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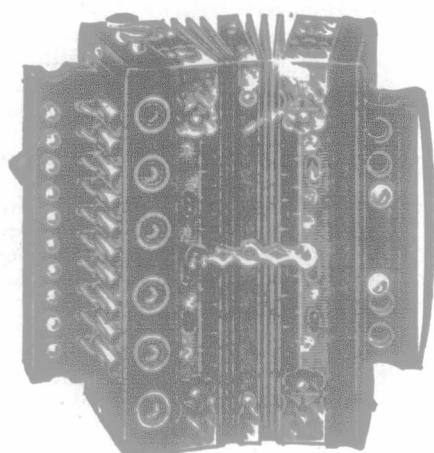
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WHAT OF OUR MANNERS?

We often hear wails from those antediluvian meanderers who are always croaking about lost arts, and the good old times, which, together with being hackneyed, are erroneous to the extreme.

Why regret lost arts when we have a tolerable abundance at the present day to satisfy all immediate demands? It is like a man regretting the loss of a nickel while he has a five dollar bill aboard. Our present day arts and manners are, no doubt, of more avail than the fossilised paleolithics would be, and no doubt, the manners of a hustling community like that which is found on this side of the Atlantic are more serviceable than the minut species; in fact, the latter would be ludicrous if displayed by a suburbanite trying to obtain a seat with the aid of ju-jitsu on the home-going car.

Manners are not easily cultivated, but a kind of counterfeit can be acquired. The former are more or less bred in the bone; in fact, the individual who possesses *savoir vivre* is really not aware that he or she has good manners, so spontaneous is it. It is those who have doubt as to their ability to behave who are always on tenterhooks; these, as a rule, become obsequious, and often servile. It is not an essential of good behaviour to acquiesce on every subject propounded by your host, for it will give him an erroneous idea that he is an oracle. Some hosts relish an argument, but on the other hand, if they dislike controversy, there is no need to make any pointed remark showing that you think either way.

We have heard of people who at functions committed errors in etiquette, transgressed in such a way that it was hardly looked upon as a blunder; also we have known cases in which the defaulter has made the mistake ludicrous by self consciousness and an overdose of so-called manners.

Is it not natural that human beings, if they can be described by that adjective, would appreciate an artless feeling in manners such as would appeal more to the heart than to the god or goddess Convention? Behaviour is more or less like many other customs and theories surrounded by an indiscreet uselessness, and amended till they would be irreconcilable by their originators. In the beginning there was a certain instilled code of behaviour which was more instinctive than distinctive, and with the aid of exaggerators we have managed to successfully obliterate all the true naturalness therein.

It is not exactly polite to give your entertainer the impression that you think him a bore whilst enduring his entertainments, neither is it necessary to give exaggerated expressions of enjoyment when being landed an album containing the portraits of people in whom you are in no wise interested. A person possessing manners in their natural form would have sufficient knowledge of the world to know how both catastrophes should be met, and would, by the absence of and not effusiveness, know how each case should be dealt with.

We have always brought up to believe that "manners make a gentleman." Now, as a true gentleman

is not built by manners, but is a natural product, as is an artist or author. He assimilates certain conventionalities which we have made a necessity, in the same way that the artist has to go through his elementary education in blending colors. The gentleman has also, like the artist, learned how to apply what he acquires, and most effectively applies it when necessary. We still find gentlemen where convention does not exist, and here their personality is quite as effective.

We may have a system of perpetual motion in hat-raising, and yet not be in any way well-mannered. In fact, courtesy is one of the most poignant weapons in the hands of a blackguard. He may, under its cover, use all his malignant sarcasm, and still be irreproachable for a moral whipping; however, courtesy, handled by one who possesses it as a natural asset, can do wonders. Its effect is most pronounced at social gatherings, for there it is the means of making everyone enjoy themselves, it brings out the reserved members, and by judicious questioning can make the foolish wise, by sagacious banter it quells the boastful, leading the conversation into channels that are available to all present. It does not take an abundance of imagination to see that the spirit of *savoir vivre* is beyond the pale of education, and is a natural acquisition only given to a chosen few.

VICTOR P. CARTER.

The Western Wigwam

A DISAPPOINTMENT

Dear Phila Delphia:—I was sorry indeed to miss you when you came through Winnipeg. The letter announcing your coming did not reach me until Monday morning. I at once called up the hotel and they told me no one of your name had registered there. In your letter you did not say which Sunday, so I waited a week and then called up the hotel again with no better results. Then your card came from the States and I had to give in to the disappointment. Perhaps some day there will be another opportunity. Hope to hear from you that you are quite recovered in health.

With best wishes,

COUSIN DOROTHY.

THE ONLY BOY IN SCHOOL

Dear Cousin Dorothy,—This is my first letter to your Corner. Our house is in a beautiful bluff; there is an opening on the south side. We have a nice flower garden, and a vegetable garden, too, and most of the vegetables escaped the frost.

Papa has taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for a number of years. I like to read the letters in the Children's Corner. I have been puzzled how to earn a watch. I wish Cousin Dorothy would tell me.

We have about twenty head of fine, pure-bred cattle, eight horses, and three colts, a dog, and five cats.

I am ten years old, and am in the third reader. Did you ever hear of a school with only one boy in it? I go to the school. I have one brother and two sisters. I will close wishing your Corner every success.

Man. (a) WILLIE IVERACH (10)

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No, I never heard of a school before that had only one boy in it. But once I taught for three weeks in a school that had just four boys in it, and they were all called Willie. If I had been going to stay there, I'd have called them William Willie, Will and Will, but as the time was so short, the problem of distinguishing them was solved by putting a boy in each corner of the room.

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