

MEMORIAL DAY

To be Observed Monday
May 31st.

SUGGESTIONS BY COMMANDER.

The Silent Camping Grounds of the Nation's Dead to be Decorated With the National Flag and the Spring Flowers.

Henry N. Nevius, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued the following general order relative to the observance of Memorial Day:

In 1868 General John A. Logan, at that time commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, promulgated an order to the Grand Army Posts of the country, calling upon all comrades to observe the 30th of May as Decoration Day—to seek out every comrade's grave and to decorate it with the choicest blossoms of early spring time. Since that time, by legislative enactment, the 30th of May has become a legal holiday. This year, as the 30th of May occurs on Sunday, the 31st of May will be observed as Memorial Day. Should there be posts who have already engaged speakers and made arrangements to hold services on Saturday, the 29th of May, they may do so if they cannot change without great inconvenience.

For forty successive years the Grand Army of the Republic has observed this day by visiting the silent camping grounds where sleep our comrades, the nation's dead, and honoring their memory by garlanding passionless mounds with flags and flowers and teaching lessons of patriotism to all who may unite with them and to the generation growing up around them. Let us this year do our full duty to those who died that the nation might live, and with tender hearts and loving hands honor their memory.

Upon department and Post commanders the duties rest attending the fitting observance of the day. I earnestly hope and desire that should a confederate grave be found in any camping ground visited by the G. A. R., that his grave may not be passed by, but that a flag and flowers be placed upon it. The war is over and peace reigns and the Old Flag floats over all, and though he fell in the lost cause, were he living to-day he would be found following the flag. Let us forgive, as the nation forgave his comrades who survived him.

Department and Post commanders are reminded of the fact that their memorial exercises should include attendance upon divine service in a body Sunday morning, May 30, and that all allied organizations be invited to attend with them whenever practicable. This custom has prevailed for a number of years and the commander-in-chief trusts that it will continue to be observed.

Department commanders will direct Post commanders to invite all schools in their respective localities to hold patriotic services on Friday afternoon preceding Memorial Day, and that comrades from each Post co-operate with the teachers in this work.

CITIZEN'S 5 MILE RACE.

In hopes that every athlete will read the following suggestions, they are herein printed for their guidance.

First, before competing, or even entering upon the course of training necessary to compete in this event safely, each athlete is advised to have his heart examined.

Second, not only should the athlete have his arms and body covered in his practice, but he should likewise wear a loose fitting pair of long woolen trousers, and he should have his feet well protected, by strong soles, from the pebbles and hard road, and thus avoid bruises.

While the man running feels warm, his arms and shoulders being exposed to the cold air it is very easy for him to contract rheumatism and colds, which will result later in life in much pain and discomfort.

The training should be started with long walks at a rapid gait with frequent jogs, and the distance of the jog should be gradually increased until by the 15 of May every contestant can safely jog at about two-thirds his best speed the full course of five miles without great inconvenience. He should be especially sure to cover up warmly after his work, and after his heart and lungs have resumed their normal rhythm, and his temperature has become normal, to be rubbed down in a warm room, free from draughts, after which he should rest in bed warmly covered up for at least an hour.

Since the race is to be in the afternoon, the best time to train for this race is at that hour.

Tobacco and liquor should be avoided, as no man can get in his best condition and partake of these things; especially is this true of the young athlete who has not formed the habit of depending upon these stimulants.

SINGULAR HUMAN NATURE.

It is singular how anxious a man is to hide a scandal in his family until he has committed a homicide, and how anxious he is to rattle the bones of the skeleton after the killing.

HENS AND EGGS

How to Take Care of Laying Hens.

QUAINT DEFINITION OF AN EGG.

The White Mills Brooder Factory—How White Leghorns Were Changed into Black Minorcas in One Night.

You must keep your hen house clean and dry, and your hens free from lice. Look over your hens for lice every few days. If you find lice, dust every fowl with some good insect powder, holding her by the legs and rubbing the feathers up and down, while some one dusts on the powder. Go all over her with powder. Repeat in two weeks. Do not have your hen house too warm early in the fall. If you do the hens will get too warm at night. Then when they come out in the frosty morning they will catch cold. Most roop starts that way. But there must not be any draft through a building where fowls roost. It is a good plan to feed the hens in a warm place on frosty mornings. How would it affect you to be jumped out of a warm bed on a frosty morning to a breakfast on the lawn? Better keep the hens in the building till the run is well up, and the frost gone. In winter keep them inside till it is comfortable for them outside. The hen that stands on one foot or wades about through snow or mud is not the one that keeps the egg nest warm part of each day. And every time you see a group of hens huddle together to keep warm, you see a crowd of egg eaters—that is, they are absorbing their eggs.

Mr. Gill said to John Schneider one day: "John, what is an egg?" John replied, "An egg is a chicken not yet."

Scientists have discovered that the white ant lays 80,000 eggs a season. How would it be to cross the white ant with the white leghorn?

