

Taking the word honesty in its broadest meaning, of sincerity, truthfulness, and fair dealing, can it be said that women are more honest than men? Are they more straightforward in their dealings, truer to their promises, more punctual in their appointments? Are they quicker than men to press their claims upon neglectful conductors and more zealous in rectifying favorable errors in change? For a long time, says the Chicago Tribune, women have competed with men in business, have earned the reputation of being "straighter." Is the woman dressmaker truer to her appointments than the man tailor and more reliable in the matter of bills? These are the natural queries that rise in response to that frequent demand that the pure streams of feminine honesty be turned into the turbid pools of the business world. If charity covers a multitude of sins, honesty embraces an army of virtues, and among these it includes sincerity in speech and thought. Are women more candid in conversation than men and more truthful in thought? Of course, honesty carried to an extreme, to the point where one is too honest to be rich or too truthful to be polite, is called crankiness, yet this, too, is esteemed a virtue. Perhaps the extremity in honesty is more apt to be a woman than a man, but, on the whole, one is inclined to believe that this rarest of all virtues is an individual matter and is not the exclusive privilege of either sex.

A church society in New Brunswick, N. J., the other evening got up an entertainment in which the single reasons for girls and unmarried men gave rhymed reasons "why we have never been married." Specimen reasons, says a local exchange, were as follows: Miss Angie Wray was waiting for a mission to be revealed. Robert Lawrence was single because he had not met a girl he wanted. Miss Annie Lyons was single because "you can't count on men." Daniel Wray had not married because he preferred single life. Edward Hubbard knew too much about the ways of girls. Paul Strohaner said it was because he was not appreciated. As commentary on the above, a remark of Father McEnroe, of South Bethlehem, Penn., deserves to be quoted. He had been finding fault with the young men of his parish because he had been called upon to celebrate so few marriages of late: "To your indifference and bashfulness," said he in church on Sunday, "is due the single state of about 500 young women of the parish, and the number is increasing."

Although charges of wanton cruelty have been made by Boer against Briton and by Briton against Boer, the contest thus far, says a reliable authority, has been marked by chivalrous humanity on both sides when the fury of battle has left its stricken victims to be succored by their foes. In Boer operating camps and hospitals, as in the British, no discrimination was shown between friend and foe. Common suffering has appealed to common humanity, enmities have been forgotten, and the same pitying kindness and tender care extended to one as to the other.

Statistics showing the failure of education (of the intellect only) to decrease crime have been published from time to time, and the fact has become so generally accepted as to induce a wide demand among educators for the introduction in public schools of teaching calculated to develop the moral sense of the pupil—"moral teaching." The figures have usually been such as show a large amount of crime in localities where the percentage of illiteracy is small, or a large percentage of educated men among criminals.

A bill recently passed by the Ohio legislature provides that in the absence of a contract agreement women shall be paid the same wages as men. In the attempt to enforce a similar law in Kansas last year many women lost good positions. Wages, in the case of both men and women, are regulated by something more powerful than legislation, to-wit, conspicuous effectiveness.

A Chicago man jeered at a cyclist for riding in the mud, and when the criticism was resented beat the wheelman severely. The justice before whom the assailant was arraigned said sagely that a cyclist had a right to ride in mud if he wished, and the critic had to pay five dollars and costs for his forcible objections, and got off easy at that.

A crowd of Missouri politicians broke the rule recently and went to church. When the contribution box reached them the one on the end threw a silver dollar in it, and, turning to the others, who were digging in their pockets for some change, he said: "Never mind, boys—this is all paid for."

A Boston contemporary reports that a cemetery company of that city has decided to exclude automobiles from its burying ground lest the horseless vehicles should cause runaways, which might create havoc among the tombstones and monuments.

A woman in Hinsdale, N. H., has been appointed assignee of the local savings bank.

SPANISH STEEL ROAD.

Saving in the Cost of Repairs Paid for Its Construction in a Very Short Time.

