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AUGUST CIRCULATION. 53,993. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss: Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of August, 1915, was 53,993.

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Dr. Dumba also had to learn by experience how dangerous it is to write letters.

"No more made-in-Omaha teachers" is the school board's edict. Stand up for Omahs!

Lincoln is hereby invited to reciprocate by attending Ak-Sar-Ben's festivities in full quota.

Ye that have straw hats to shed prepare to shed them now. Storage room in the political ring is ample.

A \$3,300 tag day for Omaha's Visiting Nurses shows how one worthy charity strikes the popular purse-string.

The Texas schedule of \$2 a vote so far exceeds the democratic maximum in Indiana as to smack of prodigal extravagance.

Dallas takes the next letter carriers' national convention. Dallas is a live town, but still it will have to hump itself to keep the pace set by Omaha.

Public business should be transacted in public. Star chamber sessions held by the people's representatives behind closed doors do not fit in with the spirit of our government.

Highly proper and most becoming are the smiles of visiting nurses. The cordial glad hand of the tagged public conveyed well deserved appreciation and encouragement on good deeds.

Alabama's legislature has rejected a proposal to prohibit altogether the sale of cigarettes within the state. Nebraska is still one of the few places where that fool law remains on the statute book.

Those high-up postal officials at Washington should have come out to the letter carriers' convention at Omaha. They would have heard something that was good for them, although they might not like it.

Democratic leaders are wasting valuable time in thinking up new issues for the Nebraska campaign. The typewriters' batteries of the state have so thoroughly covered the issue field that there is not room for amateurs to butt in.

It is evident from the Berlin report that the German submarine which torpedoed the Arabic returned safely to its home port. The confident assertion of destruction put out by London newspapers proves to be a vain delusion.

Great Britain's labor congress unanimously approved the government's course in prosecuting the war. At the same time the congress let it be known that any attempt to get the members closer to war by means of conscription will start something.

Testimony of witnesses at the trial of political crooks in Texas help to explain the whooping democratic majorities for which the Lone Star state is noted. The excess of party zeal went to the extent of paying out real money for the purpose of making the vote unanimous.

Exports of war supplies grow by leaps and bounds. The immensity of the business may be faintly grasped by the transfer to this country of \$178,000,000 in gold and securities within nine months. This huge sum provides for only a part of the contracts awarded American firms.

Nebraska's share in this is notable: for corn, the September estimate is 293,000,000 bushels; for wheat, 75,000,000, and for other crops similarly impressive figures. For Omaha even deeper interest will be found in the report, for it gives impressively the importance of the region for which this city is the market town.

Of the entire wheat crop of the country one-fifth is grown in the fields of Nebraska, and Kansas, while Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas produce more than one-fifth of the entire corn crop of the United States. These figures spell prosperity for the people of the country surrounding Omaha, and presage business for the merchants and manufacturers of the Gate City.

In the old days robbing Indians was a pale-face pastime. It was as easy as taking candy from a babe. Experience and education and government protection were hopefully expected to put the Indian wise. All these safeguards failed the Indian who dropped his roll to Mexicans. To be trimmed by white men is not so harmful to the red man, being used to it; having the operation performed by Mexicans humbles native pride to the dust.

John Sebastian, general western passenger agent of the Rock Island, is in town.

James Stone and Harry L. Linscott have been appointed letter carriers by Postmaster Coulant.

Maladroit Diplomacy.

Some disclosures in connection with the Dumba incident give the affair a much graver significance than at first appeared. When it was understood that Dr. Dumba was acting on his own initiative, the conclusion was that something of an excess of zeal had induced the Austrian ambassador to overstep the bounds of diplomatic propriety, and that his action had been taken in pursuit of a patriotic impulse that led him to risk some blame in order to secure an advantage to his country. His statement that he was acting under instructions from Vienna puts a very different color on the situation and gives it a gravity that must make the action at Washington, yet to be determined, of utmost importance. Interference by one government in the domestic affairs of another is not an unheard of practice, nor is it to be lightly tolerated. Not only is the dignity of the United States concerned in this, but its whole attitude of neutrality is involved, and a proper respect for ourselves will require firmness in asserting disapproval of Dr. Dumba's course.

Another feature has arisen, that of the abuse of the American passport by an American citizen. Secretary Lansing's notification to Archibald, the emissary who was overtaken with the dispatches to Austria, that he must return to his passport will be enforced by the fact that his passport has been taken up, and that he must come back or be sent to an English prison for detention during the war. His conduct is most reprehensible, but the only punishment the law can visit on him is to put him on the blacklist at the State department.

