

## Sounding "The Alert."

During the World War the outlook stationed on the outposts of the battlefields sounded what they called "the alert" when distant enemy airplanes were discovered through the telescope. They would give warning that all must be on the alert, or the whole army would soon be in danger; that everything that could be done should be done quickly to prevent disaster, to minimize danger and damage as much as possible.

All about us in life's battle there are outposts sounding the alert, but how little we heed the warning. For instance, the heart, the lungs, the kidneys, the liver, and other organs are constantly sounding the alert for some people, giving the danger signal in pain, distress, some unusual feeling, but how little the average man or woman heeds these danger signals!

In a similar way, parents are constantly sounding the alert, the danger signals, to their children; teachers are doing the same to their pupils, but the young folks take no notice, often do not notice what the danger signals mean. There are many danger signals in our life today; in our political, social, economic and religious life; in deportment, in women's dress, in men's morals, in our homes, demoralizing signals which everywhere, demoralizing our life; they are seen in the letting down of moral standards, in the cheapening of life, the belittling of character, the fierce straining for the material things.

Let us give heed to the sounding of the alert before it is too late.—O. S. Marden.

## Teaching the Blind to Write.

France claims the honor of the most important inventions to permit the blind to read and write, the latest being that of Andre Cantonnet, ophthalmologist, of the Cochin Hospital. His system of handwriting, which has just been accepted by the National Congress for the Blind, follows the Braille system of dots in relief, but has the advantage of being readable by people who are not blind without any special study. It has been adopted as a complement of the classic Braille system in schools for the blind.

It was a Frenchman, Valentin Haüy, who conceived the first relief writing for the blind, and it was shortly after, in 1826, that another Frenchman, Louis Braille, perfected the system now so well known.

## Canada's Commercial Forest Trees.

The demand for something in compact form giving information about Canada's commercial trees has led the Dominion Forestry Branch to issue Circular No. 14, "Commercial Forest Trees of Canada." It gives a description of the principal species and their uses and also a list of the accepted common names along with the botanical names, so that each tree may be clearly identified in any part of Canada in spite of the many different local names in use. Copies of Circular No. 14 will be sent free upon application to the Director of Forestry.

## All the Year Round.

Beauty is never lost.  
God's colors are all fast;  
The glory of this sunset heaven  
Into my soul has passed.  
A sense of gladness, unconfined  
To mortal date or time;  
As the soul liveth, it shall live  
Beyond the years of time.  
Beside the mystic asphodels  
Shall bloom the homeborn flowers,  
And new horizons flush and grow  
With sunset hues of ours.  
—J. G. Whittier.

## Mosquitoes Prefer Blue.

Putting boxes lined with different colored cloths in a place frequented by mosquitoes showed that by far the greater number of mosquitoes entered the boxes lined with dark blue. The numbers that the other boxes attracted were in this order: dark red, brown, scarlet, black, slate gray, olive green, light blue, ochre, white orange. No mosquitoes were found in the boxes lined with yellow. It also appeared that a person dressed in dark clothes was attacked at once, whereas one clad in white flannels was unmolested.

## A Permanent Job.

McCarthy had worked on the same farm for the last sixty years, and he was very proud of his record.  
One day his employer said to him: "McCarthy, you are getting very old, and I think it is about time that you retired."  
"Me retire, sir? Why I worked for yer grandfather, and yer father before you became the owner of this farm. If I had known this wasn't to be a permanent job, I would never have taken it on," said the old man indignantly.

## Still to Come.

Tommy had been playing truant from school, and had spent a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back home he met one of his young cronies, who accosted him with the usual question, "Catch anything?"  
At this, Tommy, in all consciousness of guilt, responded, "Ain't been home yet."

A new commandment for which the time is now ripe is "Thou shalt not fall ill." Seventy-five per cent. of the illness in the country is the result of violations of the elementary laws of health, excess of eating, drinking, and smoking.—Sir Malcolm Morris.

Candy is an eastern measure of weight, varying from 660 to 800 lbs.

