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We trust that the meeting tonight in the interest of organizing a chamber of commerce will be largely attended. It is something the city has long been in need of, and such an organization ought to be well supported.

Mention was recently made in the editorial columns of The Herald of the fact that the State warehouse had 15,000 bales of cotton stored. The Herald had not seen an official statement, but the Greenwood Index is authority for the statement that the amount, in exact figures, was 24,065 bales.

Tuesday the "bone-dry" bill was recommitted to the committee by a vote of the house, thirty-odd members not voting. This action was evidently due to the fact that a considerable number of the members of the house had not returned to their duties at the time the measure was brought up.

The Yorkville Enquirer says that the "faction" headed by Governor Manning has always been the real liquor party in South Carolina. This is quite a bit of information; we feel sure there are quite a number of admirers of Governor Manning who never before knew that they belonged to the "liquor party," whatever that is. The governor's friends ought to be thankful to the Enquirer for informing them as to what they stand for in regards to liquor.

Some Effects of the Thrift Habit.

Thrift is the foundation of good conduct, and every man and woman who has what we term good character, has it and keeps it by virtue of the habit of thrift in some form. It need not be the thrift of money, but thrift of time, opportunity, health, the broad thrift—the "wise use of what one has," lies at the root of every life that can be called a success.

The employe who learns to manage his personal affairs so that he saves money, will use his employer's time and material wisely. The man who is careful about little things will be careful about the larger ones. If he keeps careful record of what he spends, he will be careful in investing his money. Big traits of character manifest themselves in little acts.

As the man of thrift saves his money, and sees his bank account grow, he becomes interested in the proposition of owning a home; for every normal man aspires to own his own fireside. Homes bring contentment, and contentment better workmen, whose minds are on their tasks. And when he owns his home he becomes interested in his town, the tax rate, the public improvements, the paving, lighting and sewer problems of the community. As a rent payer, he has no interest in these things. Once he becomes interested in these things he becomes a better citizen—a real asset to his town. The man who has a bank account is able to stay with a concern over a dull period and live on reduced wages if need be, while the one without must seek other employment and often take what he can get. According to statistics, 98 per cent of the wage earners spend every cent of their earnings, and appreciating how wasteful and costly this tendency is some employers are now forming savings clubs of various sorts to make it easy as well as profitable for their men to save money.

If, as an employer, you were in need of a man and had two applicants, one of whom was "down and out" and had nothing saved, and the other could show you a savings bank book with a weekly or monthly deposit, however small, you would without hesitation select the saver, because you know he has the faculty of self-control. The bank account is evidence that he can live within his means. He can deny himself. He can save.

Go into a bank and ask for a loan. Show that you borrowed money before and paid it as you agreed, it may be but a dollar a week, and you get the accommodation. Go into a department store and ask for credit. Show the credit man that you bought a bill of goods, a piano, a victrola, a house on installments, and kept your payments promptly and up to the minute, and you are immediately rated a safe credit risk.

You never will appreciate how much this thrift habit will do for you until you try it out. You may be careless, irresponsible, indifferent, wasteful; but if you get the thrift idea and practice it consistently, it will give you a thrift character which is an asset to any man in any station in life.

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The American Voice.

We must admit, although with shame, that foreign observers in the United States, and foreigners who observe our tourists in Europe, are right in declaring the American voice to be the worst in the world. Hearing it all the time, we Americans do not notice how bad it is. The chief offenders are not the newsboys and other street criers, who shout in our ears, but the common run of people—men and women, boys and girls, of education and social advantages, as well as those who lack both. We offend, not in our loud talking only, but in ordinary conversation. Our voices are harsh, our tones nasal. It is enough to state the fact. Anyone can verify it whose ears can distinguish between sounds that are pleasant and musical and those that are harsh and discordant.

It is easy to understand why an English girl's voice is melodious and rich, whereas that of an American girl is usually not so. Each acquires in childhood the quality of voice that she hears every day. Our voices are what they are because they are like those of our fathers, our mothers and our neighbors.

The fact points the way to the remedy. If we wish to improve the voices of Americans of the next generation we must first train the teachers, for some of the most offensively sharp and penetrating voices are those of "schoolma'am." The work should be undertaken at once. It would be a good rule, if it were practicable, for school boards to refuse positions to all candidates whose voices are disagreeably harsh and nasal. Probably it is not practicable, for the double reason that the ears of the members of school boards are not sensitive enough to apply the test, and that the number of teachers required is greater than the number of candidates who can meet the requirements.

But our boards of education could examine and copy the system that is universal in Holland. In that country every normal school has a specialist in voice hygienics. Each of the large cities also has an expert who gives free instruction to school teachers. The teachers, by example and instruction, influence the voices of their pupils. There are inspectors who examine the pupils to discover defective and badly trained voices, and to procure special treatment for them. Moreover, there is a Dutch association for speech culture, which has a distinct influence in improving the system throughout the country.