The maladroit diplomacy disclosed by this miscarriage of plans is not likely to improve a situation that was apparently clearing up to the satisfaction of all.

How Motorists May Help.

Omaha has been singularly free from serious automobile accidents during the summer, a condition that is ascribable only to the fact that drivers have been careful and have exercised ordinary prudence in the operation of their cars. On this they are to be congratulated, and may be assured they have the thanks of the public. Yet some of them are not quite as careful as they might be in the observation of some of the regulations laid down for the control of vehicular travel, in the interest of safety first. One of these rules is that of slowing down speed when passing public schools. The vacation time, just over, brought about the suspension of that rule, but it is again effective and should be more scrupulously observed than any of the others. The careful driver will not find it hard to slacken his speed when passing a school house, and all drivers should be careful.

Russia's Change of Leadership.

No more startling news has come from the war front recently than the announcement from Petrograd that Grand Duke Nicholas had been removed from the supreme command of the Russian forces, and that the czar would take command in person. It is the more surprising because of the fact that for weeks the world has been sounding the praises of Nicholas because of the high grade of military skill he has exhibited in a most remarkable retrograde movement. It has been admitted all along that the Russian army is short on all the needful accessories to carry on a campaign, having plenty of men only. Stories of empty cases sent to the front to supply men who needed ammunition, of soldiers in the ranks waiting for a comrade to fall in order to secure a rifle, and similar incidents, have been frequent as illustrating the plight of the Russian army. That the commander-in-chief was able to withdraw such poorly equipped forces over hundreds of miles of retreat, pursued and harassed by the greatest army ever organized, officered and equipped in a manner never before approached, would seem a feat worthy of the highest commendation.

In retirement, which means disgrace, Grand Duke Nicholas will be followed by the sincere admiration of even his enemies, who see in him a soldier of unusual qualifications. The czar's assumption of command will be merely nominal, for it is not expected he will show any of the qualifications for military leadership. It is significant to the other members of the Entente that the influence of the old Russian ring is still potent at Petrograd, and that calculations for future campaigns will have to be made with that understood.

Wealth of a Mighty Empire.

Figures from the Department of Agriculture, having to do with the crop yields for the current year, will not carry their full significance because of their immanency. It is difficult to grasp the full meaning of the statement that the wheat crop of the United States this year is set down at almost a billion bushels, and that the corn yield will run to almost three billions, with oats at a billion and a half, and other yields mounting high into the hundreds of millions. Such statements briefly tell partially of the wealth returned by the farms of the United States, and to take no account of the lesser crops, the live stock, the dairy products, the fruit and the many minor items of production that nowadays make up the sum total of the farmer's annual output. It is wealth beyond understanding.

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Be Polite to Your Children

Laura Spencer Fortor in Mother's Magazine.

THE bad manners of American children are notorious. Obviously it is not the children who are to be held to account for this. Certainly the responsibility must rest with American parents. You will hardly find anywhere people who are more ambitious for their children than the Americans. The child, more desirous of having them "get on in the world" as we say. Yet any one who thinks of the matter at all seriously must realize that to be rude, ill-mannered, is one of the serious obstacles to success. That man is not welcome among people of good breeding or attainment who blunders against, and goes counter to, those common social rules on which human society has for its own safety—and betterment—agreed.

What we are pleased to call good manners is not a mere accomplishment to be scoffed at by the down-right and the independent. But it is deep rooted in human needs, in human kindness and in human justice. We may go counter to the rules of good manners if we like, but in doing so we go counter to some of the strong bonds and instincts of humanity, and we shut ourselves out from much that is beautiful and broadening. So, also, children who are rude, thoughtless, inconsiderate, are shut out, automatically almost, from a hundred helpful pleasures and benefits. One whose mother is gentle and polite has a place already awaiting for him in the world, and there are hands already extended in the future to help him. For no one who is really well-mannered herself will allow her children to grow up anything but polite, and the child who goes into the world with gracious and gentle manners, has already won, in part at least, the world's approval. It takes time and patience, of course, to train a child to be well behaved and courteous, but the child who is early surrounded by gentle and kindly manners, soon forms the habits of gentleness and kindness.

It is true, also, that a child brought up in very good surroundings, and trained to gentle behavior, not infrequently picks up at school or elsewhere manners of speech and action which are contrary to all his training. But this is no serious matter if the training has been sound.

