

Religious Notices.

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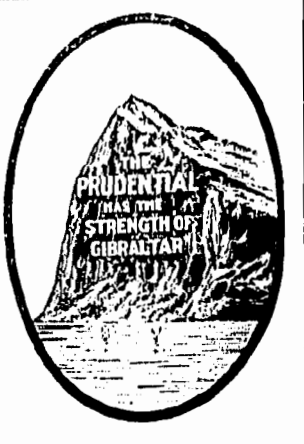
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In Too Much of a Hurry. The Englishman's view of his government is more rational than ours. He never expects it to work miracles.

The Verdict. Citizen—What possible excuse did you fellows have for acquitting that murderer?

People Afloat. About 3,500,000 people are on the sea, either as passengers or seamen, every day in the year.

OUR CUBAN BATTLEFIELDS. Commission Goes to the Island to Mark the Graves of American Soldiers.

Congress passed and the president approved a resolution authorizing the secretary of war to employ the transport Sumner to convey from New York to Santiago de Cuba and return the commissioners and officers who on February 14 dedicated the battle monuments to mark the places where in 1898 the American army overcame the Spanish troops and compelled the surrender of the city.

The plans adopted by the American authorities call for the erection of three battle monuments, one at El Caney, one at San Juan de Maguayres Hill and one on Fort San Juan. Each monument will consist of a large bronze Spanish cannon resting on a Spanish gun carriage, erected on a cement pedestal.

Broad Hint. No member of the British parliament is permitted to say bluntly and declare that another is drunk, but he may hint at the fact in paraphrase.

Snow by the Pound. Snow is sold in the north of Sicily, where it fetches about a halfpenny a pound. It is a government monopoly.

Wise Girl. "So she married that awful Jack Rouser? Why, didn't she know that he had been blackballed by every club in town?"

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There is a Big Business Done in the Pelts of the Commoner Animals.
Despite the general opinion that most of the wild animals that inhabited the middle west a century ago have become extinct as a result of the march of civilization, the contrary is true, and thousands of muskrats, skunks, raccoons, opossums, foxes and civet cats, with occasional minks and weasels, are killed, and their pelts sold for sums that in the aggregate would be a great surprise to the public not in touch with the trapping trade. Not in years have the central Illinois trappers been so active as this year.
One firm in Muscatine pays \$3,000 each week for hides. There are many firms scattered over Illinois which do an equally large business, and it is probably safe to say that during the present season trappers will be paid in Illinois alone the sum of \$100,000, while Iowa, Indiana and perhaps several other states of the middle west will expend equally large sums in this direction.
The majority of the animals trapped in the middle west are the muskrats, which have the least attraction for the trapper, as the pelts bring only 12 to 15 cents, while skunks range from 50 cents to \$2.50, according to size and condition; raccoon, from 50 cents to \$1.75; opossum, from 25 cents to 75 cents; red foxes, from \$1 to \$5; civet cats bring only 25 cents.
Definitions.
Optimism is when you wish to live; pessimism is when you wish to die, and Ostrerism is when other people think you ought to die.—Columbia State.

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One day a little boy came to school with very dirty hands, and the teacher said to him:
"Jamie, I wish you would not come to school with your hands soiled that way. What would you say if I came to school with dirty hands?"
"I wouldn't say anything," was the prompt reply. "I'd be too polite."
—Stray Stories.

