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WEST MIDDLESEX, AND AFTER.

The majority received yesterday in West Middlesex by Hon. J. C. Elliott, the new Minister of Labor, is almost as wide as a church door or as deep as a well. It is more than enough, and it will serve. As Elliott put it, Elliott, and it would have looked like a case of Greek meeting Greek but for the history of the previous test, that in October, when Mr. J. C. Elliott, now Minister, beat both the Progressive and the Conservative by smashing majorities.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

A letter from Mr. W. E. Scully, relating to civic matters, is published in another column of The Times-Star today, and it is worthy of a close reading. Mr. Scully's first purpose is to say that Elliott, although he has been asked by a large number of the electors to enter the majority contest, and while he is thankful for this expression of confidence, he feels that the duties of the office, if he should be elected, would be too onerous for him to undertake as they would demand more time than he could give at present.

ODDS AND ENDS

A Regular Customer (Chicago Daily News) Dagerberg Cohen, the Duluth financier, said at a banquet of bankers in Duluth: "Some people treat banks like—well, let me tell you a story. "Hello, George, was it you I saw going into the Grangers' bank this morning?" said one man to another. "Yes, it was me all right," said George. "Did you make a deposit?" "No, sir." "Drew something out, hey?" "Nope." "What did you do, then?" "I filled the family fountain pens."

Just Fun

SOMETIMES the optimists have to borrow the umbrellas carried by the pessimists. IF YOU are all right, you will think most people are. A DOWNSTATE farmer was driving his hargov over an ancient graveyard. When asked why he was doing that he said he was cultivating old acquaintances.

FATHER, when I graduate I'm going to follow my literary bent and write for money. "Well, son, you ought to be successful. That's about all you've been doing since you started in college."

THE OLD AND NEW. In days of old, when knights were bold, And wore such stuffy armor, They'd fight a duel (Ah, me, 'twas cruel) For hand of some fair charmer.

But duels today are quite passe, 'Tis war of wits instead, Sheiks have a "line" almost divine That knocks the grilles dead.

HAVE you caught that buglar yet? "No," replied the detective; "we haven't caught him as yet, but he's got him so scared that he doesn't dare to show himself when we're around."

A GOOD neighbor is one who feeds his chickens on his own flowers and vegetables.

A stitch in time save nine. It pays To mend your clothing ere 'tis tattered, And yet we seldom mend our ways 'Till they are pretty badly shattered.

LITTLE GIRL: Mother, what did you do when a boy first kissed you? Mother: Never mind. Little Girl (later): I did the same thing, mother.

THERE'S many a safety pin that carries more responsibility than a bank president.

I hear, Jackson, that your wife got a divorce and returned to Alabama. Who will do my washing now? "Don't worry, mama; I've co'tin' again, and I co'tin' to be a maid."

ALL FOR CHARITY. I DID one charitable act today," remarked a merchant as he sat down to dinner.

"I'm glad to hear it, dear," said his wife. "Tell me about it." "Oh, one of my clerks wanted an increase in salary, so that he could get married, and I refused to give it to him."—Bristol Times and Mirror.

THE TRUTH. OFFICE MANAGER: Brown, you told me yesterday afternoon you had an engagement with your dentist. BROWN: Yes, sir, I did. OFFICE MANAGER: Why, I saw you at the football game. BROWN: Yes, sir. The dentist was sitting next to me as my dark—Elinburgh Scotsman.

WHO'S WHO

DR. JAMES S. DURKEE. AFTER more than 75 years of existence the famous Plymouth Congregational church in Brooklyn, N. Y., "city of churches," is welcoming its fourth pastor.

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What About It, Britannia?

THEY spend three pounds fourteen shillings in making the world less fit for the child.

For every pound spent in making the child fit for his place in the world, Britain spends three pounds fourteen shillings in making the world less fit for the child.

—A British Anti-drink Poster.

POEMS That LIVE

NYDIA'S SONG. The Wind and the Bean loved the Rose And the Rose loved one; For who recks the Wind where it blows? Or loves not the Sun?

None knew whence the humble Wind stole, Poor sport of the skies; None dreamt that the Wind had a soul In its mournful sighs.