With all this in mind, let us come back to the fact that the American child is notoriously bad-mannered. We may as well face the issue squarely. Our children are bad-mannered mainly because we in authority over them set them such striking examples of bad manners. Yet, we are not as a people ill-mannered. Strangers visiting our land have borne witness repeatedly to courtesy received and kindness observed.

It cannot then be said—speaking very generally, of course—that we are wont to behave ourselves with distinction toward others. So, it is not usually from his observation of our treatment of others that the child has his lessons in bad manners; he has them, rather, from a source more likely to impress him; he has them from the bad manners we practice toward him. To others he sees us kind and very courteous, with a special courtesy. He notices that we are markedly polite to visitors, noticeably considerate of guests or casual strangers. His mind, making its logical deductions, reasons that manners and courtesies are things to put on and off; to be assumed as need, or neglected at will, and not himself, he has them, logically enough, a distaste for them, and looks upon them as affectation more or less, and insincerity. To discard or scorn them himself is, then, a kind of virtue in his eyes; and to have nothing to do with them is warrant of his own downrightiness. This, more often than not, is the real basis of bad manners in our children. If the child were spoken to with the same gentleness and courtesy which he would like good manners from strangers and visitors, he would like good manners without doubt, and would imitate them.

Few of us, I think, realize sufficiently the sharp and striking contrast between the manners we offer to the outside world and those we inflict on our own. To realize this contrast fully, it might be well to imagine ourselves transposing our manners toward our children and our guests.

Let us take, for instance, some of the phrases commonly used in dealing with an average little boy: "Tommy, shut the door!" "Will you ever learn to wipe your shoes on the doormat before you come into the house!" I declare, it would keep any one cleaning up after you the whole day long. "Where did I tell you?" "Don't do that." "You are a troublesome little boy." "Don't let me have to speak to you again." "How many times have I told you not to do that?" "Go and wash your hands." "Come to dinner." "Where have you been?" "Didn't I tell you not to be late?"

These are by no means extreme. They are, indeed, rather mild forms of crudeness and rudeness compared to some that many mothers use. But to get the full meaning of such things and to value the effect they must have on the sensitive and impressionable and imitative nature of the child, I only ask you to imagine yourself dealing in some such manner with a casual visitor, even one, let us say, who is a good friend.

The situation becomes immediately ludicrous, of course, but illuminating. Imagine the visitor or friend making the same blunders that the child has made. She leaves the door open, let us say, which you would prefer to have shut. In a sharp tone she is told: "Miss Wentworth, shut that door!" It is a rainy day. Her shoes have a bit of mud on them. That fact also receive your sharp attention. In a tone not to be mistaken, for it has positive anger in it, you say: "Will you never learn to wipe your shoes on the doormat? I declare, it would keep any one cleaning up after you the whole day long." The lady, somewhat confused by all this fault-finding, perhaps trips over a hassock. Quick and ready comes your taunt: "There you go! What did I tell you?" She puts her rubber on the hearth, which has just been washed, and where you especially do not like to have them. You snatch them up: "Don't do that! You are a troublesome, mischievous person!" "Go and wash your hands," and then, "Come to dinner. Where have you been? Didn't I tell you not to be late?"

Ludicrous? Yes. Yet this and worse than this is the manner assumed and again—without apology—toward our children, and then, forthwith, we wonder why they are boorish, impolite, crude, and their manners absolutely not to be counted on.

There is but one way that I know of to teach good manners to children: good manners, that is, that are worth the practicing and are not mere polish and sham and hypocrisy; by one way, and that is—Oh, simple formula—to practice good manners ourselves.

People and Events

Kansas City and Portland, Ore., talk of making Colonel Goethals city manager at \$35,000 a year. The proposition has not passed the talk stage.

A South Dakota judge holds that the legislature has power to repeal a law enacted by direct vote of the people, on the ground that the power of repeal of a statute must lie somewhere. The case goes to the state supreme court.

At the age of 36, Mrs. Mary Sage of Glen Falls, N. Y., has joined the suffragettes, at the same time fervently declaring: "My one ambition is to live long enough to cast a vote, and I think I will." She is esteemed the Mathusalem of the cause.

Just what he did is not mentioned, but he was the only physician in the town of Hamms, Ill., and a sentence of four months in jail besides a fine brought screams of indignation from the sick and the well. Fifteen hundred citizens petitioned the court for his freedom. The court relented and prescriptions are again circulating hope and happiness.