In response to inquiries made by the department of state, Consul Washington at Valencia, Spain, has given the following report of a steel roadway that has been in use in that country for seven years:
 "The road between Valencia and Grao is two miles in length, and an average of 3,200 vehicles pass over it daily. Until 1892, it was constructed of flint stone. The annual cost of keeping it in repair was about 35,000 pesetas. At the rate of exchange at that date, this amounted to \$5,470.
 "The construction of a steel roadway was determined on, and the annual cost of keeping in repair the central zone of road thus relieved from heavy traffic—which proceeds over the steel rails—is now only 2,500 pesetas, or about \$380 at the present rate of exchange.
 "A Belgian firm received the contract to furnish the steel work, having bids less than Spanish firms at Barcelona and Bilbao.
 "The length of road so built is 3.2 kilometers (1.985 miles). The cost per kilometer (0.62137 mile) was 44,100 pesetas (\$6,890).
 "The total cost of the road laid was 60,950 pesetas (\$9,506). The expense in detail was:

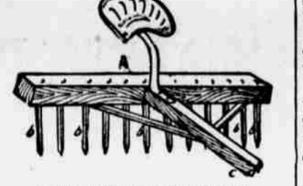
Steel construction	.....	44,100—\$6,890
Transportation and laying	.....	3,200—507
Steel construction	.....	3,200—507
Mining stone construction	.....	2,100—327
Trenches and lateral zones	.....	12,600—1,909
Total	.....	60,950—\$9,506

"The rails, during the seven years they have been in position, exhibit a wear of one decimal of a millimeter yearly, and have not required repairing.
 "Ample room is allowed between the rails for two horses to walk abreast. Horses do not appear to slip on rails of this construction.
 "At each side of the rail are layers of binding stones, the paved road being higher than the face of the rails.
 "The municipality of Valencia is of opinion that the saving in cost of repairs through a road of this description pays for its construction in a short time, and other and similar roadways are in contemplation."

FOR REMOVING WEEDS.

A Perfect Implement for Digging Up the Roots of Quack Grass and Other Pests.

A perfect instrument for digging up the roots of such pests as quack grass and Canada thistles and the like is not in existence, but the little implement shown in the illustration answers very well on plowed ground. The head (a)



WEED-REMOVING DEVICE.

(b) six inches square and six feet long. Into this head are inserted steel teeth (c) one inch square at the top, running to a sharp point. They are two feet long and are placed at an angle of 30 degrees with the tongue (c). The tongue is fitted to the head, properly braided, and a seat is so placed that a driver can ride, if necessary, and force the teeth to their full depth. The roots of the quack grass collect on these teeth, and at intervals are removed by lifting the implement up as you would an old-fashioned hay rake. —A. K. Cross, in Orange Judd Farmer.

Government Aid for Roads.

Representative Graham, in the house, of representatives, and Senator Penrose, in the senate, have introduced bills appropriating \$5,000,000 for the building of public roads in the several states of the United States, the appropriation to be applied to each state in proportion to the mileage of roads within the state, to be used exclusively for the building of permanent roads under the direction of the department of agriculture. These bills are favored by the League of American Wheelmen, which has done more to forward the interests of bicycle riders than all the other organizations put together. It is not likely that the money will be appropriated at this session of congress, but the leaven will work, and if the national government will aid the states in this matter we may in a few years see the mud paths which now pass for roads become magnificent highways such as every European country possesses.

Making the Home Attractive.

How much brighter and more cheerful many farm homes would be with a few of these easily grown, easily cared for shrubs scattered about. These and a few of the hardy, easily grown climbers like the Hellebore and Monthly Fragrant honeysuckles would make many a farm home 50 per cent. more homelike and attractive than they now are. I have been in houses where parents rapturously listened to daughter thump a piano and sing about the "lovely little home where the climbing roses bloomed and sweet honeysuckles clambered," while their premises were as bare of climbing roses and honeysuckles as the desert of Sahara. Why not plant a few of these little things and make home more homelike? Do it this spring.—Fred Grundy, in Farm and Fireside.

We cannot generalize in dairying from the bull down to the latest calf the herd must be recognized as individuals.

THAT VEXED QUESTION.

