

Crude Thoughts As They Fall From the Editorial Pen.—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

Home Circle Department.

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers As They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

What He Asked for and How It Was Interpreted.

In a village on the eastern coast of Massachusetts it is the custom for the minister to read in church the requests of members for the prayers of the congregation on special occasions.

One Sunday, relates Everybody's Magazine; the regular minister had exchanged pulpits with a clergyman from the interior of the state to whom the custom was new.

The deacon at the usual time in the service, ascended the pulpit stair and gave the minister the written requests for prayers, explaining what was to be done with them.

A few minutes later the congregation was puzzled and not a little amused to hear in a slow and deliberate voice:

"A man going to see his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safe return."

The notice was:

"A man going to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safe return."

Counting Boys Into a Circus.

One of the leading lawyers of New Hampshire, who was noted for his jokes, was at a circus one day, and as he stood by the entrance to the tent a crowd of small boys came along and peeped in, with longing eyes. Suddenly a smile came over the face of the lawyer, and he stepped up to the man at the entrance and said: "Let those boys in, and count them as they pass."

Of course the ticket taker did as he was told, and, when the last boy was in, turned to the lawyer and said, "Thirty-six, sir."

The lawyer looked up with a smile, and said, "Thanks. I guessed there were about that many," then turned and walked away.—Boston Herald.

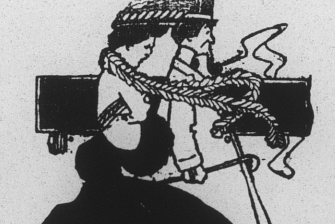
Most Unkindest Cut.

With reference to the humors of country "society" reporting, Mr. Melville Stone, of the Associated Press, tells of the account of a wedding published in a Kansas paper.

The story, which described the marriage in the usual flowery adjectives, concluded with this surprising announcement:

"The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch, together with many other beautiful things in cut glass."—Harper's Weekly.

Hard on Him



Whoever takes a little child into his love, may have a very roomy heart, but that child will fill it out. The children keep us from growing old and cold; they cling to our garments with their little hands and impede our progress to petrification; they win us back with their pleading eyes, from cruel care; they never encumber us to all. A poor old couple with no one to love them, is a most pitiful picture; but a hovel, with a small face to fill a broken pane here and there, is robbed of its desolateness.

Appreciation is one of the Christ-like emotions of the human heart. To look at motives and not at results is the right thing to do. How often the best laid plans lead to failure. A word of appreciation has led many a discouraged heart to pick up the broken threads and weave them into a new web after they had lain among tattered ideals for months or years. Kind words bring memories that echo through the years long after the lips that utter them have crumbled to dust. Children carry the memory of words of appreciation with them through childhood, and often recall them in old age when enveloped in the shadows of death. They are like the perfume of the violet that lifts its head above the spring snows and whispers to them of the sunshine. Money cannot buy, intellect cannot create so rare a gem as true kindness. It is a heart product and needs the tenderest culture. It is killed by indifference and enfeebled by neglect.

Don't be a grumbler. Some people contrive to get hold of the prickly side of everything; to run up against the sharp corners, and find out all the disagreeable things. Half the strength spent in growling would often set things right. You may as well make up your mind to begin with, that no one ever found the world as he would like it; but you are to take your share of the troubles, and bear them bravely. You will be very sure to have troubles laid upon you that belong to other people, unless you are a shirk yourself, but don't grumble. If the work needs doing, and you can do it, never mind about the other person who ought to have done it and didn't. Those workers who fill up the gaps, and smooth away the rough spots, and finish up the job others have undone, they are the true peacemakers, and worth a whole lot of growlers.

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HER SUCCESSFUL REPLY.

Flattered herself she was keeping the Angel quiet.

A certain prominent minister was compelled not long ago to give strict orders that while he was engaged in the preparation of his sermon his young son must be kept reasonably quiet. In spite of this, however, there arose one morning a most astonishing noise of banging and hammering, which seemed to indicate that the steam heating pipes were being knocked to pieces. Hurrying out of his study, the minister encountered his wife.

"My dear, what in the world is Bobby doing?" he asked.

"Why, he is only beating on the radiator down stairs," was the somewhat surprised reply.

"Well, he must stop it," the minister said, decidedly.

"I don't think he will harm it, dear," his wife answered, soothingly; "and it is the only thing that will keep him quiet."—Harper's Weekly.

Sacrificed to Affection.

He was a silver gilded youth: on his face a look of anxiety as he entered a hairdresser's shop in Bond Street. Earnestly he put the question to an assistant:

"You supply Miss Birdie Beano of the Gaiety Theater with powder, don't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is it quite harmless?"

"Absolutely. It is invaluable for the complexion."

He was not yet satisfied.

"But is it digestible?" he inquired.

"Digestible, sir?"

"Yes. Is it digestible if taken internally?"

The assistant opened wide eyes of astonishment.

"But Miss Birdie Beano doesn't take it internally!" he exclaimed.

"No, no, no, of course she doesn't. But I have to.—Pall Mall Gazette.

To Pedestrians.

Be good, Be kind, Beware Behind.

—Birmingham Herald.

Norman Cuteness.

On the road from Caen to Vire in Normandy you may see the following sign in a field by the road:

"Horses taken in to grass. Reasonable rates. Horses with short tails, 50 centimes a day. Horses with long tails, 1 franc a day."

