

PLEASANT VOICE AN ASSET

Too Many Think Little of Gift for Which No One Can Be Too Thankful.

To speak correctly—in the grammatical sense—is an asset. To be able to speak fluently, with an absence of "er" and "um," is another asset.

And the greatest asset of all is to have a pleasant voice. Possessing that, grammatical slips and lack of fluency can, in moderation, be overlooked.

Some of us have inherited a pleasant voice, and for the gift we ought to be supremely thankful. But not all keep it. The gift is frittered away.

The pleasant tone departs. The habit of grumbling also affects the voice. The cult of disagreeableness does the same.

Remember that the refrain, "It's not exactly what he says; it's the nasty way he says it!" is particularly true.

FORGOT THEIR OLD ENMITY

Dinner Brought About Complete Reconciliation Between Disraeli and One-Time Opponent.

An interesting instance of a dinner of reconciliation between those estranged in politics was that at which Disraeli and Lord Carrington buried the hatchet in London, in 1832.

The completeness of the reconciliation may be judged by some extracts from Disraeli's diary, remarks the Detroit News.

Privileged Mendicants.

Blue gowns, or Beadsmen, was an order of privileged mendicants of Scotland, of which the latest trace did not expire till 1863.

The usage, which had its origin in the ancient practice of vicarious prayer, resolved itself into a public charity, of which the sources were forgotten, and in 1833 60 Beadsmen were on the roll.

Famous Tree in Park.

General Grant National park, in California, is but six miles from Sequoia by good road. It became a national park in 1890 to preserve the celebrated General Grant tree, the second in size and age in the world.

The Desire to Excel.

The desire of excellence is the necessary attribute of those who excel. We work little for a thing unless we wish for it. But we cannot of ourselves estimate the degree of our success in what we strive for; that task is left for others.

Why Worry?

The Astor station master of a small village near Edinburgh found one night a fellow countryman standing anxiously smoking, with his feet half over the edge of the "up" platform.

"Do you know that the Edinburgh express is passing here directly at 10 o'clock?" said the station master.

The other slowly turned his head and looking the pipe out of his mouth, replied: "I've a pretty good reason for your worry."

ONLY SEEMINGLY IN HURRY

New Yorkers Not Really in the Race to Rush Which Their Actions Seem to Indicate.

There is a myth that New Yorkers are always in a hurry, remarks the Times of that city. Visiting students of the national character and customs from abroad and tourists from far-away states are accustomed to credit the New York resident with attaining the nearest approach to perpetual motion the world knows.

They stop and chat for half an hour with a chance acquaintance; they linger, as long as it lasts, to hear the quarrel between the separated husband and wife; they watch a sidewalk or doorway trap game; they block the entrance to the drug store into which a fainting woman has been carried; they hang over the taxi driver putting on a new tire; they press their noses against the window behind which the unnatural blond is demonstrating a new necktie holder; they crowd around the policeman and the chauffeur who has violated the traffic rules; they watch a fight between two boys; they follow any queerly acting persons for blocks; they envelop the victim of an accident so thickly that no air can reach him.

ROME HAD HOUSING PROBLEM

Disputes Led Caesar to Promulgate a Drastic Law in the Interest of the Tenant.

The housing question seems to have been acute at times in ancient Rome, and disputes between landlords and tenants frequent. Researches show that in about 150 B. C. a senator of Rome appealed to the courts against his landlord, who had demanded of him 6,000 sesterces a year—say \$300—for a house which had been rented at only half that sum.

Crassus, long famous for his wealth, made much of his fortune through the building of houses which he rented by the year. He had trouble with the courts when he tried to make a conscript father pay 15,000 sesterces for an elegant bachelor's apartment.

"Dexterity" of Marc Antony.

It would be very tedious and trifling to recount all his (Antony's) follies, but his fishing must not be forgot. He went out one day to angle with Cleopatra, and being so unfortunate as to catch nothing in the presence of his mistress, he was very much vexed, and gave secret orders to the fishermen to dive under water and put fishes that had been fresh taken upon his hook. After he had drawn up two of three, Cleopatra perceived the trick; she pretended, however, to be surprised at his good fortune and dexterity, told it to all her friends and invited them to come and see him fish the next day.

