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The Daily Newspaper.

In a recent issue of "Suggestion" appears an article entitled "Disastrous Newspaper Suggestions." The article (by Dr. H. A. Parkyn, Editor of Suggestion), goes on to describe the damaging suggestions made every day by the daily newspaper. It gives a list of articles that appeared on the first page of a newspaper picked up at random. This editorial is a good one and ought to be read by every one who is responsible for the rearing of children.

We have always held that the daily newspaper is, at least, a very poor educator. We are of the opinion that those people who are deprived of the privilege of reading the daily newspaper and confine their reading principally to magazines and other monthly periodicals are the gainers. Not that we would hide from people the facts of society. We believe that a newspaper ought to reflect exactly what is going on in the world. We do not believe that anything would be gained by trying to cover the crimes committed, or keep in the dark the unwholesome occurrences that discourage and embarrass civilization.

But the daily newspaper is not a fair index of what actually occurs in society. The newspaper man is seeking for sensational stuff. He wants unusual events and occurrences. He searches copy for crime, for misdemeanor, for all sorts of domestic and fraternal irregularities. These constitute news. The shortcomings, the ill-nature, and the moral lapse of frail humanity are gathered from all quarters of the earth and held up to the public gaze of each locality. This is done in order to cater to the public.

All of the beautiful things that happen in the world pass unnoticed. The millions and millions of homes in which no irregularities occur are not mentioned in these papers. Acts of loyalty, the constancy of true love, the self-sacrifice, the heroism that a million times outnumber acts of cruelty and greed and barbarity find no place in the daily newspaper.

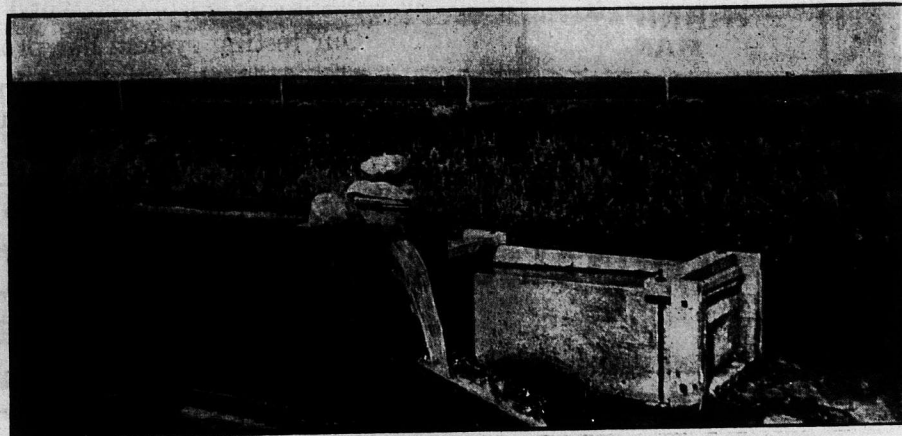
Of course, the editors do not purposely do this in order to debauch their readers. Such news does not even please the editor himself, perhaps, but

news to-day must be of a pungent, stirring character. Deeds of villainy, horrible accidents, reckless escapades, daring adventures, constitute the bulk of news given by the daily papers. The great background of human activity is worthy and commendable. It is only a few scratches on the surface that constitute the bad doings of men and women, and yet it is these few scratches that are collected together, bundled up and hurled in the face of the people by the newsboys on our streets.

If a woman is deserted by her husband in Kansas, a boy killed by his brother in New York, if a tramp murders a woman in Texas, or a streetcar kills a man in Maine; if a bank cashier becomes a defaulter in California, or a sneak thief steals a pocket-book in Florida, all these are carefully collected and arrayed on the front page of a newspaper sold in Ohio.

But while these unfortunate events were happening millions of people were kind and generous, and brave and noble. Their acts never got into a newspaper, so that we must not judge society by what we see in the daily newspaper. We must remember that we have placed before us the frailties of the whole nation, while the virtues of the nation do not appear. We must remember that the newspaper is not a faithful index of the moral and social conditions of our nation, but only holds up a distorted picture of what is going on. People are kind and are growing kinder. People are good and are committing less and less crime. People are virtuous and are not so apt to break the rules of propriety as ever before in the history of the world.

If the daily paper can be read with this thought in mind, and the noise and the clatter of startling events does not shut out the undertone of real fraternity and human goodness which ought to be there if the picture were a faithful one, then no harm would be done. But the careless reader is apt to judge that the world is going to the bow-wows when he sees nothing in the daily newspaper but the accounts of those things which men and women ought not to have done.



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Germany Wrestles for Control of World.

By Dr. Louis Elklind.

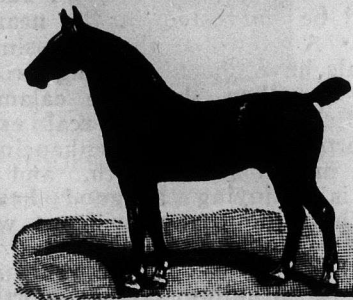
Outside Germany the belief is more or less general—and one constantly meets with it—that the great development which has been effected in the last twenty-five years is largely due to the paternal care which the state takes in industrial and commercial affairs, and, though to a lesser extent, to the bounty system and to low railway freights from the interior to the ports. These are the principal means, it is thought, by which Germany's commerce in general and industries in particular have been so enormously increased. Yet, though of course they have had their share in the good work, they are only of secondary importance.

If I was asked to say what has con-

tributed most to Germany's progress of the last quarter of a century I should unhesitatingly mention the development of patriotism in its best sense in the individual, and, though this historic fact cannot be proved by the usual methods of the statistician, we know beyond doubt that the nation has come to work together as a firm and united organization. Put briefly, the activity of one department or class has had the desired effect upon another in the real sense of the word, and since patriotism has ceased to be local in character and has become truly national, ambition has grown on the right lines. Indeed, there has been a marked and ever increasing desire to do duty to the state as well as to one-

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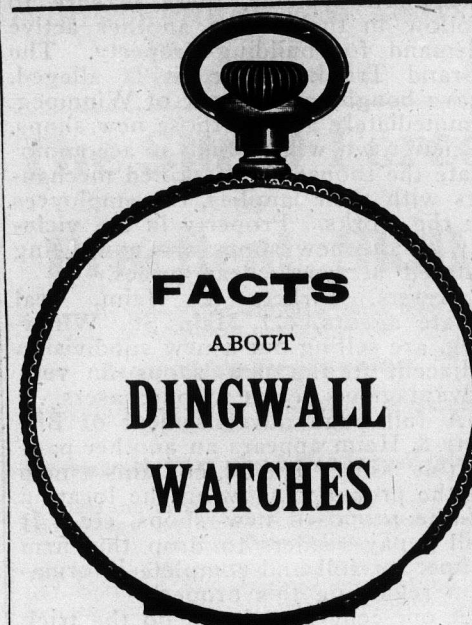
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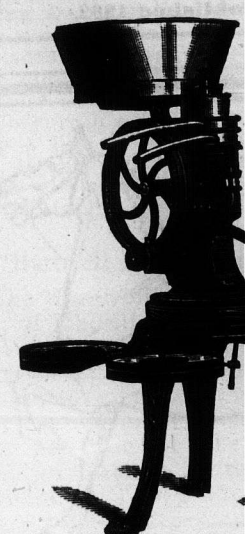
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