How the Unsolved Twentieth Century Problem, Got a Man into Trouble.

The man with a face like an interrogation point bit off a huge piece of mince pie (cold), washed it down with a gulp of cold milk, and turned to the man standing alongside of him in the lunch room.

"Say, my friend," he inquired, "do you know when the twenty—"

"No, you don't, stranger," said the man addressed. "Not this time. I'm in here to partake of a modest luncheon consisting of buttermilk and chocolate eclairs, and no man's going to get me on that subject while I'm eating downtown. I've got to stand it at my boarding house table; there's nothing else at that table. But I can't be drawn into the argument downtown. What's more, I don't care a darn when it begins."

The man with the face like a question mark looked puzzled, but he wasn't easily squelched.

"I don't think you understand what I was going to ask you," he said. "I wanted to know if the twenty—"

But the man with the buttermilk and the chocolate éclair moved off. The man with the question pulled down a large piece of gingerbread from the counter, grabbed a cup of coffee, and tackled another man alongside of him.

"Excuse me," he began, "but I want to inquire when you think the twenty—"

The man addressed smilingly interrupted:

"Nix, old man; not to-day," he said, amiably. "Too much brain fag about it. I'd be glad to accommodate you by going out and fighting a dog for you, or sawing a couple of cords of wood for you, or any little chore like that—but, nay, nay, when it comes to that question, I've passed that problem along to my two boys in school, anyhow. They've got lots of time and enthusiasm, and it'll expand their minds—that is, if it doesn't land them in the lunatic asylum. The question doesn't make much difference to me anyhow. I'll live just as long, anyhow, won't I?"

"But," expostulated the man with the questioning eye, "what I was going—"

The man he was addressing looked at his watch hurriedly and ran to pay his check, however, and the man with the interrogatory physiognomy had no recourse but to turn to another man near by.

"Look here, my dear sir," he started, "I want to ask you when the twenty—"

"I don't know, and what's more, I don't care," was the testy reply. "I've got something else to do with my time than to fritter it away on such idiotic calculations as that."

"You are in error," was the interrogatory man's hasty interruption, "as to what I was—"

Again he found that he was addressing no one in particular, for the testy man had moved away.

"I wonder what ails all these people around here?" mused the man with the inquisitive countenance: "When I try to ask them a simple question they either get—"

Just then he caught sight of a friend coming away from the counter with a big slab of pie and a cupful of coffee. He elbowed through the crowd and corralled his friend.

"Ha, old man, you're just the one I'm looking for," he said, joyfully. "I wanted to ask you when the twenty—"

His friend's face lengthened immediately.

"Look here, Jorkins," he said, expostulatingly, "that's a great fault of yours—picking up these confounded fads and asking questions about them. How the dickens, now, should I, a man who sells hardware for a livelihood, know when the twentieth century begins? And what the deuce is the difference to me, so long as I get three square meals—"

"Just wait a minute," interrupted the man with the inquiring mug. "I wasn't attempting to ask you anything about the beginning of the twentieth century. I don't care a hurrah about that question, one way or the other. What I wanted to ask you is, when was the 20-cent piece withdrawn from circulation? I've got a bet on the date with a friend."—Washington Star.

A Fiction About Panthers.

One of the time-honored attributes of the panther is his scream. One could not take \$4,000,000 and there-with disabuse the American public of its fond belief in the womanlike wail of the panther. Yet many scientists to-day affirm that the panther is a mute animal, and does not scream at all. This latter I believe to be accurate, for my friend, "Old Bill" Hamilton, one of the few reliable and genuine old-timers of the Rocky mountains, tells me the note of the panther is a sort of hoarse, roaring noise, and he compares it rather to the roaring howl of the gray wolf than the voice of any other wild animal. He laughs at the "womanlike-wail" notion. Once when in camp in the Jicarella mountains of New Mexico I heard at night the cry of what I supposed to be a mountain lion or panther. It was answered from beyond our camp, and the first animal passed within a few hundred yards. It might have been a wildcat, but the teamster who was with me said he thought it was a mountain lion.—Chicago Record.

