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## Good Reading.

The last generation produced a number of men and women who could neither read nor write, but the work of education in this generation has been going on and there are very few young men and women who are not able to write and to read fairly well. The fact is many read, and read a great deal. Sometimes however people are morally weaker, and mentally no better for their reading. Many a parent speaks with pride about the son or daughter as being a great reader. But does the question ever concern the parent about the nature of the reading the children are doing. There is much reading to be had that stimulates the mind, that instills high ideals, that gives a proper conception of life, but on the other hand there is so much found in print that is like poison destroying the mind, lowers the high standards, and gives a wrong conception of life. It is an inspiring work, and a tremendous conviction that one can hold communion with the great and good, from the products of their minds, the experiences of their lives, and the customs, morals and standards of other days and other climes, as well as the best in literature in our own day.

Newspapers with high ideals, magazines the products of the best minds and purest hearts, books of approved merit,—all these are easy of access and they lend their influence in a better class of citizens. Shun trashy literature, use your time and opportunity for good reading.

## White Slavery.

Reports of the white slave traffic as they reached the country districts, away from the teeming centres of population, a few years ago were almost unbelievable, and many did not seem to grasp fully what was involved in the traffic of human lives. The world has come to a realizing sense of the enormity of the barter in the girls of our day. Whether low wages or the sinfulness of human nature, the wickedness of man or the weakness of woman is responsible, we are not deciding, but the fact is there is in existence a condition which is appalling. Legislatures are taking up the matter—natably Illinois, others are following. It required millions in money, thousand in men, to stamp out slavery in the south more than a generation ago. If the nation tolerates, white slavery for any length of time, it will not only cost its millions in treasure and its myriads in men, but it will bring about the downfall of the nation itself. That is a menace, brazen and apparently powerful which is confronting our nation. There were many causes contributory to the downfall of Rome, but the real cause for her political and civil death was the immorality of her women and the licentiousness of her men.

The cities do not supply the demand for this traffic, and we cannot feel secure although far from where this practice is at its worst. Employment agencies and other devices are used to get possession of their victims. This is a great national question and touches the remote corners of our country, demanding heroic treatment. Every girl who is enmeshed in that life, is a participant willingly or unwillingly of a tragedy that brings the blush of shame to the manhood and womanhood of America, weakens the stamina of the children and makes light of the sanctity of the home.

## The Future Farmer.

The tendency for years had been to go to the city. The best young men and young women, too frequently had from their youth been looking to the time when they could leave the parental roof and help make up the surging mass of humanity in the city. There is nothing wrong in that, some of the best of her citizens have come from the country, and so many of the presidents had been country boys, but that does not prove very much. The cry is beginning to be heard, back to the farm. Before the farm is left by the young people, would it not be well to take an inventory of matters before a decision has been reached to forsake the old homestead and friends of youth.

The farmers of the past have not learned all about farming that can be learned. The farm has its opportunities and attractions that it did not have in the past. The farm is a source of profit which can not be made light of. What the farmer needs to do, is to raise bigger and better crops than in the past, better cattle and better stock, fruits and vegetables. Things had been done a certain way because the generation before had largely done them that way, but not so now, and especially in the near future, when everything will be done scientifically, when there is not much haphazard work, but when things are done according to knowledge, when people know the value of chemistry, soil and their affinity etc. They are learning fast, and before many years every boy and girl will be trained practically and theoretically for the work on the farm. Young man stick to the farm.

## FIND OF DICTAGRAPH WORRIES SOLONS.

Harrisburg, March 20.—There has been a great deal of activity today among friends of certain interests to make light of the announcement that dictagraphs have been found in the House of Representatives. Some people have been busy all day issuing denials of the story and between times searching their memory to recall conversations they may have participated in within the Capitol walls.

The dictagraph story was printed this morning on the authority of Geo. B. Wills, of Philadelphia, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, and a responsible official, and at this time a candidate for a seat in the body to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John H. Reibel, of Philadelphia. While the scoffers have made light of the story,

and denials have been issued from various sources, Wills stands pat. He says that he has been advised to decline to give any more details, but he has not retracted the information made public by him.

While a number of persons would prefer to make themselves believe that no private conversations are being reported this session, they are not quite confident that some things have not leaked out which they would prefer to have kept secret.

Carload of seed potatoes about the first week in April put up in 150 lb bags Early Rose, Early Ohio, Burbanks, Rurals and Peerless. Special price from the car. Habel & Phillips, ad

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

## THE FORUM.

The people's column for the discussion of questions pertaining to the public good.

The Editor must know the names of the contributors, and will guard these names carefully.

He does not hold himself responsible for any views expressed, and reserves the right to reject any communication.

## SUPPORT THE CIVIC CLUB.

The Civic Club of our town ought to be encouraged in their efforts to improve the good looks of the place. It is for everybody's benefit that our streets and alleys and side walks be kept clean of rubbish and filth. Dirt is not healthy but is a breeder of disease. But in addition to sanitary consideration it is more pleasant and comfortable to live in a town that is kept in a clean and tidy condition. The good citizens, the parents of our children and the teachers of our schools ought to lend encouragement and aid to the Civic Club in every way possible.

Some of our residents have taken away their fences in front of their houses and are endeavoring to have lawns. The people, young and old, ought to be taught to respect these lawns. But somehow or other when a man removes the fences from his premises many persons seem to imagine that now the premises are open to the public and they run over them in all directions. They do not seem to think or care that they are injuring the lawns and destroying the good appearance of the homes of the town. Boys and girls who ought to know better will walk on the lawns rather than on the pavement, and will throw papers and pokes on the people's yards. They do not seem to realize that they destroy the cleanly appearance of the place thereby, cause the owners trouble in cleaning up after them, and are guilty of misdemeanor. Of course these people do not know any better, but they ought to be taught.

