

## Do You Know How to Read?

"Hardly anybody really knows how to read," said one whom the St. John's Dispatch calls an "exacting critic." But he exacted so little of himself that he went no further with the subject. Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, however, who is head of the St. John's Public Library, and who selects for our readers the subjects in the department of Science, is more helpful in the matter. But he disposes in the latest Bookman of one of the common excuses from the non-readers:

"He who complains that he has no time to read is one who does not fundamentally care for that method of making contact with the minds of others. We always find time to eat and to sleep and to do other things that we consider necessary to the upkeep of our physical life. When we have realized that mental food is equally necessary to the maintenance of our intellectual life, and that we like best to get it from the printed page, we shall take as much time as is necessary for the also."

"We are apt to blame our schools and colleges for not achieving various things that they could not be expected to achieve. After all, formal education merely turns a man out with a certain equipment, and even his ability to do this is conditioned on the man's inborn qualities. You can not equip a dog to do research work in physics—but, on the other hand, neither can you equip a man to follow a trail by his sense of smell. Similarly John will always be John and Peter will always be Peter. As someone has said, if we break a potato in two, and give half to each of the boys to eat, half of it will turn into John and half into Peter."

"Granted, however, that our machinery is able to turn out a perfectly equipped person—equipped, we shall say, for acquiring the reading habit—whose fault is it if he does not acquire it? Librarians have gone a step further; they offer a vast stock of material for selection and endless opportunity for exercising the habit after it has been acquired. But in the last analysis the credit for acquiring it will have to go to John, and the blame for not acquiring it to Peter, if that is the way in which the gods have distributed their favors."

"The reading habit requires plenty of time. Fortunately, with him who acquires it intensively, it is a primary consideration, and other interests and occupations must necessarily yield to it. I have seen people reading under circumstances that would seem to render it impossible. I myself must confess to having read habitually while walking from a suburban train to a Hoboken ferry-boat, until I fell over a baggage truck and nearly broke my neck. I knew a boy of seven who, locked in an attic for his sins, picked up 'Queen Victoria's Diary' and passed a pleasant afternoon. Plenty of noon-day lunches read while they eat and seem not to acquire indigestion. A maiden on a farm once told me that she kept an open book at one end of her ironing-board. 'You can pick up lots that way,' said she."

## Household Suggestions

### RENDER FAT.

To render fat cut it in small pieces and melt in the upper part of a double boiler or in a basin set in the oven of a coal range. Then strain through cheesecloth laid on a wire strainer.

### CUSTARD FOUNDATION.

Do not make the custard foundation of your ice cream too sweet, for too much sugar interferes with the freezing process.

### RUBBERS FOR CANNING.

It is best always to use new rubbers for canning, since they are much cheaper than failures that may result from the use of old rubbers.

### FOR FLY PAPER.

Remove sticky fly paper from fabrics by saturating with alcohol, kerosene or turpentine.

### SUBSTANTIAL SALAD.

A salad that has substance as well as taste is made by combining cold boiled potatoes, devilled ham, hearts of lettuce and mayonnaise dressing.

### LEAVE IN WATER.

After washing, all vegetables with the exception of onions should be left in water until they are needed again.

### USE A FORK.

Sponge cakes and angel foods should be pulled apart with a fork rather than cut with a knife.

### SOAK IN BORAX.

Remove stains made by chocolate or cocoa by soaking in cold strong borax water for a while and then pouring boiling water through in the usual manner.

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