

OLD WAYS DISDAINED.

(From the Cincinnati Times-Star.) The old fashioned spelling-bee in the church parlors or at the community "sociable," and the custom of "spelling down" toward the end of the school year, had their good uses. In the days of our daddies it was considered a disgrace not to be able to spell, not only the words in ordinary or even occasional use, but words which seldom saw the printed page. Competition under the eyes of fellow-scholars had the effect of putting mental mucilage into the memories of the spellers. Today ask almost any employer as to the spelling of his young stenographers, and he will throw up his hands in horror. He will say that they "spell with a lick and a promise," going at it phonetically and blaming the sad result upon the typewriter. In other times spelling was taught to classes which chanted the words in unison until the arrangement of the letters was impressed upon the memory. Modern teachers eschew this method as archaic, but they seem to have produced nothing better.

CANADA AGAIN AT THE FRONT

Sir George E. Foster, showed himself a tower of strength in the great assembly of the League of Nations, when he opposed a resolution offered by Gustav Ador of Switzerland setting up a permanent economic and financial commission, one of the duties of which would be to examine measures for preventing monopolies in raw materials and the means of controlling their distribution.

The resolution based on Article 23 of the Covenant, which assures all states equitable treatment. It was supported chiefly by Italy, Switzerland and other countries not rich in raw materials.

Sir George Foster of Canada as one of the strongest opponents of the resolution asserted that any attempt to exercise such control would be regarded as interference in internal affairs to which Canada would never submit. The Canadian delegates also spoke for the United States, and said that the entry of the United States could not be hoped for if any such interference were attempted.

The Assembly saw the force of the Canadian contention and the resolution was modified and amended to suit the demands of the Canadian delegates.

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THE USE OF "ESQUIRE"

(Manchester Guardian.) The title of "esquire," which is the subject of a new legal definition, is probably the most misused of all our appellations. The word is derived from the Latin scutarius (a shield bearer, and formerly designated the attendance on a knight, who ranked below the knight bachelor and whose office was recognized as a stepping to a knighthood. Later it came to be a title of honor, implying a rank between-knight and valet. Subsequently it was laid down that only those with a legal right to be called a "gentleman" could use "esquire", the definition of a "gentleman" being one who lawfully bore a coat-of-arms. In recent times the title of esquire "has been indiscriminately used, usually in a flattering sense, and the majority of letters of a solicitous nature have adopted the word in the address. The new legal definition, which is promulgated especially for the use of overseers in making up their jury lists, gives the following qualifications for the title of "esquire":—Sons of peers, the eldest sons of baronets, barristers, justices of the peace, mayors during their term of office, holders of a crown office, and attorneys in the Colonies.

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(Somerville, Mass. Journal) Don't talk of what you're going to do. Don't boast until you're wholly through. Success means work—it's up to you—Get busy!

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(From the Forest Free Press.) The city papers are telling their readers about the great riches the farmers are gathering in this year. But they forgot to say that these returns have been made possible only by the toil, not only of the farmer himself, but by the toil of his wife and his boys and girls, of whom are doing farm labor. The family on a prosperous farm do more hours of hard work week days and Sundays, in three months, than the members of a well-to-do city family do in a whole year. Any prosperity that comes to the farmer and his family is always well earned. Domestic help is almost unknown on the farm, while the city families, outside the laboring classes, which are without help, are very few. If the working hours on the farm were as few as they are in the city, starvation and famine would soon be the result.

NEW CLOTH FOR HARD WEAR

A new textile fabric which, it is claimed, will tend to lower the present high cost of mens clothing, is being placed on the market by a Pudsey, Yorkshire, manufacturer, writes U. S. Trade Commissioner Henry F. Grady, from London. The London agents of the manufacturer state that the new cloth is made entirely of silk noil (or short fibres), and that, while superior in wearing properties to a pure worsted, it can be sold at the price of shoddy cloth, or one-fourth the price of the best wool fabrics. It is said to be strong and almost untearable, very suitable for hard wear; and can be obtained in grays, browns and blacks.

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SPEED.

The lawyer turned to the witness: "You say that you were standing near this man when the shot was fired at him?" "Yes, suh!" "And that you ran away immediately afterward?" "Run, suh!" I ran so fast I had to turn sideways to keep from flying."

COUNTED BOTH WAYS.

"An' now, ladies and gents," began the English show man, "there's this 'ere haligator. Note the length. Fifteen feet from tip o' the nose to the tip o' the tail, and 15 feet from the tip o' the tail to the tip o' the nose—30 feet in all!"

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