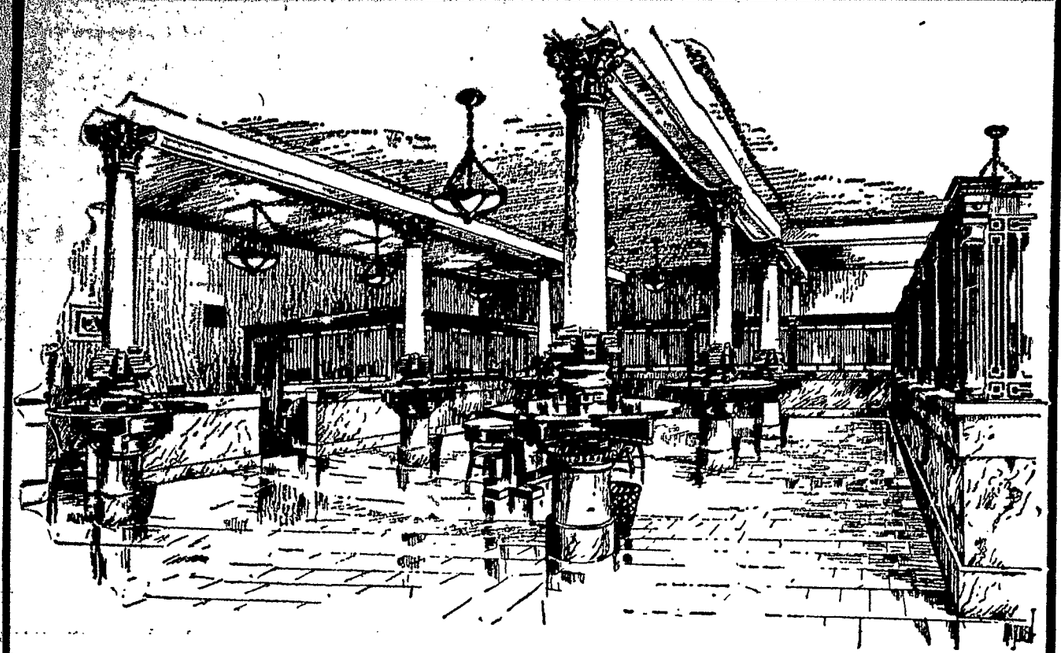

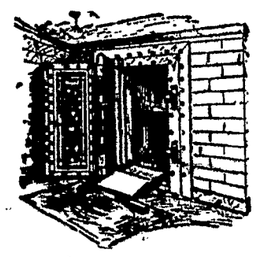

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HAVE SLANG OF THEIR OWN

"Hobohemians" Dwelt at Ease on 40 Cents a Day in Chicago—Lead Merry Existence in "Jungles" in Summer and Cities in Winter.

Chicago.—Men are living on West Madison street on 40 and 50 cents a day, according to Nels Anderson, who is making a study of homeless and migratory men under the direction of Professor Ernest W. Burgess, of the University of Chicago, for the United Charities and the Juvenile Protective society.

Mr. Anderson became a wanderer himself as a boy, he explained, but happened to find work on a ranch, where the family took on an interest in him. At the age of twenty-one he entered the high school. Eventually he was confronted by the problem of selecting a topic for his doctor's thesis, and finding, according to his statement, that no study had been made previously of the hobo, he began to write on that subject on the basis of his early experience. After he had written 250 pages he felt a desire to strengthen his preparation for the task by renewed investigations. Accordingly he has been mingling with tramps as one of them at their "jungles" or summer camps, on the road, in the city streets, and in jail.

Slang of Their Own.

"The average student who hasn't been on the road himself," said Mr. Anderson, "is apt to find himself unable to approach a tramp and get his true story. Not only are tramps full of suspicion and prejudices, and likely either to exaggerate or to keep still if they suspect their questioner, but they have a slang of their own.

"For example, a man who works with a shovel is known in the fraternity of 'working stiffs' as a 'mucker'; the man who drives a team is a 'skinner'; one who tramps ties on the railroad is a 'gandy-dancer.'

"In the winter the tramps flock to the big cities. They manage in some cases to make $50 last a long while, for they know where they can get three doughnuts and a cup of coffee for 5 cents and lodging for 10 cents,—if in the morning they will sweep off the floor they slept on. You will find 300 men on the floor of one of the popular Chicago 'flop houses' in the winter, though in the summer the same place will be nearly empty.

