

## Philosophy and Flirts

By Winifred Black

**M** STAID college professor has arisen in a horrified community and declares that one thing that was the matter with Harvard students is that they don't flirt enough.

"That," says the staid professor, with oh, such a roguish twinkle in his flicked little eye, "is the reason the Vassar girl isn't just right—she doesn't flirt enough."

Go on with you, professor; arrah now, it's joking ye are, and not one of us can be fooled by it.

Harvard boys don't flirt—well, you go and ask any of the merry, merry maidens in any of the scintillating sextets what they think of a Harvard boy as a giddy flirt—and you may change your opinion, professor.

And as for the Vassar girls. The most outrageous flirt I ever knew in my life was class president at Vassar, and the way she could sit out under the stars and talk soul affinities to a little, knock-knee, Latin professor one evening, and play the banjo and sing "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved" to a Harvard senior the next, was really almost a-startling.

Flirt? Why, any boy or girl worth the name can flirt, and does flirt; that's one of the things they live for.

Take one of those studious, calm-eyed college girls with you on a little party of maiden ladies, professor. She will talk Schopenhauer and your head swims—but you just notice the sudden gleam of some little shiny-haired junior with loud socks and

she'd never gone beyond simple fractions.

It's a matter of temperament.

You can't kill colleges that ever had a curriculum.

I'm glad of it. Aren't you?

## The Different Kinds of Children

By Eleanor E. Cutler

**P**ARENTS engaging in eighty-six different occupations send their boys and girls to their care, but there are not eighty-six different kinds of boys and girls. There are children in whom are bred the traits of over twenty nations; but there are not as many as twenty different kinds of pupils. In fact, as I look them over, I think well of what the little Roosevelt boy said when a lady expressed surprise at the president's sending his son to a public school; she asked him if he didn't meet all sorts of boys there, and he replied: "My father says there's tall boys and short boys, and good boys and bad boys, and there ain't any other kind of boys."

Classification of boys I heartily accept; for girls, I should say, "There are tall girls and short girls, and silly girls and girls with sense, and there aren't any other kind of girls." Even this simple analysis, however, furnishes enough elements of danger in the various associations to which children are thrown in public schools, at the time when they are "first out of hand," as the expression is, and begin to take their own places in the social organism. Their whole training ought to be directed with reference to their ability to maintain themselves in the world as it is organized at the present time. To do this, as Dr. Washington Gladden says in speaking on the education of the people, they "must be fitted to become social integers, not social ciphers, each one trained to be a somebody with a strong personality and opinions of his own, and each able to maintain himself in the struggle as denoted by our statutes."

## DIES OF PELLAGRA

Wilmington Man Succumbs to New Disease—Upsets Mouldy Corn Theory.

Wilmington, N. C., Special.—J. E. Heath, 27 years old, a leading young business man of Waxhaw, Union county, died in a hospital here Friday night of pellagra. Mr. Heath had been ill for a year or more and had consulted eminent specialists a number of times, traveling extensively for the benefit of his health without improvement.

Recently his case was diagnosed as that of pellagra and he was brought to the hospital here for treatment by Dr. Edward Jenner Wood, who has made an exhaustive study of the disease which manifested itself in the case of the young man by discolorations of the skin, soreness of the mouth and accompanying nervous derangements. He was in the advanced stages of the disease upon his arrival here and little hope was held out from the first.

Mr. Heath had never used corn breadstuffs in any form and it is claimed that the case strengthens the theory that the disease is not traceable to that source unless corn is used as an adulterant of wheat flour.

### Pellagra in Maryland.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—Blood of victims of pellagra, the dread disease which, until several months ago, was generally unknown to the layman, was sent to the Johns Hopkins hospital where an analysis will be made. The disease is difficult to diagnose and it is now until the disease is thoroughly inoculated that its nature of the disease is known. Careful analyses will be made by the experts at the hospital in an endeavor to find out the origin of the germs of pellagra, and a cure for the disease. According to the opinion and observation of members of the State board of health, the disease is making inroads in this State. Several cases of the malady have been reported in Charles County, and Dr. Marshall L. Price, secretary of the board, will visit that county this week to ascertain whether the reports are true. Especially rampant has the disease become in North Carolina, according to dispatches.