Causes That Produce Dreams.

Many dreams are due to physical stimuli and surroundings—a curtain flapping in the wind near the bed, covering that is too heavy, a lump in the mattresses, noises in the street, etc. Other dreams are due to internal conditions such as dreams of illness. It often occurs that a man who does not know he has anything wrong with him will dream of being very ill and in a few days become ill of the same ailment of which he dreamed.

All Cut Up.

"I have been up and down the world a great deal," observed a knowing young man in a certain southern town, "and mixed with all kinds of people, and I have mighty little faith in preachers or any other kind of reformers. People are all alike. I know them I've cut my teeth."

Among those present happened to be an old Quaker, who remarked to the blase young person: "These doesn't seem to have cut thy wisdom teeth yet."

For the Sake of Peace.

Visitor—So you practice your music lesson an hour every day, Willie. Do you like to do it.

Willie—No, I must do it to keep peace in the family.

Archbishop Hayes Accepts Office In Converts League

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, June 23.—His Grace, the Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York, has accepted the office of honorary president of the New York branch of the National Catholic Converts' League. Louis H. Wetmore, Secretary of the League, called on His Grace recently and asked the Archbishop if he would accept the position of Honorary President. His Grace accepted the office and expressed his interest in and approval of the work of the League.

The Converts' League has been in existence many years, the agricultural industry a commission has been holding an investigation for some months past. It has issued interim recommendations dealing with butter, eggs and tobacco. One of the general findings of the commission is that "Unless it is radically amended and improved the whole future of the Irish dairy industry is threatened."

Following Archbishop Hayes' acceptance of the office of honorary president, the Right Rev. John J. Dunne, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, has consented to become honorary vice-president of the League.

At a recent meeting of the League at which Archbishop Hayes, was present he spoke as follows about the Catholic converts' League:

"I shall go away tonight edified and instructed, as I have always been edified and instructed by the lectures I have heard at meetings of the Catholic Converts' League. It is leaving the door open to those who will come in and try to find the truth. I am very pleased with the work it has done in the diocese and the intelligent manner in which the League's work has been handled, its lectures conducted, and the effects of its labors. The Converts' League fills a distinct gap in Catholic life."

There are branches of the League in Denver, Colo., Buffalo, N. Y., Los Angeles, Cal., Washington, D. C., and other cities.

Detroit Seminary Cornerstone Laid

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Detroit, June 22.—The laying of the cornerstone of the new Sacred Heart Seminary here was carried out with a full observance of the ritual of the Church governing such services. The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit, officiated and blessed the stone, and the Right Rev. Joseph Schrems, Bishop of Cleveland, delivered the sermon.

A guard of honor of 600 Knights of St. John and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus attended the officiating prelates. More than 150 priests and 200 Sisters representing various religious communities, were present. The seminary choir of 150 voices provided music for the occasion.

"The Gift" Wins Play Prize Offered By Madison, Wis., Club

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Madison, Wis., June 25.—Miss Marie Foley of Suffern, N. Y., has been announced as winner of the first prize in the competition held under the auspices of the Catholic Women's Club of Madison, Wis., for the best one-act play. "Catholic in theme and atmosphere." The prize-winning play was called "The Gift."

"The Collar of Gold" by Miss Ellen Welch Carriere of Aberdeen, S. D., was awarded second prize. Sixty-five dollars, respectively, were given the prize-winners.

Honorable mention was made of "Four Sticks of Dynamite" by Mary L. O'Callahan, of Chicago, Ill., and "The Christmas Gift" by J. R. Clemons of Webster Groves, Mo. About one hundred manuscripts were submitted, coming from every state in the Union as well as Canada and Europe. As a result of the competition many of the plays will be available for presentation by Catholic groups.

Ireland Is Likely To Revive Tobacco Growing Industry

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, June 16.—In order to ascertain how best to promote the agricultural industry a commission has been holding an investigation for some months past. It has issued interim recommendations dealing with butter, eggs and tobacco. One of the general findings of the commission is that "Unless it is radically amended and improved the whole future of the Irish dairy industry is threatened."