"Where are the men in the summer? Many, of course, are engaged in seasonal occupations. The idle ones are often gathered at the 'jungles,' which is an institution in Hobohemia like the fashionable club in another stratum of society. The men select for their camps a shady place, near enough to town for an occasional handout and far enough from town to seem secure from the 'bulls' or constables. They build shacks of wood or roofing-tin or whatever material they find handy; I have seen very good shacks built of ripped-up oil cans.

Tabulates 402 Cases.

"Last summer I tramped through Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, covering 300 miles. I talked to some 2,000 wanderers, and tabulated 402 cases. I had slashed my vest to carry my index cards; only one man noticed the slashes and the slight bulges; he asked me if I was an organizer for the 'Wobblies.' I said no, and that was all."

No man ever sinks too low "to retain some spark of self-respect," according to Mr. Anderson.

"Many take to the road or the city streets because they are physically incapacitated and therefore dependent, and they feel that they are unwelcome incumbrances upon their families.

"Many are the dodges employed to get means of subsistence. One man addresses a street corner crowd thus, 'I am different from the rest of youse stiffs. I want to get enough for a flop tonight; I want to eat today, tomorrow, and the day after. I'll talk to you on any subject you choose.' Then he makes his speech and hands round the hat. Anybody can get up a crowd on West Madison street, for there are always idle men who are glad to listen."

Fifth Week At Cliff Haven

Cliff Haven, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The Catholic Summer School began its fifth week of the 31st session last Monday with a splendid course of lectures. Rev. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P. Editor of the Rosary Magazine is giving a series of five morning lectures at 10 o'clock on "The Dominicans and the Intellectual Crisis of the Medieval Ages."

The Class in Sociology began Monday. This will be a four week's course under the direction of Rev. William J. Kerby, S.T.L., Ph. D. Professor of Sociology in the Catholic University of America. Charles P. Neill, Ph. D. Director N.C. W.C. National Catholic School for Women was scheduled to inaugurate the series of lectures, but due to the pressure of government work he was obliged to withdraw his services. In his place Charles G. Fenwick, Ph. D. is lecturing this week.

The Summer Schoolers packed into the Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday evenings to enjoy the song recitals of Rev. Irving L. Gifford, D. D; of Brockton, Mass.

On Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Katherine Bregy, Litt. D. of Philadelphia held literary conference dealing with American Poets and Recent Irish Drama.

The children on the Summer School grounds were treated to an afternoon of happiness at the Champlain Club recently. All kinds of games were played, together with dancing.

The High Mass Sunday was celebrated by Rev. John Cronin of New York. Rev. Irving L. Gifford preached a sermon on St. Ignatius Loyola as Monday was his feast day. After Benediction in the evening the Family Gathering was held in the Auditorium.

The qualifying round of the golf tournament started Monday morning under fine auspices. The weather was ideal and a large registration was on the books.

The social events of the week include an Alumnae Auxiliary Garden party at the Philadelphia Cottage Monday afternoon; subscription parties for the benefit of the Summer School at the Boston Cottage Tuesday afternoon and at the Algonquin Cottage Thursday afternoon.

Archbishop Hayes Eulogizes Bishop Grimes of Syracuse

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Archbishop Hayes pronounced the eulogy over Bishop John Grimes, of Syracuse, at the Cathedral to-day, after a funeral mass lasting two hours and a half, attended by a score of prelates and more than 300 priests, monastics and religieuse. Bishop Grimes was not only a good man and churchman but an outstanding American in his sphere, the archbishop said.

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The Friendly Path — By Walter I. Robinson

BE FRANK.

IT ALWAYS pays to be frank.

But it is just as important that one be frank with himself as with others. Too many are unappreciative of the privilege of having others help bear their burdens. If they recognized the happiness and benefit which is certain to come through a frank statement of the true conditions which cause them worry, a great many would gladly face the world openly and find it always anxious to help them through rough pathways.

Stevenson, doubtless, had this in mind when he declared:

"If we find but one to whom we can speak our hearts freely, with whom we can walk in love and simplicity, without dissimulation, we have no ground for quarrels with the world or with God."

