

The man who manufactured chewing gum is dead, but the evil that he did lives after him.

The Kaiser has talked into a phonograph. Every German may now hear his master's voice.

What a calamity it would be if Standard Oil stock should fall until it became worth only its par value!

William Rockefeller has succeeded in recovering 18 cents in a suit for damages. To him that hath shall be given.

It Count Bond really wanted work, however, he might have some trouble in finding anything useful that he could do.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones called Senator Tillman a "geographical anachronism." This sounds worse than parallelipiped.

It's too bad that so many women are slaves to the habit of using terms of endearment which convey neither meaning nor sense.

Andrew Carnegie is 69 years of age, but is still strong enough to give away two or three libraries a day without feeling fatigued.

It is said that Mrs. Gould is thinking of marrying again. Surely the poor woman can't be blamed for feeling that she can do better next time.

A hen on the premises of Cornell University has laid 225 eggs in less than ten months. Yet there are people who sneer at higher education.

"Beware of prosperity," said John D. Rockefeller, Jr. All right, Johnny, we promise you that we will jump every time we hear a honk-wagon coming.

Emperor William has found that it is impossible to please everybody, a discovery that was first made by a country newspaper editor a long time ago.

Public opinion has brought about the dissolution of the British soap trust. But in this case public opinion was backed by public refusal to buy trust soap.

"Pick your friends," said Mr. Rockefeller in a recent talk to his Sunday school class. Irreverent people are now asking him why it isn't just as profitable to pick them.

William Dean Howells insists that genius is merely another name for hard work. Still, there are many people who will continue to believe genius is a combination of good luck and skillful advertising.

Benjamin Ryan Tillman declares that he has forgotten more about the race question than the average man will ever know. That, however, does not bring us any nearer a solution than we were before.

Another prize fighter has been so badly punished in the ring that there are some doubts concerning his ability to pull through. His prize fighting ceased to consist chiefly of discussions in the sporting columns?

How great a toll of ships the sea annually takes is shown in a compilation made by a French Journal from the figures of the Bureau Veritas, which is the French Lloyd's. Statistics of marine disasters show that in 1905 there were lost 389 steamers and 647 other vessels, making a total of 1,036; so on each day "the ocean swallows on an average about three ships, a barge, a schooner and a steamship." And at the end of the year a monster navy has been engulfed.

It is admitted by all experts that football is a man's game and that it is extremely perilous when engaged in by mere boys. Practically all the deaths and serious injuries in 1906 were among school players. The game is safe only when played by carefully trained teams composed of mature players. The great college teams are watched over with the utmost care and no one is allowed to play who is not known to be fit. Whenever it is shown that a man is not fit he is taken out. Manfully such care can not be exercised in the case of the school players.

We hope it is not true, although it is reported in the daily press of Boston, that "Gypsy Smith," the new revivalist, conducts children's meetings in which scores of little ones of 6 years old and upward are thrown into an agony of penitential grief. We believe that every expert psychologist in the civilized world to-day, many of them persons of orthodox training and belief, hold that such excitements are abnormal and injurious. They rarely come within the scope of the authority given to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The antiquated ideas of human depravity involved in such an appeal to children are now repudiated by enlightened members of all denominations.

How many readers ever heard of the Nushagak River? Not many, it is safe to say. Yet the Department of Commerce and Labor pronounces this river of Western Alaska "one of the important fishing streams of the world." The fish which the Nushagak furnishes is salmon, the taking, canning, freezing and salting of which is an Alaskan industry, the importance of which is shown by a recent report issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The first two canneries were built in 1878. Since then the number has increased until in 1902 there were sixty-four establishments, which put up more than two and one-half million cases. Low prices since then have somewhat reduced both the number of canneries and the output; nevertheless, since canning began in Alaska, nearly twenty-two million cases have been sent out

In order to provide some counterpoise to this tremendous drain, the packers combined to start hatcheries. These have been carried on with important results and increasing success. In 1905 the United States Bureau of Fisheries took up the work in addition to what had been done by the packers. There are now nine hatcheries, from which about four hundred and fifty million fry have been liberated.

A powerful sermon—outside the pulpit—was preached the other day. It was spoken by a man who was divorced from his wife some time ago. On this occasion they were being married again. The groom said: "We only saw each other's virtues after we were separated, and I trust we have fully learned the lesson of self denial and unselfishness."

A truly fine acknowledgement. It is all too much the human way to magnify the faults of others and minimize their virtues. It is a bad way. And the disposition is at the bottom of much of the misery of married life. This couple—like many another—saw each other's virtues after the mischief was done. But unlike many another couple, this two permitted no false pride to stand in the way of a recovery from the mistake. The groom, continuing, said: "Misunderstandings will no doubt arise in the future—age and experience warn us against looking to the juvenile lovers' paradise—but we hope to be able to settle our differences in dignified and dispassionate manner."