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BREAKING THE NEWS

BY EDWIN PUGH.
It is odd how the news of a girl's engagement spreads and how she at once begins to shed old lovers for whom she has no further use as naturally and painlessly as the seed pod sheds its outer husks. At least, that was my case. Of all the men who had vowed always to be my friend, if ever I had need of them, there remained—by the time my engagement had ceased to be an entirely new delight to me—only Amble (short for Ambrose) Curroway, and he, as will presently be shown, continued to dangle merely because he was painfully ignorant of the change that had taken place in my condition. He called on me a few days after the proposal and as I liked him well enough, in a way, I had him shown up I must tell you that my fiancée had only just left me—indeed, the two men met on the doorstep, I believe.
I was feeling rather hot and disheveled when the servant announced Mr. Curroway.
"I say," he blurted forth suddenly, "who was that chap I met on the step? Do I know him?"
"That was Basil Cosnett," I replied.
"Odd-looking person," he remarked. "Where's he from?"
"He is from—from all over the world," I replied, deprecatingly.
"He looked a bit all over the shop," said Amble, uttering.
"That reminds me," said he. "I am so sorry I could not get down here last Sunday. I hope it didn't put you out at all."
"Not in the least," I answered. "Mr. Cosnett was here, you see. He was most entertaining."
Amble rose in disorder and crossed over to the window.
"You seem to have borne my absence with positive stolidism," said he.
He eyed me in a way that made me feel slightly uncomfortable. "It is not a very pleasant thing that I have to say to you," he went on, clearing his throat noisily.
I was utterly mystified. Was he going to propose? I wondered. "Why say it, then?" said I.
"I must. It would be unfair to both of us to keep silence any longer."
I could not withdraw my gaze from his face; certainly this did not sound at all like a proposal.
"I am listening," I reminded him, impatiently.
But still he found a difficulty in proceeding.
"May I ask you a—a question?" he blurted forth at last.
I nodded, smiling. He bent so low over me that his breath stirred my hair and tickled the back of my neck.
"How—how would you define our—our relations?" he said, huskily.
"Our relations?" I repeated.
"Yes," said he. "In what relation would you say we stood to one another now?"
"I don't know what you mean," said I, laughing nervously. "What does it matter? Why?"
"Can't you see," he said with a helpless gesture of the hands, "that—that misconceptions may arise?"
"Misconceptions!" I repeated in genuine perplexity now.
"Yes," he nodded eagerly. "You see, we have been a good deal together, you and I. Such familiar intercourse between a man and a woman as we have enjoyed is apt to prove fatal to the peace of mind of one—at least—of the parties concerned."
Then, indeed, I perceived the whole mean, pitiful vanity of the creature. He actually thought that I was in love with him. I did not exclaim against his presumption, as I might have done, or permit him to see that I fathomed his drift at last. But any lingering disposition to spare him, any spark of compunction I may have felt toward him, died in that instant. I felt I could be quite merciless. And I was.
I raised my melting eyes to him, and choiced back a most artistic sob.
"You forgive me, then?" he breathed, catching at my hand and missing it.
I lifted my head sharply, as if bewildered.
"Forgive you!" I cried. "What have I to forgive?"
"You are too generous," he murmured. "You overpower me."
"I am deeply sorry," I quivered, "if I have caused you pain. To forgive you for loving me would be too absurd. What higher honor could you pay me?"
"Believe me, I did love you sincerely," he said. "I cannot help it if I have changed. No man is master of his own heart. I—"
I was very effectively amazed. "Do you mean," I exclaimed, "that you don't care now?"
"Surely," said he, "you can't have misunderstood me. That is what I have been trying to say. I knew you would forgive me," he sighed.
Then I sprang up, raised radiant eyes to meet his gaze.
"I am glad!" I almost shouted. "Oh, you can't tell how glad I am!"
"Glad!" he stammered, foolishly.
I clasped my hands. "I have been dreading so frightfully to see you," I said. "I have been miserable in anticipation of this moment. Think what a relief it is to me to find that you don't care after all."
Then I saw dull anger stirring sluggishly within him.
"Don't you care, either, then?" he demanded, sullenly.
"Of course not," I cried in a rapture. "I can say that now without fear of hurting you. Perhaps I did care—a little—once. Before I met Mr. Cosnett."
"I don't believe you ever cared really," he grumbled.
"That is what I want you to believe," I retorted merrily. "Must you go really?"

AN INDIAN STORY.

HOW THE SHORT-TAIL BEAR GOT HIS NAME.
BY HUBERT MARSTON LONG.
"Him Muk-wah, him short-tailed bear."
Pete Mareau, halfbreed, guide, hunter, trapper, everything but man of work and substance, pulled at his short-stemmed pipe, expectorated, and took another squint at the great tracks in the fresh fallen snow.
Like the spread of a giant hand the tracks bent down the snow, indicative of the weight of the bear that passed such a short time before.
The white man knelt beside the tracks and gave it close attention.
"Why do you call it the short-tailed bear, Pete? Aren't all bears short-tailed?"
"Uh-huh," granted the halfbreed. "No tell you blunty."
Following the well defined trail of the bear, the white man and halfbreed moved through the wood, out into the clearing where the cedar workers had left their mark beside the swamp.
"Far wny were the cabins, roughly built of logs, the habitations of the forerunners of civilization. Now and then through the woods resounded the tinkle of cow bells, as the cattle sought for browse. The frontier cattle knew no comfortable barns in winter, but with the deer flight for life during the months of cold.
Beside the track of Muk-wah lay a few fresh bones, a few scraps of sheepskin, all that was left of the bear's breakfast.
"O! man Incaut, him lost dat sheep," said Pete Mareau.
"Can we get the bear?" inquired the hunter.
"You bet. We track him; him lay down pretty soon."
Pete Mareau followed the trail like a hound, his keen eyes noting the cut-offs and saving steps as they swung along.
It was a symphony in green and gray, black and white. The pines, hemlocks and cedars showed the green the fire-swept stubs and logs the black, while over the surface rested the mantle of white, completing the picture.
Down into the swamp, through it, and out across the plains went the trail of the bear.
"Him not far 'way," said the halfbreed.
Over a knoll, against the side of which rose an old pine stub, the tracks ended.
Muk-wah was at home.
Wearied from his journey into the world, satisfied after his feast, Muk-wah slept, secure in his den.
Pete Mareau secured a long pole and prodded in the hole. An angry snort was the only response.
Again and again the halfbreed used the pole, with no result. Muk-wah did not intend to leave his home.
"We smoke him out," he said.
Then they gathered the dry branches which, victim to decay, had fallen, the cedar tops were brought and a fire started over the mouth of the den.
It blazed up fiercely, and then the green tops were thrown on and covered with snow. The smoke, unable to follow nature's law, found its only avenue and filled the den.
There was a roar, as of an hundred angry animals, the fire was burst apart, and blinking and blinded by smoke and light, Muk-wah stood just outside the fire line.
The sharp, spiteful crack of the rifle broke the stillness. Muk-wah lurched forward, a bullet through his brain.
Fresh fuel was thrown upon the fire, and beside it, beside the place where the bear made his home, Muk-wah the mighty was made to yield his pelt.
"Him fin' short-tail bear," granted Pete Mareau, after the work of dressing the carcass was over.
"Why is he a short-tailed bear, Pete? All are that way. How did it happen?" asked the white man.
"Injun say bear all have long tall one time," replied Pete. "Long, long time 'go, 'fore white man come hunt all bear have him long tall."
"Injun, him go huntin' him catch long-tall up tree, Injun him want bear; bear him no want Injun to get him."
"Injun no have gun, him use bow 'n arrow. Him shoot straight 'n' shoot Muk-wah through him heart."
"Muk-wah him fall. Him fall o' tall, him break it. Ever since all bear him have short tail."
And that is the way the Indians tell of the way nature gave the bear his short tail.—Detroit Free Press.