In the first place parents ought to teach their children that they ought not to run over people's lawns and throw litter on them. Though people who do not keep their own premises in orderly and respectable conditions will not likely teach their children to have proper respect for the premises of other persons.

In the second place, this is something that ought to be taught the children in our public schools. They ought to be told what is right and proper and decent in such matters and be urged to have some respect for the good appearance of the town and for the wishes and rights of other people. But it seems that some of the teachers themselves do not know or care what is proper in this matter; for they themselves are violators of these requirements of propriety and civic decency, and of course they are not in a position to teach the children good manners and be good and law-abiding members of the town.

And in this matter the town government could be very helpful too. Our town government has for years been weak in these small matters, which are after all important matters.

Our policemen and other officers of the borough do not seem to see it that boys and girls sit in the evening on the door steps of houses and churches and other places and scatter peanut shells and other rubbish on the premises of other people, that people walk over lawns instead of on the walks kept for them, that they cast papers and other matter on the yards of public and private property. Our government could be very helpful in keeping our town in decent shape if Burgess, policemen and councilmen would assert themselves and exercise their authority in favor of law and order in the town. And it might be well if the Civic Club were to request and urge the town government to come to their help by preventing some, at least, of the lawlessness above mentioned. But they cannot prevent it unless they see it, and they cannot see it unless they open their eyes and look. Other people can see these things and so can the officers of the town if they will but look, and they can prevent a large part of the evil if they will but try. But they must try.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE.

I will offer at private sale my residence on Sherman street, South Side, consisting of a large six-room dwelling; lot 54 x 150, outbuildings and a fine cement sidewalk; house in good repair. Easy terms—\$100 down and balance as rent. This is a rare opportunity to secure a fine residence property on most reasonable terms. Apply on the premises to

Mrs. BARBARA BRAUCHER, (12mar-3t) Sherman St., Meyersdale.

# Louis Cohen

SELLS IT FOR LESS

Easter business was good. Thank a be to you, dear friends. And thanks to The Commercial for sending the good news along to its thousands of readers.

## A Squalling Competitor

I have always made it a rule in business never to knock a competitor, but I have a close neighbor who gets a fit every time he sees a suit come out of my store, and lately he has seen a good many.

His jealousy takes the particular form of playing on the race and religious prejudice against my people.

I want to thank him also for his kindness as he has knitted closer to me a number of business friends.

Indeed, my January, February and March sales have been larger than for several years.

The injustice of my unkind competitor is all the plainer as there is not a stitch of ready-made clothing sold in Meyersdale that is not made by Jewish tailors, sold by Jewish salesmen, and shipped by Jewish manufacturers, and my jealous friend would have to go out of business if he tried to do business without handling goods made by the Jewish people whom he pretends to despise so much. In fact, the whole nation would have to go naked if it attempted to boycott clothing made and sold by Jews.

The sole reason for my dear competitor's unkindly feeling is that I sell better goods for less money.

See for yourself.

LOUIS COHEN.

EVERYTHING TO WEAR FOR EVERYBODY.

**Louis Cohen**  
SELLS IT FOR LESS

Next to Second National Bank, MEYERSDALE, PA.

## MEN'S SPRING SUITS FOR LESS MONEY.

I am showing a fine line of Blue Serges and Brown Worsteds in the newest weaves. These suits have been carefully selected on my recent trip East with a special view to getting the very best goods that I could buy for less money than usual. Consequently, I CAN SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR SPRING SUIT.

\$10, \$12, \$15, \$18

A complete line of Boys' Suits in Norfolk or plain Double-Breasted—Blue Serges, Brown Worsteds and mixed Cassimeres.

\$3, \$4, \$5, \$6

Nifty Russian Blouse Suits for the little fellows... \$2.50 TO \$5

New Springs Hats— all styles... \$1.50 \$2 \$2.50

## LADIES' HATS AT POPULAR PRICES.

New Shapes—New Style Trimming. \$2.00 TO \$5.00

## BIG LINE OF LADIES' WAISTS

Dozens of them—high or low neck, long or short sleeve. Lawn, Voile, Soisette, or Silk in all colors. Norfolk and Middy blouses for Misses.

98c, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98

Everything Else in Ladies' Wear

Your Money Back With a Pleasant Smile If You Want It.

# Carpets and Curtains.

House cleaning is now approaching. You will need carpets and curtains. Why not buy them of and us save money? By taking advantage of our closing out bargains you will be able to save a handsome sum in this line of goods

Home-made Carpets at	29c yard
Ingrain Carpets, strong and durable, at	39c yard
Worsted face, fast color fiber Carpet, beautiful designs, at	39c yard
All-wool Ingrain Carpet at	52c yard
Fine Tapestry Brussels at	69c yard
Best Axminster Brussels at	98c yard

**Beautiful Rugs for Much Less Than You Can Buy Them Elsewhere.**

**Lace Curtains, 36c pair. -- Ruffled Curtains, 36c pair.**  
Better grades at equally low prices.

We have long been famous for extra good values. We offer none but good dependable merchandise.

## Laces and Embroideries

We have an elegant stock of both laces and embroideries. Indeed you will find our line of laces just as complete as any in the town, even though we are going out of business. And then note the saving in prices.

## NOTIONS

Handkerchiefs, plain white, soft and durable, at	2c each
Fisheye pearl buttons, per dozen,	5c
Safety Pins per dozen,	5c
Clothes Pins, 10 for	1c
Ribbons, per yard,	5c
Toilet Pins, per pack,	1c
Lace Insertions, per yard,	2c

Prize Winner New Century Flour at \$1.25 large sack

If you favor us with a trial order, you will appreciate the bargains we are offering.

# Appel & Glessner