

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

The shadow of suspicion has thrown many a man in the shade.

One of the commonest virtues is honesty that has never been tried out.

You never can tell. Lots of excuses are not worth the trouble it takes to make them.

"There's no place like home," says the suburban Sage, "to the man who hasn't any."

The devil doesn't care how often we go to church on Sunday if he can get us the rest of the week.

Never compliment a woman on being graceful till you have seen her alight from a trolley car.

It's too bad the fellow who is his own worst enemy is so adverse to making friends with himself.

The man who looks down on his neighbor is very much surprised when he finds that they don't look up to him.

The cynical Bachelor observes that love is a case of two souls with but a single hammock, two hearts that come a-knump.

Tommy—"Pop, what is an idealist?" Tommy's Pop—"An idealist, my son, is a very young man who thinks all women are angels."

Mrs. Muggins—"I know your husband plays the piano, but doesn't he ever break into song?" Mrs. Muggins—"Only when he can't find the key."

FARM JOURNAL SAYS:

Unless you happen to be Opportunity herself, don't knock.

The most helpless thing in the world is capital without brains.

The beehive is the poorest thing in the world to fall back on.

"Please pass the butter," as the man remarked when he sent his goat by rail.

The most that you will get out of a poorly arranged barn is plenty of excitement.

Believe everything that is told you by tree stumps. That is a good way to get fooled.

If you have money to invest, consult your banker. It is to his interest to keep you prosperous.

If the boy gets his politics from his mother and his religion from his father, he is pretty safe.

Uctie Levi Zink expresses the opinion that an optimist is a girl who can eat a raw onion and think no one but herself knows it.

The best parent of a baby is the one who is not afraid to hear it cry, if it is crying for what it does not need and what is not good for it.

No food should go into the stomach in chunks. The saliva should be incorporated with the food to insure perfect digestion and good health. Chew your victuals and eschew medicine.

RANDOM REMARKS

Life without reading would be longer indeed.—Sir Michael Sadler.

With is reason with the courage of his convictions.—Bishop of Derby.

Excessive tea-drinking accounts for many of the irritability of modern women.—Dr. O. Webb Johnson.

The mysterious thing called mental energy is the basis of success in every walk of life.—Lord Riddell.

Nothing is too high for any young man of ability to achieve, if he makes up his mind. The question is, will he pay the price?—Lord Leverhulme.

I was asked what was most characteristic of the good side of the world, I should be tempted to reply "the discovery of youth."—George C. Burdick.

SEMS OF THOUGHT

It is the most important rule of politeness of manners is an absolute abstinence in regard to yourself.—D. H. Aspery.

It is the mind that makes the body great. It is the soul that breathes through the nostrils, so honor peereth in the nostrils.—Shakespeare.

Who would go to heaven with half the love they put forth to go to hell, they would but venture their industry in the right way.—Ben Johnson.

Nothing is so great an instance of generosity as flattery. If you flatter the company, you please none; if you flatter only one of two, you offend the rest.—Swift.

TRUISMS

Every day is Sunday to the miser.

Money always wears a big nose.

There are not used in the world.

A Man and His Mirth

By ANNE WHITFIELD

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The sailing boats were coming into Grand bay. Four months they had been at sea, hunting the harp and hoods all the way up the rocky, ice-bound shore of Labrador. They were coming in laden with pelts.

Old Henri Bedard counted them through his glasses from the top of the cliff. Twenty—that was right! No, only nineteen! Was it nineteen or twenty? If it were nineteen that meant tragedy, never far from those sealers' lives. He could not discern clearly, and went on counting.

Along the shore, and by the edge of the tiny pier, those who had stayed at home shook their heads at one another.

"What will Georges Racine do when he hears that his brother Pierre has married the girl he was engaged to?" "Will he try to kill him?" "He, they are very well matched, that pair. It would be bull against ball."

Marie Racine, the bride, who had turned from the one brother to the other after her first lover's departure on the sealing voyage, sat at the door of her cottage, trembling. She loved her husband, but she had always been terribly afraid of Georges. That was why she had got engaged to him. Georges had demanded that they be engaged, and she had not had the strength to refuse him. Besides, Georges had dominated her, as he dominated every one in the port, by his mental and physical prowess.

"What would Georges do? The watchers pictured his elemental wrath, the furious fight that would ensue, though it would be too late. Too late to unjoin those whom the priest had joined. But Marie trembled.

"Take thy revolver or thy knife, dear Pierre," she begged. "But not to hurt him, only to protect thyself."

"Ho, I am not afraid of Georges!" boasted Pierre, as he swaggered out of his cottage toward the wharf. "I am as good a man as he is—better, else thou hadst not married me—eh, little Marie!"

Eh, kissed her noisily.