## IN THE SHADOW OF POOR HEALTH

In This Condition Relief Comes Through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

When the shadow of poor health falls upon you; when hope fades and life itself seems scarcely worth living, then is the time you should remember that thousands just as hopeless as you feel, have been restored to the sunshine of health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The rich red blood which these pills actually make, strengthens the whole system. The nerves are strengthened, headaches vanish, the appetite improves, and once again there is joy in life. Among the thousands benefited by the use of this medicine is Mrs. Jos. Robinson, Oshawa, who says:—"Some time ago I was in an anaemic condition and so weak I would faint away at times. I had no appetite, could not do my housework; in fact life seemed scarcely worth living. I was exceedingly pale and tried doctor's medicine with no good result. Then one day I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills recommended for a similar condition, and I got a supply. I continued taking the pills until I had used about a dozen boxes, and they have made me a well woman. I can now do a good day's work about the house, have no more fainting spells and can go about more actively than I did before. I believe these pills just the thing for pale, weak girls and women, and if given a fair trial will do for them what they have done for me."

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Nutcracker is Powerful and Easily Controlled.

Perfect control of the power exerted on a nut in cracking the shell is possible with the use of a nutcracker. The appliance has a solid felt-lined base and a ratchet, or gear, arrangement operated by a long handle, that gives the user ample leverage in breaking the hardest shells without scattering them in all directions, or smashing the kernels into little bits.

Tortoises and turtles have no teeth.

## Surnames and Their Origin

**FOX**  
Variations—Sinnock, Sinnock, Sceny, Reynard, Reynardson.  
Racial Origin—Irish.  
Source—A nickname.  
This is not the same family name as the Fox which comes from the Anglo-Norman source in the given name of "Fulke" or "Fulque."

Though they may not look it, Fox, Sinnock, Sceny, Reynard and Reynardson are all really variations of the same name, some of them being Anglicized variations of the Irish pronunciation of the name, and some of them being Anglicized variations of the meaning.

It came about this way. There are two noteworthy figures in Irish history who were founders of clans, or sept from which many bearing the foregoing names take their ancestry. One of these was "Flann," the 16th monarch of Ireland, 876 A.D., who was known as "the Fox." The other was a certain "Teige," who lived about 100 years later, also known as "the Fox"—"Teige an Siennack." From these two surnames came the family or clan names "Sinnock" and "Sinnock." According to sound it has become Anglicized to the forms Sinnock and Sinnock. According to meaning it has become Fox, Reynard and Reynardson.

## Old Theories That Have Been Killed by Modern Thought.

Ignorance often develops into a belief, and belief in turn becomes a custom. One of the best examples of this is the placing of the engagement-ring on the third finger.

This is the result of an old belief, still widely taken for fact, that there is a nerve in the third finger in direct communication with the heart. This gave rise to the idea of placing the ring on the third finger.

Of course, there is not a shred of truth in this belief. The third finger is no different from any of the others; but, all the same, it has developed into a custom.

Another equally curious belief is that, should a person cut himself in the space between the first finger and thumb, he is more than likely to get yock-jaw. It is a belief absolutely without foundation, except, perhaps, that a wound in that part of the hand, owing to its free movement, takes a long time to heal, and is therefore more likely to get dirt into it, which might cause lockjaw.

A common belief exists that our bodies undergo complete change once in seven years. As to why seven years nobody knows, but many people have that firm conviction.

Actually the human body is undergoing change the whole time. In moving an eyelid, even, some of the tissue or muscle is literally being burnt up, and is renewed from the blood. The very process of seeing or thinking destroys some of the brain. A boxer will lose as much as nine pounds in weight in a single fight, which means that that much muscle has been decomposed.

In this way it will be seen that different peoples bodies are completely renewed in different periods of time, those in hot countries, or leading a strenuous life, being completely renewed in the shortest time.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

What We Call Dust.

Dust is made up of particles of unburned carbon from smoke, fragments of wool, cotton and hair, living organisms and finely-divided mineral matter. All are constantly being cast into the air and they slip through cracks of houses and settle. After billions of particles have fallen we say the floor is dusty.

Everybody expects courtesy but not so many are willing to give it.

## A Belated Discovery.

Mrs. Garber came home from a call one day in such a disturbed condition that it was evident that tears were not far in the background. She lost no time in beginning her explanation.

