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SATAN'S TRICK MIRROR.

In the shop of a Philadelphia dealer in antiques was a mirror with an odd history. . . On the back was the date 1736, and under that the name of the French maker. Careful scrutiny disclosed that the glass was not truthful. It diffused false portraits. Even the thinnest face filled out under the magic of its slightly curved glass. There was a tradition that had come down with the mirror through the years to the effect that the glass had been made for an angular woman of colonial days. The glass had been made to flatter her. Whether the legend is true or false it will illustrate the truth that Satan has a trick mirror. Conducting people to the falsifying glass, the enemy of their souls shows them a weakened, eceminate vision of themselves.

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FLOWERS THAT SHOW EMOTIONS.

Experiments made at the Jardin L'Acclimatation in Paris have, according to the Medical Journal and record, demonstrated that flowers are almost as quick to show signs of displeasure as human beings. Most people know what it is to arrange two hands of blossoms in a vase and then to find a few hours later that the blooms are drooping. In most cases this is due to the fact that flowers object to being associated with one another. Separate the blossoms and, in a short while, they will be as fresh as ever.

Lilies of the valley are hardly ever happy for long when mixed with other flowers and soon show their dislike by drooping badly. Roses, carnation, sweet peas, and mignonette are all flowers which should be kept to themselves. Either they will affect the blooms with which they are placed or they themselves will quickly fade.

Quite a number of flowers dislike music. Time and again it has been noticed that blossoms on a piano which is frequently played last only a very short while. Even more curious is the effect of a jazz band on some of the more sensitive flowers. The large Easter lilies and cyclamen have been noticed to turn away from a band which was playing dance music, just as if they wished to get as far off from the sound as possible.

There seems to be something about certain persons that violets really dislike, and not only will they withhold their perfume but they will droop as well. Much the same kind of thing has been observed in the more delicate sort of roses. Flowers, as well as foliage plants, often show a marked dislike to certain rooms in a house. A vase full of drooping blossoms removed to another apartment will undergo complete transformation in an hour or so. There is usually no very clear reason why this should be so, except that, in the first instance, the flowers are not pleased with their surroundings. If a foliage plant seems to be unhappy in one room place it in another and it is quite likely to become healthy once again.

PASS IT ALONG.

Has somebody said a kindly word About somebody else you know? Then pass it along as soon as you can As far as the word will go.

Has somebody given a pleasant smile To somebody who was sad? Then copy the smile as soon as you can And make somebody else glad.

Has somebody given a helping hand To somebody far adrift? Then give one yourself as soon as you can To some one who needs a lift.

For the word and the smile and the helping hand Are needed along life's way. So pass them along as soon as you can To brighten somebody's day!

—Irene S. Woodcock.

A Doubtful Compliment.

A young matron was entertaining the new clergyman, and at dinner he proved to be so brilliant that the table was in a continuous gale of laughter.

Finally, when the dinner was over, the hostess, drying the tears of mirth from her eyes, sighed: "If I were a queen I should certainly revive old customs and have a fool present at every meal."

A Scotsman had been promised a present of a new hat.

Before the purchase was made, the donor called and asked: "Would you rather have a felt or a straw hat, McPherson?"

"Weel," said the latter, "I think I'll take a straw one. Maybe it will be a mouthful for the coo when I'm done wi' it."

THE MAN WHO GAVE UP SINGING.

A merry cobbler used to sing at his work from early morning till late at night. Close by lived a rich man, who was much upset by the noise, for the cobbler's singing woke him up and prevented him getting any more sleep in the early hours of the day.

For a long time he wondered how he could stop the singing, and at last he hit upon a plan. Going into the cobbler's shop, he asked how much the man earned by his work in the course of a year.

"Oh," said the cobbler, "not more than fifty crowns. But I am quite happy."

"Very well," replied the rich man, "here is a little present for you, and he handed over a bag containing a hundred crowns.

The cobbler was almost beside himself with delight. All the rest of that day he was wondering what he should do with so much money; and then he began to fear he might lose it, and his alarm became so great that he no longer sang at his work, but became one of the most miserable men in the village.