A number of critics have taken Miss Jane Addams to task for asserting that soldiers on the western front "live like a king" and "are given the best of everything." A stirring fighting pep for a charge. John Kendrick Bange comes to her defense with an explanation that explains. In years past, he says, British soldiers were armed with Martini rifles. It was said truthfully enough that they went into battle armed with Martini. People unversed in arms got the idea that the soldiers loaded up with cocktails instead of rifles. That's why evil reports persist.

The Bee's Letter Box

Our Earliest Frost. BENSON, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have noticed in The Bee of late items about frosts in August. I came here in the fall of 1880, and have had a chance to observe the weather since. On August 23, 1882 we had a frost that killed nearly everything. I well recollect it, as I was on the jury in a criminal case, the trial of Cyrus Tate for killing Isaac H. Neff. ELLIJAH ALLEN.

A Greater Ak-Sar-Ben. CHULA VISTA, Cal., Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial of September 1 on "Ak-Sar-Ben's Growing Greatness" is timely, as the organization is now of age and should put off its swaddling clothes and by publicity become semi-national, or even national, in importance and attract to Greater Omaha thousands of guests each year to view the Ak-Sar-Ben exposition, which could be inaugurated along commercial and educational lines. Within a circle of 500 miles of which Omaha is the center there are 16,000,000 people, and by active publicity a large attendance could be assured for a period of at least one month during the fall season. A Greater Omaha demands a Greater Ak-Sar-Ben. Yours for success. H. J. PENFOLD.

Sunday's Religious Despotism. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: You are right in curtailing a personal immaterial discussion of religious questions. But upon fundamental principles, as set forth in this "Bible" Sunday movement, it would seem that Christian courtesy on the part of Rev. Sunday would make it proper that an ordinary citizen might talk back to him. On the contrary, Sunday fortifies himself behind his self-assumed authority from God to tell the people what to do, and no one can talk back. This is practically religious despotism. The question now arises, is religion despotism? Does it destroy a man's individuality and render him the mental defendant upon some other? If so, for what purpose? All history shows that all religions have been the prime factors of every despotic government. A government may be represented in form, but despotically administered. This depends upon the individuality and ability of citizen for self-government. No citizen can possess the intelligence and individuality that qualifies him for a competent free citizen whose mentality is controlled by any other man's religion. There are now approximately 100,000,000 people in this country. "Bible" Sunday is one of them, and "Bible" Sunday is another. By what authority does Sunday presume to be a religious dictator? Is it the intelligence and logic that he demonstrates on the platform? If religion is not intelligence and logic, what is it? Is it myths and riddles to amuse an easy people and make them the victims of a despot's hypnotic power? There are in this country, say twenty different factions of the Christian religion that do not agree. If they agreed they would be united. "Bible" Sunday proposes to bring them all to Jesus. How does Sunday know they are not already there? Is Sunday wiser than God, who organized these different factions when he was "doing all things well"? Does the \$50,000 that Sunday gets for redeeming Omaha represent the salary of Jesus? Do the poor and lowly from whom Jesus came pay any part of Sunday's \$50,000? They do indirectly, after the religious plutocracy of Omaha have jackknived it out of them. Does "Ma" Sunday's smiles and silk dresses bring any comfort to the honest workman's wife who toils early and late to pay rent and take care of a family on her husband's wages of 2.50 a day? How many families in Omaha would embrace themselves with joy unexpressible if want and sickness and suffering were driven from their door? Sunday poises himself in air and damns those who do not accept his dictation. If every one accepted Sunday's dictations one day Sunday would be out of business the next. Sunday don't want to convert everybody. He just talks about it and takes up collections. Sunday damns the underworld that gave him a Christ to talk about. The \$50,000 Sunday receives from Omaha, the diamonds the Sunday outfit wear upon their saintly breasts represent so much blood money wrung by religious plutocrats from the underworld. LUCIEN STEBBINS.

Tips on Home Topics

Washington Star: Berlin editors who thought the United States government was "bluffing" are not profound students of the game from which they quote a motion picture. Boston Transcript: Among curious references on the intractable of republics file Cuba's use of the site for the Remember-the-Maine memorial to build a prize fight arena.

Brooklyn Eagle: England's chestnuts are not pulled out of the fire, and our fingers are not burned. London dissatisfaction with the Washington-Berlin entente is very easily explained.

Baltimore American: Russia, badly in need of something to stop the Teuton advance, should not overlook the fact that at Plattsburg the strategic employment of an ice cream vendor checked a rookie drive.

New York World: A well-known woman writer has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving her liabilities as \$35,300 and her assets as \$415. That is quite as well as any mere man author could do and helps establish the equality of the sexes in a new field.

