

He Lacked Concentration.

Speaking of a man who was a failure because of his lack of concentration and his inability to know his own mind...

"At sunrise the dog would start out on his own hook after deer. He would jump a buck and run him for miles. When the buck was on the point of exhaustion the hound's nostrils would catch the faint in the air where a fox had crossed the trail, and he would instantly decide that, after all, fox was what he had come for, and he would turn aside to pursue the fox, and he would hunt for hours, when the chase was growing warmer every minute, his keen nose would detect the presence of a rabbit, and he would go after the cottontail, with the inevitable result that by 4 o'clock in the afternoon that hound would be thirty or forty miles away from home in a swamp with a chipmunk tread!"—Saturday Evening Post.

George and His Legs.

By the time the publishers are digging out the truth about our immortal George. We have heretofore even told that he wore false teeth and that at Valley Forge he unblushingly devoured his ragged and despondent troops with the arrival of ample supplies of ammunition, which consisted of powder barrels filled with sand, and now a correspondent of the New York Sun declares that in the full length portraits of Washington by Stuart, of which there is one in the New York public library, the legs were not his own. "I have seen the letter from Stuart thanking the true owner for his kindness in providing a symmetrical foundation for the bust of the great president and presenting one of the smaller portraits in thanks for his kindness."

Free Speech.

An old negro woman had lived with a certain family in the south for many years. One day her mistress had occasion to reprimand her quite sharply for something that had gone wrong. The negro said nothing at the time, but a little later her voice could be heard in the kitchen in shrill intemperance of everything and everybody, with a rattling accompaniment of pans and kettles. So loud became the clamor and so vindictive the exclamations that Mrs. C. went hurriedly down to the kitchen. "Why, Liza," she began in amazement, "who on earth are you talking to?" "I ain't talkin' to nobody," the old negro replied, "but I want to keer who in dis house hyars me."—Harper's Magazine.

Misprints and Maxim Guns.

The late Sir Hiram Maxim says in his autobiography that when he organized the United States Electric Lighting company with the heading, "The United States Electric Lighting company." When he established his new gun company in England he told of this mistake in order to emphasize the importance of getting the stationary printed correctly. When the first sheets were brought to him, however, he found that the English printers had made his concern appear as "The Maxim Gum company."

Easy Generosity.

Mother (to small son)—Bobby, dear, I hoped you would be unselfish enough to give little sister the largest piece of candy. Why, see, even our old hen gives all the nice big dainties to the little chicks and only keeps an occasional tiny one for herself. Bobby thoughtfully watched the hen and chickens for a time and then said, "Well, mamma, I would, too, if it was worms."—Rochester Times.

A Generation.

In the long lived patriarchal age a generation seems to have been computed at 100 years (Genesis xv, 1). Subsequently the reckoning was the same that has been more recently adopted—that is, from thirty to forty years (Job xlii, 16).

Incongruous.

Little Allick—What is an incongruity, uncle? Uncle William—An incongruity, child, is a divorce lawyer humming a wedding march.

Vegetation in Polar Regions.

The rapid growth of vegetation in the polar regions is attributed to the electric currents in the atmosphere.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

- Neuralgia means nerve pain. Neuritis means inflammation of the nerve. In neuralgia the pain comes and goes. In neuritis the ache is steady and sticks closely to the affected nerve. If the nerve could be taken out and examined we could find nothing abnormal in the case of neuralgia. In neuritis the nerve would be found to be inflamed. The question of what is behind the pain of neuralgia is more important than the answer to the cry for relief. It must be remembered that neuralgia is merely a symptom, not a disease. Sometimes malaria is the underlying cause. Other times it may be due to alcoholism, diabetes, lead poisoning, gout, rheumatism or Bright's disease. A diseased tooth or a diseased ovary may be responsible. In every case treatment must include treatment of the underlying cause.

IS SINGING A LOST ART?

For the People at Large It Certainly Is, Says This Critic.