Money does not necessarily bring happiness.

USING THE LEFT HAND.

Why is it that we neglect to use the left hand so much?

Among English-speaking people 97 out of every 100 are right-handed when they reach maturity. Out of 100 such persons 17 are born right-handed and the remaining 80 are born without preference as to either hand. Eighty are influenced to become strongly right-handed during early childhood.

No great asset of the world is so neglected as the average left hand. Formerly all the world was ambidextrous. Primitive man had no preference which hand he used. And in various parts of the world efforts are now being made to revive the use of the left hand.

Japan has for many years been teaching two-handedness to the men of her army and in her public schools. The German government is following Japan's example. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, hero of the siege of Mafeking, does not consider a man a well-trained soldier unless he can

mount equally well on either side of his horse, use the sword, revolver and lance equally well with both hands.—Exchange.

WEATHER WISDOM.

"Red at night is the shepherd's delight. Red in the morning is the shepherd's herd's warning."

This is an old English rhyme, the idea it expresses is known in nearly every country in the world. Even the ancient Egyptians and Greeks had sayings similar to the above. Furthermore, it is scientifically true. Red skies are really weather forecasts.

If the atmosphere is clear in the evening or morning the sun's light is red, because the blue, of which the ordinary white light of the sun is made up, has been absorbed by the great length of atmosphere through which the slanting rays of the sun have to pass.

In the evening the rosy light of the sunset illumines the clouds on the eastern side of the sky. This shows that the clouds have gone by and are taking the rain with them. Thus we get red at night, indicating fine weather. In the morning, the rising sun being in the east, the light illumines the western horizon and its clouds, which are on their way to us. We need not be shepherds to know that if the sky is red and lowering in the morning we are in for a good "soaker" before lunch-time comes.

LOCAL PRIDE.

Local pride is based on the affection for the place in which you live and is almost as natural a sentiment as family pride. Like family pride, it may be useful and stimulating, or it may be futile and deadening.

A proper local pride manifests itself in study of the history of the community and its founders, in a desire for a thorough knowledge of the institutions, industries and people of the community, and in acquiring familiarity not only with the topography and the external aspects of the place but also with its spirit. Any one whose local pride is strong enough to infel him to such study will become imbued with an ambition to contribute to the improvement of the community; he will be in his turn one of the makers of history.

Local pride that finds its expression at home is an admirable trait. There is, however, a kind of local

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The attention of Owners and Masters of British Ships is called to the 74th Section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1894."

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(a) on a signal made to her by one of His Majesty's ships, including any vessel under the command of an officer of His Majesty's navy or full pay, and

(b) on entering or leaving any foreign port and

(c) if of fifty tons gross tonnage or upwards, on entering or leaving any British Port.

(2) If default is made on board any ship in complying with this section the master of the ship shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

At time of war it is necessary for every British Ship to hoist the colours and leave to if signalled by a British Warship; if a vessel hoists no colours and runs away, it is liable to be fired upon.

H. W. LeMESSURIER,
Registrar of Shipping

pride that is frequently exhibited only by people who are away from home, and that is not to be commended. It is usually a mark of narrowness and prejudice. A man need not sacrifice or abate his love of home in order to recognize the superior claims to general interest that some other place offers. Provincialism, as local pride is likely to be called when it expresses itself away from home, is usually suspicious, hypercritical and petty. It retards the mental growth of the man who suffers from it, for he is seldom one who at home shows any local pride of a constructive character.—Royalist.

YOUR THOUGHTS

If every thought you have to-day Could come alive to-night And visit you, would you rejoice And greet them with delight?

The loving, kindly, thoughtful ones, I'm sure you'd gladly meet; I think they come in shining white, All pure and fresh and sweet.

But oh, those dark and ugly ones, Deep hidden in the breast! I wonder in what shape they'd come, In what sad hues be'dressed?

And rooted well, these thoughts do live In actions, great or small; And sometimes, somewhere, as results, You'll meet them, one and all.

So, here's a golden one for you: "For this day I shall strive To entertain no thought but those I'll gladly meet alive."

—Selected.

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