Three new brooders have just been completed at the White Mills Incubator and Brooder factory. As this is the first attempt on the part of the new company, naturally they are studying upon some new improvements.

There is no doubt this company will make good with the new enterprise. Being near the railroad will save them considerable expense in getting their material and also to make their shipments. As this company is young they have not been able to supply the rush of orders, but they expect to equip themselves with more up-to-date machinery before long.

The greatest object which the company has in view is to manufacture a brooder to save a certain percentage of fuel; and at the suggestion of one of our White Mill poultry raisers the company made a brooder to his order. He stated that he wanted a brooder, storm-proof, rain-proof, fire-proof and also rat-proof. He further instructed to have the fumes which are carried out at the sides to be evenly distributed on the inside. He pointed out to the company where the fumes from the lamp had been a waste of heat and fuel. The company carried out the new inventor's plans to the letter. And as soon as it was completed at once put it into operation by carefully preparing a drinking fountain, shell-box, a box of road dust for a bath, and scattered fine cut straw on the floor to keep the brooder both comfortable and sanitary. The lamp was lighted; the chicks were placed in the newly-invented brooder, "and now," he said, "boys, I have 'yours' all stopped on the brooder question." He went away, leaving the brooder to take care of the chicks until morning. When he awoke the first time that entered his mind was the new invention. So anxious was he to see the result that he did not even take the time to put on his shoes, his coat, nor his hat, but with a quick and cautious step he reached the brooder. Carefully raising the cover, to his surprise, instead of the twenty-five white leghorns which he had carefully placed in the brooder the night before there were twenty-five black minorcas. The lamp had blazed too high and commenced to smoke, and turned everything completely black. Well, you have heard about studying the chicken language, and if you had been near when he raised the lid you would have found it unprintable. The new inventor declared that he would shoot the son of a gun, if he knew who exchanged his white chickens for black ones and after some of the chicken boys convinced him as to what was wrong, his wife says, it was the first time since they were married he ever made any kindling wood.

JOSEPH STEPHENS,
White Mills, Pa., April 28, 1909.

VENUEZUELA ALSO.

The world is moving, for sure. Even Venezuela is falling into line and getting ready to advance with the procession of nations toward better conditions and freer institutions. As soon as the dictator who had kept it in subjection and prevented any progress was safely on the other side of the Atlantic the people seized the opportunity to put an end to his tyranny, and they are now rejoicing in a liberty which they have not known for many years.

THE ENGLISH WALNUT INDUSTRY.

The rapid growth of a neglected industry is suggested by the shipment of seven hundred carloads of English walnuts from California in one year, bringing an average price of 12 1/2 cents per pound. Not many years ago the home grown walnut was a curiosity in this country. Now the groves in full bearing are worth \$1,000 per acre.

A POE CRITIC.

A man named Brownell occupies a dozen or more pages of Scribner's Magazine to tell us that Edgar Allen Poe was not a literary genius, that he had no imagination and that he lacked culture. Perhaps, but will some one kindly inform us who Mr. Brownell is if any.

MYSTERIOUS CHINA.

There is too much mystery concerning China. Who knows but the new Emperor may be cutting another tooth? And ye, the outside world is in the dark.

It is claimed for the Children's Aid Society that 87 per cent. of its little wards, in over half a century, have grown up to efficiency. The percentage of success among the waifs is said to be higher than the average in the population at large. A hint to parents, perhaps, to make more of a specialty of training boys and girls in the way they should go.

EMULATING BYGONE VARIETIES.

Recent discoveries in Crete show that the wasp waist, the corset, the elbow sleeve and the short spreading skirt were familiar to the civilization of that island four thousand years ago. How insignificant though still interesting, beside such a revelation, is John Colby Abbott's exhibition, upon which these comments are founded, of Marie Antoinette's straw hat, which even exceeds to-day's "Merry Widow" in its extravagance of inches!

In emulation of bygone dandies, he appeared at the London opera a few seasons ago carrying ornate tasseled canes. The varicolored waistcoats of the present moment are in revival of a fashion of the early sixties, which was in its turn an echo of many times removed of a vastly earlier original.

Invention produces new materials for the dress of men and women and cheaper ways of making both the stuff and the clothes. There are feathers, lace and glittering trimmings for the millions now where once they were for the thousand. Practically the only new thing about a new fashion is the fresh stamp of the generation that calls it back.

PREACHING.

Not long ago a writer in one of the literary papers remarked that the average sermon was, of all creative productions, the least likely to be preserved, and he called attention to the fact that of all true sermons preached only an infinitesimal part of them had found their way into book form. And these are not read.

Why is it that a body of men who have received an academic education extending over a large part of their lives and whose training has been for the sole purpose of expounding and imparting truth, should yet say so very little that is even worth repeating? This would seem to be an unanswerable argument against so-called learning.

As a matter of fact, it is. Suppose there was a Whole Dogma of Swimming one would have to learn the comparative philology of Hebrew, Greek, Sanscrit and Latin—would any one ever learn to swim by such a method?

COLLEGE BOYS' ENGLISH.

