own lot.—George Eliot.

Knife Superstitions.

The various knife superstitions are easily explained. It is unlucky to give a knife to a friend, because knives sever things, and might sever friendship; but if he gives you a halfpenny in return the danger is avoided, for his gift is a token of continued affection. It is unlucky to place one's knife and fork crosswise on an empty plate, because it invites crosses and misfortune, also recalling the Christian symbol of suffering.

Welcome Punishment.

Ruth was very fond of going to her grandmother's. One day after she had been playing with her little baby sister a little roughly and her mother had reproved her for it, she said: "Why don't you send me to grandma's, so I won't hurt her?"

Holland's Windmills.

It was at one time stated that there were in Holland at least 9,900 large windmills, of which the sails ranged from 60 to 100 feet long. At that time their yearly cost was reported to be nearly $10,000,000. The mills are used for many purposes—for sawing timber, beating hemp, grinding, but their principal use has always been to pump water from the lowlands into the canals, to protect the little country from being inundated.

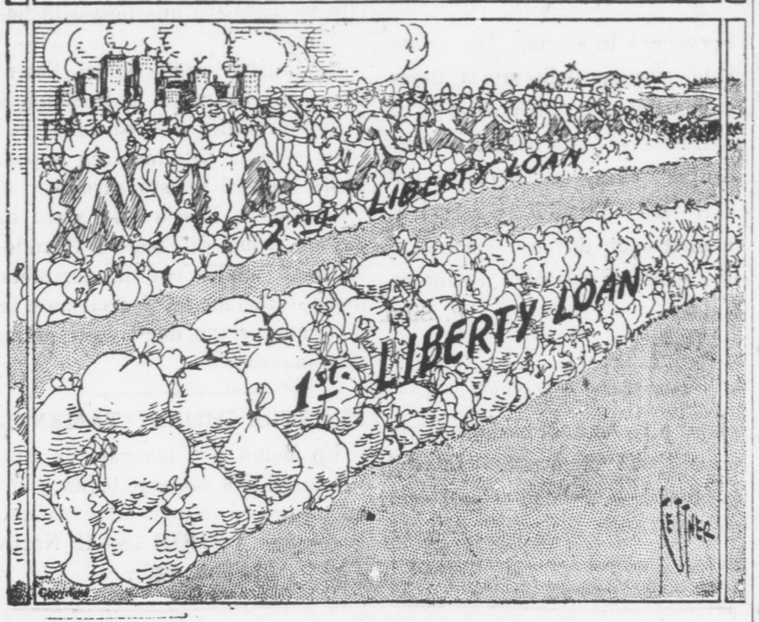
Production of Leghorns.

The average production of eggs by hens of all kinds and ages in the United States is 85. Unselected White Leghorns, however, produce an average of 130 eggs for the first year, 120 for the second, 110 for the third, 85 for the fourth, and fall off about ten a year up to the eighth. These figures are from a bulletin of the Utah experiment station. If the first year production be low, the second will be high and vice versa, the total production for three years being about the same.

"Gassing" Moles.

A Western farmer is "gassing" moles by using the gases from the exhaust of his motor, conveying it to the moles' burrows by a hose. It kills the pests.

A Second Line of Defense



Next!

Courtney was making his first acquaintance with a cat. After examining the ears, nose, claws, and tail, he turned his attention to the mustache of Mr. Cat. After a silent and thoughtful inspection he looked up and said, "Aunty, do he shave?"

An Old-Time Plow.

An old-time plow, probably used by the early Spaniards around San Antonio, Tex., was upturned by workmen of a construction company. The plow has a three-foot turning blade capable of making a three-foot furrow, and although the wooden handles have rotted away the size of the iron supports indicates the plow must have been about twelve feet in length. It is believed the old instrument was used by the early Spaniards with several yoke of oxen.

Not Including Meanness.

The average human body, besides the carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen of which it is chiefly composed, contains 2¾ pounds of lime, 1 pound 11 ounces of phosphorus, 2 2-3 ounces of potash, 2½ ounces of sodium, 1 3-5 ounces each of magnesium, sulphur and silica and about one-sixth of an ounce of iron.

The Social Excuse.

A Newport man who was invited to a house party in Maine not long ago, wired his would-be hostess: "Regret can not come. Lie follows by post."

So There Now.

"People could live on half the food they eat at present," says a physician. Also, perhaps get along with half the medical advice they are in the habit of taking.—Toronto Telegram.

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. Wilbur P. Graff.

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. Four 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 chosen?

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 States in the union?

R. Forty-eight.

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?

R. Two.

D. Who are our U. S. Senators?

R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.

D. By whom are they elected?

R. By the people.

D. For how long?

R. Six 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. For how long are they elected?

R. Two years.

D. Who is our Congressman?

R. Nathan L. Strong.

D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?

R. Thirty-eight.

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. Martin G. 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 poligamist?

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 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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