

GROW OLD GRACEFULLY

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton has been writing on the subject of how to grow old easily, happily and gracefully. She is now in her eighty-fifth year and she says life to her is as sweet as ever. She has no pains or aches, no regrets or forebodings for herself; all her sorrows are for the troubles of others.

"I attribute my vigorous old age in part to advantageous circumstances," she says, "in part to a happy, hopeful temperament, a keen sense of humor, sympathies for all my fellow beings and a deep interest in all the vital questions of the hour."

"One must have an earnest purpose in life beyond personal ambition and family aggrandizement. Self-centered characters do not possess the necessary elements of a high development. If one would have a happy old age the first condition is a sound body; to that end exercise, diet, dress, sanitary conditions are all important."

"My philosophy is to live in the present. Regrets for the past are vain; the page is turned; there is no remedy for what is done. As to the future, anxieties are equally vain; we do not know what one day will bring forth; what we hope or fear may never occur; the present is all that is ours."—New York Sun.

QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

Quentin is the only member of the President's family who can boast of the capital as a birthplace. He was born just prior to the Spanish-American war at 1735 N street, while his father was organizing the Rough Riders. He does not think much of Washington as a place of residence. The



White House in his estimation is a poor substitute for the home at Oyster Bay. He does not relish being confined to a small part of the mansion, but would like to roam at will throughout the building and investigate the progress of public business from time to time. The other day he desired to walk through the flower-beds on stilts. His father told him that the gardener objected. The youngster answered: "I don't see what good it does for you to be President. There are so many things we can't do here. I wish I was home again."

A WORD IN SEASON

"If I have been able to accomplish anything in my life," said a woman famous as one of the most kindly and lovable among leaders of the best American society, "it is due to the word spoken to me in the right season when I was a child by my old teacher. I was the only homely, awkward one in a class of exceptionally beautiful girls, and being also dull at my books, I became the derision of the school. I fell into a morose, despairing state, gave up study, withdrew into myself and daily grew more bitter and vindictive. One day the French teacher—a gray-haired old woman with keen eyes and a bright smile—found me crying. 'Qu as-tu, ma fille?' she asked. 'Oh, madam, I am so ugly!' I sobbed out.

"She soothed me, but did not contradict me. Presently she took me into her room and said, 'I have a present for you,' handing me a scaly, coarse lump covered with earth. 'It is round and brown as you. Ugly, did you say? Very well. We will call it by your name, then. It is you. Now, you shall plant it and water it and give it sun for a week or two.' I planted it and watched it carefully. Green leaves came out at first and at length a golden Japanese lily—the first I had ever seen. Madam came to share my delight. 'Ah!' she said significantly, 'who would believe so much beauty and fragrance were shut up in that ugly thing? But it took heart and grew in the sunlight!' It was the first time it ever occurred to me that in spite of my ugly face I, too, might be able to win friends and make myself beloved."

Difference of opinion is the greatest common divisor.

Wit is the wine of intellect—and ill-nature turns it into vinegar.

"OUR DUCHESS"

Another mark of royal favor has been extended to the Duchess of Marlborough, who was Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, and who is now consort of the head of the Churchills.

At the coronation Queen Alexandra will be attended by four fair duchesses who will be attired in cloth of gold and bedecked in their robes and coronets. Not only must these four be



duchesses, but they must be among the most beautiful of the duchesses. As filling these requirements the chosen ones are those of Montrose, Sutherland, Portland and Marlborough—all numbered among the loveliest women in England.

FLIRTING IS BARRED

The students of the university college of North Wales have been giving the regents and teachers a great deal of trouble lately by their predilection for flirting. The upshot of the matter has been the posting of the following stringent and somewhat unique rules:

"Men students may not, firstly, meet women students by appointment or walk with them; secondly, accompany women students to or from college; thirdly, walk with women students in the grounds of the college; fourthly, visit or receive visits from women students in their lodgings.

"Reasonable association between men and women students will be permitted, firstly, at authorized social gatherings within the college; secondly, in the college field during the progress of matches, and, thirdly, in the college itself for business connected with college societies or class work."

These rules may work like a charm in old Britain, but would undoubtedly cause a storm of indignation among independent young America.

MATTER OF OPINION

"I have often wondered," said a thoughtful man to his minister, "what Adam and Eve would have done could they have foreseen the result of their violation of the divine commandment."

"They were warned," said the minister.