"Perhaps that plan is better," sobbed the bride. "But it will be terrible to face him."

"Ho, there will be no need for thee to face him!" answered her husband. "If he is much as casts a black look at thee or me I shall hammer him into pulped wood with my fist."

Marie looked in admiration after the stalwart figure of her husband as he swaggered along the sandy road toward the pier. He passed toward the pierhead, and the crowd, watching the boats, turned their heads and said: "Here comes Pierre Racine."

"What will happen when they meet? Would it not be better to send for the cure?"

"No, let them fight it out."

"Suppose they kill each other?"

"That can hardly be. If they have knives, we must disarm them. Bad blood gets worse by keeping; let them fight it out and be friends."

"That they will never be. Both brothers loved the girl almost to madness."

They listened to Pierre, who was boasting, perhaps because he was secretly uneasy, and wished to keep up his spirits. "Friends, I have nothing but my fists, but I married my wife fairly, and I'll hold her! If my brother Georges so much as casts a black look at me, I'll hammer him into pulped wood."

They looked at him in admiration. There was no one in the village could stand up to either Georges or Pierre.

Pierre roared with laughter. "It will be amusing to watch his face when he learns," he said. "And I shall tell him. I shall say, 'Eh, Georges, dost thou remember the 'little Marie to whom thou wast engaged?' 'Well?' he replies. 'And now she is married.' 'Married? Show me the dog.' 'It is I, Georges. That is all. And, as I said, it will be amusing to watch his face.'"

The sailing boats were quite near now. They came on with the sun shining on their canvas sails, forming in line as they moved up the harbor, each toward its place on the side of the pier. Foremost came the vessel of old Henri Bedard's son, and there was old Henri, waiting to meet it.

The sails came down, the ships were almost alongside. Voices exchanged hallo. Pierre Racine stood near the head of the pier, scanning to find his brother's ship.

"Eh," croaked old Henri, "there are nineteen of you, not twenty. Who is missing?"

"Eh, yes, to pulped wood, if he interferes with me. I shall tell him," Pierre declaimed among his cronies.

Some one was shouting, "Eh?" The crowd suddenly grew silent. "Georges Racine's ship. Lost in the ice. Georges and his boy. Eh, there would be no fight after all. It was lucky Georges had not left Marie a widow."

Pierre stopped in the midst of his bragging and stammered homeward. It was almost as if Georges had beaten him after all.

Strategic Sentiment.

"When Josh went to school," remarked Farmer Cornquest. "I gave him a fountain pen and made him promise to use it every time he wrote to us dear old folks at home."

"That was nice and sentimental."

"Kind of practical, too. That fountain pen'll be wore out in a week, or so, but then Josh is goin' to find it slow, 'n' troublesome to write home for new funds."—Washington Star.

GROWTH OF THE ELEMENTS

Phenomenon of Radium Has Given New Weight to Theory Which Was Advanced Years Ago.

It is an old question, "Are the seventy-odd chemical elements neatly elementary, or are they compounded of something still more elementary?" In the light of the discoveries of the last few years about radium one authority recurs to a theory, advocated by him many years ago, that as the planets were evolved out of the original nebula which gave birth to the solar system the chemical elements themselves were also evolved out of something far less complex than themselves. The fact that existing nebulae are very simple in composition, while stars in various stages of development exhibit more and more complexity, until in solidified bodies like the earth, a great number of chemical elements with a myriad of compounds are found, is regarded as strongly supporting this theory. The phenomenon of radium leads to the additional suggestion that as in the development of the heavenly bodies we seem to see the growth of the elements, so in radioactivity we witness their decay.—New York Herald.

Plan of National Capital.

A national commission of which George Washington was a member laid out the District of Columbia to be used as a site for the capital city, which was named for George Washington in spite of his protests. He always referred to it as the "Federal City." The city plan of Washington is very peculiar, many diagonal avenues crossing the checkerboard formed by the intersecting north and south and east and west streets, thus forming numerous circular parks. This plan enables one to approach the capitol and other important buildings by a score of streets and avenues.—New York Herald.

LAND AND SEA

The average ocean depth is 12,000 feet.

The world's land area is 50,265,000 square miles.

The world's water area is 140,235,000 square miles.

The area of the Atlantic ocean is 41,321,000 square miles.

The average height of the land above the sea level is 1,500 feet.

The average depth of the Antarctic ocean is less than 2,000 fathoms.

Evaporation of the oceans would leave a layer of salt 235 feet thick.

According to the most recent calculation, the population of the world is 1,400,000,000.

The approximate area of the continent of North America is 8,300,000 square miles.

The driest place on earth is between the lower falls of the Nile, where rain was never known to fall.

In traveling westward around the world a day is gained at the international date line, in the middle of the Pacific ocean.

