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We were shown a letter the other day in proof of the fact that a certain candidate for a municipal office in this city used his kindly offices early and late with the democratic national administration to land Beushausen as postmaster in this city.

That's about the meanest trait in human nature. But no one will be surprised from the source. Remember his treatment of the late Louis Rein, when the latter was democratic candidate for the legislature?

President Wilson has stated definitely that he has abandoned his plans for calling an extra session of the senate immediately after the close of the regular session.

Germany has modified to some extent its independent tone concerning the naval war zone. It now says its submarines will halt and investigate merchantmen and will proceed against only such vessels as are found to be carrying contraband or are owned in nations hostile to Germany.

Philosophy and Religion. Philosophy, says a writer, is a bully that talks very loud, when the danger is at a distance; but the moment she is hard pressed by the enemy, she is not to be found at her post, but leaves the brunt of the battle to be borne by her humbler but steadier comrade, religion.

ECONOMY NOT MAIN OBJECT.

Dignified Gentleman Had Other Reasons for Picking Up Pin.

The dignified gentleman with the buckskin gloves saw a pin lying on the pavement. He stooped to pick it up without removing his gloves.

"Good for you, old boy!" "Now you've got it!" "Somebody get him a spade!" "I say, ain't you afraid of apoplexy?"

"Stick to it," called a voice with a suspicious intonation of insincerity. Then the pin was picked up and the dignified man drew a small box from his waistcoat pocket, opened it and exclaimed:

"Well said, my friend. Stick to it has always been my motto and you will find it blown to each and every bottle of this juice," celebratory mutter, which I am offering at the small price of five cents a bottle. It—

But the crowd had melted away, with the exception of the man who had spoken the "cue."—New York Herald.

Good Excuses.

Two men were drinking together when the conversation turned on how to feed and train canaries, which happened to be their profession. They were telling each other the merits of their birds, which were to go in a show, and both were sure of winning the prize.

Old-Time Wages.

The history of Rumford gives the following account of how farm work was paid among the early settlers of Rumford: Young men who went out to work received \$8 per month, for the six busiest months of the year, which was considered good wages, though an extra hand sometimes earned \$10.

Set Thieves to Catch Thief.

While in Moscow some time ago a correspondent of the London Times had his pocket picked of watch and all the money he carried. The timepiece was quite valuable and the newspaper made a good deal of noise about his misadventure.

Surely.

"Did you ever notice," said Mrs. N. Peck, "that about half of the pictures in the photographers' windows are of bridal couples? I wonder why they always rush off to a photographer's so soon?"

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Knew His Colleague.

Two Manhattan physicians were enjoying the breeze from the front seat on the "hurricane deck" of a Riverside Drive bus one afternoon, when part of their conversation was overheard.

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THE RURAL CHURCH

THE FARMERS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE NATION'S MORALITY

Co-operation of Church, School and Press Essential to Community Building.

By Peter Radford Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The church, the press and the school form a triple alliance of progress that guides the destiny of every community, state and nation. Without them civilization would wither and die and through their life may attain its greatest blessing, power and knowledge.

The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the custodian of the nation's morality; upon his shoulders rests the "ark of the covenant" and he is more responsive to religious influences than any other class of citizenship.

The farm is the power-house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature.

The Functions of a Rural Church. If the rural churches today are going to render a service which this age demands, there must be co-operation between the religious, social and economic life of the community.

The church to attain its fullest measure of success must enrich the lives of the people in the community it serves; it must build character; develop thought and increase the efficiency of human life. It must serve the social, business and intellectual, as well as the spiritual and moral side of life.

Fewer and Better Churches. Blessed is that rural community which has but one place of worship. While competition is the life of trade, it is death to the rural church and moral starvation to the community.

While denominations are essential and church pride commendable, the high teaching of universal Christianity must prevail if the rural church is to fulfill its mission to agriculture. We frequently have three or four churches in a community which is not able to adequately support one. Small congregations attend services once a month and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community.

The division of religious forces and the breaking into fragments of moral efforts is oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeats the very purpose they seek to promote.

The evils of too many churches can be minimized by co-operation. The social and economic life of a rural community are respective units and cannot be successfully divided by denominational lines, and the churches can only occupy this important field by co-operation and co-ordination.

No Cause for Worry.

Mrs. Blank had secured a new and most excellent cook, and, having lost several equally good cooks through the subtle workings of Cupid, she was a little disturbed when she came across her valued Amanda walking in the park with a man. The next day she said to Amanda: "I saw you walking in the park with a gentleman yesterday afternoon, Amanda. I hope he will not be taking you away from me some day." "La, ma'am, don't you be skeered none about that," replied Amanda. "In the first place he ain't no gentleman, an' in the next place he's my husband. Don't you worry none, ma'am."

Test of Endurance.

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