

A Brooklyn church, yearning for peace on earth, has abolished the choir.

The weight of expert opinion seems to be that spelling correctly is a gift, the same as spellbinding.

When trust magnates begin shying tones at one another there is sure to be a great shattering of glass.

We often hear of a middle-aged man, but never of a middle-aged woman. A woman is either young or old.

George Kennan is bearing up under the repeated misfortunes of the Russians as well as could be expected.

The man who thinks a good deal of his wife should not attempt to conceal his thoughts when he is alone with her.

A New York man is learning to talk without a tongue. This is new; but many people have learned to talk without brains.

Andrew Carnegie has now given away more than \$100,000,000. Hurrah for Andy. May he not stop till he makes it a billion.

It is comparatively easy to discover the germ that produces disease. The real trick is to prevent the germ from discovering his victim.

An excited doctor has run a pin through the mump microbe. It will be a great triumph when they coral the stone bruise microbe.

Many a candidate who thinks he hears the voice of the people calling to him, discovers later on that he has responded to a false alarm.

Sir Charles Dilke will now be voted the loveliest man in all England. He has come out flat-footed for the admission of women to parliament.

Another trained nurse has married a millionaire patient. The training of nurses in some quarters seems to be a comprehensive sort of tutelage.

A great many people devote their best thoughts and energies to bringing prison reforms who never give a thought to the man that never did anything to merit imprisonment.

The geological discovery that the western mines of the United States can produce unlimited quantities of radium follows closely upon the heels of the discovery that radium is not good for anything.

America has begun to set the styles of the world in wearing apparel, as well as in freedom. An English shoe manufacturer with branch stores in many large European cities is making shoes on the American model because his customers demand them.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews says that the President's race suicide theory is a good one but that it can be overworked. Dr. Andrews says that ten children is too many. A few more bits of wise advice and the American people may yet learn how to regulate their family affairs.

Public opinion has turned against lynching so steadily of late that the action of the Colorado sheriff who, single-handed, stood off a mob at the point of his pistol represents a popular new fashion in officers of the law. A few more such instances of determined official fidelity and courage will greatly help to cure the lynching habit.

The frequency of the remarks that Russia and Japan will get rich out of their war shows the long life of a popular misconception. Countries at war get poorer with startling rapidity. War does three things which make a nation look prosperous: It makes a scarcity of labor; it taxes the future for an indefinite period and spends the tax money at once in lavish sums; and it enables a handful of capitalists to reap vast fortunes out of the profuse expenditure of money. This true statement of the case cannot too early be mastered.

Verestchagin, the Russian painter who has devoted his life to depicting the horrors of war, with the intention of abolishing the cruel curse of the ages, was on board the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk. He died in carrying out the cause to which his art was dedicated—the securing of peace to the world. He was only in the military camps and upon the murderous engines of sea battle to study realities so as to present to the world the scenes inseparable from war. It was his hope that, when the nations saw what they were fostering in the military spirit, they would revolt from it and bring about a new reign of peace on earth, good will to men. The

war canvases of Verestchagin have been forbidden the galleries of Russia and of Germany by more than one decree. They were feared for the effect they would have upon the masses.

George Collins, a young man, was hanged in St. Louis recently. A few hours before his execution he said in an interview with a newspaper reporter: "My parents never gave me a show." Nor did he say this because of pique, nor to justify himself. As revealed by his life's history what he said was true. The boy did not get a fair chance at life. In fact his parents gave him no chance at all. His father and mother were unfit for parenthood. They allowed their son to grow up in the streets. There was no home atmosphere nor influence nor training. The only training was in the direction of evil. Very early in life young Collins came into conflict with the police. They pronounced him a bad lot and finally had him sent to "the reform school. In this school Collins simply took a post graduate in vice. After thus fitting himself for a criminal career he was released to prey upon society. The road to the scaffold was a short one. Primarily the blame rests with the parents. Had they given him a fair chance he could then blame himself for his wrongdoing. His father and mother sent him to the gallows. The lesson of his misspent life is for parents: Begin the education of your boy before he is born—with yourself.

