

House and Household.

WOMEN AND MONEY.

Times have greatly changed within the last 20 years in the general relation of women to money matters. The control of money is a power which is more and more coming into their hands, and for which they should feel a deep moral responsibility. An earnest observer has remarked that the increasing responsibility thrown upon women in pecuniary matters, more than any other agency, is educating them out of many peculiarly feminine traits. It is the testimony of many bankers and business men that honorably disposed women are among their best and most desirable customers. This speaks volumes of encouragement and fully offsets the occasional woman upon whom business cares have fallen and who seems utterly incapable of comprehending the notion of a business engagement or a business transaction; who expects all sorts of privileges and immunities in business on the score of being a woman. No more disagreeable customer to have any business transactions with can be found than such a person. Women of this character discredit not only themselves but their sex, upon which they bring the reproach of their own weakness and want of perception of the true relation of things. They are the worst stumbling-block in the path of woman's progress, and none feel this more keenly than clever and honorable women, whose ambition is to be just and generous in their business dealings; to have their words as good as their bond, and their bond worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

INFLUENCE OF PICTURES.

A room with pictures in it and a room without differ by nearly as much as a room without windows, for pictures are a loophole of escape to the soul, leading it to other scenes and other spheres, as it were, through the frame of an exquisite picture where the fancy may for a moment revel refreshed and delighted. They are a relief to the jaded mind; they are windows to the imprisoned thought; they are looks; they are histories and sermons, which we can read without the trouble of turning over the leaves.

FASHION NOTES.

All shades of pink are extremely fashionable.

Shot effects are not as much shown and shot tulle is only used for petticoats now.

White net spotted with black, and black net dotted with white, are the latest fashion in veils.

In the chambrays there are two new and novel colors, a bright indigo blue and a rather smoky pink that borders on peach blossom.

Swiss muslins are so barred with crinkled ribbon stripes in gay tints and dotted with silk between that the white ceases to be trying.

The new challies, with tiny Dresden bouquets of flowers on a light ground, striped or dotted with white satin and patterned all over in Persian designs with rose, green and violet prettily blended, are pretty enough to restore this serviceable material to fashionable form again.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

JIMMY'S COMPOSITION.

In a public school in one of the New England States, the teacher makes a practice of requiring "natural history compositions" from her pupils. She gives them as a subject something with which they are familiar, and tells them to write all they know about it. In this way she teaches them English orthography and natural history all at once. Not long ago she asked Jimmy, one of her bright boys, if he knew anything about ants; and when he said that he did she told him to write a composition about them. Here is the result of his effort.

ANTS.

There are many kinds of ants. My ant Mary Jane is one of these kinds. She is gently good natured and when she comes to see my Mother she brings me five cents worth of peanuts and tells me why James how you've grown but when I go and see her and only just walk on the Carpet without cleaning my boots she is only mad.

Ants like to give you Advice and scold at you like everything but their Hart is in the Wright Place and once I found a Ants nest in the woods I poked it with a stick and a Million Ants run out after me and Crawled up inside my Pants and Bit me like Sixty.

Ants nests are good Things not to Poke with a stick Ants are very Industrious in Stealing Sugar.

I forgot to say that my Ant Martha lives in Main she has a boy of just about my Age and He can stand on his Hed Five points and how Do you suppose he can Do It.

I Do not think of Anything more about Ants at present.

TOBACCO A POISON.

No man of science attempts to deny that tobacco is a poison—a poison in relation to human organism—a rank poison, baneful and destructive. It has no assimilation with the process of nature—furnishes no blood, no muscle, and no bone—and when left to its legitimate action is completely destructive of the life-principle. Its poisonous effects are not always visible. It may seem to lie torpid in the system, as a viper in winter. Indeed, its effects may never be so visible in the immediate user as in his posterity, for, like a sea-monster, plunging deep, moving out of sight and coming up in the distance, so, in its malignant effects, this poison may appear in the second and third generations. Many a devotee, who now sports with the idea that he is injured by the "weed," will curse the world with homely, scraggy, half idiotic grandchildren, totally ignorant of the cause. German doctors are

telling the world to-day that it is next to impossible to heal the children of great tobacco-users, when beset with diseases otherwise curable.

Its action is insidious in relation to both individuals and nations. It sometimes shows its malignity in a cancer, paralytic stroke or a sudden death; but its chief strategy is the sapping and mining process, narcotizing individuals and whole nations whilst unconscious of it. It must do execution somewhere! To reason otherwise is a solocism, and ignores the whole doctrine of cause and effect. When a British peer, on the floor of parliament, said "My lord, in view of all the injuries tobacco has inflicted upon Europe, it is doubtful whether the discovery of America, which gave us that plant, has been a blessing or a curse," he presented a problem worthy the study of the philosopher and historian.—Geo. Trask.

WEAKING OUT SHOE LEATHER.