If you can induce the owner of the field to explain he will wink and tell you that a horse with a short tail is so worried by flies that he hasn't time to graze, while a horse with a long tail can flick off the flies and eat grass at the same time.

A Western Ceremony.

In some parts of the West, no time is lost in the process of "giving in marriage." A couple once came before the justice of the peace.

"Link," he said. They joined hands.

"Have him?" (to the woman.)

"Yep."

"Have her?" (to the man.)

"Yes."

"Married! Two dollars."—Lippincott's.

Strict Mamma.

Little Girl—My mamma is awful strict. Is yours?

Little Boy—Orful.

Little Girl—But she lets you go anywhere you want to, and—

Little Boy—Oh, she ain't strict with me.

Little Girl—Then who is she strict with?

Little Boy—Pa.—London Tit-Bits.

Slight Mistake.

It was after dinner.

"Pardon me, old chap, but I don't believe I ever met your wife."

"That's my wife at the piano."

"Playing accompaniment for that fat girl with the cracked voice?"

"My dear sir, my wife sings."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Sufficient Reasons.

Louise—Aren't you going to Ostend this year?

Kathie—No; nobody knows me there.

Louise—Then why don't you go to the Riviera?

Kathie—Because everybody knows me there.—Die Musketier.

Out of Danger.

"Does your chauffeur have any perquisites?" asked Mrs. Van Uppson. "He had one the first week he was with us," replied Mrs. Neurich, "but I induced him to sign the pledge, and he hasn't had any since."—Chicago Daily News.

Beyond the Limit.

Miss Jenks—Have you really broken off your engagement to him?

Miss Flyte—Oh, yes. I just had to. He was getting too sentimental—began to talk to me about matrimony.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Curious Figures.

Casey—Oh see that thin Arny-chists do be creatin' a great disturbance abroad.

Dugan—Faith they are! There isn't a crowned head but do be shakin' in' in his shoes.—Boston Transcript.

The Whole Trouble.

Some folks can't mind their business;

The reason is, you'll find, They either have no business Or else they have no mind.—The Catholic Standard and Times.

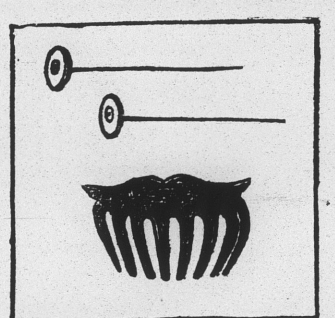
The Parts and the Whole.



This is the head of the lady fair.



This the hat she is wont to wear.



There the comb, and above the pins.



And this the ensemble that brings the grin.

She's So Rude.



"You naughty child, what did you beat the cat like that for?"

"Mummy, I saw her spit on her hand and then rub it on her face!"

—Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday.

Proof of Health.



Visitor—You say that the climate here is the healthiest in the country?

Native—Yes; our climate certainly has wonderful live-giving properties. Here's an excellent proof; Last summer there were fifteen attempts at suicide. Well, fourteen of them were fruitless.—Bon Vivant.

Premonition.



Mr. Goslin—What did your father say when you told him you were engaged to me?

Miss Giltbonds—He said he had a kick coming.

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HEALTH HINTS. Never get cold feet, especially in politics. For palpitation of the heart, quit reading market quotations. A good way to treat appendicitis is to cut out the surgeon. Avoid late hours; when the clock strikes 23 it is time to go to bed. Maladies which fail to respond to any other treatment should be treated with silent contempt. Remember that care killed a cat, and the man who has no more than nine lives cannot afford to worry. Nose-bleeding is frequently caused by not minding your own business. It may be cured by calling the police and diving into the nearest drug store. If you are fat, get thin, and then get fat. Nature never meant you to be satisfied with your weight. A bee sting is good for rheumatism, and therefore those who have hives are seldom troubled with sciatica at the same time. Drink plenty of water, some of the clearer varieties being preferable; that which you get from the milkman may contain bacilli. For hay fever, take large doses of poison in rapid succession until relieved. Those who have tried this sterling remedy have never complained of the same trouble afterward. Physicians say that laughter is an aid to digestion. Therefore, be mirthful; the more the merrier. Young men, grin, and young girls should giggle as much as possible. You may be thought silly on the part of your friends, but they will not be surprised. Walk four miles every morning as soon as you are dressed—not before. Returning, breakfast on a small dish of evaporated bran and skimmed milk and a cup of imitation coffee with condensed cream. This is a wonderful flesh-reducer, and is said to stimulate the digestive apparatus immeasurably. It will make you a child again, and so what the appetite that within thirty seconds you will feel as if you had never eaten a thing in your life.—Ex.

A Marriage Proposal. One of our giddy youngsters of the male persuasion recently decided to make a formal offer of his heart and hand to one of our representative ladies to whom he has been paying attention for a time. He cautiously prefaced his declarations with a few questions: "Did she love him well enough to live in a cottage with him? Was she a good cook? Did she think it a wife's duty to make home happy? Would she consult his tastes and wishes concerning her associates and pursuits of life. Could she make her own clothes?" The young lady said that she would tell him of some negatives she possessed. She never drank, smoked or chewed; never staid out all night playing billiards; never lounged on street corners and ogled giddy girls; never "stood in" with the boys for cigars and wine suppers. "Now," said she, rising indignantly, "I am assured you do all these things, and yet you expect all the virtues in me, while you do not possess any yourself. I can never be your wife," and she bowed him out and left him on the door steps to silently meditate over his venture, a wiser man.—Ex.

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