During a discussion at the Chicago Woman's Club Professor Arnold Tompkins of the Chicago Normal School said: "A man should dress well—so should a woman—but not too well; he should comb, but not too well; he should write well, but not too well, and he should spell, but not too well. The press recently criticized high school pupils because they were poor spellers. It was the highest compliment ever paid to them, because it proved they were in better business." Another speaker indorsed this notion by declaring that there were more important things in education than good spelling, and that the time was coming when the poor speller would no longer be considered illiterate. From these assertions and others like them which proceed from the mouths of school teachers we may infer that a contempt for spelling is being rather assiduously cultivated by a considerable number of our modern educators, and the question arises whether they are not inviting contempt for themselves. It is to be noted, moreover, that they can put forward no superior claims to authority in the matter, because the test of the value of spelling is not confined to the classroom. It is being applied every day in business and in the professions. The high school boy who is assured by Professor Tompkins that the censure of his errors in spelling is in fact a compliment may find that the more he justifies such compliments the more difficult it will be for him to secure the favorable attention of those upon whom he depends for employment. That is a phase of the subject that is of very great practical importance, and that admits, we should say, of little difference of opinion among persons of experience in the world's work. It is a fair conclusion also that where slovenliness is encouraged in one branch of study its influence is likely to be felt in others, and if there are occasionally instances from which it appears that poor spelling and broad general culture are not incompatible they are to be taken as curious exceptions. Furthermore, when we are informed that there are more important things in education than good spelling we are entitled to a bill of particulars; also to proof that inaccuracy in spelling instead of being the sign of general slovenliness is evidence of devotion to the more important things. Upon the whole, it would seem that the high school boy is getting slop when he needs discipline and if a professor may defy the rules with impunity the boy enjoys no such privilege. In this connection a story that is told of Dr. Parr, an eminent English scholar and educator, is pertinent. When a gentleman defended his pronunciation of Alexandria with the accent upon the "i" by an appeal to the authority of Richard Bentley, Parr came down upon him with the comment that he (Parr) and Bentley might pronounce the word that way, but that the gentleman had better stick to the ordinary usage. So Dr. Tompkins may spell as he pleases, but he ought to refrain from making a laughing stock of his pupils.

The Recipe Habit. "I think those neighbors are real mean," said Mrs. Bliggins. "What's the trouble?" asked her husband. "You know our Marguerite doesn't get on in her studies very well and their Mathilde is always at the head of the class." "What of that?" "They wouldn't tell me what particular sort of brain-producing patent food they give their children."—Washington Star.

When a small boy gets his finger caught in the pantry door it isn't the jam he is looking for.



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period.

"To YOUNG WOMEN:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said I was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by colds and neglected colds. "If I only realized how dangerous it was to take cold at this critical time, such suffering would be spared me. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period the pain had diminished considerably. I kept up the treatment, and was cured a month later. I am like another person since. I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, I have added 12 pounds to my weight, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."—MISS AGNES MILLER, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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There are nearly 20,000 known medicinal remedies.

Kansas City alone has \$50,000,000 invested in Mexico.

Monday is the favorite day for committing suicide.

The average depth of the ocean is about two miles.

There are four millionaires in Britain to one in France.

London fever hospitals can accommodate 6,000 patients.

Fully 2,500 persons commit suicide in Russia every year.

Two millions of London inhabitants never go to church.

Gold now constitutes nearly one-half our stock in money.

The typewriter is more largely used in Mexico than in France.

The United States lighthouse service costs \$4,500,000 a year.

It is no charity to help a man who won't help himself.

The lifeboats around the British coast during the last year rescued 680 people.

You may call it a weakness if you please, but I thank God that tears came to my eyes so easily.

The population of Ireland is 4,432,274, and the decrease for the last year has been 16,003.