It is safe to predict there will be no second divorce of this couple. They have learned their lesson—that true marriage is based upon mutual esteem and forbearance. "We only saw each other's virtues after we were separated." That is the sermon. We are all of us a mixture of virtues and faults. But there is a lot of good in all of us—more good than bad in most of us. To be able to see the good and overlook the fault—ah, there's your secret of happiness. Your wife, Mr. Married Man, over and above her faults, is worthy to be loved for her virtues. Your husband, Mrs. Married Woman, over and above his weaknesses, has a lot of good in him. "If there be any merit, think of these things."

"THE MAN BEAUTIFUL." He and His Sister Regarded as of Equal Value in "Beauty Parlor."

The London Daily Mail has been investigating the entire toilet of "the man beautiful," says the New York World. It has found that nearly 10 per cent of the customers of the "beauty parlors" of London are men.

The barber shops in England do not offer the incidentals to be had in the ordinary American barber shop, and men go to the "beauty parlors" to have their complexions cleared by the application of hot towels, skin food and facial massage, as well as to have their nails manicured. One "specialist in good looks" tells how hands are whitened by the skillful use of powder, and says "men love to be manicured in this manner."

The "beauty parlors" aid men to reduce their weight, and there can be learned the valuable secret of how not to get bald. This recipe is delightfully simple: Do not irritate the roots of the hair by unnecessarily disturbing them harshly with combs, brushes and rough towels.

According to the "beauty specialist" in the Mail: "A woman has little tact and no gratitude when we are concerned. It is useless to point out her improvements to a woman. She always wants more. But a man expects nothing and is thankful."

Then the woman who delights in restoring the appearance of youth tells with what heartfelt earnestness one man, after viewing himself in a mirror, said: "I look young again."

There seems to be a world-wide epidemic of fatty degeneration of the waist, for the periodicals and newspapers of New York, London, Paris and Berlin contain an increasing number of remedies for obesity, chief of which seems to be the corset, under such aliases as waistband, ceinture, dress belt and health brace. The fact that these corsets for men are advertised shows that many men buy them.

The day seems to be coming, if it has not arrived, when of the male sex as well as the female, it can be said that "racefulness is deceit and beauty is vanity."

A Generous Horse. The following incident, given by a writer in the St. Louis Republic, indicates that it is possible for a horse to be "a perfect gentleman." Two fine-looking horses attached to single buggies were hitched near the entrance to the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange. They were hitched several feet apart, but the hitching straps allowed them sufficient liberty of movement to get their heads together if they so desired.

The owner of one of them had taken the opportunity of a prolonged stop to give the horse a feed of oats, which was placed on the edge of the sidewalk in a bag.

He was contentedly munching his oats when his attention was attracted by the actions of the other horse, which was evidently very hungry. He eyed the plentiful supply of oats wistfully and neighed in an insinuating manner.

The horse with the feed pricked up his ears politely and replied with a neigh, which must have been, in horse language, an invitation to the other fellow to help himself.

Evidently he accepted it, for he moved along in the direction of the bag as far as the hitching strap would permit. But the strap was not long enough, and his hungry mouth well about a yard short of the bag.

The host noticed and seemed to appreciate this difficulty. Fortunately there was some leeway in his strap. So he moved slowly along the curb, pushing the bag with his nose until his guest was able to reach it. Then, after a friendly nose-rub of salutation, the two horses contentedly finished the oats together.

The camel must be all right, otherwise nature wouldn't have backed him up.

THE GOSPEL OF COMMON SENSE.

It is badly needed by the Rising Generation of Americans. It is probably among the working people today that, relatively to their means, the greatest amount of extravagance and recklessness as to the future exists. It is needless even in the smaller towns that the largest and groceries the most expensive articles are largely sold, and many in dress is a passion. It has been found by observation of the girls who work in mills and factories that the largest part of their wages goes to useless adornment; indeed, many of them say that their purpose in working at all is in order to get money for fine hats and clothes. With a proper education from childhood, such a state of things would be impossible. When they come to marry they are without knowledge of how to manage a household in a thrifty way. A close observer and student of social questions estimates that in the United States a thousand millions of dollars are wasted in bad cooking, and as much more in drink, every year. Suppose that vast sum were saved annually and turned into capital for the workers. How soon conditions would change for the better, and gradually disappear. There ought to be a gospel of cooking preached all over the land, not only in the interest of thrift and saving, but of good health.

It is not necessary or desirable that thrift should be carried to the point of miserliness or stinginess. Far from it, what is needed is, while making allowance for recreation and wholesome amusements, to keep always in sight the proper proportion of things, relative to income, and every month to save something. It was Franklin who said: "If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone."