"True," said the thoughtful man, "but such warnings make little impression. But I believe they would have done just the same even if they had realized all that would follow. While they were driven out of the garden, they entered upon such a life of happiness as should have brought no regret for their idle garden life. I believe they would have sinned just the same."

"It is, perhaps, a sin to discuss the question," said the minister.

BOOTH TARKINGTON

Booth Tarkington, the author, who will be a candidate for the legislature of Indiana, is an Indiana man clear through and takes a kindly interest in the welfare of his state. He is just



31 years old and a native of Indianapolis. After a year's study at Purdue university Mr. Tarkington entered Princeton, and after leaving that university in 1893 he began writing the stories which have since made him famous.

New Remedy.

German physicians are applying a new remedy—lecithine—to the cure of diseases which require treatment of the nerves and nutrition. Lecithine and its compounds are said to have a tendency to increase weight and growth.

Another Victim of the Types.

A Missouri editor whose types contended the party, but because his amazonian wife is so unreasonable as to insist upon being shown how he secured the information.

UNDER TWO FLAGS

"The man without a country" is generally regarded as an anomaly, but there is something far stranger—a postoffice that does business under two flags. It is located at Beebe Plain, a town that is half in the state of Vermont and half in the province of Quebec. The building was erected some seventy-five years ago exactly on the line between the United States and Canada, so that it stands in two countries and serves the postal service of two nations.

The cellar of the building connects the two countries, and some years ago when the postoffice was a general store, whisky was known to be sold in one country and delivered in another without ever having passed out from under the roof of the structure. This combination postoffice is now being run by parent and child, the father being postmaster for Canadian Quebec and the daughter postmistress for Vermont.

Standing in front of this strange postoffice is a large post which marks the boundary line, and it is said that at one time a man who wanted to get a roadway to his premises moved this post, and many thousands of dollars and no little time was spent in establishing the exact line again.

SINGERS HONORED

Miss Mary McFarland and Miss Marie McFarland, twin sisters of Denver, Colo., who are well known as much for their beauty as for their talent as songsters, have been chosen to sing at the coronation ceremonies of King Edward VII. to be held next summer. The Misses McFarland have been great travelers and it was upon one of their journeys through Europe that they met the present king of England.



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at that time prince of Wales. It is stated that the royal command to sing at the ceremonies proceeds directly from the king and is not the outcome of the plans of the committee which has this matter in hand.

THE SUGGESTFUL EYE

There are two classes of human eyes, says Professor J. M. Simon, the eminent oculist. First, the cold and indifferent eye, which falls upon you with the same interest that it would fall upon some large building or anything else. Then there is the warm, flattering eye that indicates human interest.

The gray is the strong one. I have observed in the majority of cases of people who have risen to eminence that the eye has been gray, although I am inclined to believe that the gray eye is weaker than any other. A gray eye can charm, and in every instance I give a man with that color of eye more consideration than if his eyes are of another color.

Liked the Frock.

An English soldier's wife once took her little girl to see her father, who was on sentry duty. The soldier, who was in a Scottish regiment, wore the orthodox tartan and kilt. The little girl, not having seen her father before in such a garb, could not understand it, and looking up at her mother, exclaimed: "Mother, when father has found the man who stole his trousers, may I have that little frock?"

Voice Carries Eight Miles.

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance on record at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the grand canyon of the Colorado, where one man shouting the name "Bob," at one end, his voice was plainly heard at the other end, which is eighteen miles away.

DEATH MASK OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY



The death mask of President McKinley, taken soon after death at Buffalo has been sent to Washington, where it will be preserved among the most sacred mementoes which are kept in the capital city. A duplicate of the mask will be made and sent to Princeton University, to be added to the celebrated collection presented to that institution some years ago by Lawrence Hutton of New York. In this collection are the death masks of Cromwell, Napoleon, George Washington, Lincoln, Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and many other famous men.

THE WEDDING RING

Attached to the use of the ring in wedding and other ceremonies from the earliest times there have been mystic meanings. Whether the plain band or the motto-inscribed article which the changing times brought into fashion, the ring has retained the significance attached to it as a sacred emblem or an emblem typifying sacred ceremonies. To the devoutly religious or the careless scoffer at religion the little circlet has its charm.