### Allowed Men to Smoke.

Key West, Fla., Special.—The coroner's jury which investigated the dynamite explosion of last week at Boacchia on the Florida East Coast Railroad, which resulted in the death of twelve men and the wounding of nine others, has rendered a verdict

in favor of the men. The keeping of all sorts of poultry, except pigeons, has likewise been partially restricted.

Siam's natives as students of the Bible are beginning to attract attention, as is indicated by the statement of Vice-Consul-General Hansen, of Bangkok, that 48,000 copies of different parts of the Bible in the Siamese language were sold last year. Mr. Hansen is especially impressed with the fact that the inhabitants of Siam, as a general rule, are eager to see and learn and are very good students.

### Ministers Protest.

Cumberland, Md., Special.—The Cumberland Ministerial Association has filed with the Director of the Census in Washington, a protest against the proposed appointment of John J. Stimp, of Cumberland, as supervisor of the census for the Sixth Congressional district of Maryland, embracing the counties of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Montgomery.

The association met this week and passed a protest which was carried to Washington by one of the members, and filed last week.

### Cabell Sworn In.

Royal E. Cabell, who has been postmaster at Richmond, Va., was Wednesday formally sworn in by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury as commissioner of internal revenue, succeeding John G. Capers, of South Carolina, who relinquished the office Tuesday.

### Blow For Publishers.

Quebec, Special.—A deputation, all of the pulp and paper manufacturers and all of the Canadian owners of rights to cut timber on crown lands in the province of Quebec, have called upon Sir Lomer Gouin, the Premier, and asked the government to prohibit the export of pulp wood to the United States. The Americans, having the right to cut timber on crown lands, did not join. The matter is to be submitted to the cabinet and the indications are that the exportation of pulp wood will be prohibited throughout the Dominion.

### Bandit Holds Up Citizen.

Lewiston, Pa., Special.—A lone highwayman, believed to be the man who robbed the Pennsylvania Railroad train near here several nights ago held up a prominent citizen and his family late Friday afternoon on a public road not far from the place where the train robbery was committed, and it is believed the capture of the bandit is a matter of but a few hours. The man held up was Robert F. Little.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

for supplying 3,487,000,000 postal cards to the Postoffice Department during the four years beginning January 1, 1910, was awarded Tuesday by Postmaster General Hitchcock to the government printing office, which submitted the lowest bid, \$934,717.95. By selecting a stock of lighter but firmer quality, the Postoffice Department expects to provide for the public a better card at less expense to the government. The saving will be effected in the reduced "traveling expenses" of the postal card, because of lighter weight on the various journeys it makes from the time it leaves the manufacturer until it reaches the "ultimate consumer."

The Postmaster General in all probability will change the tint of the card as well as the color of the ink used in printing, in order to make the card more artistic. This, however, has not yet been determined.

The Maryland Steel Company of Sparrow's Point submitted the lowest bid at the Navy Department for constructing the naval collier authorized by the last Congress at a cost not to exceed \$900,000. The company submitted two bids, the lower being \$889,600, the higher bid being 940,200.

Through the State Department, Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop has received \$14,000 from the Panama government, paid by it as money reparation in the cases involving the maltreatment of American naval officers and seamen at the hands of the police of that republic. Of this amount \$5,000 is indemnity in what is known as the cruiser Columbia incident, when several officers in uniform were arrested, locked up and roughly handled in Colon on June 1, 1906. The assault, it is declared, was entirely unprovoked.

One hundred dollars in bills, enclosed between two pieces of pasteboard, was found in an unclaimed letter opened Saturday in the dead letter division of the Postoffice Department. The envelope contained no message or writing of any kind that would disclose the name or address of the sender. The envelope was mailed in Boston to an address in New York, but the person to whom it was addressed could not be found.

Roosters in the District of Columbia have little to crow over. The franchisee is threatening them. The local authorities have started a campaign to put into effect a stringent regulation having in view the banishment of this peace disturber and sleep destroyer. This regulation requires that a person desiring to include a rooster as an adjunct

## MARION HOTEL COLLAPSES

Ten Men Carried Down and Covered in a Mass of Iron, Wood and Masonry—Three Will Probably Die.