After close consideration the Commission drafted a scheme for the establishment of a government brand of creamery butter under conditions designed to secure a high standard of quality and purity. The licensing of shippers was recommended so that eggs could be readily traced.

Owing to the condition in which they had been packed and shipped eggs of the highest quality frequently failed to realize their true value in the British market.

True to the early part of the nineteenth century tobacco had been successfully cultivated in Ireland. Its cultivation was then prohibited by the British government. A few years ago the prohibition was withdrawn and tobacco was again grown by a number of country gentlemen who were licensed as experimenters. These experiments proved that the climate is suitable for the growing of certain kinds of tobacco. The heavy excise duties made the cultivation of the plant unremunerative to the growers.

The agricultural commission reported that growing on 2,500 acres or so would be commercially practicable if sufficient inducement were provided to the grower by way of lower retail prices, or to the manufacturers by way of government aid to enable them to make profitable use of the home grown leaf in mixture. The commission recommended a total remission of the excise duty on the home grown leaf and that the grower should be relieved of all excise restrictions and regulations which at present interfered with the successful cultivation of the crop.

White Population Is Almost Half Foreign Born, Report Shows

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Chicago, June 25.—Mission work in the United States is carried on in 19 different languages by the Methodist Episcopal church, according to a report made here this week by Dr. D. D. Forsyth, corresponding secretary of the board of home missions and extension.

"Almost half the white population is foreign born or of foreign parentage," says the report. Every language of Europe and most of those of Asia are spoken.

"The Portuguese dominate Cape Cod, the Russians several countries of North Dakota, wheat fields of the northwest are harvested by Scandinavians and Germans; Japanese and Chinese are found by thousands on the Pacific Coast; Slavs and southern Europeans are crowding the industrial centers on the Great Lakes; Italians, Slavs, Austrians, Finns, Mexicans and Russians are found in the mines and in the industrial centers."

DEATHS

McMonigal—Sarah McMonigal, died June 23 at 236 Anderson avenue. Funeral June 26 from Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Smith—Mrs. Margaret T. Smith, died June 23 at 15 Beverly street. Funeral June 27 from St. Joseph's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Lynch—Mrs. Margaret Lynch, died June 25. Funeral June 28 at No. 16 Russell street and at 9 o'clock from the Blessed Sacrament Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Leonard—Mrs. Sarah Leonard, died June 24 at 99 Prince street. Funeral June 26 from Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Murphy—James J. Murphy, died June 23 at St. Mary's Hospital, in Orange, N. J. Funeral June 27 from the family home at 578 Grand avenue and at 9 o'clock at Corpus Christi Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Streb—Mary Wiegand Streb, died June 25, at 36 University avenue, aged 34 years. Funeral June 28 from St. Joseph's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Beierwalters—Helen L. Beierwalters, died June 24 at Rochester General Hospital, aged 87 years. Funeral June 27, from No. 43 Queen street and at 9 o'clock at Holy Redeemer Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Armstrong—Catharine L. Armstrong, died June 26 at No. 441 Alexander street. Funeral June 29 from Corpus Christi Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Donnelly—Catherine Donnelly, died June 25, aged 50 years. Funeral June 28 from No. 359 Murray street and at 9 o'clock at Holy Apostles Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Friedman—Louise Friedman, died June 25 at 57 Massett street, aged 82 years. Funeral June 28 from Holy Family Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Lyons—Bridget Lyons, died June 26 at 49 Priem street, aged 70 years. Funeral June 28 from St. Mary's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Vollmer—Mary Vollmer, died June 25 at Clay road, Henrietta, aged 64 years. Funeral June 28 at St. Boniface Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

O'Dea—Harriett Anna O'Dea, died June 26 at 260 Scio street, aged 8 years. Funeral June 28 from Corpus Christi Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Yerger—John Yerger, died June 26 at Gainesville, N. Y. Funeral from No. 396 Seward street and at 8:30 at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Howe—J. Henry Howe, died June 27 at 277 Barrington street. Funeral June 30 from Corpus Christi Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Shaw—Anna Schuster Shaw, of No. 236 Clinton avenue North, died June 28 at Rochester General Hospital. Funeral June 30 from St. Joseph's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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