From the earliest period mystic significance has been associated with the ring. In its circular continuity it was accepted as a type of eternity and of the stability of affection. The Jews make it an important feature of the betrothal in the marriage ceremony. The rings used in the Jewish marriage rite were sometimes of large size and much elaboration of workmanship. It is necessary, according to the Jewish law, that the rings be of a certain value. It is examined and certified by the officiating rabbi and chief officers of the synagogue when it is received from the bridegroom, whose absolute property it must be, and not obtained by credit or gift. When this is properly certified the ring is returned to him and he places it on the bride's finger, calling attention to the fact that she is, by means of this ring, consecrated to him, and so completely binding is this action that, should the marriage not be further consecrated, no other could be contracted by either party without a legal divorce.

Solemn betrothal by means of the ring often preceded matrimony in the middle ages and was sometimes adopted between lovers who were about to separate for long periods. Shakespeare has more than once alluded to the custom, which is absolutely enacted in his

"Two Gentlemen of Verona," where Julia gives Proteus a ring, saying: "Keep you this remembrance for thy Julia's sake," and he replies: "Why, then, we'll make exchange. Here, take you this."

The fourth finger of the left hand has from long usage been consecrated to the wedding ring, from an ancient belief that from this finger a nerve went direct to the heart. So completely was this fanciful piece of physiology confided in by the Greeks and Romans that their physicians term this the medical or healing finger and used it to stir their mixtures, from a notion that nothing noxious could communicate with it without its giving immediate warning by a palpitation of the heart. This superstition is retained in full force in some country places, notably in Europe, where all the fingers of the hand are thought to be injurious except the ring finger, which is thought to have the power of curing any sore or wound which is stroked by it.

Potatoes in Washington.

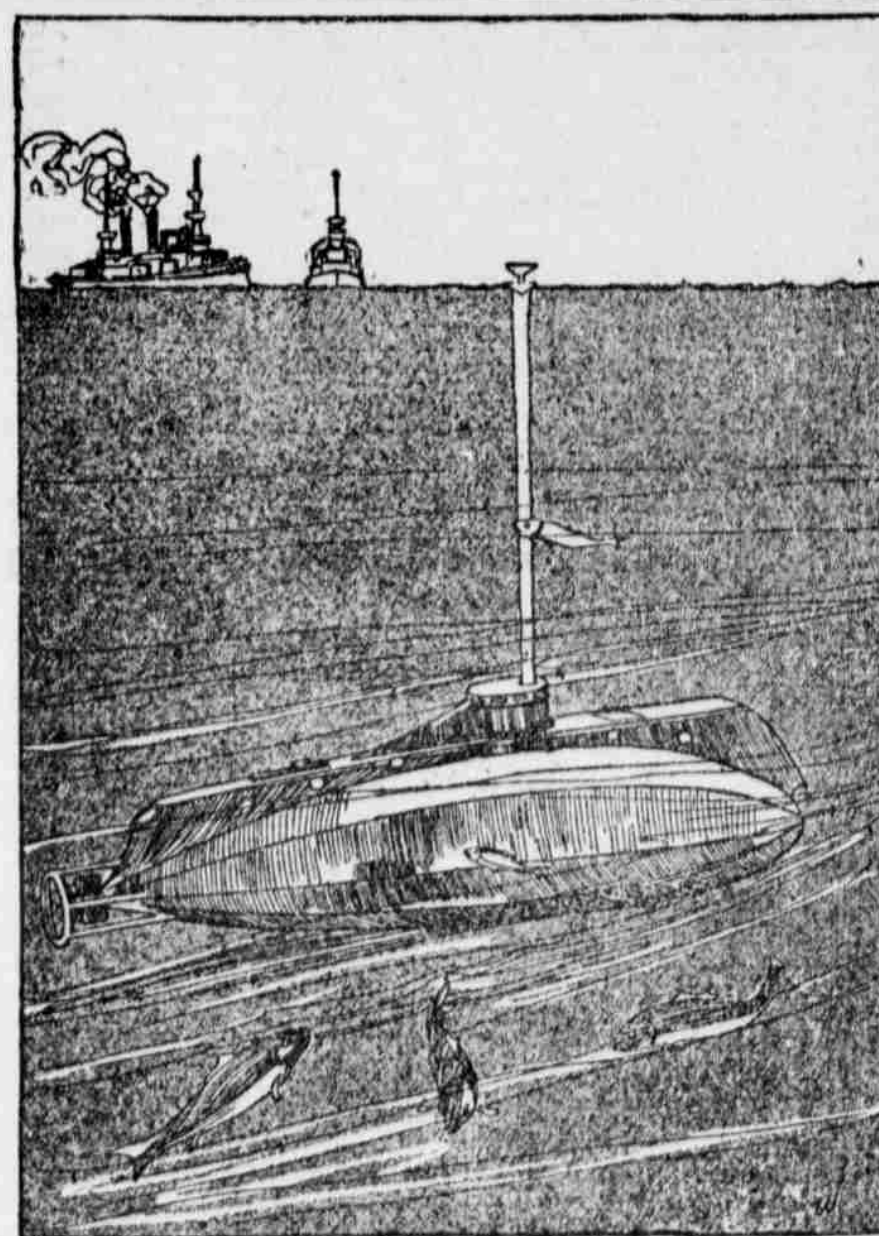
An immense potato crop has been raised this season by irrigation in the Yakima Indian reservation in the state of Washington. The quantity for export is 2,000 carloads, and one farmer will clear \$10,000. It is estimated that the crop will be 40,000 tons, worth \$1,000,000.