Marion, N. C., Special.—With a mighty crash that could be heard for ten blocks the middle wall of the Marion Hotel, in course of erection, gave way about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and practically all of the interior of the building fell five stories, carrying to their probable death: Jim West, white, King's Mountain; Ambrose Stroup, white, Lowell, Gaston county; Jim Ponder, of Rutherfordton. Jack Cecil, of Marion, badly bruised, will recover. Two negroes were slightly injured.

West's skull was crushed, his ribs broken and he sustained other injuries. Stroup's ribs were broken and he suffered serious internal injuries. Ponder's ribs were broken, his head injured and he also received internal injuries.

At the time of the accident ten workmen were on the fifth floor, when without a moment's warning the middle wall of the building gave way and tons of timbers, brick, stone and huge iron girders dashed themselves through lower floors to the cellar, five stories below. The first warning the men had was the breaking of a large timber. They started to run, but the middle wall gave way under a weight of four iron girders weighing tons. Men were pitched headlong through the air, and when found were buried beneath the ruins.

### Holds Up Railroad Train.

Lewistown, Pa., Special.—One of the most audacious and startling hold-ups of a railroad train in the East for years occurred on the eastern slope of the Alleghany mountains early Tuesday when a lone highwayman stopped a Pennsylvania Railroad express with a dynamite cartridge and at the point of a revolver compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars in coin and bullion from an express car to a spot in the wilderness. When the conductor of the train attempted to interfere with the robber's plans he was shot in the hand and the bold bandit succeeded in making good his escape. In the darkness, however, he mistook a bag containing ten thousand new Lincoln pennies for gold coin and staggered away with it, leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered. The highwayman, it is said, took \$5,000 in bullion and \$200 in pennies from the car and all of this has been found along the rails but \$65. The express messenger had two guns at the end of the car, but the robber was be-

## SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

### SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

China and Japan have reached an amicable adjustment of their complications in Manchuria.

New Jersey has a man who has put his theories of practical test, has rid much of the territory of the state of the "soft mud" and if the mud is dried they cannot hatch.

Near Butte, Montana, Tuesday, a grizzly bear carried off a little child of a Mr. Doolittle. He pursued with dogs and gun. The bear dropped the child little hurt, killed one dog and put the other to flight. Mr. Doolittle was thrown from the horse he was riding and had a leg broken, which put him at the mercy of the grizzly which mortally wounded him before rescuers killed the bear.

In Costa Rico in the late presidential election the fight turned from ballots to bullets.

A lone bandit held up an express train Tuesday near Lewistown, Pa., and robbed it of bags of money. When he sent the train away he picked up a bag of Lincoln pennies mistaking it for gold and the gold was recovered. He got very little.

Washington, New York, Chicago and St. Louis are bidding for the world's aviation contest in 1910.

Mrs. Fredrica Bernsheim died in New Orleans the last day of August, lacking only a few months of 100 years old.

The President of France and Mme. Fallieres entertained Mrs. Roosevelt and daughter Miss Ethel, last Tuesday.

A Reading, Pa., dispatch says the present drought is the worst for 50 years.

St. Michael's Home for Children in New York, was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday and seven children under five years old perished in the flames.

Disciples of the "Unknown Tongue" are disappointed at the existence of Tampa, Florida, which according to their prophet, was to have been wiped off the face of the earth on September 1st.

William Michael...

chain gang. All efforts for commutation of sentence to service on penitentiary farm have been rejected by Gov. Brown. He must undergo the penalty.

The Nashville, Tenn., police are worried over many cases of "drunk" from which there is no odor. They can't find out "Howcome you so."

Ten deaths from cholera have occurred recently in Rotterdam. There are 17 cases and 74 suspects.

Two masked men robbed the Mills County German Bank of \$1,500 at Mineola, Iowa, Wednesday in open day.

The steamer Lucania of the Cunard line, which was burned and sunk near Liverpool last week, will probably not be repaired at all.

Mrs. Sutton has obtained permission to have the remains of her son, Lieut. James Sutton, exhumed but she abhors the presence of the officers that she thinks are responsible for her sons death.