Springfield Republican: "It is not that the college turns out old maids, but that the natural old maid goes to college—and often becomes, and extremely valuable member of the community." Is one college woman's contribution to the discussion of the alleged low birth rate among graduates of women's colleges. Another woman "wonders how low an education is quite harmless, and why no scientist has estimated how far we may safely go, so that we may stop in time." The whole discussion is an echo of the time not so very long ago when any book learning at all for women was considered improper.

Springfield Republican: Under the new Iowa law against the taking of tips a barber has been arrested. He defends his conduct on the ground that the law is unconstitutional, being in derogation of the inalienable right to ask for special service and pay for it, or words to that effect. What the courts will decide can only be guessed. To the man in the street it would look as if the tip system, being a substance, ought to be subject to statement. Minimum wage laws are in an experimental state; but, either by law or otherwise, the employe of a barber or anybody else ought to get his pay in his pay envelope and not depend upon the philanthropic or terrorized customer to chip in.

Editorial Siftings

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Now that grape juice has been banished from the diplomatic dinners it may be hoped that neutrality will be maintained by a judicious use of German Rheinwein and French Sauterne.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The American Peace and Arbitration league has selected an honorary president Woodrow Wilson, W. H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt. The league will have sufficient employment arbitrating at home.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Paris being unable to dictate the fashions, owing to circumstances over which it has no control, women are wearing skirts exactly the way they want them—convenient and comfortable—and they're wearing them short.

Springfield Republican: It is sad to hear that the blockade has caused a shortage of golf balls in Germany, but one had supposed that the only links to be found there in war times were the drill sergeant's "links—rights" as he gets the recruits to keep step. Is there really leisure for golf in a war on three or more fronts?

Baltimore American: Stock manipulators in New York are having the time of their lives using the war reports to knock securities down or send them soaring. It is a pleasant and no doubt a profitable game for those on the inside, but for those who are not, no greater danger could be found. It has all the earmarks of a card game, with the pastebords stacked against the player. The wise man keeps out of it.

Kansas City Globe: The fact that the attorneys for the gas company have looted it for upward of \$200,000 reminds Harry Chin of a Ballo Waggoner anecdote. The story goes that Ballo had a student in his office. One day the young man looked up from a deep reverie and said: "Mr. Waggoner, do you think a fellow can be a successful corporation attorney and an honest man?" "It's never been tried," was the prompt reply.

CHEERY CHAFF.

During the course of a temperance address a small boy had just been brought to judgment for telling a fib. His soba having died away, he sat for a time in silent thought.

"Pa," said he, "how long will it be before I stop gettin' locked for tellin' lies and begin to get paid for 'em, like you do?"—Chicago Herald.

Mrs. Exc.—Doesn't entertaining give you a lot of anxiety? What do you do when the conversation is flagging? "Yes," replied Senator Borah: "a platform sometimes enables a man to show, by disregarding it, that he is superior to his party."—Washington Star.

"It must be glorious to be put into a novel. Wouldn't you like that?" "Yes, if you're willing to be mentioned in Bradstreet."—Baltimore American.

"A platform is a very important thing," said the statesman. "Yes," replied Senator Borah: "a platform sometimes enables a man to show, by disregarding it, that he is superior to his party."—Washington Star.

"Here's a startling item." "What is it?" "It says the oyster has not increased in price in twenty-five years." "Fum!" looks like culpable negligence somewhere.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Donald—"I'm tryin' feesh, Sandy. It's an excellent brain food, ye ken." Sandy—"Fine. But, man, in your case it means fly to wate the feesh."—Boston Transcript.

"A successful resolution for a club dinner is different from any other kind of a resolution." "How is that?" "It is carried and laid on the table at the same time."—Baltimore American.

WOOLING THE MUSE.

Charles Elkin, in Judge. Deep in the wood the wayward muse I sought Whom Horace wooed, the Sabine dells of yore, but I grew limping sore, And cursed a root I caught.

Then, aching, sat I on a peaceful clump— To tune my lute as birds had done who wooed. The fair—to be right badly glued, Upon a fresh pine stump.

At last I sank upon a gentle hill, In perfect rest for the tryst with her to keep; But arose with sudden leap, As red ants sought their fill.

A spider and a snake came forth, to see A wild-eyed lover—scared, but pleading there: "Till as I breathed my passion'd prayer, I found a low-brow bee!"

Within sequestered walls I'll woo my spite— To slay her smiles on me; or by home, Rome, And all its Gods! I'll stop at home, To live, without her, quiet!

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