Alcohol Product in Germany.

The production of alcohol in Germany in the year 1897 was 95,532,300 gallons, two-thirds of which was derived from potatoes of domestic origin. It was produced in country distilleries, which number about 12,500, of which 5,226 produce only from 264 to 2,642 gallons.

Words may shake a man's convictions but seldom shatter them.

CLEPTOSCOPE FOR SUBMARINE VESSELS.



A Roman engineer, M. Triuzi, has invented a tube with crystal prisms, whereby those in a submarine boat can see what is going on at the surface of the water. The instrument is called the cleptoscope.

The experiments have been entirely

successful, and photography of objects on the water is possible thereby from a vessel beneath.

The experiments were made on board the submarine H Delphino, and in the presence of Sig. Moria, the Minister of Marine.

BEACONSFIELD AT 22

This is a picture of Lord Beaconsfield at the age of 22. He was then plain Benjamin Disraeli, and had just published his famous novel, "Vivian Grey," which won high favor in literary London. The picture was simply published as "the author of 'Vivian Grey,'" and for a time was



the talk of the town. Lord Beaconsfield was born in 1804 and died in 1881.

ALASKA IS FERTILE

Alaska is not as barren a land as people generally regard it. The commonly received opinion is that it is a region of snow and ice, of chilly blasts and utter desolation. Governor Brady, however, thinks there is much to enjoy there, if one may judge by his Thanksgiving proclamation, in which he sets forth many reasons for gratitude. Here are some of them: "We in Alaska in comparing our blessings with those which our friends enjoy in other places find that we have much for which to be thankful. We have an abundance of grass, and where we have attempted to till the earth it has yielded many fold and those who have tried it are satisfied that greater things are in store for them. The sea has not failed to yield of its abundance and our fishermen have been handsomely rewarded for their toil. The miners' wealth of Alaska is more promising to day than in the past. It is here, and when obtained will represent human effort. We have not been visited by destructive disturbances of the atmosphere, earth or sea. While we recount our manifold blessings our thoughts will be tempered by the calamity which overwhelmed so many people on the steamship Islander and by the humiliation which we feel in the manner of the death of President McKinley."

Apparatuses for Making Coffee.

Thousands of apparatuses for making coffee have been invented. The Patent Office is packed with pots, etc., some of which cost \$25 apiece. Some experts say boil the coffee; some say don't boil it. Some foreigners prefer to make it in a saucepan, and they have it as clear as crystal and as strong as alcohol. While I was in Sumatra, several years ago, I drank coffee made of the dried leaves of the coffee tree instead of the beans. At first I supposed they were brewing tea. But it was as fine coffee as I have ever tasted.

EXPULSED PROFESSOR

M. Edouard Herve, the French professor who has been dismissed from his chair in Paris for writing anti-military articles, is one of the most distinguished scholars in France, and has been an eminent figure in the education and literary life of Paris since 1854, when he won the first prize in national and literary life of Paris since philosophy at the Normal College. He is a member of the French Academy, a knight of the Legion of Honor and has been several times honored by many of the learned societies of Europe. M. Herve was professor of mathematics at the University of the City of Paris. His



offense was alleged to incite insubordination in the army and to prejudice citizens against military service.

M. Herve is 65 years old, but age does not seem to have dampened the fires of his youth, which was marked by that almost defiant spirit with which he opposes his enemies in his present severe trouble. His article and its results are the foremost topic in political circles in the French capital.