

MARSHAL THE MENTAL FACULTY.

System Necessary to Get Best Work from the Brain.

The normal mind acts under law. The mental faculties will not give up their best unless they are marshaled by system. They respond cordially to order, but they rebel against slipshod methods. They are like soldiers. They must have a leader, a general who enforces order, method. The majority of people get very little out of their brains because they never learn to think systematically. Their minds are like some country stores where everything is jumbled up. There is no order or method anywhere. They browse, or cogitate, but they do not focus their minds and conduct their mental processes with order.

Slovenly mental habits will destroy the finest minds. The strength and persistence of our habitual thought force measure our efficiency. The habitual thought-force in many people is so feeble and spasmodic that they cannot focus their minds with sufficient vigor to accomplish much.

We can quickly tell the first time we meet a person whether his thought-force is strong or weak, for every sentence he utters will partake of its quality. The person who has a negative thought-force betrays his lack of strength in his every word. His language is weak, has no gripping quality.

But the man with a vigorous mentality takes right hold of you, grips your mind with every sentence. His power thrills you, and you feel immediately that you are in the presence of a strong personality. It is the positive, the aggressive thought that creates, that invents. The negative thought is always weak.—Success Magazine.

WHAT THE LOG LINE WAS FOR.

Passenger New to the Sea Receives Lucid Explanation.

Officers on the coastwise and foreign steamship lines are not limited to their regular duties, but are expected to answer the questions of curious passengers besides. Sometimes, however, the passengers take the matter into their own hands, and instruct others more ignorant than themselves.

The purser on a well-known liner tells of a lady who had made a passage before, and who in consequence felt a superior knowledge of maritime things.

Several ladies were grouped in the stern, this one among them, when their attention was attracted by the log with its long line attached to the rail.

"Why, what can that be?" inquired one of the party.

"That?" said the knowing one. "Well, you see the vessel has to keep in communication with the land, and in order to tell just how far they have got on the passage they keep one end tied to the dock, and by looking at the amount of line paid out they can tell just how far they are from the other side."

"Oh!" exclaimed the other, after this lucid explanation. "Well, I have always heard of the log, but I never knew what one was before. Thank you so much!"—Youth's Companion.

Remedy for Choking.

"Raising the left arm as high as you can will relieve choking much more rapidly than the act of thumping one's back," said a physician, "and it is well that everyone should know it, for often a person gets choked while eating where there is no one near to thump him. Very frequently at meals and when they are at play, children get choked while eating, and the customary manner of relieving them is to slap them sharply on the back. The effect of this is to set the obstruction free. The same thing can be brought about by raising the left hand of the child as high as possible and the relief comes much more quickly. In happenings of this kind there should be no alarm, for if the child sees that older persons or parents get excited the effect is bad. The best thing is to tell the child to raise its left arm and immediately the difficulty passes away."

His Wife.

The agent stopped briskly up to Mr. Meekly's desk and laid a small article close to his right hand.

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"Pardon me," interrupted Mr. Meekly, without turning his head, "but I have already the best letter opener, and the quickest."

"How long have you had it?" persisted the agent. "You know there are constant improvements always being introduced."

"Mine couldn't be improved," responded the gentleman. "I've had her for about two years now—anniversary of the wedding next month!"—Stray Stories.

She Expected Too Much.

Mamma—Have you washed your face, Johnny?

Johnny—Yes'm.

Mamma—And your hands?

Johnny—Yep.

Mamma—And your neck?

Johnny—Aw, see here, ma, I ain't a angel.

No Cause for Alarm.

"Oh, is my husband shot?" cried the frightened wife, as they bore the limp form of the premature celebrator across the threshold of his home.

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