

Have you taken 15 minutes off to learn Esperanto?

Dear, dear, when an asbestos plant burns, where does safety lie?

In time to come man may evolve a blunderproof, wreckless railroad.

Paris has thoughtfully relegated the hobble skirt to the museum of horrors.

In the agreement between Korea and Japan the latter did the agreeing for both.

A Long Island milkman mistook a mule for a cow. Moral: One cannot be too careful.

A determination to practise what we preach keeps us from doing too much preaching.

"Kondamnighghin," the cuss word in Esperanto, is ornamental, but too long for practical use.

There ought to be a greater difference between civilization and the merely complicated life.

Men may beat the birds flying but the birds don't have much trouble with their propeller blades.

"A woman-hater has been captured by cookies. More than one man-hater has been won'ty dough.

Europe cannot expect to experience a cholera epidemic and an epidemic of American tourists at the same time.

In the coming sham battle of aeroplanes is the contest to see which crowd of aspirants hurt themselves least?

Washington has displaced the eagle and has made the woodpecker the state bird. This will make Old Baldy red-headed.

Occasional showers are useful, but the weather man should not go away on his vacation and forget to turn them off.

It has been decided that a divorced woman is the widow of her former husband. This classifies husbands with the dead ones.

Married men, according to statistics, are subject to fewer accidents than are single men. Somebody is keeping tabs on their hours.

An Illinois man has patented a safety pin with two points. However, wearers of the gallus are still waiting for the two-headed nail.

It may be marvelous, but it is human that Susie, the pet ape, should refuse chewing gum simply because her teacher tells her to?

The Philadelphia man who was choked to death by a high collar died a death that ought to turn Harry Lehr and Jerry Wall green with envy.

Half a million in counterfeit coin has been recovered by the United States in the past year. Has any one heard of any real money being recovered?

Correspondents are arguing that a lie is occasionally justifiable and a Brooklyn judge decides that dignity is not profane. Being good is becoming easier.

In Paris filet of beef is worth 20 cents a pound and only cheap cuts of horse meat are as low as 20 cents. No wonder they call it "their dear Paris."

The language of the North American Indian and the Japanese contain no cuss words. What a handicap when an aborigine and his driver with a pre-heretic are.

Extra! The discoverer that it is impossible to reach the top of Mt. Everest is wondering how it can induce its people to go to the top of a low road in preference to road at human level.

The language of the King of Persia, who never was killed in a street fight among others in New York, is now in a state that has been and will be a book about American civilization.

It generally will never be found that the life-time law, unless it advances being merely human, civility, civility, the human expression, for example, civility. It is usually found that it does not contain a single cuss word.

England is now figuring on a gas-driven battleship to render useless all vessels of the Dreadnought type. People over there must spend up nights thinking of how ways to spend money.

A Fourth Republic man who went to California to establish a fortune rapidly has just returned with a net worth of \$1 million. The man who probably put in the rest of his days reading all the papers in the country can find and giving to the world.

In the presence of all this wonderful aviation on the other side of the ocean it would seem to be high time for Americans to do a few stunts; or to be so bold that an aeroplane is to have no honor in its own country?

NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT

COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY SAYS COUNTRY ALL RIGHT.

THE WRITER SEES NO CLOUD

Striking Article in North American Review That is Attracting Wide Attention.

The attention of business and professional men in all portions of the country has been attracted to a strikingly strong article by Col. George Harvey in the September issue of the North American Review in which the writer takes a view of the greatest hopefulness for the future of America and Americans. The article is entitled "A Plea for the Conservation of Common Sense," and it is meeting with the cordial approval of business men of all shades of political opinion throughout the entire country. In part, Colonel Harvey says:

"Unquestionably a spirit of unrest dominates the land. But, if it be true that fundamentally the condition of the country is sound, must we necessarily succumb to despondency, avoid effort looking to retrieval and cringe like cravens before clouds that only threaten? Rather ought we not to analyze conditions, search for causes, find the root of the distress, which even now exists only in men's minds, and then, after the American fashion, apply such remedies as seem most likely to produce beneficial results?"

Capital and Labor Not Antagonistic.

"The link that connects labor with capital is not broken but we may not deny that it is less cohesive than it should be or than conditions warrant. Financially, the country is stronger than ever before in its history. Recovery from a panic so severe as that of three years ago was never before so prompt and comparatively complete. The masses are practically free from debt. Money is held by the banks in abundance and rates are low.

