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NOTHING LOST BY COURTESY

Yet It is a Somewhat Humiliating Fact That Comparatively So Few Practice It.

Whether in a letter or face to face, there is nothing in the whole big wide world that does so much to make a good impression on either stranger or acquaintance as simple, elemental, everyday courtesy. It is surprising, by courtesy so valuable—and so absurdly cheap—that more of it isn't used, writes Fred C. Kelly in Leslie's. If I'm on a train, let me say, and the man ahead of me at the ice water tank insists on my drinking first, or hands me the little paper drinking-cup he was about to use himself, I thank him. I don't merely grunt my thanks, as if I thought he had given me no more than I had coming to me. I thank him out loud, so that he can hear it. And at the first opportunity I try to get right back at him by doing some little favor for him. If I haven't a cigar to give him, I at least show that my heart is in the right place by offering him a match.

If a stranger comes to my office for a conference, I pull up a chair for him with my own fair hands. When he gets ready to go, I accompany him to the door. Thus his last recollection of me is my courteously bowing him out.

If you haven't a lot of acquaintances I feel sorry for you. The fault is probably your own. There must be people all about you who would enjoy knowing you as much as you would enjoy knowing them. As a sporting proposition there is nothing to equal the fun of seeing how many people you can make your friends. They're valuable, tangible assets. If I were called upon to give good advice in few words, I would say: "Know a lot of folks."

CALL FOR UNWRITTEN BOOKS

Public Libraries Give List of Works Reading People Would Seem to Appreciate.

The Publishers' Weekly has collected from public libraries a list of unwritten books that should be available. Included in this list is a book on cookery practice, an illustrated monograph on canoes or a history of Moslem art, an up-to-date, comprehensive American book on iron and steel metallurgy.

Histories of Armenia and Oregon are alike demanded. A book on cobblestone fireplaces, with dimensions and drawings, is wanted, and another on European peasant costumes.

Enough is said on the lack of a new etiquette book when it is stated that the latest good one is dated 1913.

A work to "prevent amateur gardeners from pulling up a plant instead of a weed" would be as useful as an index to essays or a treatise on septic tanks. The field in concordances is enormous.

Anyone with ten years to spare can start a Browning concordance at once. "A history of the novel from the very beginning and in all countries" is a rather more ambitious proposal, preparatory reading for which might occupy a few decades.

Balzac's phrase for books he dreamed some day of writing, made familiar by Stevenson, was "enchanted cigarettes." Here are enchanted cigarettes by the gross for publishers. We may hope that some of the needed books mentioned by the libraries will be supplied.

Or will authors persist in writing the books they want to write instead of the books that are needed?—New York Evening Post.

Vaudeville.

The word vaudeville is a corruption of Vau de Vire, the name of two picturesque valleys in the Bocage of Normandy, France. The name was originally applied to a song with words relating to some story of the day. These songs were first composed by Oliver Basselin, a fuller living in Vire. They were popular and soon spread all over France, and were called by the name of the place where Basselin composed them, namely Vaux de Vire. As the origin of the term was lost sight of it at last took its present form, vaudeville.

Vaudeville is now properly used to signify a play in which dialogue is interspersed with songs incidentally introduced but forming an important part of the drama.

Deceived by Reflection.

The rumor that there was such a place as El Dorado was so insistent centuries ago that Humboldt, the explorer, made a special investigation, and located the origin of the fable in a territory between the Essequibo and Branco rivers in Guiana. Great deposits of mica-stone and tale so flecked the rocks surrounding a small lake that the sun did indeed turn the area into a vast golden mirror, but as far as the value of the deposits were concerned there was nothing to wish for. The temples, houses and public buildings of beaten gold were merely the imagination of those who had glimpsed the lake, but had been prevented by natives from reaching it.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

HOMER

Mrs. Alfred Harris and Ruth and Alfred Jr., visited at the James Harris home from Sunday until Tuesday. Mrs. Ern Harris and two daughters returned to their home near Dakota City, after a week's visit in the James Harris home.