"Edward," she said to her husband, "I am so mortified. I don't know what to do!"

"What's the matter, Jane?"

"I've just been calling on Mrs. Peters. You know her husband, Marshall?"

"Yes."

"Well, I just learned to-day that 'Marshall' is not his title at all. Marshall is his first name."

"Why, certainly. I've always known that. What is there mortifying about it?"

"Nothing," said Mrs. Garber, with a groan, "only I've been calling him 'Marshall' every time I've met him for months and months!"

## CHILDHOOD AILMENTS

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## Should the Accompanist Not Share Honors With the Singer?

Why is it that an accompanist doesn't share equal honors with a singer? We go to a concert and applaud loudly the singing of some soloist, but the poor pianist who often gets the lion's share of the work goes unnoticed. It isn't fair, is it?

It doesn't take any great stretch of the imagination to see that a song without an accompaniment is practically useless. Indeed, oftentimes it is the accompaniment which makes a song picture. If you can anyone attempting to sing Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" without the piano or organ accompanying the soloist. And yet when the soloist finishes, the applause and cheering is directed toward the singer, seldom toward the accompanist. Sometimes an accompanist is not even mentioned in a concert notice. He is taken for granted.

Some few years ago a young lady and gentleman sought to draw attention to this anomaly by giving a "Song and Accompaniment" recital in London, England. The young man who did the accompanying, chose the songs and played the whole program of about twenty numbers by heart—a feat of memory that surely is not common, and yet not a single critic (and there were many present) noticed it or thought it worth recording.

This article is not written to disparage the work of the singer. Rather is it a plea for a higher appreciation of the art of accompanying. And goodness knows, with a dearth of accompanists as there is to-day, we need to encourage the art in every possible way. Give a thought to the accompanist!

## We Get You, Willie.

"Now, Willie," said the teacher of the juvenile history class, "you remember who won the Battle of Waterloo?"

"It was the Duke of Wellington."

"Yes, and who came to his assistance and helped him to win it?"

"A feller named Upgardson Atom."

## Needed, an Interpreter.

All that I wanted, writes a contributor to the Youth's Companion, was a spool of white thread. So, although it was my first morning in old Oxford, I set forth on my quest. A person should have no difficulty in a place where his own language is spoken. Certainly not!

Nearing the business district, I stopped a bright-faced boy and asked him where I would find the nearest dry-goods store.

"Dry-goods store? Store, ma'am? What now would you wish to store?"

"Shop, I mean," I said, correcting my mistake hastily. "Dry-goods shop."

"Dry goods? What would dry-goods be, ma'am?"

"Why, cloth, of course, and things of that kind. Goods, you know."

"Oh, cloth! You would be wanting a draper's shop. Turn to your right at your corner, and there'll be a draper's."

Thanking him, I went on and entered the draper's shop, which at first glance appeared for all the world like a dry-goods store. I asked for a spool of white thread.

"Thread? Very sorry, ma'am, but this is a draper's, and thread can be had only at a haberdasher's."

But isn't a haberdasher a person who deals in men's furnishings?

"Not in the least, madam. It is a shop of pins, needles, buttons, thread and the like. There is on a bit of a way on."

I found the haberdasher's shop, which was merely a notion store. Sure of my ground at last, I asked a rosy English girl for a spool of white thread. She fetched a ladder and climbed to the highest shelf, where after some rummaging she found a ball of cord!

"Oh, no," I protested; "I wanted thread."

"Certainly, ma'am; this is thread."

"Help!" I almost cried. Then I patiently explained: "What I want is—something with which to mend, to sew a shirt waist."

"Shirt waist? Shirt waist?" The girl pondered.

I pointed desperately to the shirt waist that I was wearing.

"Oh, blouse!" she cried. "Perhaps what you wish is a reel of cotton."

Thereupon she produced, joy be, my coveted spool of thread!

## MONEY ORDERS.

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## The Place of Music in Our Civilization.

