

THE RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME BY MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

Words are the shadows of actions—Democritus.

HEY, GOBS!

PERHAPS in nothing else are the fashion and custom of the age so distinctly characterized as in the use of words.

Now, the words we choose to express our thoughts are, to a large extent, chosen because they are the correct words to use.

Our grandmothers and grandfathers used a far more stilted form than we do. Not only does it sound stilted, because it is out of date, but it actually was a more formal and stilted usage.

Not long ago, some big billboards inviting the sailors anchored in the Hudson river to the various festivals in the way of dances and feasts which New York city had prepared for them, began with the words, "Hey, Gobs!"

Now, can anybody imagine a Civil War bulletin of invitation to the blue-jackets of the day beginning with the words, "Hey, Gobs?"

There are times today, of course, when we should avoid slang. Slang does sound cheap from a dignified man.

Of course, if you are writing to the diplomatic representative of a foreign government, for instance, asking what openings exist in his country for workers in some industry, you should couch your letter of inquiry in dignified language—even formal language.

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Evolution of a Name. "I thought your wife's name was Elizabeth?" "So it is."

"Then why do you call her Peggy?" "Short for Pegusa."

Life's Little Courtesies. "Stillwell seemed in none too good a humor when he got home from the office."

Why, Henry, said Mrs. Stillwell, you said you wanted to stay home with me in comfort tonight.

Hard to Solve. Extracts from a book on self-help: "Life is just what you make it. Don't do anything foolish. Get married in early life. Remember, one great mistake may last a lifetime."

Valuable Experience. "Has woman's participation in politics benefited the home?" "It has," replied Mr. Meekton.

Setting Up Drift. "Don't you think I ought to ex-

Pola Negri



The rise of this bewitching European "movie" star was spectacular and interesting. Born in Posen, Poland, 28 years ago, and formerly a shopgirl in a German department store, she craved the stage.

Upon those persons who have habituated themselves to use gentle words, and to use in stressful arguments the soft answer, the sun of good-will shines perpetually.



LEETLE while ago I feel jusa lika wants shoots one-guy. But I change da mind so can make five toward dolla pretty easy.

Da guy wot I no gotta use for wad da insurance man. Every day he come vesit my house and wants tella me somating.

I no wanta carry somating anyway. I carry too moosha load home one night before da probubish and I fall down and almosta broka da head.

Da guy tella me eef I carry da insurance and go dead sometime I gotta plenty money. But eef I go dead I no gotta use for da money.

Da guy buy ten thousand dolla insurance, Pietro, and you go dead you leava plenty money," he say.

Righta queest I gotta greata idee. So I tella heem I taka da insurance. Jusa between you and no for spreada round I no expect to getta shot.

Wot you tink?

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE TEST

I'VE found as I have run along the highways of my life, sometimes amid a wealth of song, sometimes in storm and strife,

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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

THE SOFT ANSWER

WHEN you shall see, feel and know the sovereign power of the soft answer, you will not hesitate to admit its priceless value in preserving the friendship of peoples and nations.

When the world is jangling and vicious tongues are spitting fire and brimstone, it is quite natural for us to pile more fuel on the flame, regardless of the spreading conflagration, even though it be singeing the good names of our friends.

Then, as the scales fall from our eyes we become penitent.

For days we move shame-facedly from pillar to post, avoiding the friends we have hurt.

As we reflect upon our behavior, we realize that our miseries come from our own workshop.

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Their influence for good is an immeasurable as a mother's love.

Perhaps you may have friends among these kindly persons to whom you turn when difficulties torment, life's skeins are tangled and your heart is burdened beyond its strength.

Observe the lightness of their eyes, the smile that is ever about the lips, the musical intonation of the voice when it answers softly.

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THE FRIENDLY PATH

By WALTER I. ROBINSON

DON'T count over your burdens. They'll seem greater if you do.

It is always poor policy to go about trying to find all the disconcerting things along the pathway of life.

Nearly all the stumbling blocks along the trail followed by humans in this world are imaginary. But for their willingness to admit that they face serious problems, most of the discontented would hardly know that they are battling against odds when they actually are.

Because one has to face a trying task or great disappointment, does not mean that he is more unfortunate than others, nor that fate has turned against him.

But when one counts over the burdens which he expects or regrets, the future will usually appear to have a darker aspect than is justified by developments.

If one tries to find the bright side, he'll usually be so greatly enthused by his prospects that the burdens will seem small and easy to face.

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If you break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Field.

FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

A DISH that is nourishing enough to take the place of a main dish at dinner is:

Hominy With Olives. Fry one small onion cut fine in a little fat until golden. Add three scant cupfuls of cooked samp or a can of hominy; stir until hot, then add one-fourth of a cupful of milk, the same of water, stirring all the time; add three-fourths of a cupful of grated cheese, and when it is melted remove from the heat before the cheese becomes stringy.

Scotchies. Take two cupfuls of rolled oats, put through the meat chopper and brown lightly in the oven.

Savory Sandwich Filling. Blanch one-half cupful of almonds and brown them in a tablespoonful of cooking oil.

Liquid Yeast. Take four medium sized potatoes, washed, pared and grated, boil about five minutes stirring constantly, using one quart of water.

New Potatoes and Peas. Cook small new potatoes and a few sweet green peas in a little water as possible.

Conscience-Stricken. "See here," protested the lawyer, "I'm going to defend you, you'll have to drop that guilty look."

When Dickens ate 'possum. "I have, sir, just purchased in the market a famous opossum," so wrote Webster to Irving and the latter's guest, Dickens, in March, 1842.

The Coming Contest. "I see your town is going to vote on the question of issuing bonds for a water works system," said a guest.

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WHEN DICKENS ATE 'POSSUM

English Author and Washington Irving Dined With Webster in the National Capital.

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The Cheerful Chervil Oh, world of sunset-colored skies And mystic nights and singing trees, My heart's so full of love for you Excuse this maudlin outburst, please.

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Destruction is a word that only grows on dunghills.

A great crime is in a great man greater—Massinger.