Miss Mary Maxwell of Dakota City, visited with relatives here Monday. Miss Carrie Hansen was a passenger to Newell, Iowa, Sunday to visit at the Rasmus Fredrikson home.

Born, to Clark Haezote and wife on Sunday, December 26th, a daughter.

John Critz of Sioux City, and Chas. Dodge of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, visited relatives and friends here on Tuesday.

Chris Erickson and wife left Sunday for a several weeks' visit at various western cities.

Robert Hansen and family, of Dakota City, spent Christmas and Sunday with Mr. Hansen's parents, H. C. Hansen and wife.

Miss Cora Midkiff, of Sioux City, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Millie Midkiff.

Miss Carrie Hansen, who teaches in the Heleman district, spent the holidays at home.

James Harris and wife, and son Richard, were Sunday visitors at the Alfred Harris home.

Will Blacketer spent Christmas at the George Madsen home with his children. Mildred accompanied him home and is visiting at the home of her uncle, John Blacketer.

Mrs. Wm. Purdy of Mankato, Minn., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Rasdal, and other relatives. She left for Coon Rapids, Iowa, Monday, to visit her parents, Dan Purdy and wife.

Roy McKinley left Saturday for Minneapolis, Minn., for a few days' business trip.

Francis Davis visited with friends at South Sioux City from Saturday until Monday.

Lula Harris, teacher of the Meridian school, is spending her vacation with her parents, Alfred Harris and wife.

Albert Bristol of Sioux City came home Friday to visit between trains with his parents, D. C. Bristol and wife.

Miss Bessie Holsworth, a nurse in the Samaritan hospital, Sioux City, came home Friday evening and ate Christmas dinner with home folks, returning Saturday noon.

Miss Helen Bolster was entertained Christmas day at the Phil Ranz home. Ed Wilkins' little daughter Dorothy, is quite ill.

Little Dorothy Daily was on the sick list last week.

Miss Margaret Smith of So. Sioux City, spent Christmas with her grandparents, Joseph Smith and wife.

Arthur Harris and wife spent Christmas at Coleridge with Mrs. Harris' parents.

Mrs. Ern Harris and two daughters visited last week at the James Harris home. The rest of the family joined them for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Fred Brasfield was on the sick list last week.

Elmer Smith of Sioux City, visited his niece, Mrs. Aksel Christensen and family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fudge were holiday guests of Mrs. Fudge's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stidworthy.

Mrs. H. C. Rasdal and family, and her sister, Mrs. Will Purdy, were guests at the Sam Purdy home on Christmas night.

Chas. Rockwell and family, Clyde Myers and family, Norval Church and wife, and Miss Dorothy Wilcox, of Emerson Martin Filman and family, August Filman and family and Frank Church and wife were dinner guests at the John Church home Christmas.

Mrs. John Church slipped and fell Christmas day, striking her head, and was quite painfully bruised but not seriously.

B. McKinley entertained at dinner on Christmas, H. A. Monroe and family, Arthur Lowe and wife, Miss Marjorie McKinley, Miss Gertrude McKinley and Teddie Thompson.

JACKSON

W. D. McCarthy spent over Christmas with relatives at Randolph.

Among the teachers here for the holidays are the Misses Blanche and Annie Waters, Vera Boler, Mary and Mildred Sheshan, Pauline, Argeta and Madeline Hall, Helen and Mary Erlach, Ruth and Kathleen O'Neil, and Thelma Zajauf.

Neil Flynn, of Kansas City, who spent Christmas holidays in the home of his mother, expects to leave on Wednesday for Slickney, S. D., to spend a few days in the N. K. Fox home before returning to Kansas City.

Wm. Hohenstein, Sr., returned on Tuesday from an over Christmas visit with friends at Osawa, Iowa.