It is doubtful if anyone—regardless of their position socially and financially—is without one sincere friend or more in whom he can place absolute confidence. To such friends there is certain to come a feeling of sympathy for those they love in event they are familiar with the problems causing unhappiness and pain. If everyone, when in trouble, would go to such friends and frankly state their position and the difficulties with which they are faced, it is more than probable that the response would be immediate and sure. But, by evasion, indifference and deceit, no one is likely to gain the sympathy and aid of those who can do most to make their burdens light.

It is folly to go about constantly complaining and making life miserable for oneself as well as everyone with whom he comes in contact. Most of the difficulties are of each individual's own making and the remedy rests almost entirely with the individual who suffers or thinks he does. But there are times in every one's life when he needs and deserves the comforting sympathy and aid of friends. And it is at such time that no one should hesitate to come out in the open and request the helpful co-operation required. But at such times lack of frankness is a serious handicap to the working out of plans which will clear the pathways of disturbing worry.

No one is perfect. True friends will forgive missteps and help one to follow the happy path. But little help can come when one lacks frankness with himself and those whose aid he

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YOUR HAND

How to Read Your Characteristics and Tendencies—the Capabilities or Weaknesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm.

A BUSINESS PERSON'S HAND

WOULD you succeed in business? Study your hand carefully, and note whether the palm, the fingers, the mounts, the lines, etc., bear the indications which have been found, through study, to make the hand of the successful man or woman of business.

In the first place, the hand should be of good size, and inclined toward squareness, as indicating practicality of mind. Next, the consistency of the hand should be firm, as showing energy.

The top phalanx or division of the thumb should be large and well-shaped, for this indicates good will-power, which is so necessary if one is to win success in the world of affairs. Reason and logic, also necessary qualities in business, show themselves in a well-shaped second phalanx of the thumb. Then turn to the finger of Apollo, the third or ring finger, and note whether the middle phalanx is long and well-shaped. If so, it indicates a love of work, which leads, of course, to success.

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A friend in need is a friend you ought to avoid until he quits being that way.

Methylated spirit was recently sold by a Liverpool chemist at a profit of 415 per cent.

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"SCHOONER"

THE word "schoon," which came over with the Dutch from Holland, was used for many years in New York and in New England as a term to denote the peculiar movement of stones or flat pebbles when skipped along the water, and it is from this that we derive the word "schooner" as applied to a certain type of sailing vessel.

The first schooner ever constructed is said to have been built in Gloucester, Mass., about 1713, by Capt. Andrew Robinson. The boat was laid out along novel lines, in order to produce a maximum of speed and she naturally rested on the water, rather than in it. Hardly had the sails been set for the trial trip, than a bystander cried out, "Oh look how she scoons along!"—meaning that the craft hardly seemed to touch the waves, but skimmed along on the surface. Robinson instantly replied: "A scooner she is!" and, from that time to this, vessels thus masted and rigged have gone by this name, though an "h" has been inserted as the third letter.

The use of the same word in ante-prohibition days to designate a large glass of beer is more difficult to trace, but it probably had its origin in the foam on the top of the glass—a substance which appeared to be analagous to the white-caps of the ocean, for certainly no one would try to "scoon" a "schooner of beer" over the water!

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Charged Woman for Hysterics in Office

After sitting calmly by while his client, Mrs. Violet Bromberg, went into alleged hysterics, William V. Tyler, attorney, of Chicago, thought he ought to charge her something for the use of his office for the outburst. Accordingly, on Mrs. Bromberg's bill appeared the items: "For calling at office for one hour and one-half, $10; for becoming hysterical, $10."

Mrs. Bromberg took the bill to Judge Gemmill. He characterized the charge as "scandalous" and threatened to carry Tyler's tactics to the bar association. The "hysteria charge" will remain unpaid.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

LAUGHTER

OF COURSE I laugh when troubles rise.
To turn my hopes to chaff,
For I am old, and fairly wise,
And know when darkened are my skies,
And scalding tears suffuse my eyes,
Then is the time to laugh,
And keep the woes that round me spin
From striking in.

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Bear This in Mind, Ladies.

"You are not afraid of the lady candidate?"

"No," said the experienced politician. "For years she has been socially superior in these parts and has made some pretensions to being highbrowed. I have the men lined up and she has enough enemies among the woman folks to make my election a certainty."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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