O happy Bean, how can't thou prove That bright love of thine? In thy light is the proof of thy love, Thou hast but to shine.

How its love on the Wind reveals? Unwakened its sigh; Mute, mute to the Rose let it steal— Its proof is—to die!

—Lord Lytton.

THE BEST OF ADVICE

THE "SOFT JOB." WORK is not merely the grand instrument by which the earth is governed; it is the very life of the soul, the very essence of the human mind that what we call assistance.

More than one wise man has declared that difficulties are more important to the human mind than what we call assistance.

Work, we all must, if we mean to bring out and perfect our nature. Even if we do not work with our hands, we must undergo equivalent toil in some other direction.

It has a far higher function, which is to give force to the will, efficiency, courage, the capacity of endurance, and of preserving devotion.

"Ease, rest, over its deliciousness to toll, and no toll is so burdensome as the rest to him who has nothing to seek and quicken his powers," it is observed.

Easy, pleasant work does not make robust minds; does not give men a consciousness of their powers, does not train them to endurance, to perseverance, to steady force of will, that force without which all other acquisitions avail nothing.

Man owes his growth, his energy, his clarity to that striving of the will, that conflict with difficulty, we call effort.

Consequently, we have William Emery Channing saying that manual labor is a school in which men are placed to get energy or purpose and character—vastly more important endowment than all the learning of other schools.

RUN through the list of the great men of the nation, and note how most of them began as manual laborers on the farm or in the shop.

"They are placed, indeed, under hard masters, physical sufferings and want, the power of fearful elements, and the vicissitudes of all human things," Channing observes; "but these stern teachers do a work which no compassionate, indulgent friend could do for us."

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The Very Idea!

LAND OF CHEER. THE trail that leads to the land of cheer is an easy road to find. There's nary a soul who is living here who needs to be left behind.

If you blaze your way with a thousand smiles and can fill the air with song, you can travel on through the happy miles and join with the laughing throng.

Your life's too short for the solemn side, and you lose your pep when blue. Hop onto the smile ship and take a ride, if your spirit can carry you through.

Be friendly with folk whom you meet each day and put out the glad hand strong. Remember that life is a portion play. When you make it all work, you're wrong.

Fall into line while the fall's good. Take the tip with your pep when blue. Be a good scout, 'cause you know you should. You'll land in the land of cheer!

The horse may be going, but a lot of married people will tell you that the old "nag" still lives on.

If they took all the women away, what would follow? I don't know about the rest of you men—but I can answer for myself.

Sometimes a man acquires a vocabulary simply by getting married.

They always sang duets because they flattered every tone. And neither one of them was game To take the blame alone.

NOW, HONESTLY—Easiest man in the world to overlook. Somehow or other most of us take all things he does for granted.

He's expected to be in the best of spirits all the time—we can't understand why he has reason to ever feel otherwise.

Kind of a good guy to turn to in an emergency. Always comes through with help, too.

Some people call him the head of the family. In most cases that's funny. Let's see now—whadda we call this fellow?

Oh, yes—Dad!

If it weren't for the longest way around, where would the youngster go who is coming back from the store with groceries?

A rich girl is supposed to pay the charges when a poor man expresses his love to her.

Mrs. A.: Did your husband go by boat or rail? Mrs. B.: Yes!

FABLES IN FACT. THE MIND HAD JUST MOVED INTO A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COMMA AND WITH A VIEW TO MAKING FRIENDS COMMA SALUTED HIS NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR THE FIRST TIME HE SAW HIM PERIOD THE NEIGHBOR COMMA HOWEVER COMMA PAID NO ATTENTION TO HIM PERIOD NOW YOU MIGHT THINK THAT QUEER COMMA BUT IT WASN'T A BIT PERIOD LATER ON THE NEWCOMER DISCOVERED THAT THAT PARTICULAR NEIGHBOR NEVER RETURNED ANYTHING PERIOD

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DINNER STORIES

A PROMINENT physician tells this about one of his patients: "The earliest people to make happy are the neurosathetics," he relates.

"They imagine they are wretched and anything you do for them only makes them more wretched."

"A man was talking to me about his neurosathetic wife."

"My wife imagines," he said, "that every noise means a burglar. She keeps me awake half the night!"

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