"I have but one maxim for you," said a successful and wealthy merchant to a young man who went out of his employ to enter upon the study of a profession, "and that is never to try to save your shoe leather, but always to be economical of the cloth that forms the seat of your trousers."

The young man pondered this bit of advice a long time, but he thinks that he never fully understood it until he had been at work in his profession for several years.

He found, indeed, that "worn-out shoe leather" was a good investment. It meant, for one thing, keeping up with the times by gaining information at first hand. If he needed any facts bearing upon his profession, he said to himself, "I can lay them with a little shoe leather," and went out and saw the men who had the facts to give him.

If he had waited for them to come to him, probably they would never have come. He could not buy the information with pantaloons material. He saved much time by taking a little.

THE CORK STOPPER.

Strike the stopper in the water; down it goes, but immediately up it bobs. Strike it again. It ducks once more, but with a bounce and a bob, there it is once more floating safely on the water and looking at the clouds.

Every person needs a lot of that cork quality in his character. Disappointments may come and depress you. Don't give up, though, but come up, your back to the water and your face to the sky. After an unsuccessful trial, then try again. There may be a good deal of the cork element in you if you will only think so and give it a chance to exert itself. It is this quality that makes railroad kings of brakemen, generals of privates, learned doctors of students that were paupers, presidents of township boys. Be encouraged. Do not be a lump of lead and sink, but a cork to rise and float. Never give up, but every time come up.

EARNESTNESS.

A young clerk in a large mercantile house was conspicuous for the interest which he took in his work. His associates ridiculed his interest and enthusiasm, and told him that there was no sentiment in ordinary business—"it did not pay."

"A man is paid for his time and labor," they would say, "and he is under no obligations to make his employer's interests an absorbing passion. You will get nothing by it."

"I shall give my employers," he replied, "the best work that is in my power, whatever they may do for me."

He was right and they were wrong. The ardor with which he served the business house inspired confidence. He was very soon promoted, and offered every chance of showing what he could do. Several years passed, and then he was taken into partnership, and the management of one of the largest business houses in the country was entrusted to him.

"The fact is," said the senior member of the firm, when the co-partnership papers were signed, "you have been one of us from the day you came to us as an office boy. You have shown the same enthusiasm for our service that a soldier displays in fighting for his flag."

TO THE BUSINESS BOY.

One of the first principles underlying success in business is thorough honesty. Your employer buys your time; the hours, therefore, for which he pays you do not belong any longer to you, but to him. If, therefore, you are due at the office at six, seven or eight o'clock, you owe it to the man or house employing you, to be at your post precisely.

It is better to be ten or fifteen minutes too early than even one minute too late. You owe your employer attention; your mind must not be wool gathering, while you have work to do, but you should devote the strength of your powers to doing whatever you are set to do, in the very best way. Sent on an errand, do not loiter; entrusted with a message, deliver it promptly, and precisely as it was given to you; charged with carrying a package dispatched to the post office or bank, go straight as an arrow from the bow to the place indicated, and return as promptly.

The boy who can be depended upon in these regards is soon considered an excellent and valuable business boy, and will probably receive promotion.

"Because thou hast been faithful in a few things," said the ruler, in the parable to the man with ten talents, "I will make thee ruler over many things." The faithful, attentive, apt boy will never stay long at the bottom of the ladder.

A LOST DAY.

Watch those lads who are sowing in wine what they reap in headache and degradation. Night after night they laugh with senseless glee, night after night inactivities which pass for wit are poured forth; and daily the nerve and strength of each carouser grow weaker. Can you retrieve those nights? Never! But you may take the most shattered of the crew and assure them that all is not irretrievably lost; his weakened nerve may be steeled, his deranged gastric

functions may gradually grow more healthy, his distorted views of life may pass away. So far so good; but never try to persuade anyone that the past may be repaired, for that delusion is the very source and spring of lost days. Once impress upon any teachable creature the stern fact that a lost day is lost forever, once make that belief part of his being and then he will strive to cheat death.—Catholic Times.

IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

The Church of St. Nicholas, Blackpool, Cork, was dedicated, on March 15, by Bishop O'Callaghan.

A new peal of bells will be shortly placed in position in the Cathedral of St. McCarthy, Monaghan, at an outlay of nearly \$10,000.

The "dynamiter" McCullagh, who has been recently released from Portland prison, says that several of the dynamiters confined there have become weak-minded.

John O'Leary, the Irish patriot, has finished the "Reminiscences of the Fenian Movement in Ireland." Mr. O'Leary carries his record of political events back to the era of 1848.

Judge Andrews opened the Carlow Assizes at Carlow last month by expressing his appreciation of the peaceful state of the country. Only two cases, said Judge Andrews, will be placed before you, and they are in their nature not serious.

Under the auspices of the Irish-American Society, a mass meeting for the purpose of devising means to relieve the Irish and Irish-American prisoners, was held recently in Hoboken. Speeches were made by Mayor Fagan, Mayor Simon Kelly, of Weehawken, Councillor John C. Skelly, and John Farnell, brother of the late Charles Stewart Farnell. John Curran Kemp and James F. Fagan, former prisoners, related their experience. One thousand dollars was subscribed, Mayor Fagan heading the list with \$50.