IN ONE EASY LESSON.

HOW GERMOND LEARNED TO BE MEAN.
BY KENNETT HARRIS.
Sam Germond had the unenviable reputation of being the finest, most merciless, unsympathetic, implacable brute that ever walked on Two Town and passed among casual acquaintances for human. Callous wasn't any name for him. Shylock didn't insist on his pound of flesh more remorselessly than he if anybody once got into his clutches; only he showed more attention in drafting his bonds than did the guileless if revengeful Jew.
You might picture the man as a shriveled and wizened old miser, with a parchment skin, clawlike fingers, a cold gray eye that gleamed only with avarice and imagine him, shabby and dirty, grubbing among his mortgages and stock certificates in congenial solitude. But that wasn't Germond. He was stout, ruddy and well groomed, given to the adornment of diamonds and other precious stones. His laugh was ready and boisterous and his handshake warm and hearty. He could tell a good story, and for all his reputation enjoyed a certain degree of popularity at his club.
Some of the clubmen were talking over this strange disparity one evening.
"He has all the other qualifications for a good fellow," said Paynter, "but when they made him they left out the heart."
"Not by any means," said Waterman. "He had a heart like an ox, pulsating with all generous emotions, generous to a fault. It may have become atrophied, but it was there to begin with. I'll tell you about Germond, if you like, and it may be that the episode I have to relate will induce you to regard him with greater leniency."
"Go ahead," said Paynter.
"I was up in his office one morning," said Waterman. "We were talking over a little business matter when a woman, who had in some way eluded the vigilance of the office boy, came into the room. She was pale and emaciated, dressed in worn and threadbare garments that made a pathetic effort at respectability and pathetically failed. She was past the middle age, altogether worn, like her apparel, and tears stood in her faded eyes as she began to speak.
"Her husband, it seemed, was a boyhood friend of Germond's and had shown his friendship in a practical way by lending him money at the outset of his career. The woman made a merely delicate allusion to this. For years, she said, she and her husband had battled against undeserved misfortunes—it was a most pitiable story—and the man was then lying in a wretched tenement, hopelessly crippled, dying slowly of privation. She appealed to Germond for assistance—the merest trifle of money for immediate necessity and some little employment, however menial and hard, to enable her to care for her husband and repay the advances that she hoped our friend would make. The truth of her story was more than evident. Her sincerity was unmistakable.
"Germond refused her request, and that with a coarseness, a harshness, a brutality that were shocking.
"When she had gone Germond turned to me. 'I suppose you think that was pretty fierce?' he said.
"I was too disgusted to answer.
"Maybe it was a little," he went on, "but I'm soured on hard-luck stories. Now, that man she was talking about, I paid him back the money he lent me. Paid him every cent of it, and I didn't have to, either. I hadn't given him the scratch of a pen as evidence of the debt. I paid him just the same as if I had given him my note with gilt-edged security behind it—except that there wasn't any interest. Well, about three years after that he came to me and wanted to borrow \$25. He was on his uppers then. He told about the same story as his wife did just now—the first part of it. What did I do? By George, I let him have the \$25. And do you think he ever paid it back? No, sir. Not one red cent of it. I dunned him for years and all I got was excuses. I turned his note over to a collecting agency and they couldn't do anything with it—reported back that he wasn't worth suing and probably never would be.
"Well, when a man treats me that way and calls himself a friend, after I had put myself out to accommodate him, after I had paid him back what I owed him without any sort of compulsion, wouldn't you be sore on humanity?"
"So you see," concluded Waterman, "there are reasons for most things if we only knew them, and it must be admitted that Germond was badly treated."
"Of course," agreed Paynter. "If one's faith in human nature is once destroyed it is hard to re-create it. Ingratitude inevitably begets suspicion and callousness. I'm glad that you told us of this. We would never have given Germond credit for so much generosity."
"That puts me in mind of another man I know," said Zimkin. "The fellow had in his youth a terrible inclination to gamble, which for a long time he fought successfully; but one day, being left alone with a slot machine, he succumbed, dropped in a penny—and lost it. That was a lesson to him. From that day to this he has never had the faintest desire to risk money on chance."—Chicago Daily News.