If a man is thrifty, he accumulates something with which to be judiciously generous, and provides for occasional recreation within his means and he cultivates a habit of mind which is invaluable in all directions. It is the hard-working man who knows how to use the little fragments of time which come along with every day who does things.

Some South African baboons ostracize the aged among them, refusing to help or feed them whenever they are unable to do anything for themselves.

When hyenas plague lions by stealing pieces of the prey, the lion will throw chunks of meat toward them at shorter and shorter distances, until they get within reach of its paws and are finished by a blow.

In the Malay Archipelago is a reptile much like the mythical dragon. It has false ribs that extend the loose skin and form its wings. There is also a frog with spreading feet that make a parachute, which enables it to fit from tree to tree, and a flying lemur that can spread out its whole body like an umbrella and leap and fly a hundred feet at a time, from the top of one tree to another.

At the "call of the wild" recently a St. Bernard dog in a Lake Superior lumber camp joined a wolf pack and mated with one of their number. He used to come into camp for food; but as his mate would never venture within gun shot, he carried a part of his meal out to her. A bull terrier attacked him near the camp, and he was getting the worst of it when the she wolf ran to his assistance, and between them they nearly killed the terrier.

CHARM OF THE CZARINA. She is a Beautiful Woman with a Winning Majesty of Presence.

The general appearance of the "Zarina" may be fairly well known in this country, although fewer pictures have been published of her than any other crowned head. But no picture that I had seen gave any idea of how she really looks seen thus face to face. Perhaps this may be for the reason that much of her beauty comes from exquisite coloring and that there is about her a subtle charm impossible to picture and difficult to describe.

She is very tall and very slender, yet most finely proportioned. Her features are almost Greek in their regularity and the natural expression of her face struck me at once as a singularly wistful and sweet sadness that never went quite away even when she smiled. Her hair is strikingly beautiful and luxuriant, long, heavy, glossy and brown-gold in color. Her eyes are large, soft, lustrous gray-blue, with long lashes, and I painted them cast down, as they nearly always are, for she is shy and hardly ever looks up without a blush.

Yet with all the Czarina's blushing shyness her bearing impressed me with a sense of something much deeper and graver than mere admiration for a beautiful, graceful woman. It is difficult to define just what this impression was, but it may be termed majesty, for lack of a subtler term, and the feeling of it increased during the entire time that I was privileged to enter her presence, although no one could have been kinder or more simple in all that she said and did.—Century Magazine.

Where Asbestos Is Found. Known to some extent in ancient Greece and Egypt, asbestos seems affluently to have been forgotten until quite recent years. Since 1887, the Italian mines have been the chief source of supply in Europe and until 25 years ago they were the only mines in the world. At the present time, however, asbestos is being mined in varying quantities in Russia, Australia and Africa, and most largely of all in America. It occurs in some nine or ten States, of which Georgia produces the largest quantity and Vermont the highest grades. But of the grades suitable for the highest class of manufacture—which, in other words, means the grades suitable for spinning and weaving—the province of Quebec has practically a world monopoly.

Simply Out of the Question. Sufferer—Well, what is the matter with me, doctor? Physician (brusquely)—Appendicitis. Sufferer (horrified)—Nonsense, doctor! You don't know what you are talking about! I can't afford to have appendicitis.—Somerville Journal.

ONE LANGUAGE FOR ALL.

It Requires More than One Tongue for the World's Speech. No living language can become today the vehicle of intercourse for the whole civilized world, and it is absurd to look for such a thing, says Mr. Clure's. The acceptance of any language, were it English or French or Spanish, German or Dutch, Russian or Japanese, would immediately not only crush the pride of the other nations but would give to the favored people such an enormous advantage in the control of the political world and such immeasurable preference in the world's market that no healthy nation would consent to it before its downfall.

For that reason * * * the chances were never worse; the spirit of strenuous, yet friendly, rivalry between the nations in the markets of the world was never more wide awake, and the feeling of national honor was never purer and nobler. The more the hopes for international arbitration become realized, the more all nations of the world become sincere friends; the more they are eager and ought to be eager to keep clear their own individuality, together with their own rights and duties, their own successes and responsibilities. Andrew Carnegie's liberality may build a palace in The Hague in which a concert of the most enlightened nations speaks justice through its tribunal. But Andrew Carnegie has not the power to elevate his simplified spelling board in Madison avenue to the height of a tribunal superior to any Hague court; a tribunal which shall decide that English ought to become the one international language, because the English-speaking nations have "the most progressive civilization."