It has been said by a great musician that the music of the brass band is the most perfect expression of a nation's feelings, of its joys and sorrows, its hopes and aspirations. To no other appeal will the masses of people, men, women and children, rise so quickly. The music of the brass band fires ambition in the laggard. Many a soldier was inspired to bravery in battle by its music. It gives them an indefinite sense of exaltation, it makes their hearts beat faster, it smooths the discords of nature into harmony, it arouses the finest enthusiasm and it puts bravery in the heart that is timid.

Music is a great force in civilization. Every period of intellectual activity, social or political, reacted upon music. To illustrate, we need but refer to the formal character of the music of the period preceding the French revolution and the freedom and vigor imparted by the spirit of Romanticism which followed in the wake of that great political movement, a difference strikingly illustrated in the music of Haydn and Beethoven, Clementi and Schumann. The science of music had a high place in Chinese philosophy, the sage alone comprehended the canon, and the mandarins were considered superior in point of musical knowledge. Interesting dates are given showing how early the Chinese had developed a science of music. In 2277 B.C., for example, there were 22 writers on the dance and music, 23 on ancient music, and 25 on the construction of the scales. These facts imply many years of previous development before the time when works treating of the science of music would be prepared.

## Gum of Sudan.

From far off Sudan comes one of our most useful commodities. The adhesive gum that sticks our stamps to our letters and which is used for so many other purposes, can be traced from our desk straight back to the bank of the crocodile infested Nile, with its overhanging palm trees and its myriad herds of chattering monkeys. Big tawny camels and brown-gray donkeys heavy laden with gum from Kordofan, make their way to Durim, above Khartum, where it is unloaded by half-naked natives. The precious cargo is then placed upon various kinds of crafts for shipment to Omdurman. From this city it is sent by rail to uses which the natives never heard of.

## Huge Steel Making Plant in India.

Plans are already well under way for the erection of a large-capacity iron and steel works and rolling mill in India. The plans call for the use of the most modern improvements and labor-saving devices. Iron ore of high quality, suitable fluxes, and excellent cooking coals occur close together, and in large quantities. This condition, in connection with the low-priced labor available in India, should contribute to the production of steel at a remarkably low figure.

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## Rheumatism And Dyspepsia Are Soon Ended

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## The Poor Boy's Keys.

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The Milan Cathedral is decorated with over 2,000 statues rising hundreds of feet above the streets.

Rural Route No. 1, Mascouche, Quebec.  
Sirs—I feel that I should be doing a wrong if I neglected to write you. I have had four tumors growing on my head for years. I had them cut off by a surgeon about fifteen years ago but they grew again till about three months ago I had one as large and shaped like a lady's thumb on the very place where my hair should be parted, and it was getting so embarrassing in public that it was a constant worry to me. About three months ago I got a bottle of your Liniment for another purpose and saw on the label good for tumors. Well I tried it and kept it for exactly two months. With the result that it has entirely removed all trace of the tumor, and were it not that they had been cut fifteen years ago, no mark would be seen. I have not been asked for this testimonial and you can use it as you see fit.  
(Signed) FRED C. ROBINSON.  
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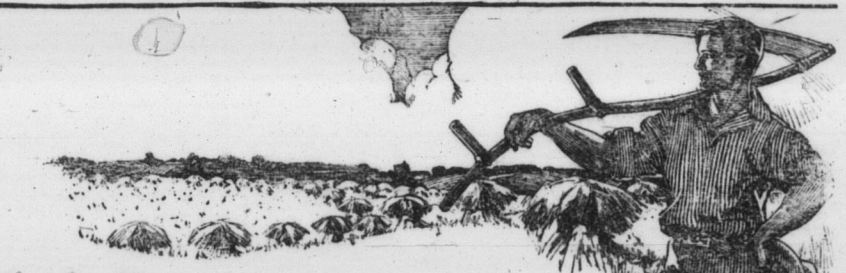
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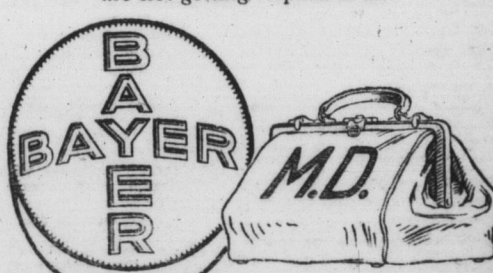
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