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Notes About People You Know—Impending in the Town Through the Week. —Miss Estelle Clark expects to spend the coming summer abroad. —J. Byron Dixon expects soon to go to California. —Charles D. Orth and son returned Wednesday from Ormond Beach. —The United States Express Company has opened an office in the Abbott Building. —Ralph C. Pearsall has purchased an orange grove in Florida. —O. E. Pierson has rented the Hoyt house on Westfield Avenue from Cogger & Dilts. —Several substitutes have been teaching in the schools this week, owing to illness of a number of the regular corps. —Nathaniel O. Coocks, of New York, has rented through Cogger & Dilts the J. R. Merriman house on the Boulevard. —G. H. L. Morton, of Walnut street, entertained his sister, Mrs. Jos. Clough, of Lakewood, over Sunday. —There is an epidemic of tonsillitis in town at present. The unusual weather conditions seem to be responsible. —The Newark Advertiser seems to be owned, hired or duped by the agents of the corporations and the brewery interests. —Dr. J. H. Corbin attended the second hearing on the osteopath's bill at Trenton Tuesday. A lively debate ensued between the advocates and opponents of the measure. —The personal property of the late Aaron Parkhurst, of Branch Mills, will be sold at auction next Tuesday afternoon. —The house owned by Mrs. Isabel Whitehead, 59 Summit Avenue has been rented by Cogger & Dilts to Franklin Ewing, of New York. —Rev. Frederick Lynch speaks Tuesday night at the Congregational Men's Club on "The Courage of our Opportunity." Charles Clark has leased to A. P. Chase, of Jersey City, his new house on Clark Street, through Wm. S. Welch and Son. —Mrs. Bassett Jones, of Yonkers, N. Y., will spend Sunday at the home of her parents, Col. and Mrs. George H. Starr, on Broad Street. —Miss Jean Starr and Mr. Lawrence Clark visited at the home of Miss Starr's sister, Mrs. Bassett Jones, at Yonkers, N. Y., over Sunday. —Charles C. Dilts has sold through his firm his own house on Summit Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Dilts will remove to their new home on Middlesex Street. —The transit evil has again become such as to compel the school authorities to invoke the aid of the police department. —Rev. Francis W. Wheeler gave an entertaining lecture on "The Exploits of the British Navy," before the St. Paul's Mens Club Tuesday night. The extensive assortment, the rich and exclusive designs of Fine Glassware, at C. Dorfing & Sons, 36 Murray St., New York, will well repay a visit. —Mr. Hoyt Spelman, of Brooklyn, has leased through Wm. S. Welch & Son the Broad Street property of George Sumly, now occupied by St. George Rathbone. —Charles Criscon barger has purchased through H. L. Abrams the three lots owned by W. B. Harding on Middlesex street, recently sold by A. H. Clark to Mr. Harding. —Constable Manly, of Plainfield, has discontinued his suit against Auctioneer J. M. C. Marsh for selling goods claimed by Manly under an execution levied against the Westfield Clothing Co. —The Congregational Men's Club is to have a debate next month on the subject of Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities, with special reference to the conditions in Westfield. —J. M. C. Marsh will sell at auction next Thursday afternoon a number of the personal effects and farming utensils of James M. French, whose ill health has compelled him to give up farming. —Rev. N. W. Caldwell, former Pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, celebrated the third anniversary of his pastorate at Atlantic City Sunday evening. —The suit of David B. Currie, a carpenter, for wages due from the Hono Construction Company, was called in Judge Tenney's court yesterday and adjourned one week on request of P. Q. Oliver, the plaintiff's attorney. —Mrs. Martin Welles extended the hospitality of her home on Elm street to about one hundred guests on Friday afternoon last. The affair was in the nature of a farewell preparatory to going abroad. Assisting Mrs. Welles in receiving were Mrs. James Whittlesey, of Montclair; Mrs. Gerald Earle, of Plainfield; Mrs. John Platt, Mrs. Phillip, Mrs. Bunce, Mrs. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Harry Jyans, Mrs. Wilfred Johnson, Mrs. Merrill, Miss Alpers and Miss Worth.

