

**Its Imagined to**

**Amend for Ugliness**

An English writer tells how being in a theater with a foreigner he asked him the inevitable question as to what he thought of London. "I never saw so many ugly people in my life," was the startling reply. On looking about him the writer felt that the reply of the foreigner was not far astray.

From this he inquires as to why it is that in a country blessed with pretty children there should grow up such unattractive adults, and he concludes that civilization is doing something to the race—something undesirable, unless we are to assume that ugly people are brainier than handsome ones.

This every handsome man and woman among us will hasten to deny. The fact is, no doubt, that when a person is ugly something has to be said to commend him to our acquaintances, so they are hastily assured that this person they are about to meet, while he does not look well, is really quite an unusual person and highly gifted. One statement like that about a man may keep him going for years, for others repeat it. All he needs do is refrain from showing that he is without gifts of any sort.

**Declares Music Cure for Mental Trouble**

A medical journal has recently announced the results of some experiments made to ascertain the relation of music and medicine.

One curious piece of news obtained is that if a lively air is played on a harp or mandolin, a man's tired muscles regain their original vigor. The music of a violoncello, on the other hand, has a precisely opposite effect, in temporarily lessening the usual strength and vitality of the hearer.

In nervous and impressionable people, sad music in a minor key, such as Chopin's "Funeral March," actually weakens the pulse and makes the beating of the heart feebler and more irregular.

An American doctor stated not long ago that almost every mental trouble could be cured by suitable selections of classical music regularly administered. Jealousy, grief, overwork, homicidal mania, nervous breakdown, all had their corresponding air.

**Pleasure in Garden**

The squirrels and nuthatches are a continual amusement to watch: I love to see the nuthatch come to a cocoon which is filled with a mixture of hemp seeds and nuts; he eats his fill of hemp seeds, then selects a nut and flies away with it. One of the squirrels hung himself in the ropes of the cocoon (head downward) one day. Betty (my mother's good Swiss maid) . . . went to the rescue, but he bit her at once. The verandah looks like the border of an illuminated manuscript—with all these pretty creatures among the trellis of monthly roses; the tits too. . . . Certainly, a garden, with its inhabitants of all sorts, is a never-failing happiness and interest to a quiet person like myself.—Janet Catherine Symonds.

**The Substitute**

Little Betty was anxious to own a cat, but her father had a great aversion to them and turned a deaf ear to all her pleadings. He did say, however, that she could have a dog if she could find a nice, well-behaved one that wouldn't bite the baby.

One day while walking with her mother, Betty saw a kitten frisking along beside her.

She turned a wistful face to her mother and said: "Oh, mummy! See! It doesn't seem to belong to anyone! Can't I take it home?"

"But, Betty, daddy says you can have a dog, but not a cat."  
"W-well, mummy, can't we take it home and use it for a dog?"

**Marvelous Precocity**

The precocious infant was being submitted to the psychological tests in order to determine the degree of his genius. He had already picked out numbers, arranged blocks and distinguished colors. Then came the supreme test, the identification of various coins. The investigator tossed a nickel on the floor. The precocious infant bent over it while the proud parents held their breath.

Then the precocious infant winked at his dad and cried exultantly, "Heads!"—Pathfinder Magazine.

**First Evening Schools**

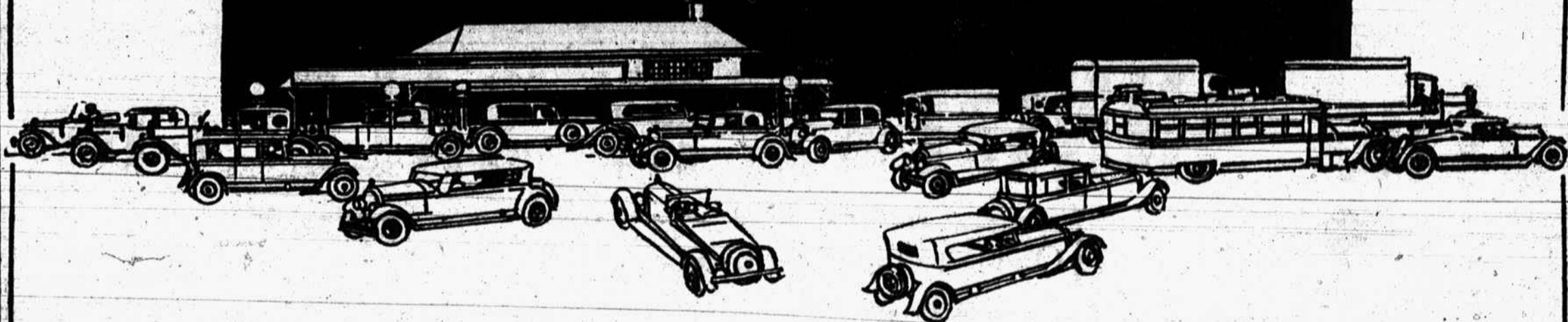
It is impossible to say exactly when evening schools had their origin in America. In a contract made with the schoolmaster of Flatbush, N. Y., in 1682, the evening school is mentioned but it is probable that allusion is made to the afternoon session of the school which began at 1 p. m. It is certain, however, that in 1773 evening schools were conducted as private ventures in Salem, Mass., especially for instruction in the mariner's art, although some poor boys were taught to "cipher and to write."

**View of Friendship**

I have never given much encouragement to friendship; I have done little for my friends, and they have done little for me. One of the ideas which I have so often to cope with is that friendship, as it is generally understood, is an injustice and a blunder, which only allows you to distinguish the good qualities of a single person and ignores those of others who are perhaps more deserving of your sympathy.—Ernest Renan.



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**GULF REFINING COMPANY**

To provide attractive ushers for his theatre, a Berlin manager advertised for "sixty presentable ladies." Nearly one thousand beauties and near beauties besieged his office. When he attempted to reduce the number of applicants by announcing that only bobbed-haired damsels between 10 and 20 were eligible it was necessary to call the riot squad to protect him from the angry females.

The highest weather bureau station in the world is that of the Regina Margherita "cabin" on Monte Rosa, Italy at an altitude of 14,960 feet.

The nursery rhyme, "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water," may have originated in the "Down" country in Southern England, there being many "dew ponds" on the tops of the hills in this section.

Ten women are doing "men's work" in the Mount Clare shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway. They began the service during the World War, and proved so efficient that they have been retained ever since.

Swimmers in the waters of Hawaiian districts generally wear a sheath knife as a protection against sharks.

Ankle lamps are the latest fashion for smart Parisian women. The light can be flashed on and off at will as an almost invisible wire runs upward, usually terminating in the wearer's handbag.

It is said that a traveler wishing to walk through Spain can greatly improve his status by driving a donkey loaded with some peddler's wares.

A German, Dr. Karl Mueller, claims to have discovered a process whereby it is possible to reduce metal foils to transparency. This will greatly benefit the telephone, radio and musical industries.

The native Hawaiian rat is now extinct for one small colony on a little island off the north shore of Oahu.