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RUSSELL SAGE ON SAVING.

Capitalist is Glad He Knows the Value of a Dime.

Russell Sage was chatting with a friend on the subject of success. This friend remarked that he did not regard Mr. Sage as a wholly successful man because he had not been able to rid himself of the saving habits of his early days. Mr. Sage's friend was many years his junior and one whom he was solicitous about, because of his recklessness in personal expenditures. Turning on the improvident one Mr. Sage said:

"It is not much over a year ago when I used to hear even clerks in banks and brokers' offices speculating on what sort of an automobile it was best to purchase; even the big brokers could not sleep well for speculating over the proper horsepower for their automobiles.

"What do they ask one another today?" suddenly queried Mr. Sage. "I'll tell you. They ask 'Where are the transfer points on the surface car system of New York?' I tell you," that a penny saved is a nickel made and that a dime in the pocket is worth more than an imaginative dollar in the stock exchange. This old man," he concluded, "knows the difference between carfare and the price of an automobile, and he can indulge in either one he wishes to without worryment as to who sees him do it or what is the cost. There seems to be a certain element of success in being fixed in that way."—New York Times.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE.

Congressman Hepburn's Consolation for Piece of Bad Luck.

Congressman Hepburn of Iowa is nearly always unlucky in drawing a seat, but of late years he has been able to retain his old seat, the member drawing it always exchanging with him. When he first entered the house he drew about the worst seat in the lot. As he sat down there he was grumbling over his bad luck, when he looked across the hall and saw the disconsolate face of the man whom he had beaten for the nomination and whom he succeeded in congress. Then he thought: "I'll bet that fellow would be satisfied with even this seat," and at once ceased to feel bad about his luck.

The Economy of Modern Methods.

The coke used in iron furnaces is made in the most approved manner. Coal straight from the mines is passed through a plant costing many thousands of dollars, which saves all the volatile portion. The tar and ammonia are washed from the smoke, the latter being crystallized into sulphate of ammonia and the former being made into pitch and creosote. The gas from these ovens is then conducted to the blast furnaces, where, in the process of iron making, it is forced through molten metal. Even then it is not allowed to escape, but is made to do service in heating boilers for generating power-producing steam. Each ton of coal thus treated yields 10,000 cubic feet of gas, 20 pounds of ammonia and 100 pounds of tar. The ammonia is used for refrigeration and fertilization; the tar is taken by roofing plants; and even the slag, the scum of the molten iron, is utilized in the manufacture of cement. About the only waste element is the heat escaping from the cooling ingots of iron, and some enterprising genius may yet devise a plan of storage battery whereby this lost energy may be used to hatch our chickens.

A Child's Poser.

Religiously inclined parents are more often than not subjected to embarrassing inquiries by their small children who have not reached an age where they are willing to take a theological subtlety for granted. A question was propounded by one child on whose religious training much care had been expended was not only a poser, but carried with it a profound and world wide significance. The small boy had been trained to ask in prayers that he should "be made a good little boy."

One day he had been far from good and his mother was remonstrating with him. "God does not like little boys to be naughty," she said. "God wants you to be good."

"Then why does he not make me good?" fell from the baby's lips. "I ask him often enough."

Whist Authority Dead.

Nicholas Browne Trist of New Orleans, who died of heart disease last week, was the highest recognized authority in this country on the game of whist. He served in the Confederate army under Gen. Kirby Smith, practiced law subsequently, and was raised to an honorable position on the local bench.

Steerage Immigration.

Of the steerage immigration last year 223,546 were Italians, 82,343 were Poles, 79,347 Scandinavians, 76,203 Hebrews, 71,782 Germans, 35,366 Irish, 34,427 Slovaks, 32,907 Croatian-Slovenian, 28,451 English, 27,124 Magyars and 155,550 of other nationalities.

Mortality Among Employees.

The annual mortality in the United States is: For railways, one person killed for every 1,952 employees; for coal miners, one person killed for every 744 employees; for seamen in merchant vessels, one person killed for every 133.

Children Now Have Rights.