—The Town Council holds a special meeting Monday night. —Martin Welles returned from his southern trip on Monday. —The Woodmen of the World hold a regular meeting Monday night. —Walter G. Morehouse is home for Easter vacation from Cornell College. —At the April meeting of the Advance Club the subject will be, "Woman as Inventor, Past, Present." —Jewellyn Loyl was elected a member of the Mountside Board of Education Tuesday night. —E. A. Merrill and family have removed to their new home in Stonelough Park. —Rev. W. H. Bath, former pastor of the Methodist Church was in town Wednesday. —A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morehouse, of East Orange, formerly of Westfield. —Miss Marie D. Simpson visited at the home of Chester M. Smith on Broad Street last Sunday. —W. F. Mooly, of Bridgeport, Ct., visited at the home of his son, Elliot F. Mooly, on Prospect street this week. —Miss Florence Phillips, of Roseville, and Miss Margaretta Paulding, of Daretown, are visiting friends on Harrison Avenue. —A petition has been circulated by property owners on Middlesex Street to change the name of the street to Euclid Avenue. —Sidney L. Kniffen has sold his Prospect Street house to Chester B. Kollig, of New York. Cogger & Dilts were the agents. —The Children's Guild of St. Paul's church will give a cake sale at Gale's Club House to-morrow afternoon from two to five. —In O. Lambert's farm is sold, also that of Linus Hotfield. The former is reported to have received about \$12,000. The deeds will be passed in June. —Queen Esther will be given at the Club House Saturday and Monday evenings, April 7th and 9th, for the benefit of the Fresh Air Fund. —The death benefit claim of the beneficiaries of the late Edwin Hodges was paid by the Royal Arcanum within sixteen days from the date of death. —The second game in the bowling series between the Woodmen and J. O. U. A. M. will be rolled next Thursday night at Sneliker's in Plainfield. —Children's chorus for Queen Esther meets at Mr. Waterbury's, 84 South Avenue, 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Any boy or girl who can sing is invited to be present. —George O. Cook, President of the Etha Chemical Company, of which Allan H. Still is Secretary and General Manager, died suddenly Wednesday evening at his home in New York. —The Anchor Post Iron Works, E. E. Baker, agent, are erecting hulk some new iron fenees for Tuttle Bros. and E. A. Merrill, also having a contract from Col. E. L. Cole. Free Public Library Hours. The Library is open at the following times: Monday evening... from 7 to 9 o'clock Tuesday afternoon... " 3 " 6 " Wednesday evening... " 7 " 9 " Thursday afternoon... " 3 " 6 " Friday evening... " 7 " 9 " Saturday morning... " 9 " 12 " Saturday afternoon... " 3 " 6 " Saturday evening... " 7 " 9 " Recovering a Lost Industry. At Thornham, in Norfolk, the schoolmaster has taught the village lads the art of hand-wrought iron-work to such purpose that this small place promises to recover a lost industry for England. Skilled London artists now send their designs to Thornham for execution rather than abroad, while the king has been one of the first to recognize the merits of the work that is done. The schoolmaster acts as manager in the unique movement. Fanatical Ceremony. Mohammedans of the Caucasus have a religious ceremony called "Chuktsed Wuksee." It is a ceremony in which the fanatics cut and wound themselves in the following ghastly fashion, according to a traveler: "Each man, grasping a knife in his hand, brought it up in front and down on the crown of his head. Almost at every stroke the blood gushed forth and soon one man after another became a staggering, blood-soaked figure." Simple Larceny. The colored physician not having been able to locate the malady and check it, a white physician was called. After looking at the patient a short while, the white doctor inquired: "Did Dr. Jones take your temperature?" And the old colored auntie answered: "Ah don't know, sah; Ah ain't missed nothin' 'cept mah watch."—Lippincott's Magazine. Hardened. Explorer—But have you had any experience that would tend to fit you for the hardships of an arctic expedition? Would-Be Member of Party—Have I? Why, I lived two winters in an apartment house where I was at odds with the janitor.—Judge.

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BY MARGARET E. BANCHEFER. (Copyright, 1905, by Joseph L. Bowler.) One of the prettiest sights in the world is that of the young people on their way to school between eight and nine in the morning. I like to see the girls between 14 and 16 as they go arm in arm, each with her pile of books in her hands, chatting gayly or talking confidentially, their day before them and not a cloud to dim their sky.

"What a sweet voice that girl has," I heard some one say as Elizabeth ran across the street to meet Emily, calling out her cheery good morning. It was indeed a sweet voice and had carrying power, clear as a bell or a bird note, yet it was not loud. Voices are as different as faces. We pay a great deal of attention in this country to training the singing voice, and we are willing to pay teachers large prices to develop the fine soprano or the rich contralto that everyone admires. But far too little trouble is taken with the speaking voice, and it is a pity, for we sing only occasionally, and most of us talk from morning till night.

