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be proficient in three languages, including Gum Arabic, and must see that the Ontario Temperance Act is complied with—all mucilage with a stick in it to be confiscated. Line of promotion: Inspector of burdocks.

News artist:—To keep the entire staff of a department informed of all rumors, especially of the sinister type, concerning promotions, bonuses, and increases. Must have a lively imagination and no critical faculties, being a perfect medium for the transmission of all insane gossip and vain delusions. Remuneration: the prevailing winds apply. Line of promotion: Balloon inflater.

Organ-grinder:—To set the tune for all opinions in an office and to see that it is followed faithfully. A monkey is provided as an assistant, unless the O. G. is able to play both parts himself. A knowledge of Italian not necessary, but official is best qualified who can make what he says Greek to others. He must have a proper respect for the opinions of all those in authority over him. Line of promotion: Knife-grinder.



Pen-wiper:--To travel from room to room of a department, wearing a long cloak of soft material on which clerks may wipe their pens as they deem it necessary so to do, the right side of the cloak to be used for black ink and the left side for red ink. Required a man without initiative and not now inclined to the work. He will become ink-lined later. (That's the Chicago touch.) Line of promotion: Fountain-pen filler.

Quotation expert:—To maintain, at a central point, a bureau with telephonic connection with all departments for the immediate settlement of disputes as to the authorship of phrases such as "Sure as God made little apples" and "Comment vous portez-vous?" A public school education, supplemented by a knowledge of moving pictures, is required. Official need not know why a thing was said. Disputes such as will be referred to him never go that far. Line of promotion: Chief clerk at Insane Asylum.

Rubber stamps:—To do the same thing yesterday, today, and forever, without fear, without malice, without enthusiasm. Must be devoid of all spirit of inquiry and able to give the same answer to a question always, which is "Yes, Sir." Official should be fitted with a tap at the back of his brain-box to drain off all superfluous knowledge. Line of promotion: Facsimile frank.

Soft-soaper:—To keep ministers, deputy ministers, and heads of branches in a good humor by telling them of their own excellencies and the incompetency of others. Education required equivalent to that of an insurance or real estate agent. Line of promotion: Left to discretion of official soaped.

Ten-pin setter-up:—To present petitions to the Cabinet, on behalf of civil servants asking for more pay, better working conditions, or anything else that may be thought desirable and unattainable. As the members of the Cabinet knock down une various suggestions the T. P. S. U. is to set them up again. This work is of great importance as it affords amusement, and some exercise, to overworked legislators. Like Foch the T. P. S. U. is Chief of the Alleys, and no line of promotion is therefore open to him.



Umbrella lender:—To keep in reserve a stock of umbrellas that may be loaned, without charge, to such clerks as do not carry umbrellas when the sun shines. This position is open to any purchaser of Victory Bonds or to any one having similar training in laying something aside for a rainy day. No appointment has yet been made to this position. The Prince of Wales was asked to name a man but he requested to be excused until his own reign began. Line of promotion: Usher of the Black Rod.

Vacationist: — To make arrangements looking towards a more scientific method of taking annual leave, and to advise clerks as to where to go and how much they can afford to spend when there. An assistant, to be called Superintendent of Vacational Training, will attend to matters of sports and recreations. The Vacationist himself deals only with what concerns the soul and the purse. He has a Welfare bureau to get you ready and a Farewell bureau to start you off. Line of promotion: Sky pilot.

Window dresser:—To put the windows of the public offices to such use that passers-by may have an opportunity to see the pretty maidens now employed in the Service. Must have tact, since elderly ladies, however presentable, should not be placed in a draft and the public should not, on the other hand, think that the country is served by child labor. Where beauty is at a low mark, tempting displays of blue books are used. Rank of dresser will depend on the size of the window, on the principle of higher wages for greater panes. Line of promotion: Chaperon.

Xylographer:—To do plain and fancy xylography. Must have a general knowledge of xylographic subjects and be able to spell the title of his office. Line of promotion: Xerophagist.

Yeast-maker:—To apply approved formulæ for the manufacture of leaven to material at his disposal so that the Government may be able to raise the salaries of its employees. Must be patient and accustomed to failure. A knowledge of blasphemy imperative. Rates of pay sanctioned by the Yeast-Makers Union will apply—that is, every man to raise his own dough. Line of promotion: Trouble raiser—thence to Safety raiser.

Zebra-tamer:—To bring into subjection the wild partisans of the Service, no odds of what stripes, and to camouflage the donkeys. A working knowledge of politics, and of its antidotes, is required, but no higher education, beyond an acquaintance with the Zebraic language, is necessary. Line of promotion: Barber-pole decorator.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it. There are lots of words in the dictionary.