S. H. Nelson, wife and baby, spent Christmas in the M. Beeson home at Waterbury. Mr. Nelson returned Monday morning, but Mrs. Nelson and baby will remain until after New Year's.

Mrs. Amy Brady and daughter Genevieve are spending the holidays in the C. A. Barrett home at Sioux City. Harold Boyle arrived home from Ames, Iowa, for a two weeks' vacation with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Francisco are spending the week with relatives at Royal, Neb.

Frank Goodfellow, of Marinette, Wis., is a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Carpenter, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flannery and little son spent Christmas with Mr. Flannery's mother and sister Kate in Sioux City.

Shamrock Camp R. N. A., have issued invitations for a card party at the Frank Budke home on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Thos. Boler, of Omaha, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Boler.

Mildred Ryan and brother John are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Waterloo, Iowa.

A. H. Knudson of Sioux City spent Christmas in the home of his brother, Hans Knudson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Darnell and mother, Mrs. Lester, spent Christmas with relatives at Walthill, Neb.

William Riley departed last Friday for Minneapolis, Minn., to spend Christmas in the Lee C. Keavney home. He also expects to visit his daughter, Mrs. Fred Schneider, at Joliet, Ill., before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ripp, of Waterbury, spent Christmas in the Scott Fullen home.

J. L. Barry, of St. Paul, Minn., was home for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Barry.

The Misses Frances and Sara McCormick are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Margaret McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moran of Spalding, Neb., and Rev. M. A. Quinn of Bancroft, Neb., are spending Christmas in the M. Quinn home.

Thos. Hartnett, jr., wife and baby, spent Christmas with relatives at Emerson, Neb.

Elfa Leahy departed Christmas afternoon for Los Angeles, Cal. She was accompanied by Mrs. Mary McGonigle, who will spend the winter with her son John and wife at Los Angeles.

The J. G. Marsh family were dinner guests in the J. R. Marsh, sr., home Christmas.

HUBBARD

Jas. Heaney of Neacra, visited here last week.

Rose Hartnett spent a couple of weeks in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mike Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh visited several days in the home of the latter's parents at this place, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Long.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hofferman were city shoppers the past week.

Mr. Shearer and family visited in the Frank Uffing home a few days the past week.

Mrs. Jas. Smith was an over night visitor with friends at Emerson last week.

Miss W. J. Rooney was in the city the past week.

Helen Long spent a few days in Emerson with friends the past week.

Chas. Heikes and family spent over Christmas in the Fred Bartels home. Joe Smith went to Wayne Sunday to spend a few days with friends.

George Bartels and family visited in the home of his parents Sunday.

Some of the passengers who went to the city the past week are, Margaret and Bonnie Hartnett, John Hart and daughters Pearl and Jessie, Zeta Shanahan, Margaret Uffing, Pat Jones, Earl Larsen, Jim Smith, Wm. Thorne, Veronica Heffernan, Mike Jones, D. C. Hofferman, Mike Harley and Fred Bartels.

Edna and Emma Anderson came home to spend over Christmas. Art Smith accompanied them back to the city Sunday.

Andrew Andersen spent Christmas with friends near Goodwin.

Mrs. Uffing and daughters visited the past week in the home of Pete Shearer in Emerson.

Grandma Harris returned last week to her home in Homer, after spending several weeks visiting relatives here.

Len Harris and son Glen, were city goers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. King were down from South Sioux City Wednesday.

Pete Jensen enjoyed a visit from his brother from Canada the past week.

Mrs. Reles was a city shopper the first of the week.

Chas. Londergan was in Sioux City Sunday.

Little Margaret Timlin is visiting in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. M. Green.

Mrs. M. W. Green spent several days visiting relatives in Homer the first of the week.

E. Christensen was somewhat under the weather the fore part of the week.

George Johns is visiting relatives in South Sioux this week.

ELK VALLEY

Mrs. Cecil McAfee has been quite sick with an abscess in her head the past week, but is better at this writing.