"Why, then, does capital pause upon the threshold of investment? The answer, we believe, to be plain. It awaits adjustment of the relations of government to business. . . . The sole problem consists of determining how government can maintain an even balance between aggregations of interests, on the one hand, and the whole people, on the other, protecting the latter against extortion and saving the former from mad assaults.

"The solution is not easy to find for the simple reason that the situation is without precedent. But is not progress being made along sane and cautious lines? . . .

Conserve Common Sense.

"Is not the present, as we have seen, exceptionally secure? What, then, of preparations for the future? Patriotism is the basis of our institutions. And patriotism in the minds of our youth is no longer linked solely with fireworks and deeds of daring. It is taught in our schools. A new course has been added—a course in loyalty. Methodically, our children learn how to vote, how to conduct primaries, conventions and elections, how to discriminate among qualifications of candidates and, finally, how to govern as well as serve. They are taught to despise bribery and all forms of corruption and fraud as treason. Their creed, which they are made to know by heart, is not complex. It is simple, but comprehensive, no less beautiful in action than lofty in aspiration. These are the precepts which are graven upon their memories.

"As it is cowardly for a soldier to run away from battle, so it is cowardly for any citizen not to contribute his share in the well-being of his country. America in my own dear land she nourishes me, and I will love her and do my duty to her, whose child, servant and civil soldier I am.

"As the health and happiness of my body depend upon each muscle and nerve and drop of blood doing its work in its place, so the health and happiness of my country depend upon each citizen doing his work in his place.

"These young citizens are our hostages to fortune. Can we not safely assume that the principles animating their lives will lead to the permanency of the Republic? When before have the foundation stones of continuance been laid with such care and promise of durability?"

"The future, then, is bright. And the present? But one thing is needful. No present movement is more laudable than that which looks to conservation of natural resources. But let us never forget that the great and inherent resource of the American people is Common Sense. Let that be conserved and applied with out cessation, and soon it will be found that all the ills of which we complain but know just of are only such as attend upon the growing pains of a great and beloved country.

He Knows the Game.

According to the Metropolitan Magazine, Fire Chief John Conway of Jersey City, in solving the essential question by the posting of the following printed notice on his desk at his headquarters:

"All requests for leave of absence owing to groundhog, ground, lame back, house cleaning, moving, sore throat, headache, trachetern, coughs, wedding, general indisposition, etc., must be handed to the chief not later than ten o'clock on the morning of the game."

Social Problems Woman Can Elevate Man to Worthy Position

By DR. MADISON C. PETERS

IN THIS age of civilization and progress the intercourse of the sexes is indispensable to the welfare of society at large.

Both must take their places in the ranks and keep abreast and shoulder to shoulder in the march for the cause of humanity.

They have mutual responsibilities and each a part to perform to contribute to the whole and add to the sum total of happiness and progress.

Woman can elevate man to a position worthy of his destiny; man can exercise an influence over woman to those heights of perfection whereon she becomes the exemplar for all to imitate in nobility, goodness and virtue.

Man in return has done much for woman. He has broadened and deepened her outlook on life. She imbibes from him a wider conception of things and a more tolerant view in her ideas and opinions of life. She sees a larger perspective beyond the narrow vista through which she looks when alone.

A story is told of an Italian nobleman who in early life married a beautiful but wicked woman. His life was blighted and he made a vow that he would never have aught to do with womankind again. He had an only son, and the father resolved that this boy should never set eyes upon a woman until he would be a full-grown man and therefore wise enough to take care of himself. The son was shut up in a castle until he was twenty-one and then the father brought him out to a great banquet in honor of the occasion. Many beautiful women were present and as the youth had never seen the sex before he asked:

"Who are these beautiful creatures?"

"They are devils, black-eyed devils," replied the father. "I have had experience with one of their kind and they are dangerous. If you want to be happy keep away from them forever."

At the feast there were other attractions than the women. There were collections of art and priceless treasures. The young man was dazzled, enraptured, so the father, perceiving his delight, said:

"My son, on this your first entrance into the world, what of all things you have seen would you rather have?"

"Father," returned the young man, "I would rather have one of those black-eyed devils than all things else in the world combined."

To those who must spend the summer in the hot city what can supply the vacation element? Brain and body must have rest in some way.

This is my vacation: From my back yard, as I sit there is the evening quiet, I feast my eyes on the vista of green lawn and overhanging trees which spreads before me. Its belonging to my neighbor does not hinder my eyes, feasting on it nor my body's feeling the restful influence of its shade and coolness.

A robin has her nest in a large shrub near my hammock. Can I find loving motherhood and helpless childhood better expressed anywhere?

