

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

"Lofer married quite unexpectedly," remarked the Boston man, as quoted in the Transcript. "Yes, he read that everyone's got to work or fight."

Prospective Tennant—I like the rooms, but the view from the front windows is rather monotonous. Janitor—Well, of course, mum, this is a flat, not one of them sight-seein' autos.

"Will you give me your seat for a nickel?" asked the tired woman in the crowded car.

"And be yanked up for a profiteer," rejoined the rude small boy derisively.—Washington Star.

Mother—Don't cry, dear. Which one of the naughty boys was it that hit you?

Tommy—The one with the black eye.—Lethbridge Herald.

Veterinary Officer (in London Passing Show)—Did you give the mare the powder, William? Private Williams—Yass, zur, but 'er didn't swallow it, zur. Veterinary Officer—How's that? I told you to put the powder in the glass tube and blow it down her throat. Didn't you? Private Williams—O yass, zur. But 'er blowed fust.

"Neurasthenia," said Mrs. Biggums to her cook, "I think we will have some chicken croquettes today out of that left-over pork and calves' liver." "Yes'm," said Neurasthenia, called Teeney for short, the Richmond Times-Dispatch explains. "An' we got a little bread dressin' what went with the pork, mum. Shall I make some apple sauce out'n hit, mum?"

A recruit was asked, "Who is your nearest living kin?" "My aunt," came the answer. Then the questions were answered correctly until it came to, "In case of death or accident who shall be notified?" "My mother," he replied. "But," said the officer, "I thought your aunt was your nearest living kin?" "She is," replied the recruit. "She lives two miles from me and my mother lives five."

A Swedish lad in a Kansas City school was told by his teacher to write a sentence containing the word poutice, relates Judge. He handed in his one. "High school girls often write poutices." "You are thinking of poetry instead of poutices, aren't you, Oscar?" smilingly inquired the teacher. "No, ma'am," replied Oscar. "I looked it up in the dictionary and this is what it says: 'Poutice—a soft composition.'"

A very small but live boy applied to a great merchant for a job. The great man sized him up with twinkling eyes, for the one situation open needed a bigger parcel of human experience, and asked what position he wanted, according to Everybody's. "A chance to grow up in the business, mister." "Well, we are more or less being depopulated by the drafts. What is your motto, my son?" "The same as yours," was the ready answer. "What do you mean?" asked the puzzled merchant. "Why, on the door there—'Push.' He got the job of keeper of that very door."

One of the best stories of General Smith-Dorrien, who is to take the Gibraltar command, is that which he used to tell against himself of an incident during the South African war. An orderly arrived at his quarters one day with important dispatches, which he delivered with a verbal message—this in language that was rather unconventional, judged by his rank. Smith-Dorrien read the dispatches and dismissed the man with a reply that he would be ready to move in two hours. "And," he added, "say 'please' the next time you speak to me." The orderly delivered Smith-Dorrien's reply to Kitchener. "What did he say?" he was asked. "He said he would be ready to move in two hours," the soldier answered, "and would you kindly say 'please' the next time you speak to him."

The greatest obstacle to being heroic is the doubt whether one may not be going to prove one's self a fool; the truest heroism is to resist the doubt, and the profoundest wisdom, to know when it ought to be resisted and when to be obeyed.—Hawthorne.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The National Fire Prevention Association recommends:

1. The adoption by municipalities of the standard building code of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to the end that fire-resistive building construction may be encouraged, the use of inflammable roof coverings prohibited, adequate exit facilities from buildings assured, and interiors so designed and fire-stopped as to make easy the extinguishment of fires therein.

2. The adoption by all states of minimum building requirements for the protection of state and county hospitals, asylums and similar institutions outside city limits and of small communities in which the establishment and enforcement of a building code is impracticable.

3. The enactment by each state of the fire marshal law advocated by the Fire Marshals' Association of North America to the end that official investigation may be made of the causes of all fires. Preventable fires may be eliminated by public education, and the crime of arson stamped out.

4. The adoption of the association's suggested ordinance providing for the systematic inspection of all buildings by city fire marshals or local firemen, to insure the vigorous enforcement of rules for cleanliness, good housekeeping and the maintenance of safe and unobstructed exits, fire-fighting apparatus and other protective devices.

5. The enactment of ordinances similar to that of Cleveland, Ohio, fixing the cost of extinguishing preventable fires upon citizens disregarding fire prevention orders, and a more general legal recognition of the common law principle of personal liability for damage resulting from fires due to carelessness or neglect.

6. The wider general use of the automatic sprinkler as a fire extinguishing agent and life saver, and the more general adoption of the fire division wall as an important life saving exit facility.

7. A careful study of the technical surveys of cities made by the engineers of the committee on fire prevention of the National Board of Fire Underwriters covering the items of water supplies, their adequacy and reliability, fire department efficiency, fire alarm systems and conflagration hazards; and of the possibility of co-operation among neighboring cities through mutual aid and the standardization of hose couplings.

8. The adoption of the association's suggested laws and ordinances for state and municipal regulation of the transportation, storage and use of inflammable liquids and explosives.

9. The universal adoption and use of the safety match and legislation prohibiting smoking in all parts of factories, industrial and mercantile buildings except in such fireproof rooms as may be especially approved for the purpose of fire departments.

10. The education of children and the public generally in careful habits regarding the use of fire.

11. The co-ordination of all these activities, through a central administrative officer or body of the state or city having primary jurisdiction, for the purpose of promoting uniformity of action and efficient co-operation.

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