Singing, as far as most people are concerned, is a lost art. Thousands attend operas, recitals and musical comedies; tens of thousands wind up phonographs. But, as for singing themselves informally at their work or play, they have forgotten how. In times past people of all ranks sang together as a matter of course. Sailors sang at their work; peasants, shepherds, cowboys, all had their favorite and appropriate songs. The songs of children at games, the lullabies of mothers, are in the collected ballads and folklore of many peoples.

"The pastimes and labors of the husbandman and the shepherd," says Andrew Lang, "were long ago a kind of natural opera. Each task had its own song; plowing, seeding, harvest, burial, all had their appropriate ballads or dirges. The whole soul of the peasant class breathes in its burdens as the great sea resonates in the shell cast up on the shore."

Nowadays the whirl of machinery makes all the noise. The workers in mills might find it unsatisfying to sing at their work, but it is doubtful if they would sing even if their voices could be heard, while singing in an office or store would pretty surely be stopped by the "boss" or the police. Thousands congregate every night in the silence of moving picture theaters, and even in the churches where singing by the congregation used to be customary the attendants now usually listen in silence to a paid singer.

Singing in this age is largely confined to the professional performer, drunken men and phonographs.—Indianapolis News.

BAD HABITS OF POSTURE.

They Lead to Deformity and Chronic Disease if Not Corrected.

The significance of the postures habitually assumed by individuals is the subject of serious consideration by physicians at present. Exhaustive investigations seem to indicate pretty conclusively that bad postures, such as stooping shoulders, contracted chests or protruded abdomens, are not merely the result of careless habits in the individual, but are due to some slight physical deformity which should be corrected. Generally speaking, persons who have bad posture habits are not very robust.

Every one has observed that persons who are fatigued drop into bad postures temporarily, and there are many examples of unusually robust persons with whom bad posture is chronic. Nevertheless, tendency to bad posture undoubtedly adds to the trend toward weakness and chronic disease, particularly in individuals who are not naturally rugged.

The robust child or the adult who takes an adequate amount of recreation from work does not usually fall into bad habits in sitting or standing. In fact, he is able to combat the condition of study and work which make for bad posture. The less robust child and the overworked or too sedentary adult, on the other hand, are obliged to make persistent efforts to avoid bad posture habits. And, although these habits may have no very detrimental effect upon the general health during childhood, they are likely to result in chronic diseases later in life as a result of the anatomical deformities produced.—Exchange.

Platinum in Coins.

The only instance in which platinum has been used for coins was by the Russian government between the years 1828 and 1845, when they made pieces of 3, 6 and 12 rubles. Coins and medals have been struck in this metal by other governments simply for commemorative or experimental purposes, but never for circulation, like the case of the Russian government. Up to within fairly recent years counterfeits of gold coins have been made of platinum and then gilded. That was only when the price of platinum was about half that of gold.

Nervous Systems.

In man and all of the higher animals the nervous system centers in the brain, and life is dependent upon the condition of the brain, so that the slightest injury to it means death or derangement of faculties. But in the case of the worm and other creatures of the lower kind the nervous tissues are distributed over the body and do not center in the head, so that a worm may be cut in half and still live.

Speak to the Horse.

The human voice has more or less marked influence on all animals. In managing horses especially the voice is of the greatest use. It should be quiet and, though confident and masterful, not loud and boisterous. No one should ever touch a horse without at the same time speaking to it.

Love and Strife.

Of a truth love and strife were aforesaid and shall be, nor ever, methinks, will boundless time be emptied of that pair. And they prevail in turn as the circle comes round and pass away before one another and increase in their appointed time.—Empedocles.

His Little Task.

"Very suspicious man, they say." "Very. Bought a dictionary last week, and now he's counting the words to see if it contains as many as the publishers claim."

John Adams.

John Adams, who died in his ninety-first year, was the oldest of our ex-presidents.

WHAT DOES DEATH MEAN?

An Artist Called It "the Chance to Explore the Infinite."

A new definition of death is that by a French artist, who has now tested the truth of his own words. "Death," said he, "is the chance to explore the infinite." The definition is in the same mood as that of the late Charles Frohman as he went down on the Lusitania. It is a bit more definite, however, than "Death is life's most beautiful adventure." It expresses the nature of the adventure.