An Eligible Topic.

**Mrs. Stubb—John, I expect to attend the sewing circle to-night.
 Mr. Stubb—Well, Maria, what is the programme?
 "We are going to discuss this man Aguinaldo."
 "Absurd! What has he to do with sewing?"
 "A good deal. Don't the papers say he is hemmed in and his temper is ruffled?"—N. Y. World.**

A Model Husband.

Wife—I saw the loveliest lace spreads to-day, only two dollars and a half, and I wanted them awfully, but I knew you wished to economize, and so I didn't get them.

Husband—That's too bad, my dear; you should have got them. Anything which adds to your happiness and brings gladness to your eyes, anything which lightens your domestic cares and glids the lowering clouds, anything which borders with sweet flowers the thorny paths of duty and appeals pleasantly to your aesthetic nature, making life more worth living, home a paradise, you are welcome, doubly welcome to me, angel, if it doesn't cost more than two dollars and a half.—N. Y. Weekly.

Another Invention Needed.

**As she paused for breath he reached for his hat and started for the door. "Where are you going?" she asked. "I am going to telegraph to Marconi," he replied, "and tell him that after he has perfected his wireless telegraphy there is another field of much the same nature for him to invade."
 "What is it?" she demanded.
 "I want him to devote his intellect to the invention of a voiceless curtain lecture."—Chicago Post.**

Not Hunting Trouble.

Popleigh—Say, old man, come up to the house to-night; we are going to have a little time—going to name the baby. My mother-in-law and baby's uncles and aunts are going to be there. I wish you would come.

Benther—You must excuse me, Popleigh; I never mix in family quarrels.—Puck.

Shabby.

**He—Marry me, darling, and life will be one grand, sweet song.
 She—I am not quite sure about the sweetness. On ten per week it could only be a rag-time song.—Chicago Daily News.**

A Biblical Reason.

**Jeweler—Why do you refer to watch cases without movements as faith?
 Pious Clerk—Well, you see, they don't amount to very much without good works.—Jewelers' Weekly.**

Very Bad.

**Jimmie—How's business?
 Cracker—Bad, very bad.
 Jimmie—What yer been doin' lately?
 Cracker—Robbin' safes.—N. Y. Weekly.**

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P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.
2:03	9:57	Sunbury	9:20	5:30
2:13	10:07	Sellingrove Junction	9:30	5:20
2:19	10:12	Sellingrove	9:04	5:15
2:28	10:21	Fawling	8:53	5:05
2:31	10:24	Kreamer	8:49	5:01
2:34	10:27	Shoadle	8:46	4:58
2:40	10:33	Middleburg	8:40	4:52
2:46	10:38	Benfer	8:34	4:46
2:55	10:46	Beavertown	8:25	4:37
3:00	10:51	Adamstown	8:20	4:32
3:07	10:57	Raube Mills	8:13	4:25
3:13	11:03	McClure	8:07	4:19
3:22	11:13	Wagner	7:57	4:09
3:25	11:16	Shoadle	7:54	4:06
3:30	11:21	Painterville	7:49	4:00
3:36	11:27	Mattland	7:53	3:54
3:45	11:35	Lewistown	7:55	3:45
3:47	11:37	Lewistown (Main Street)	7:52	3:43
3:50	11:40	Lewistown Junction	7:50	3:40

Train leaves Sunbury 5 25 p. m., arrives at Sellingrove 5 45 p. m.

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**1 52 a. m., 10 13 a. m., 11 0 a. m., 12 30 p. m., 5 22 p. m., 7 07 11 58 p. m., for Altoona, Pittsburgh and the West.
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**1 21 a. m. for Erie and Canadatego
 8 10 a. m. for Bellefonte Erie and Canadatego
 9 42 a. m. for Look Haven, Tyrone and the West.
 1 10 p. m. for Bellefonte Kane Tyrone and Canadatego**

5 45 p. m. for Kenosha and Elmira

9 25 p. m. for Williamsport

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9 45 a. m. for Look Haven and 9 25 p. m. for Williamsport

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