If you hear a group of girls talking on the campus or in a street car, you are often pained by the lack of melody in their voices. Some are harsh and rough, others are nasal; some are muffled and creaking; a few are pure and silvery. Shakespeare, who was an acute observer, in speaking of one of his heroines, said: "Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low; an excellent thing in woman." First and last you find a good many allusions to voices in Shakespeare. There are families in which each seems to try whether or not he or she can be heard by speaking so loudly as to drown the rest. This is always a mark of very ill-breeding. No well-bred person screams or shouts in the family or anywhere else. A low voice may be heard quite as effectively as one that is loud and shrill, if its possessor has learned the art of managing it properly. Even in a large building a person who speaks slowly, giving every word its full value, and throwing the voice from the chest instead of from the head, will be heard distinctly. In order to have a full, agreeable voice, a girl should practice deep breathing several times a day in the open air. The voice is the expression of health, strength, character and personality. The lips, the teeth, the roof of the mouth, the palate, the vocal cords and the lungs are all involved in this voice of ours, which is our peculiar endowment, and lifts us up to the highest plane in creation.

I will suppose that some girl for whom I am writing has contracted a slovenly way of talking, that her voice is not pleasant, and that her enunciation is indistinct. How shall she break herself of bad habits? Just as she would break herself of a bad habit in any other direction, she must set herself to work about this and be in downright earnest if she is to accomplish anything worth while. She must remind herself constantly if she is accustomed to shrill, that people around her are not deaf, and that if they were they would hear her as easily if she spoke low as if she spoke loudly. Every time she begins speaking as if she were a soldier on the warpath, let her call a halt, and drop her voice a tone or two. If she has the heedless method of omitting the final g and saying mornin' for morning and evenin' for evening, let her remedy that. If she run her words together, as too many of us do under the impression that there is no time to spare, and that words must tumble over each other as water tumbles over rocks, let her pause and go more slowly.

Two girls the other day were discussing a third who was a student in a New England college, but was a native of India; a high caste girl who had been taught English in her babyhood. "You should hear her perfect English," one said to the other. "She speaks more slowly than we do, and her voice is like music. She is never the least in a hurry and there is the prettiest little accent like a fragrance." We often notice this crystalline perfection in foreigners who have acquired English and speak it less recklessly and with more precision than we who are to the manner born. Dear girls, take your time. There is plenty of it. Neither rush nor shout, nor cackle, nor make a shrill clamor when you are talking, but remember Shakespeare's low and gentle voice which is an excellent thing in woman.

Of course, no girl who respects herself ever fumes, frets or scolds. There is a scolding voice and there is a fretting voice, and both are most repellent. Fancy coming suddenly into the presence of a girl whom you have always thought lovely and attractive, and finding her storming and using invectives, and flinging fault in a coarse, hateful way; that would show you that her character had a very seamy side. You could never have the same opinion of such a girl again. It would be as if under the fair outside you had seen a glimpse of something dark and repulsive within.

Probably few girls offend by passion and vehemence of this kind, yet now and then one who has not learned self-control may be betrayed by her temper and her voice may reveal a state of things that those who love her must deplore.

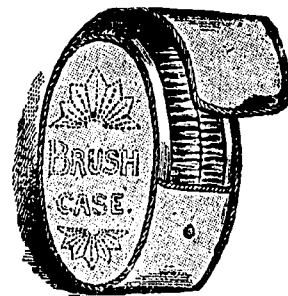
Not only should you be careful about your voice in private, but do not overlook the fact that in public places a girl's voice should not be so raised as to make her conspicuous. For instance, if you go to a matinee or a concert, have in mind the people about you who have bought tickets and wish to listen to the performers, and do not let your own conversation go on at a time when attention should be focused on the stage. If you are in cars or ferry boats make it a rule neither to discuss your friends nor mention absent persons by name. This is a little world, and you never know but somebody may be near you who knows all about yourself and the persons about whom you are talking. A girl may live in New York, Philadelphia, or Louisville, and she may be talking in San Francisco or Calcutta or Bombay with a friend about another friend whose home is in Columbus or Tallahassee, and some unknown passer or person standing or sitting near, may hear secrets not meant for outsiders and may know perfectly well the people who are mentioned. As you grow older you will more and more be amazed to discover what a little world this is, and how likely people are to have met other people all around the globe.

Refinement and intelligence are shown by the voice as quickly as by the face. Illiterate people sometimes have sweet voices, especially in some countries, but in ours with our harsh climate, keen winds and frequent changes of weather, we shall not have the velvet voices of our English cousins unless we make it our ambition to obtain them. Climate, of course, has a marked effect upon the voice. The dweller in the mountain and the dweller by the sea speak in different cadences, but you girls, wherever you are, may have sweet voices if you want them. You will not have them, it may be, without an effort and without taking pains, but the effort is worth making. Don't be affected. If you are taught to use the broad a in school and if you have been accustomed to it at home, you are fortunate, for it is correct and pleasing, but is rather funny to hear a girl attempt the broad a if she merely pins it on her speech like a bow on a dress, uses it sometimes and sometimes forgets it. Above all things be natural. Affectation is a badge of insincerity and shows a shallow character. Be yourself, but make yourself in everything as delightful as you can.