This French artist, it seems, was enamored of the space idea. He was ever viewing the world as a vessel voyaging. He endeavored with arduous vision to visualize the world as rushing through infinitude by other worlds or in a stream of comets, planets, asteroids, suns. And his dream was of flights across the gulfs to Mars, to Venus, outside the solar system, to Sirius and the greater suns. With paint he strove to render what Goethe expresses in the song of the archangels in the opening of "Faust."

All the kinds of us pass over, willingly, reluctantly. We have no choice, and there are no exemptions. Probably we have no choice concerning what death is to be. Whether it means extinction or confers immortality, whether it is a glorious adventure or ushers us into another sordid existence bounded by another death, we have no power to determine. We await its coming and its solution, both. We are its victims or its beneficiaries, but we have no power to change its destiny. The bold dreamer welcomes it as opportunity. The tired spirit is reconciled to it as rest. Perhaps it will bring to every man his different hope. Let us so trust.—Minneapolis Journal.

FIT THE MAN TO THE JOB.

Square Pegs Are Not Made to Go Into Round Holes.

In the American Magazine is an article entitled "Are You a Square Peg in a Round Hole?" by Herman Schneider, dean of the school of engineering of the University of Cincinnati. Dean Schneider has devoted his life to making successes out of failures and to finding the right job for the right man. He believes that failure is seldom more than an indication of the right path to success. Among other things he says: "Every individual has certain general traits; every kind of work has certain general characteristics. The problem is to interpret the traits of the individual, classify the characteristics of the job and then guide the individual into the job for which he is supremely fitted. This is one real employment problem."

"There are very many human characteristics, but there are a few broad and general ones which frequently make for success or failure. "There is a type of a man who wants to get on the same car every morning, get off at the same corner, go to the same shop, ring up at the same clock, stow his lunch in the same locker, go to the same machine and do the same class of work day after day. Another type of man would go crazy under this routine. He wants to move about, meet new people, see and do things. The first is settled; the second is roving. The first might make a good man for a shop manufacturing a standard product; the second might make a good railroad man or a good outdoor carpenter. A failure in one line of work may prove a big success in another."

United States of America.

The assumption of the title "the United States of America" first appears in Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence, and in this particular the first draft was not altered by the congress in obtaining the Declaration. The words are found in the final paragraph and thus appear in the official copy on file: "We therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general congress assembled." On Sept. 9, 1776, the congress first officially designated the new nation by the title and style of the United States of America.

Sip Hot Water to Relieve Coughing.

Persons chronically ill, especially those suffering from consumption, have sudden and wearing attacks of coughing. In an emergency, the Medical Fortnightly says, hot water will often prove very effective. Water is much better than some of the remedies which disorder digestion and spoil the appetite. Water very hot, almost boiling, should be sipped when the paroxysms come on.

A Hemming Tip.

In sewing hems of towels or sheets or muslin, in starting them from the end place a piece of paper under the needle and sew through it for about two inches, then on to the hem. This will prevent the clogging of the thread and needle. Then after tearing off the paper the threads are there for tying the end.

Height of Hopefulness.

He—After I am out of college, darling, I may have to wait a few months before I can make enough to support you. She—It is so hard to wait. He (bravely)—I know it. But of course you know the world doesn't know anything about me yet.—Exchange.

Ambiguous.

"How are you, old man? Feeling pretty strong?" "No, only just managing to keep out of the grave." "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that!"

Not Necessarily.

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KNOW THE CAR'S LOAD.

Method by Which a Motorist Can Get the Best Tire Service.

"Perhaps the greatest and most important thing a motorist should know about a car is its weight with the average load carried," says an expert. "By knowing the weight of his car when loaded ready to run the motorist is in a position to regulate his tires so that they not only act as the best shock absorber obtainable, but are fit to offset any injuries which may come from over or under inflation."

"With the weight of the car known when preparing for a trip which includes passengers it is very easy for the motorist to regulate his air pressure in the tires so that they will run with the least injury to themselves. This foresight will also prevent a break in the side walls caused by an overload."

"With the weight of your car, plus the weight of gasoline, water and extra tires, with the weight of the passengers added, you have the total running weight of your car."

