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SANCTUM SAYINGS.

Inconsistency. It is really astonishing when one considers the absurd remarks made by people on different subjects. We are not going to make you wade through a thousand and one of these absurdities however, all we wish to do is to register a decided objection to certain remarks made by different people when we ask them for a subscription. Some say when they see our Philatelic Department, "Well, I'm no stamp fiend, such reading does not interest me in the least." Well, say, how about the stamp collectors? It interests them. Haven't they a right to have a corner of the paper devoted to their special interest? We admit our paper is not very large as yet but where can you point out a paper started under similar circumstances that is better? You must remember that we are just starting in the business and gauge your remarks accordingly. We noticed more than a few people reading sample copies with unmistakable interest, who when asked for their subscription said they were not interested in the subjects dwelt upon in ENERGY. We do not want to call this two-facedness, but what is it? We are unable to gather in even from the most remote recesses of our "think-tank" any word more suitable for use in adjective reference to these people. If any of our readers can enlighten us, we would be very much obliged for the suggestion. Some of the people when we gave them a copy of ENERGY, handed out fifty cents before we asked for a subscription. We wish we knew of a town with nearly ten thousand people like this. We'd "raise dust" to-morrow and pike for that place at once.

Uncle Ed.

BEAUTY.

UNCLE ED. WARNS US AGAINST FALSE IMITATIONS.

One of the earliest recollections of life I have was shortly after the excitement incident to my birth had subsided and I was resting from the fatigues ensuing from receiving all my distinguished relatives. It was then I beheld for the first time one of those gentle creatures, whose smiles are the sunshines of our homes and our hearts, bending over me and admiring my classic features. I did not admire hers. I did not see it. What I saw of it was simply the tops of two or three highlands situated in various portions of her face. All the valleys were filled with successive coats of beauty cream. Instantly great surging thoughts oppressed me. Shall such wholesale deception continue? Not while I get a hearing.

The young girl, as a rule, is perfectly satisfied with herself. But about the age she realizes the danger of wandering abroad alone, and learns to cling to some fellow's arm, then she and the family looking glass make some horrifying discoveries. Her complexion is certainly muddy. She has freckles, blackheads and blemishes in her skin. Something must be done. She scans the newspaper ads, and discovers just the thing—Madam Ogre's Oriental Cream and Magical Beautifier, taken from Cleopatra's coffin. The drug store has it. She invests. Within a week her dresser might be mistaken for an apothecary. Yet she fails to learn the art of putting it on properly. Men laugh when they pass her on the street and pity her, while she thinks the world and mankind in general is smitten with her beauty. The young man who has let the habit of calling on her grow until it became chronic, gnashes his teeth every morning when he scrapes a quarter's worth of complexion from off his coat lapel.

I early learned to distinguish between the old and the young girl by the amount of powder they use. Young girls practice economy and care; with age they grow reckless and plaster their faces like houses, in several coats. Then we see it rubbed on in streaks. After three or four coats of whitelead fail to give the desired effect, the elderly maid courts a corpse-like pallor by eating arsenic wafers. These always perform a successful operation. Of all the funerals I ever attended I never saw a corpse excelling the arsenic artist for complexion. Arsenic is sure. Sois Rough on Rats, which is cheaper. My parting advice to

young men is: "Be not deceived. Court the girl with a few moth patches, wart archipelagos, and bugle nose, and you court no deception." To fair artists I briefly say: "Be yourselves. Let the savages paint."
UNCLE ED.

Items of Interest

SOME NEW, SOME OLD.

One of the German cities has a street laid with rubber.

It is nearly 500 years since the tall hat made its first appearance in France.

An ordinary brick wall absorbs 16 oz. of water.

The average pulse of a healthy man should beat 72 times per minute.

Potato juice is said to be an excellent clothes cleaner.

The postal authorities at Berlin are preparing to place at the railway and other stations 200 automatic machines for the sale of stamps and post cards; also pencils to write on the post cards.

On an average every London policeman arrests seven persons per day.

The average weight of the elephant is three tons.

Greece has only 152 newspapers.

Two-thirds of all the letters written in the world are either written by or sent to English speaking people.

The school system of Ontario is the best in the world.

The British Navy is valued at nearly one-half billion of dollars.

Berlin, Germany, is so fortunate as to be devoid of slums.

The asbestos mines of Eastern Quebec are the richest in the world.

Toronto has increased its population by about 50,000 souls since 1891 when the last Dominion census was taken.

Spain has only 7548 miles of railways, or a little over four miles to every 10,000 inhabitants.