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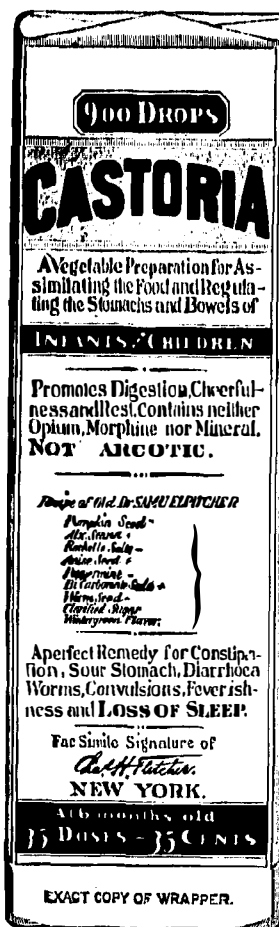
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SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT.

INCREASE OF ACCOMMODATIONS SHOWN TO BE NEEDED.

Comparison of Modern Schools With Earlier Ones—Specific Proof of Improvement—Review of the Year's Educational Work.

The Board of Education of Westfield submitted the following annual report at the school meeting held Tuesday evening an account of which will be found on page four of the Standard to-day:—

To the People of the Town of Westfield:—

Your Board of Education submits its annual report for the current year as follows:—

The total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools, at the time this report was drawn, about March 1st, was 1600. The number at the same time last year, for the same territory was 1092; an increase of 508. The increase last year for the district was 65.

The pupils are distributed as follows: High School 186; Grammar School 321; Primary School 512; and Kindergarten 181. That is an increase over last year of 9 in the High School; 81 in the Grammar School, and 17 in the Primary; and a decrease of 13 in the kindergarten. It is a notable fact that the largest increase is in the Grammar School. This means that a larger proportion than usual are staying in school longer; a favorable sign for our community.

Our average attendance, continues to be, as it has been for the last few years, one of the best in the state, about 95 per cent; and is a little better this year than last.

The teaching force, in addition to the principal, consists of 28; being 5 for the High School; 7 for the Grammar; 11 for the Primary; 2 for the kindergarten; 2 special; and 1 for substitute work. The last named is a new feature of the school this year, and has proved of value. Heretofore the principal has been called upon to do so much teaching, in cases of sickness of teachers, as to interfere with his proper duties as a supervisor, and thus lower his value to the town. In addition to relieving the principal of most of this substitute work, this teacher has been engaged for about half of her time, in giving special aid, in various classes throughout the grades, to bring up those who were backward. This is one of the new and valuable features of modern school science; supplying that individual work which is so telling, and which the class teacher has not time for.

In educational operations, the year has been very satisfactory, and we believe that our tendency is upward, both in the quality of the teaching, and in results. No radical changes have been made in the curriculum, or in the organization, or methods of teaching. Manual training is increasing in favor through the country generally. Plainfield and Somerville have just introduced it; Cranford's board is to ask for it this year. Our own experience continues to prove its value. Reports from the various colleges of the progress of recent graduates show that, in general, the preparation for college given here is good.

There are people, we presume there are some in this town, who think (or, at least, say) that the schools of the present day, do not furnish as good an education, in the 3 R's, as the school of their youth. Anyone who can remember critically the schools of his youth, without the glamour which the remembrances of youth cast over those "good old times," and who has also first-hand knowledge of the schools of to-day, knows that the fact is just the opposite, and knows that while the world has been advancing along other lines, it has not been retrograding along the line of elementary education.

A very striking proof and illustration of this has been given recently in our own Westfield schools. In Springfield, Mass., there were recently found some old examination papers, which had been given to the pupils of the ninth grade, in the year 1840, with the results of the examination marked upon them. As a test, Dr. Savitz, has this month given these same examinations, without any previous preparation to all our pupils of the 8th grade. The results in Springfield, Mass., in 1840, and in Westfield in 1906, when compared, were as follows: In spelling, the percentage correct was: in Springfield, 1840, 64 per cent; in Westfield, 1906, 100 per cent; in arithmetic, the percentage was: in Springfield, 1840, 29.1 per cent; in Westfield, 1906, 77 per cent. This is an increase of 36 per cent, in spelling, and 48 per cent, in arithmetic, in favor of the modern school; in spite of the fact that the pupils of 1840 were a year older. The same examinations were given in Springfield, Mass., this year; and it may be of interest to note that in spelling our Westfield school came out 1 1/2 per cent, below Springfield, and 11 1/2 per cent, better in arithmetic.