"For a quick way of determining what air pressure you will carry in your tires if you have no regular table of inflation the following table is suggested:

"For three-inch tires divide the weight of the load by thirty-two."

"For three and one-half-inch tires divide the weight by forty."

"For four-inch tires divide the weight of the load by forty-eight."

"For four and one-half-inch tires divide the weight of the load by fifty-six."

"For five-inch tires divide the weight of the load by sixty-four."

"For five and one-half-inch tires divide the weight of the load by seventy-two."

"To further illustrate the working out of the above table suppose your car weighed 2,880 pounds and you are using four-inch tires. From the above we find that for four-inch tires the weight of the load should be divided by forty-eight. This will give you sixty pounds air pressure, which should be carried in your tires. The tire mileage will be greatly increased if the motorist will regulate his air pressure by the load he carries."—New York Sun.

CHARM OF FLOWERS.

Gardening is a Hobby That Becomes Akin to a Passion.

Barring the equally ancient and alluring pastime of going a-fishing, no hobby has a stronger grip on its devotees than gardening. At 4 o'clock of a summer morning Celia Thaxter could be found at work in her radiant little island plot, a sister in spirit to old Chaucer when on his knees in the grass at dawn to watch a daisy open. And these were not exceptional, not extraordinary, cases of devotion. They were merely typical exponents of the true gardener's passion.

Nor is this intense enthusiasm fleeting. Not in the least. It is not more transient than the bibliomaniac's passion, no more evanescent than the collector's zeal, which only death can quench. It is no sudden, youthful fever. Indeed, it is rarely found in youth at the storm and stress period, while it may be observed to be strongest in those for whom the days of wild enthusiasm are over. The bachelor clergyman or the quietest of spinsters, for whom other passion is nonexistent, will yet lavish on their gardens enough devotion to have won the heart of the most obtuse of persons, enough tenderness to have sufficed for the mother of a dozen little ones. A garden is the world of the recluse, the passion of the lone man or woman, the diversion of statesmen, the recreation of poets and artists of all ages, except perhaps musicians, who may be over-careful of their hands.—Frances Duncan in Scribner's.

Plan of the Ball Field.

In the Woman's Home Companion G. H. Claudy says:

"Whoever did the calculating for a baseball field made a fine job of it. It takes just so long to run from plate to first, and it takes just about that long, less a tiny fraction of a second, for the average ball to be fielded by the average shortstop and hurled down to the big mitt waiting for it. The least slip, hesitation, juggle or wait, and the umpire is going to spread his hands palm down for a 'safe.'"

Drained Soils.

Heat is the chief essential for plant growth, and one of the principal factors in making soil warm is good drainage. The surface soils of well drained lands are almost invariably several degrees warmer than those of poorly drained lands. Drained soils also warm up faster after cold spells and much earlier in spring. It is certain that dynamiting heavy soils will pay.

Moss Bread.

A kind of bread is made along the Columbia river by the Indians from a moss that grows on the spruce fir tree. This moss is prepared by placing it in heaps, sprinkling it with water and permitting it to ferment. Then it is rolled into balls as big as a man's head, and these are baked in pits.

Doesn't He, Though?

Back—Confess now, Henry, you don't pay as much attention to your wife as you did before you were married? H. Peck—Lord, yes! I mind twice as quick now.

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CONDENSED REPORT OF CONDITION The Second National Bank

MEYERSDALE, PA.

JUNE TWENTIETH, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and Investments (\$592,905.60), U. S. Bonds and Premium (70,179.37), Real Estate, Furniture & Fixtures (64,075.20), Cash and due from Banks (125,338.50), Total Resources (\$852,498.67).

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital Stock Paid in (\$65,000.00), Surplus Fund and Profits (65,621.83), Circulation (64,400.00), Deposits (657,476.84), Total Liabilities (\$852,498.67).

Growth as Shown in Following Statements Made to Comptroller of Currency.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. JULY 15, 1908 - \$262,014.92 (ONE QUARTER MILLION); JUNE 20, 1917 - \$852,498.67 (OVER THREE QUARTER MILLION).

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