More poisonous snakes are found in Arizona than in any other part of the United States.

JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter.

It is not uncommon to meet folks who have more religion, and even morality, than they have common sense.

I cannot praise Piso's Cure enough for the wondrous it has worked in curing me.—R. H. Seidel, 2206 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., April 15, 1901.

I have seen folks who thought had too much propriety. I would be a relief to see them lie down on the floor, and roll over, once in a while.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain cures colic. Price 25c bottle.

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A CAROLINA DODGER.

Not even an unwilling woman's most coquettish evasion could equal the indirection of the mind of a native whom a traveler met in the woods of North Carolina. The man was getting out a load of wood, and the traveler stopped to gossip with him. He soon found that "yes" and "no" were the words which were not in the native vocabulary.

"Is there any tavern on the road to Fayetteville?"

"I reckon you mout find one, ef ye looked in the right place."

"How far is it from here—about ten miles?"

"More or less."

"This is the direct road there, I suppose?"

"You'll be putty apt fur to git there ef you keep goin' ahead."

"Do you sell much wood there?"

"I reckon this heah jack thinks he has to haul a right smart chance."

"Does wood bring a good price now?"

"It's jest accordin'. Some fetches more and some agin not so much."

"Oak fetches more than pine, I suppose?"

"Can't say as it does, reg'lar. Mout; hen agin it moutn't. Green oak kinder needs a little light wood fer to set it goin'."

"So you need both kinds?"

"Ef one or tother won't do single." I believe you Southerners burn green wood mostly?"

"Oh, we ain't pertiklar. Every feller to his own likin'."

"Which is heavier, green pine or try oak?"

"What good would it do to know?"

"Well, I'm writing a book."

"What sorter book?"

"Oh, just a general book on the country, and I'd like to get your opinion on the relative weights of the wood."

The Carolinian gave the Northerner a full glance, then looked steadfastly ahead, saying, "Well, now, stranger, you kin jest set it down in your book, when you git to that pertiklar pint, that all the people o' North Carolina was sech fools you had to weigh it jerself."

MEN REALLY LOVE TO COOK.

How Young Matron Manages When the Maid Is Out.

"We just let our friends cook their own supper on Sundays when the maid's out," said the young married woman. "I have found out that men just love to cook, and I honestly think they know a good deal more about it than women."

"One man we know makes every delicious kind of omelette you could possibly dream of, and a great many kinds you couldn't dream of, for you haven't been to all the restaurants and hotels that he has. You see, he married late in life, and his long series of bachelor years perfected his knowledge of omelette-making."

"He knows how to make oyster cocktails, which is more than most amateur cooks know. He is going to make some Sunday. Here's the list of the things I'm to have on hand."

"When I saw that my idea was going to prove a success I bought some cheap aprons for the women—and the men. The men's are regular butchers' aprons! I have all the aprons in a nice pile on the kitchen table when my guests enter. We put them on first thing."

"As hostess I become kitchen maid I keep an eye on everything that it going on. I put away the provisions the moment they are not needed any longer, and I keep the dishes washed up as they are used in the cooking. By being constantly occupied in this way I keep my small kitchen free from confusion and my guests' tempers from being ruffled."

"After supper the women help me clear the table. We banish the mess from this. I leave the kitchen next, with the dishes piled together ready to be washed. It is Sunday and I want to make as little work as possible for the maid."

"The maid grumbled a little at first, just because it is in the maid code to rumble at anything unusual, but I dispelled the last remnant of her ill-humor by telling her after the first thing that she could go out every Sunday instead of on alternate ones. So, the men really do like it."—New York Sun.

A Seven Pound Key.

One of the oldest and most curious specimens of the locksmith's art is attached to the door of the Temple Church, London. The key weighs seven pounds, is eighteen inches long, and, unlike other keys, it was not made of the lock. On the contrary, the lock was made for the key.

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"You married a rich wife, didn't you?" asked Jones of his friend.

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