These well remembered incidents undoubtedly are responsible for much of the prophesies of a future war between the United States and Japan. There are other factors, of course, but the remembrance of the Japanese protest against the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, in which action Russia was usually regarded as a kind of abettor, and the generally believed report that the "Rushis" had offered the American government \$200,000,000 for the Philippines before the Paris Peace Commission had drawn up the treaty with Spain, have undoubtedly prejudiced opinion in favor of a coming conflict.

May Foretell the Canal. If Japan really intends to draw the United States into a war which will decide the supremacy of the Pacific, it is a foregone conclusion that the Mikado's government will force the fighting before the completion of the Panama canal. To picture the Japanese waiting until the interoceanic waterway is completed is to underestimate their character in a manner incomprehensible in view of recent events. At the present time the United States would be in a position analogous to that of the Russians when the Japs suddenly flew at their throats.

The Russian Baltic fleet was about 12,000 miles from the seat of war at the beginning of the late conflict in the Far East, and the Atlantic fleet of the United States would be even farther removed—using the Suez Canal as the shortest route—were it now called upon for similar service. The Japanese navy is now fifth in rank of the navies of the world, and the United States practically ranks as third, and at the end of the year 1908, according to present programmes, it will be exceeded in size only by that of Great Britain.

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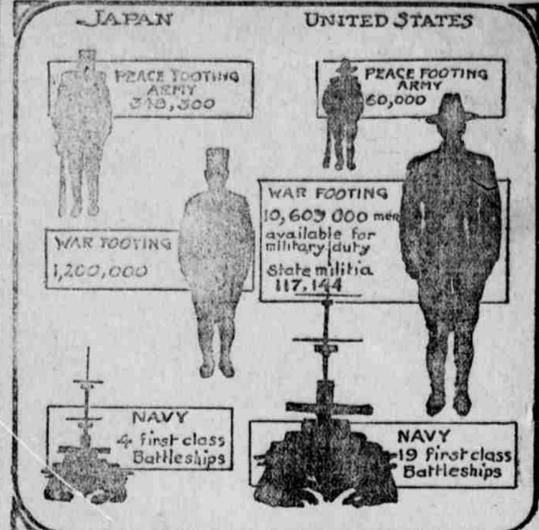
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That May morning, eight years ago, when Dewey with his fleet sailed into Manila harbor, the United States entered the Japanese "sphere." From that moment Japan steadily has continued to watch with interest the American expansion in the Pacific. The annexation of Hawaii by the United States proved to be a blow to Japanese ambitions to the mastery of the great western ocean, and the battle of Manila Bay completed the disclosure of Japan's pretensions.



Relative strength of Japan and U.S.

within easy distance of their base, while their opponent would be at the disadvantage of fighting thousands of miles from his base. As inconvenient as this state of affairs would prove to the naval arm, it would be almost paralyzing to the military arm. The difficulty Russia experienced in transporting her armies over a slender railroad 6,000 miles long would be easy, compared with the problem of sending at least half a million men by transports across the Pacific. Great Britain sent over 200,000 men to South Africa to fight the Boers, who had no navy to interrupt communications, and many months were occupied in the task. Transports of troops from the United States to the Far East during the existence of a war would of necessity have to be conveyed by an enormous and powerful fighting fleet, which would be a drain upon our naval force.

Philippine Attack First. At the outbreak of such a war the Philippines naturally would be the initial point of attack. Unless sufficient

is true this military force, for some mysterious reason, has been raised only in the northern provinces. That the Japanese have been instrumental in building up this military power is an open secret. But what is the purpose of this big and efficient army? It is not to be believed that the Japanese have erected a monster to devour them; yet it is agreed the Chinese do not, as a people, look upon the Japs with any kindly feelings, and rather resent their offensiveness.

Japan's Shrewd Tactics. It has been charged that the Japanese influenced the organization of the Chinese army in the northern provinces in order to use it to repel any descent of the Russians into Manchuria while the Japs were exploiting their rich region. The fact that the southern provinces are unprotected and have no army organization has been attributed to a shrewd move on the part of the Japanese to leave open a door by which, when the opportune time arrives, they may conquer their neighbors. While China has been encouraged to form a powerful army, she appears to have been actually discouraged from building a suitable navy. Clearly China is more or less dependent on Japan. If any conquests are to be undertaken, the Land of the Rising Sun is to take the initiative and manage the undertaking.

What position China would take in the event of a break in the harmonious relations between Japan and the United States can only be left to conjecture. The progress of such a conflict undoubtedly would have some bearing on the case.

A glance at the present financial condition of Japan shows that the plucky little country cannot afford the luxury of a war. If it intends to go to war with either China or the United States it must postpone the evil day for some years. By that time the whole complexion of the situation in the Pacific may be changed by the opening of the Panama Canal. When that great work is finished, it will require a strong nation to dispute the mastery of the western ocean with America.

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