On the other side of my wee yard is my neighbor's garden of growing corn. I can smell its sweet odor in the dew after it is too dark to see it.

I do not envy the "Honk! honk!" of the automobiles nor my own, nor the sassy "Spit! spit!" of the motorcycles.

At bedtime I am rested mentally and bodily. The contemplation of these things has kept my mind from thinking of business or office cares.

Other evenings my family is with me. Sweet are these little visits when wife and children and I are alone together.

My wife has taught the dear children that this is father's rest time, so a respectful quiet is adhered to, and if father becomes reminiscent and tells stories of his boyhood they are delighted.

There's no way to have a vacation except by going off to the home—your summer resort.

It has always been a mystery to me where the ridicule and "kidding" of the red-headed person originated.

Why are they so sensitive about it? What started the thing, anyway?

If you are red-headed you can go into the backwoods where people live who have never seen a railroad train, and don't know a "hobble skirt" from a bag of potatoes, but if you don't keep quiet they will inform you that you have red hair.

I saw some criticism in one of our magazines of some prominent people and all the flaws they could find in one poor woman was that she was red-headed. Is this a crime? Is it a "has-been" woman to pack it up?

A "maiden lady" recently begged my pardon for mentioning red hair in my presence. I felt like telling her that if she had shown up a little to make the desirable ladies might not have passed her by.

We will try and bear up under the affliction.

Why do so many American women twist their features when talking?

The writer, who hails from another continent originally, but who has been a resident of Chicago for a number of years past, has observed that in the majority of instances women here express their feelings almost as much by facial expression as by actual speech.

It does not seem to matter who or what they may be—rich, poor, invalids, athletes, modest violets or jolly girls, home grown or imported—they all seem to get the habit. Is it the climate or what?

Origin of Ridicule for Red Headed People By CAROLINE EPHRAIMS Baltimore

Women Make Many Grimaces While Talking By W. R. NIETSPÉ Chicago



How to Enjoy One's Summer Vacation By JAMIE WARD

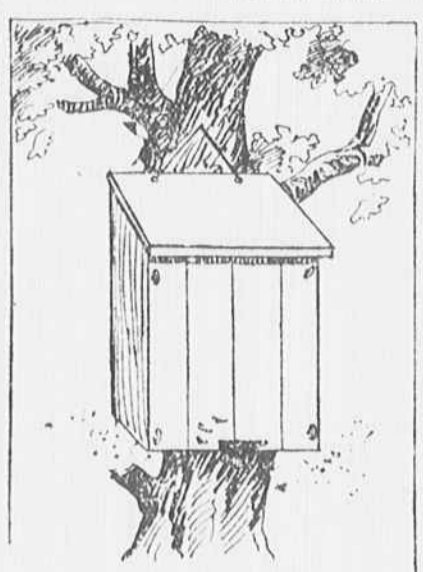


SECRETS OF HONEY BUSINESS

Bees Will Store Just as Much in Old Box or Washing Machine as in Finest Hive.

Bees will store just as much honey in any kind of an old box, keg or deserted washing machine as in the finest hive that was ever made, and that is one of the big secrets of the bee business; the principal thing is keep the box cool by shading it during the heat of the day, though shade at other times I consider objectionable.

Close to the hive have an abundance of water, some salt and slaked lime, writes A. E. Benney in Farm Press. The best watering device I



A "Tree Box."

know of is a board set at an angle of about twenty degrees with a can or bucket at the high end which leaks just fast enough to keep the board wet a little. The container must be kept covered, else the bees will get in and drown.

Secret No. 2. Do not molest the bees after they get to work, and give them an abundance of room in which to store honey—2,000 to 3,000 cubic inches is not too much.

No. 3. Bees will sting, for they are built that way. The remedy is to wear veil and gloves until you get to like having the little dears prod you.

Take an old box of about 2,000 cubic inches capacity and across one end fasten a dozen sticks the size of your finger, nailing into the ends of them through the sides of the box. Clean the cover boards together, cut a hole one half by six inches in the lower end and fasten it on with screws. Now tie a wire loop in the top of the box to hang it up by and you have what I call a "tree box." With several of them, which cost me just 15 cents, I got honey enough to sell for \$100. But I sorted it carefully, putting the clean white comb into jars (Mason's), and selling it for 15 cents a pound. The rest of the honey I strained and put in jolly tumblers, Mason jars and tin (galvan) cans and it averaged me 11 1/2 cents a pound. Labels can be bought at a low price which add in selling. At the end of the season I had besides the honey several swarms of bees and could have had more.