For picking up and kissing a little boy in the street a Birmingham (Eng.) man has been fined forty shillings, or one month's hard labor, for assault.

ORIGINAL OF "PARADISE LOST."

Manuscript to Be Auctioned in England in March.

One of the most valuable literary relics in England is to be auctioned off at Sotheby's in March, unless it can be secured during the interval for either the British Museum or the Bodleian Library. This is the original manuscript of the first book of Milton's "Paradise Lost," in eighteen small quarto leaves. As the poet had been blind for fourteen years when the epic was completed for the printer not a stroke from these closely written pages was from his hand, and the familiar tradition that he dictated the poem to one of his daughters is not confirmed by the penmanship, which is masculine in character. The alternative theory that the amanuensis was Milton's nephew, Edward Phillips, is hardly tenable, since the fact is not mentioned in the little volume of memoirs published by him in 1694. If Phillips had taken down the poem line by line he would probably have claimed the credit for it, as well as for suggesting alterations where the verses needed mending. While the identity of the amanuensis is a mystery, it cannot be doubted that this is the original copy filed at Stationers' Hall in 1667, and assigned to Samuel Simmons (or Symonds) "in consideration of the sum of £5 in hand paid." Another payment of £5 was made for a second edition, and Milton's widow assigned all her rights after his death for an additional sum of £8. The copyright was sold by the printer to Brabazon Aylmer, a bookseller, who subsequently transferred it to Jacob Tonson, and three generations of Tonsons printed numerous editions of "Paradise Lost" and were enabled by profits in trade to buy an estate in Hertfordshire. The manuscript was preserved in the Tonson family as the proof of their right to publish as many editions of the poem as they pleased, and it is now in the possession of William Robert Baker, a great-grandson of Mary Tonson.

The Scotch Sabbath.

The earl of Aberdeen recently had a practical experience of the grim observance of the Sabbath in Scotland. He arrived in Edinburgh from London at 7:30 in the morning. There was not a single public conveyance in the station, and, leaving his valet in charge of the luggage, his lordship wandered out in the raw, cold weather, and walked along Princes street in search of a cab, but to his dismay every cabman was keeping the Sabbath. Afterwards his lordship met a milkman, delivering milk in a side street. A bargain was struck, his lordship got into the milk van, was driven back to the station, where his luggage was put into the vehicle, and then he rode in triumph to his club.

A Few Left.

After the Hon. Cave Johnson had served his long and brilliant career in Congress and had retired to the quiet of private life, he once stepped into the office of his nephew, Robert Johnson, then a young lawyer of much promise, and finding the young man engaged in writing with a gold pen had occasion to remark upon the extravagance of the rising generation. "Why is it," he asked, "that every young man now has his gold pen, while those of my day were content to use their goose-quills?"

"I suppose," replied Robert, in the most innocent manner possible, "it is because there were more geese when you were a young man."

The Lord's Service.

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my innocent substance see;
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray;
And still the things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious Day.

Fain would I still for Thee employ
Whatever Thy bounteous grace hath given;
Would run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to Heaven.

—Charles Wesley.

Sad News for Gum Chewers.

The saddest news that has come out of Maine in a long time is that the spruce gum crop is short. This means that chewing gum will cost more this year, or gum chewers will get less for their money. Most of the gum put up by the great chewing gum concerns comes from the spruce trees of Maine, and the shortness of the crop therefore is of direct interest to every messenger boy, typewriter girl, saleswoman and cash girl who has the gum-chewing habit.

Underground Policemen.

Since the opening of the London "Tuppenny Tube" there are in the city police force some constables who have to perform the whole of their duties underground. Their duty is to patrol the footways and staircases of the Bank station to prevent any breach of the peace, just as constables in the ordinary way patrol the streets above. They go on duty and are relieved at the same hours as their brother officers.

Makes Railway Record.

The London & Northwestern railway company has established a record railway run. The American boat express, which usually runs from Liverpool to Easton without stop, was pulled up at Crewe. The journey from Crewe to London, 158½ miles, was done in exactly as many minutes, notwithstanding that on two occasions speed was reduced to almost walking pace.

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