The Seven Seas are the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian ocean, Arctic ocean and Antarctic ocean.

THINK

Read what some of the greatest thinkers of the ages have said:

"Thought rules the world."—McCosh.

"Thinking makes the man."—Alcott.

"Thought is the seed of action."—Emerson.

"Thinkers are scarce as gold."—Lavater.

"Thinking, not growth, makes manhood."—Isaac Taylor.

"Learning without thought is labor lost."—Confucius.

"Man by thinking only, becomes truly man."—Pestalozzi.

"Nothing is so practical as thought."—Cecil.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."—Proverbs.

"There is no thought in any mind but it quickly tends to convert itself into a power."—Emerson.

"Some people study all their life, and at their death have learned everything except to think."—Dormerque.

"Why do so many men never amount to anything? Because they don't think."—Edison.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE SEX

Some girls are a delight to the eye and a drug to the mind.

If a woman is pretty she can safely insist on her own imperfections.

No woman is so angelic as to prefer a halo to a hat.

BRITISH LABORER IN LUCK

Old Coin Probably Worth in the Neighborhood of \$1,200 Found by Allotment Worker.

An allotment worker at Sheffield while digging his plot saw what appeared to be a round piece of cardboard, says a London Daily News item. He was surprised to find, however, that it was a silver coin of antique origin, but in a state of good preservation.

At the time he did not make inquiries as to its value, but while in a London shop a few days ago it dropped from some loose change in his hand. A customer in the shop, seeing the coin, offered a pound (\$4.20) for it, which the owner refused.

On returning to Sheffield he made inquiries and found that the coin was a Charles I crown, and it is probably worth 250 pounds, (\$1,200) as in the period when the coin was minted silver was a rare commodity.

There is a possibility of further valuable finds, as the particular allotment lies near to the site of Sheffield castle, which was besieged by the Parliamentary troops in 1646.

The site of this once formidable stronghold in which, at one time, Mary Queen of Scots, was a prisoner, is now called Castle Hill. From time to time coins and other articles have been found, and experts believe there is no doubt that many valuable relics lie in the vicinity of the castle.

A Broadway Idea.

A request by the Broadway Association of New York for "constructive suggestions for the improvement of Broadway" brought forth the idea, brilliant in only one sense, that if a gold figure of Victory, weighing some ten tons, should be erected, it would admirably accomplish the desired purpose. Accompanying this proposal were sent recommendations for guarding this monumental statue, when constructed—also an idea as to where to obtain gold from which to build it. The latter point was readily disposed of by suggesting the utilization of bullion stored in the sub-treasury. Someone took the trouble to figure out that such a statue, at the prevailing rate of gold, would be worth about \$7,500,000.—Christian Science Monitor.

Observed in a Library.

A short man studying Longfellow, a sad looking man reading Gay, a vegetarian sending for Lamb, a dry-looking old codger dipping into Wells, a burglar picking at Locke, a philosopher studying Wordsworth, a swell chap with a Calme, a creditor pleased with Sue, a mechanic calling for a Lever, a man with a grip trying to secure Chambers, a Jew devouring Bacon, a black man trying to get White, a white man trying to get Black, a prosperous-looking man asking for Ade, a young woman getting Gray and Haggard, and a meek little chap getting the Dickens from the librarian.—Boston Transcript.

Auto Displaces Broncho.

In the one-time wild and woolly West, riding the bucking automobile may give way to the honored test of skill in horsemanship—riding the bucking broncho, writes a contributor to Popular Mechanics. For it has been found that a seat on the radiator of a small auto with the wheels off center gives all the thrills of a broncho-busting contest, with an element of novelty. In a recent performance of this sort in California, a saddle was placed on the hood and a prize of \$25 offered for riding two blocks. At ten miles an hour the rider had difficulty, at 15 miles he went off.

THIS COUNTRY OF OURS

There are said to be 53 widows left of the War of 1812.

One out of every 12,000 persons in the United States is murdered annually.

Japanese in the United States now outnumber the Chinese nearly two to one.

The United States produces from two to three billion bushels of corn annually.

The United States lost far more soldiers in the Civil war than in the World war.

Since 1893 the coal miner in this country has worked on an average of 190 days a year.

From 10 to 20 per cent of the value of the annual apple crops of the United States is destroyed by the ravages of insects.

About \$3,000,000 is invested in the raising of silver foxes in captivity in the United States, and about 500 ranches are engaged in the industry.

During the twenty-five years of American occupation of the Philippines the school attendance in the islands has increased from 4,804 to nearly 950,000 pupils.

The United States paid France \$15,000,000 for the Louisiana territory, beginning with the Louisiana purchase in 1803, the United States has acquired territory aggregating 2,387,342 square miles in area at a total cost of \$122,089,769.

PICKED UP

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