Shakespeare wrote:

Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low, an excellent thing in woman.

If it was true in his time, it is no less true today, and not only of woman, but of men and boys and girls.—Youth's Companion.

Netty Rankin in congress makes 1917 a most notable year. Now is the time to subscribe for the Congressional Record.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

FREAK'S FROM OCEAN'S DEPTHS.

Fish That Sail and Some That Carry Incandescent Lights.

Aboard the U. S. S. Albatross, off Mexico Coast.—Did you know that certain kinds of deep-sea fish carry their own incandescent lamps to light their way through the blinding blackness several miles below the surface of the sea?

Did you know also that a certain species of fish carries its own fish pole with which to lure its bait—that in some cases this pole is a jointed rod which folds up conveniently when not in use?

Were you aware that a particular sort of jellyfish, sometimes called a "Portuguese man o' war," is equipped by Mother Nature with a sail which it hoists when it wants to get somewhere in a hurry?

And still another variety inflates itself with water and goes sailing merrily along with the tide much as a toy balloon would travel in the air.

These are only a few of the queer inhabitants of the ocean which have been discovered by the Albatross, the United States bureau of fisheries steamer.

"Perhaps the commonest of all forms of water life is what the scientists call diatoms," Naturalist E. C. Johnston, in charge of the scientific work aboard the Albatross, says. "The diatom is the jewel of the plant kingdom. It is sometimes called the 'pillbox of the ocean,' because of its peculiar construction, being built in two halves, or valves, which fit together like a pillbox.

"The skeleton of the diatom," explains Naturalist Johnston, "is made of glass."

The majority of diatoms are boat-shaped, but they travel with or against currents without oar, propeller or sail. The secret of this erratic movement has completely baffled the scientific world. Frequently they grow in a string like cluster, not unlike a collapsible telephone bracket, and the manner of how they extend and retract their strange family formations, much after the fashion of an accordion opening and closing, is a mystery as yet unsolved.—Mark Larkin, in the Atlanta Journal.

When Leather Gives Out.

For shoes what will come after leather? Cloth of suitable kinds may be used, and rubber or similar material may enter into the product, but manufacturers seem to look most hopefully upon paper as the basic substance. Paper leather of attractive appearance, adapted for many purposes as well as the natural leather, is, in fact, said to be satisfactorily made already. In a German process, paper of long fiber is converted into pulp, suitably colored, made flexible with glycerine and non-drying oils and waterproof with shellac solution, given the grain of morocco or other leather by pressing in a matrix, and finished with lacquer. The matrix is formed by taking an impression of the natural leather in shellac.

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Potter Palmer's Two Engineers.

I know a good story about Potter Palmer which has never yet been published. One day Mr. Palmer went down into the engine room of his hotel, and, in some way got into a dispute with the engineer. Mr. Palmer ended the matter by telling his employe to go to the office and get his salary and get out.

Now, this engineer had been in Mr. Palmer's employ 15 years, and knew every pipe, wire and rope in the big hotel. The manager of the house, who by the way, is now a St. Louis landlord, was greatly put out when the faithful employe told him that the "old man" had "fired" him.

"Jim," said the manager, "I don't want you to go. We would be in trouble for months if a new man took your place. I'll tell you what you do. Go and shave off that mighty beard you wear, dress up in your Sunday clothes, and go and strike the 'old man' for your old job."

An hour later Mr. Palmer was approached by a smooth-faced, neatly dressed man, who courteously inquired if he needed the service of a first-class engineer.

"That's just what I do," was Mr. Palmer's reply. "The man I've had has been discharged. He had been a long time in the place, but he got 'sassy.' As your papers are all right, you can try the place."

That happened years ago; but Jim still holds the fort. Mr. Palmer has never regretted that he "fired" that "sassy Jim" and hired in his place the gentlemanly, smooth-faced man who keeps everything in such perfect running order.—Globe-Democrat.

The Accordion and Cinema.

Maite Edmond B., pleading before the Correction Chamber of Appeals in a case where the culprit was a boy 16 years old, said: "Before the Cinema my client passed all his evenings at home, playing assiduously on the accordion. Since then he has attended many cinematograph representations. He dreamed to realize the crimes that there passed under his eyes. So to rob some wine merchants he procured masques, revolvers, knives, handkerchiefs to bind his victims, rubber gloves that he might not leave his finger prints on the objects he touched. This outfit of the burglar became the vade mecum of this boy who before the cinema played most faithfully, each evening at home on the accordion." The gamine of sixteen was condemned to four years in prison.—Le Cri de Paris.

National Thrift Is the Slogan of the Day.



STATISTICS show that the country today is prosperous. Bank deposits have increased. Statisticians agree, however, that a period of depression is possible after the European war. Wise people are preparing by adding to their bank balances. Are you? If you haven't a bank account, open one today. If you have a bank balance, make up your mind to add to it. See us about your banking.

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