Complaint is made that the average American college boy speaks bad English, and speaks it badly.

But isn't his English as good as the thoughts he clothes in it? Isn't there a relation between what he has to express and his language?

A boy gets his language chiefly by ear at home, but if his mind expands and the scope of his thoughts extends, his vocabulary at least must expand also.

Lincoln learned language because, apparently, he had thoughts that insisted upon being expressed. Seeing how thoughts were expressed in Shakespeare and the Bible, he learned the trick from the best schools.

THE SECRET OF POVERTY.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson of New York unlocked the secret of general poverty in an address at the American Museum of Natural History in New York when he said: "What is killing the people of this city may be stated as overwork, underfeeding, and overcrowding; and two of these may be included under one word 'underpaid.' The message of the church and of medicine to-day to the community is not 'Give to the poor,' but 'Don't take so much away from them.'"

LIQUID SHEEP.

A business communication in Arabic recently reached a Manchester firm, and when translated by a Syrian interpreter proved to contain a request for the price of coppering "two water sheep" of certain given dimensions. The translator was confident of his version, but admitted that he did not know what "water sheep" could be. For the moment even the heads of the firm were puzzled, until it struck some one that this was the nearest synonym in the vocabulary of a pastoral people for "hydraulic rams."—Manchester Guardian.

REPORT BY A YOUNG ENGLISH SCHOOL-GIRL OF A LECTURE ON "PHASES OF HUMAN LIFE—YOUTH, MANHOOD, AND AGE."

"In youth we look forward to the wicked things we will do when we grow up—this is the state of innocence. In manhood we do the wicked things of which we thought in our youth—this is the prime of life. In old age we are sorry for the wicked things we did in manhood—this is the time of our dotage."

PORTLAND'S ROSES.

Portland, Ore., is called "The Rose City." Her right to the title is borne out by the most perfect roses that are grown in the world, and every home has its rose garden. Successful business men are equally enthusiastic rosarians, and exhibits of the choicest varieties are held each year, not only by the Rose Society and the Rose Festival, but in the lobbies of office-buildings by the tenants, and in clubs.

WHY NOT?

Popular etymology is always interesting, even if it is sometimes inaccurate. There is the case of the little girl who, according to a humorist, rebuked her brother when he was trying to drive a cow out of the garden by calling "Scat!" "You shouldn't say scat," said the little girl. "Say scow!"

FATHER KNEW WHAT TO DO.

A Child in a Subway Train Who Cried Once Too Often.

An Italian with his wife and two little children got into a New York subway train bound uptown. There were seats enough, so the wife with one child in arms sat down. The man, carrying the other infant, prepared to take a seat.

The moment he sat down the little girl in his arms set up a cry. She wouldn't stop until the man got up. For a time, as long as he remained standing, she was quiet. The moment he started again to be seated she wailed again.

So he had to remain standing. The child then reached for the cord by which the signals are given from car to car. It was too high above her head. So she cried again.

The father tried to divert her attention to the straps as being more worthy of her notice. But she wouldn't be appeased. What was he to do? Soon answered. He turned the baby over his knee as he sat down firmly and gave her something to cry for. A shocked look came over that little girl's face and then, after a few last howls, she was very silent.

Her father sat there with a look as of one who has solved a problem.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

When Mr. Hartman returned an hour later than usual, Mrs. Hartman asked him the reason, and his good-natured face was solemn as he answered her. "I had had one narrow escape from drowning, Katchen," he said.

"How was that happen?" asked his wife, as she helped him unwind the knitted scarf from his neck. "Tell me it at once, Hans."

"It was at the ferry that I came late," said Mr. Hartman, "from the blocked cars, and the boat she was just starting. A man he called me out, 'Joomp! joomp!' and for one moment I thought to make as he said. But I reminded myself to be cautious, and wait, and in one minute more, Katchen, came a great patch of water showing! Then I took hold of the post whereby I stood, and said to myself, 'Hans, you were the wise man that you joomped not at first when that man advised.'"

THE CLARINET.

The clarinet has the richest, sweetest voice of all the wood-wind instruments, although its sound does not travel quite so far as that of the oboe. Whenever, as sometimes happens, there are two melodies to be played at once, the clarinet takes the lower of the two, while the violins play the upper and more important one. But in a military band, where there are no strings at all, the clarinets play the chief melody. The bass clarinet is not so smooth or so sweet as the higher ones. It has a rather choky sound, though softer than that of the bassoon.—"From the Drum of the Savage to the Great Orchestra" in St. Nicholas.

AN INOPPORTUNE INTERRUPTION.

Prof. Brander Matthews, the brilliant writer and teacher, was discussing literary quaintness at Columbia. In illustration of the quaint, he said: "A little girl I know was very bad one day. She was so bad that other corrections failing, her mother took her to her room to whip her. "During this proceeding, the little girl's older brother opened the door and was about to enter. But in her prone position, across her mother's knee, the little girl twisted round her head and said severely: "'Eddie, go out! Can't you see we're busy?'"

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