Long Churning.

The principal causes for long churning are here given in the Montana experiment station bulletin, and possibly those interested may find out what is wrong by comparison with these different causes:

- 1. Cream may be too cold.
2. Cream may be from "strippers."
3. Cream may be too thin.
4. Cream may be too thick, and thus whip up into a lather when the churning commences, and by sticking on the side of the churn is not really churning, even if the churn is revolving.
5. Churn may be too full.
6. Churn may be churning too fast and thus carry the cream right around with the churn.
Of course, there are bacterial infections that will cause slow churning, but I would hardly suppose that you would be bothered to that extent. Probably in looking over your work some of these causes may give you a clue.

Bees and Cucumbers.

A correspondent of one of the leading bee journals is authority for the statement that more than 100 growers of hot-house cucumbers in Massachusetts have found it necessary to keep bees in their buildings to "scout" or fanify the cucumbers. Over 1,000 colonies are now being used in this way and in most cases it has been found necessary to replace these colonies each year. This has created a steady demand for bees, and the benefits derived have been so apparent that this demand promises to grow. At present, however, an earnest effort is being made to determine if possible, why colonies thus kept in hot-houses are short lived, since the necessity of replacing them almost yearly is not only very expensive but seems a great sacrifice of the industrious little insects.

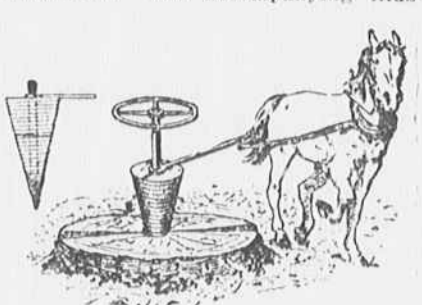
Good Pastures.

Shade from the hot sun and pure water are as essential to good pastures as plenty of grass.

STUMP SPLITTER IS

Old Method of Using Wedge mite Improved Upon by Large Conical Screw.

The usual method of removing stumps of trees from the ground is to split them by the use of a wedge or a blast of dynamite, says Scientific American. The accompanying illustration shows a new method. It consists in screwing a wedge into the top of the stump. The wedge is in reality a large conical screw, provided at its lower end with a fine thread used for starting the cone into the wood. The shaft of the screw is provided with a hand wheel, by which it may be steadied and turned. Extending laterally from the shaft is a long arm, at the end of which a whiffletree is coupled. A horse may be hitched to the whiffletree, to turn the shaft and screw the cone into the stump. When the stump is too large for the threaded cone on the shaft to split effectively, another cone section may be added. After the stump has been split by means of the cone into a number of small parts these parts can easily be excavated and removed.



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POTATOES WERE LEFT OVER

Seed Remained in Ground All Winter and Produced Strong, Vigorous Plants.

Sometimes potatoes left in the ground over winter will produce good crops the following year. Of course such instances are rare and are not easily accounted for. The photograph



Left-Over Potatoes.

from which the accompanying cut was made was sent by a man living at Stamford, Conn. He says this hill was from seed which remained in the ground all winter and grew strong, vigorous plants the next spring. The ground had been heavily fertilized for rhubarb.



FARM NOTES

The application of lime to cabbage soil is highly recommended.

Thin the early endives and keep the cultivation going between the rows.

Bee hives should be made so that they can be opened without jarring them.

Stirring honey unnecessarily causes it to candy sooner than it otherwise would.

Avoid breaking or treading on the vines when gathering cucumbers or melons.

The best way to combat the Hessian fly, is to seed the wheat fields as late as possible.

On the same day that the plowing is done the harrow or packer should follow the plow.

The cool days of middle autumn afford the best time of the year to paint the farm buildings.

Eat the string beans while they are crisp. Take a dish of them over the neighbor who has none.

One hundred pounds of nitrate of soda per acre will help shove late cabbages along wonderfully.

The queen bee lives to an age of four years or more, but the workers live for only about forty days.

Keep the potato vines off the ground. They are the "tomato-worms"; they are easy, found and killed.

If you want to enrich your soil cheaply, sow a cover crop as fast as the ground is vacated by vegetable.

Hoar or cultivate cabbages, and growing crops, often, at least or in ten days, and especially after rain.

Close stopping of fruiting cucumbers is necessary or a lot of useless wood and foliage will be made. Young plants, of course, will need more free dom.

Growing Cedar Trees.

A farmer in Tennessee has 25 acres planted to cedar, which is grown for the sole purpose of making lead pencils. The trees grow very rapidly and are cultivated like any other crop.