Very Rev. Patrick Foley, president of Carlow College, who has been nominated coadjutor to Most Rev. Dr. Lynch, the venerable bishop of Killarney and Leighlin, is only 37 years of age, and will be the youngest member of the Irish episcopate, having been born almost under the shadow of the old cathedral, and the dust of his ancestors, a contemporary notes, rests in ground which St. Molaise and his monks made sacred. After receiving his preliminary education in schools where the late Professor Tyndall and Cardinal Moran had long before preceded him, Father Foley entered the Carlow College, where under the late Very Rev. Dr. Kavanaugh he read a very distinguished course for the London degree, and he is, perhaps, the first graduate of that university who has become an Irish bishop. He was ordained priest in 1881, and at once appointed to the chair of philosophy in the college, which he filled with great distinction. With the vice-president, and subsequently on the promotion of Very Rev. Dr. Burke, to the pastoral charge of Bagnalstown, he became president. He is an eloquent preacher, and has mixed in public affairs since he became president of Carlow College.

ROTTED OFF BY BEER.

This is not a temperance treatise, but it has a bit of fact in it that the total abstainer may show to the beer-drinker when ver occasion offers, says the New York Mail and Express.

The attention of the New York hospital surgeons has been called to the large number of bartenders that have lost several fingers of both hands within the past few years.

The first case was that of an employee of a Bowery concert hall. Three fingers of his right hand and two of his left were rotted away when he called at Bellevue one day and begged the doctors to explain the reason. He said his duty was to draw beer for the thousands who visited the garden nightly.

The man was in perfect health otherwise, and it took the young doctors quite a time to arrive at a conclusion. But they did finally, and it nearly took the beer man's breath away when they did. "Your fingers have been rotted off," they said, "by the beer you have handled."

Other cases of a similar nature came rapidly after this one, and to-day the physicians estimate that there is an army of employees of saloons whose fingers are being ruined by the same cause. The acid and resin in the beer are said to be responsible.

The head bartender of a well-known saloon says he knows a number of cases where beer-drinkers have, in addition to losing several fingers of both hands, lost the use of both members.

"Beer will rot iron, I believe," he added. "I know, and every bartender knows, that it is impossible to keep a good pair of shoes behind the bar. Beer will rot leather almost as rapidly as an acid will eat iron. If I were a temperance orator, I'd ask what must beer do to men's stomachs if it eats away men's fingers and shoe leather. I'm here to sell it, but I won't drink it, not much."—Temperance Advocate.

AN HONEST SOLDIER.

What a wave of restitution documents would sweep across the threshold of many public institutions and other places if the greater part of humanity were seized with such a virtuous appreciation of the commitments as was manifested by an American soldier in the following letter addressed to United States Treasurer Morgan, from Westville, Conn., enclosing 30 cents in postage stamps: "I was a soldier at the time of the rebellion. I was on guard over the commissary stores and thoughtlessly took lumps of sugar from an open barrel to eat. I did not take much in quantity, but violated the principle of strict honesty. It is impressed upon me after all these years, that I ought to make restitution. I send postage stamps to cover, I think, the value of all that I took with interest." The stamps were returned into the conscience fund.

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MILLIONS IN SMOKE.

An American writer with a penchant for statistics is making an examination of the figures relative to the annual consumption of tobacco in the United States, whether used in the form of cigars or cigarettes or in other abominable manner of chewing, furnishes the following interesting details showing how millions of dollars are either gently pulled away into the elements, or twisted and curled in the mouth with an art which would make a baseball pitcher blue with envy.

To give an idea of the amount of tobacco consumed in the United States, the following statistics from a trade journal are given: There were 3,744,281,160 cigarettes rolled last year—think of it—against 3,246,038,220 during the year 1894. Of cigars 4,189,915,297 were manufactured against 4,206,032,374 in 1894. Chewing tobacco footed up to 256,060,504 pounds, an increase of over 8,000,000 pounds over the previous year.

This enquiring and critical statistician then indulges in a little illustration in a mathematical manner which is at once convincing: The "plugs" would take about \$400 cars to freight them to New Orleans. The cigarettes if rolled into one would reach about seven and a half times around the earth, or about two-thirds the way to the moon.

A STATESMAN'S OPINION.

If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England * * * we should see our taxes reduced by millions sterling; * * * our jails and workhouses empty; * * * more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century by bitter and savage war. It is moderate drinking that produces the drink craze and that ruins it where it is inherited, and the drink stays at least 50,000 of our fellow beings yearly in the United Kingdom, not to speak of other evils that result from its use.—Jos. Chamberlain.

EDUCATIONAL ITEM.

Professor of Languages—Are you well acquainted with your mother tongue? Mr. New Wed—Not so well as my mother-in-law tongue.—Texas Sittings.

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