Merle Benton and Josie McAfee, who are attending Nebraska Central college at Central City, Neb., are spending the holidays at home.

Miss Mabel Way, of South Sioux City, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Evan Way, at the past week.

Mrs. Geo. McClellan was quite sick the first of last week, threatened with pneumonia.

Rev. David Tuning, of Central City, Neb., preached at Elk Valley Friends church Sunday, December 19th, both

"It Meant Health to Me," She Says

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"My nerves finally broke down and I became so easily upset that I could get no sleep at all hardly. From morning till night I felt dreary and drabby and my housework had simply become a burden. I was discouraged, for it looked like nothing would reach my case.

"I finally tried Tanlac and to my surprise I began to improve almost at once, and today I feel perfectly well in every respect. My appetite is just fine and everything I eat agrees with me. My breathing is free and easy once more and my heart action is regular. My nerves are just as steady as they ever were and I enjoy sound, restful sleep every night. I weigh more than I did before and feel so much stronger that I can now attend to my housework with ease."

Tanlac is sold in Dakota City by Neiswander Pharmacy, in South Sioux City by McBeath's Pharmacy, in Homer by Brassfield & Jensen, in Hubbard by Duggan & Heffernan.—Advertisement.

morning and evening, in the absence of Rev. McClellan. His messages were greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

Miss Nellie Bales, of Central City, Neb., visited at the homes of several of her friends in this community during the past week. Miss Bales taught school at the Elk Valley school for several terms, and her many friends were certainly glad to meet her again. She is teaching near Central City this winter.

David Woods is quite seriously ill and under the care of physicians. He was taken to Sioux City, Iowa, Monday of this week to consult a specialist, and will probably remain in the hospital for a time for treatment. His many friends wish that he may have a speedy recovery.

The following persons in this vicinity are planning to ship cattle to the Sioux City market this week: Guy Williams, Mike Garwin, David Woods and William Mon.

Reduced Railroad Fare for Farmers' Meetings.

Reduced railroad rates have been obtained for the farmers' meetings at Lincoln January 3 to 7. A special rate of one and one-half fare will be allowed all farmers, their wives and members of their families attending the meetings. Full fare will be charged for the trip to Lincoln and one-half fare for the trip home. A certificate should be obtained with the first purchase. The presentation of this certificate will entitle the holder to half fare returning home. The reduced rates will be in effect January 1 to January 7, and apply to all points within the state where the fare amounts to \$1 or more. The annual meetings of agricultural associations in Lincoln are among the largest and most important of their kind in the United States. Twenty or more well-known agricultural and livestock associations will be in session, representing all phases of grain and livestock production, fruit raising, and housekeeping. Every farmer, his wife, his sons and his daughters are invited to attend the meetings, which are open to all. The rapid organization of farmers all over the country has attracted wide attention and bids fair to become one of the greatest influences for better agriculture that has ever been perfected. Many problems of vital interest to all farmers will be discussed at the meetings. Interesting programs have been arranged for women and no farmer should attend without his wife.

Valuable Government Publications For Stock Raisers.

A valuable publication recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture for free distribution to farmers is called "Essentials of Animal Breeding." This is a book of forty pages, well illustrated, and written in plain language for the man who breeds farm animals, who wants to learn the rudiments of the science of breeding, and how to apply them in practice. Some of the main topics discussed are: Basic facts about heredity, the science of breeding, selection, inbreeding, outbreeding, pure breeding, the value of a pedigree, livestock improvement, grading up, crossbreeding, some incorrect ideas of heredity, telony, and maternal impressions. Ask the College of Agriculture at Lincoln for farmers' bulletins 1167. Other recent bulletins which may be obtained free from the college are: 1137, Grain Sorghums and How to Grow Them; 1170, Meadows for the Northern States; 1151, Alkali Clover; 1152, Sugar-Beet Seed Growing in the Rocky Mountain States; 1153, Cowpeas Utilization; 1162, Proso or Hog Millet.

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