Seven deaths from cholera are reported from St. Petersburg and 33 new cases within 24 hours.

Count Zeppelin made a successful sail in his airship Sunday from Friedrichshafen to Berlin. He was enthusiastically applauded.

The total number of victims of the explosion at Boca Chica, near Key West, Fla., was 20, 10 dead and 10 injured. All the injured are in a fair way to recovery except James Gallagher, whose condition is serious. His back is broken and his ribs and chest terribly crushed.

Dispensaries are again open in South Carolina except several counties in dispute. In the counties where the dispensaries were voted out they will remain open till the period allowed for closing out the stock.

The international cup of aviation known also as the Gordon Bennett trophy, was won Saturday at Reims, France by Glenn H. Curtiss, an American aviator, in the fastest aerial journey of 20 kilometers (12.42 miles) ever accomplished by man. His time, 15 minutes 50.55 seconds was only 53.5 seconds faster than that made by Bleriot over the same course.

The cave-in of an old mine did great damage to two blocks of the city of Seranton, Pa., last Sunday. The surface sank from 2 to 8 feet. Many houses were injured and a few ruined. The loss is set at \$300,000.

The Spaniards last week set land mines for the Moores and blew up 100. While engineers were placing more mines in the night the Moores attacked and killed 50 engineers. The Mahdist rebels in Arabia blew up the Turkish barracks and wounded 240 men.

## Signaling to Mars

By William C. Peckham, of Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**T**HE proposition to signal to Mars, made by an astronomer connected with one of our most famous observatories, has received much attention from the daily press and many of those not familiar with astronomy. It seems to the writer that some things have been overlooked which would render the experiment difficult, if not impossible. Since Mars will at opposition be above the horizon of any place only in the night, it will be necessary to provide artificial light for the flashes to him. This in itself will be an enormous undertaking. Yet it can be done.

The atmosphere of the earth is able to absorb 40 percent of sunlight; so that in a clear air only 60 percent of the rays of the lamps can pass beyond our atmosphere, and still less in the vapor-laden evening or night air. The effect of the refraction of the air would be to render indistinct the outline of any object, and thus to confuse the lights.

One professor, not of astronomy, happily, suggests black cloth laid in a pattern on a wide plain. It raises a smile. How can black cloth be seen on a plain in the night? As I said, Mars will be above the horizon only in the night at or near opposition. Hence a Martian will look at the dark side of the earth, and see only its blackness. Seeing black cloth under these circumstances would be like seeing a black man chasing a black cat in a dark cellar. Such a suggestion could not have originated with an astronomer.

Prof. Moulton, in his "Astronomy," page 327, says: "When we see Mars the best, the earth is 'new,' with respect to Mars, and invisible from that direction. The newspaper talk of communication between the earth and Mars by any imaginable means is utter foolishness." The language is strong, but seems to some to be justified.

## The Goad of Poverty

It Is Needed to Drive Genius to Its Consummations

By A. Dembit

**W**E look before and after and pine for what is not." The life of the person earning only a living need not be of the deadening, prosaic sort, even though the work itself may be grinding and ungenial. One must create one's own resources, among which can be diversions both mental and manual. These will stimulate even a halting endeavor and also even a faltering ambition, both crutches of most approved pattern to carry the gifted man up the Olympian palisades. Our friend has been cooking corned beef and cabbage for many decades; now he would prepare dishes fit for the gods. He should have had himself trained in fine cookery twenty-five years ago, but he may yet produce a dish that will astound the world. Such accidents have happened.

The goad for genius and for the gifted is poverty. Think of what poverty has done for the world as a stirrer of energy! In its guise of a boot it has awakened the dreamer, who got on the job and did things. It's poverty that makes the world go round, not money. Some friendly spirits who when young were fond of scribbling are now of considerable wealth. They are enjoying life to the limit. They dine sumptuously nearly every day—some days they're off the provender—but, anyway, with leisure, glad clothes galore, and yachts and automobiles, life with them is one long, sweet paean; but they have produced nothing by which posterity shall rank them with Shakespeare, Wagner, or Raphael, and this fact does not seem to worry them.