

VULGAR HABITS.

Asking questions private and personal is a vulgar habit; and telling your own business, which no one wants to hear, is another. Asking the cost of a present that has been made to you, loud talking in public, hard staring at table, insolent disrespect to husband, wife, sister or brother, showing temper in trifles, and making scenes in public, showing an embarrassing amount of fondness or making love in public, covert sneers of which people can see the animus if they do not always understand the drift; persistent egotism which talks forever of itself and cannot even feign the most passing interest in another, detraction of friends and it may be of relatives, a husband telling of his unpleasantness, a wife complaining of her husband's faults, the bold assumptions of superiority and the servile confession of infinite unworthiness—all these are signs and evidences of vulgarity—vulgarity of a far worse type than that which eats its fish with a steel knife, and says "You was," and "Each of the men were."

"O, I say!" exclaimed a man who walked up to the grocery counter with a limp that indicated that one side of him had gone fishing, "just pass your tongue over that and tell me what you call it."

The grocery man did so and replied: "Some people would call it must-ard, but it is a powerful weak imitation; where did you get it?"

"Got it here in this store this very morning, and my wife said it didn't amount to nothing."

The other day we read some wise fool's saying like this: "You should never pull down an apron until you have something to put in it." In other words, if your friend is out for a boat ride just above Niagara Falls don't disturb him until you have found some smooth water for his boat. This is all nonsense. When a man is in the wrong get him away from it as soon as possible. He will himself find something to take its place when it is needed. An error can do him no good, and the sooner he gets rid of it the better. It may not be all that is required, but it is a long step towards it.

A WOUNDED VETERAN.—The average Washington claim-agent is not a man to be disturbed by any scruples of conscience. "You say you were wounded during the late war?" "That's what I said," returned the applicant for a pension. "Do you remember what year it was?" "In 1864, I think." "Where were you wounded?" "In the wrist." "Was it a minnie ball?" "Not exactly. Her name was Minnie, but it was a corset bone that wounded me." "All right," exclaimed the agent, "we'll call it a bayonet stab." And to-day the corset scarred veteran is occupying a lucrative place on Uncle Sam's pension roll.

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PERILS OF PAPER BAG BUSTLES.

There is a woman in the West End who has learned a lesson that will last her a lifetime. She has for years been wearing these paper bags, such as the grocers use, for bustles. The paper is stiff and sticks out splendidly, and makes the dress look well. Last Sunday morning, while she was dressing, her young son got into the room and blew the paper bag full of wind and tied a string around the mouth of it, and left it in the chair. The good lady took it and tied it on, and dressed herself for Church. She bribed her husband to go with her, though he is

sort of Bob Ingersoll Christian. As they went up the aisle the minister was reading a hymn about "Sounding the loud Hosanna," and the lady went into the pew first, and sat down while her husband was putting his hat on the floor. There was a report like distant thunder. You have heard how those confounded paper bags explode when boys blow them up and crush them between their hands. Well, it was worse than that, and everybody looked at the innocent husband, who was standing there a picture of perfect astonishment. He looked at his wife as much as to say, "Now, this is the last time you will ever catch me in a Church if you are going to play any more of your tricks on me. You think you are going to scare me into getting religion."

The minister stopped reading the hymn and looked over his spectacles at the new-comers, as though it would not surprise him if that bad man should blow the Church up. The poor lady looked around as much as to say, "I didn't know it was loaded," and she looked the hymn book through for the hymn, and as the choir rose to sing she offered one side of the book to her husband, but he looked mad and pious, and stood at the other end of the pew and looked out of the stained glass window. After the services they started home together. He didn't know what made that noise until they got home, but after a little skirmishing around his wife held up a bursted paper bag and asked the boy if he blew that up. He said he did. The boy and his mother and a press board paid a visit to the kitchen, and there was a "sound of revelry." Boys will be boys. —*Washington Capitol.*

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VERBAL ERRORS TO BE GUARDED AGAINST.

The following examples of the more common errors in the use of words are taken from "The Verbalist":

Accord, for give; as, "the information was accorded him."

Aggravate, for irritate; aggravate is to make worse.

Allude to, for refer to or mention. As, for that; "not as I know," for "not that I know."

Avocation, for vocation; a man's vocation is his business; avocations are things that occupy him incidentally.

Illy, for ill.

Imagurate, for begin.

Kids, for kid gloves.

Learn, for teach.

Liable, for likely or apt.

Lend, for lend.

Pants, for Pantaloons, or, better still, trousers.

Partake, for eat.

Plenty as an adjective, when plentiful is meant.

Balance, for rest or remainder.

Character, for reputation; one may have a good reputation, but a bad character, and the two words should never be confounded.

Dangerous, for in danger; a sick man is sometimes most absurdly said to be dangerous, when it is only meant that the poor fellow is in danger himself—a very different thing.

Demean, for debase, disgrace or humble. To demean one's self is merely to behave one's self, whether ill or well.

Dirt, for earth or loam.

Donate, for give.

Real, for very, as "real nice," "real pretty."

Reside, for live; residence for house.

Retire, for go to bed.

Seldom or ever for seldom if ever, or seldom or never.

Some, for somewhat; "she is some better to day."

Stop, for stay; "where are you stopping?" This is one of the vilest witticisms.

Summon (noun), for summon (the verb).

Those kind of apples, for that kind.

Transpire, for occur.

Vulgar, for immodest or indecent.

Without, for unless.

Execute, for hang, as applied to the criminal. It is the sentence, not the man, that is executed.

Healthy, for wholesome; an onion plant may be healthy, but when you pick an onion, there is no more healthiness or unhealthiness to that, although it may or may not be whole some as an article of food.

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