Our educational supplies are adequate. A minor change made this year was to supply the sanitary paper book covers, instead of compelling the parents to cover the books. It is planned this year next, to have a stereopticon, to be used, not only for lectures, but directly in connection with certain of the studies. A lantern, for its mental stimulus, and as an aid in properly presenting facts, is rightly considered a necessary adjunct of the good modern school. The schools are now entirely equipped with separate desks; almost all of them adjustable.

The continued liberality of the donor of the prizes in the last two oratorical contests, makes it possible to have another this year.

Under the initiative of the Woman's Club, a start was made last year with flower-beds, cared for by the children, as a practical application of nature study. We think it fitting, in this place, to express our sense of the loss which the board has sustained in the resignation therefrom of Martin Welles, for many years a member, and for several years its president. We are sure that all who have met him in any of his many civic connections, will agree that the district has lost the service of a most valuable man, and leader.

The three school buildings are, structurally, in good condition. During last summer the walls of all the classrooms in the Washington building were painted a neutral tint, instead of the white they had been. The halls of the Prospect school were supplied with steam radiators, and also with drinking fountains. These changes have proved to be as advantageous as was anticipated, and have amply justified the outlay.

There is no fault to be found with the ventilating system of the Washington school at least in the classroom; but in the Prospect and Lincoln schools a different condition exists. Under certain conditions of weather and wind, the air in some rooms of both buildings, while perhaps not actually foul, is not what it should be. Each of them has the dry closet sanitary system, which was the only practicable one, at the time the buildings were erected, but one requiring good ventilation. The furnaces, controlling heat and ventilation, are, however, in each of these schools, quite old, and large repairs to them are absolutely necessary, to avert a breakdown. We propose to retain them in the main, making complete repairs and adding the improved features of the Willis' system. While doing this we feel that now is the opportune time to make the change, which we have long desired, from the dry-closet to the water-flushed, sewer connected closet. It should be no longer deferred. Over \$2,000 of the \$1,000 increase in appropriation asked for is for this purpose.

In the last annual report the total cost of the schools for this present year was estimated, and the appropriation was made, upon the basis of \$36.37 per pupil; but the increase of pupils has turned out to be beyond the estimate, so that the cost per pupil has been about \$32.25, on an estimated enrollment of about 1080. The average cost per pupil for the whole of New York State last year is officially reported as \$33.45. Our low figure this year results mainly from the overcrowding of our class rooms.

And that brings us to what your board considers the most important matter for the district to consider at this time; viz, the increase of school accommodation, either by enlarging one of the present buildings or building a new one. No teacher can do justice to more than 40 pupils. In last year's report it was stated that every room was in use, with the high average of 44 per room, and some rooms much beyond that figure; and that the only way this year to provide for the sure increase was to make a class room of the assembly room in the Lincoln building. This was done; but the increase was so much beyond our calculations that there are now only 4 of the 18 primary and grammar rooms, which enroll less than 44. There are several with more than 50.

For the next year we propose to get one additional room, by dividing the Lincoln school assembly room; but that will provide for one new class, while our increase this year is at least two full classes. We believe immediate steps should be taken to authorize increased school accommodation.

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WILLOW GROVE.

Regular session of the Sunday-school on Sunday afternoon in charge of Supt. Ketchum. Review lesson studied.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark and children spent Sunday at H. S. Little's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Pollock visited at the Lee homestead on Sunday last.

The yearly meeting of the public schools of Pinwood Township held in School No. 1, Scotch Plains, on the evening of Tuesday, March 20, for the purpose of electing three trustees, resulted as follows:—F. W. Westcott, M. D. and T. J. Nicholls, elected for a term of three years, to succeed themselves, and J. Z. Hatfield for the same term, to succeed Mr. Beacon. Appropriations amounting to \$5,300 were decided upon.

A Farewell Party was given Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kellogg on the Tappan farm, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday evening, March 22. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg will shortly remove to Danellon.

Miss Ethelyn Terry entertained a few friends last Saturday evening.

Mr. Albert Ryan, who was badly kicked by a cow one day last week, is much improved.

A Simple Plan.
 Mr. Youngman (after long thought)—Is there any way to find out what a woman thinks of you, without proposing?
 Mr. Benedict (absently)—Yes; make her mad.—N. Y. Weekly.

Contributed Some.
 Reid—I took Miss Gouloz out in my automobile yesterday.
 Greene—Did she contribute any to the pleasures of the trip?
 "Well, yes; she paid the fare!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Stabbing Her.
 "Why are you going to sing to him?"
 "He says he is passionately fond of music."
 "I know he is; but that is no reason why you should sing to him!"—Houston Post.

Where the Wake Begins.
 Pat—Why is the stern of a ship lolle Sunday?
 Mike—Shure and I don't know.
 "Case it's the beginning of the wake."—Yonkers Statesman.

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