

DO INCHES MAKE THE MAN?

Until the time of the war between Russia and Japan the short man was obliged to defend the prowess of his kind by citing Napoleon as an example of what short persons could do. Balzac, the great French novelist, whose height was a trifle more than five feet, often half whimsically, often seriously, endeavored to show a connection between short stature and excellence. It was also a source of consolation to him and to other men who were not in the tall class, to read in history that the Roman conquerors were short. But after the Russo-Japanese war it became evident to all that stature had nothing to do with the case, unless, perhaps, the victory of the little Jap proved that the short man was the superior of the tall. But now come the municipal authorities in our cities, who say that a tall policeman is better than a short and that a tall fireman is the superior of a short fireman, says Boston Globe.

Five feet 7 1/2 inches is the limit of shortness to be tolerated say some, while others lower the standard a quarter of an inch. Others would lower it half an inch more. Superstitions die hard. We are still children, and, although far from the age of giants, we cling to the notion that inches make the man.

Great Britain has just launched one of the biggest of the dreadnought battleships which the government is steadily adding to the navy. And that American ideas are good for something in this connection is shown by the information which has leaked out, notwithstanding the careful way in which naval secrets are guarded, that the guns on the new vessel will be arranged much like those on United States battleships of the latest design, so that they can be fired one above another and concentrate tremendous striking power at a given point. Builders of our warships are giving valuable points to all the world.

It will be a good day in this city when every boy who goes to the high school can multiply and divide with unfailing accuracy, when he knows the rule of three and is up on fractions, says Philadelphia Inquirer. If in addition to that he can write legibly, read distinctly and spell correctly he will have a better equipment than has been common of late. In trying to teach children too much we have not trained them to definite ways of thinking. Yet to think clearly about anything is the great prerequisite of life and ought to be the chief aim of education.

Reports of accidents to women wearing bobble skirts begin to come in. Of course such accidents are inevitable. A woman who deliberately binds her limbs before submitting herself to the dangers of the highway is doubly handicapped, for even unhampered physically, she likely would lack the intelligence to dodge a street car.

A man in New York was sent to prison for four years for stealing a five-cent looking glass. It served him right. A man who makes so little of his opportunities in the face of such shining examples ought to be shut out from the rest of society.

A bank in Spokane is issuing anti-septic money. Still, while sanitary banknotes may fit in better than the others with the progressive ideas of the age, as far as the others are concerned, with all their germs, we love them still.

"Did Washington swear?" asked a periodical. We don't know, but some enlightenment could be furnished if we knew whether Martha's dresses were buttoned down the back.

Some genius has invented a machine for testing operatic voices. It will not help much unless it makes it possible for the operator to go away and leave it after he sets it going.

A New York street car jumped the track and ran into a saloon. An amazing instance of the power of suggestion; the car driver was doubtless very thirsty.

Considered as an aerial racer the carrier pigeon may not be quite up to date, but its motor seldom if ever gets out of order.

A man has been found starving himself because he feared the end of the world was at hand. There must be such a thing as the rash bravery of cowardice.

A writer sagely remarks that there is no excuse for drowning. Unfortunately, apologies are never offered.

It's a wise man who can guess two times out of three which way the cat is going to jump.

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TALK ONE TONGUE

Beau Says United States, More Polite Than France.

World's Most Famous Cotillion Leader Calls on Youth of His Nation to Recover Lost Science of Politeness.

Paris, France.—M. Fouquieres, who is called the world's most famous leader of cotillions and is also known as the "last true dandy of the Beau Brummel type," finds that the United States and England are now more polite than France, thus contradicting F. Hopkinson Smith, who has held up France as a model in matters of etiquette. The noted society leader has issued a stirring appeal to Parisians in which he describes the decline of courtesy, calls politeness a most useful quality and urges his fellow citizens to regain their reputation for good manners as they are recovering in aeronautics their reputation for heroism.

"Politeness is disappearing," declared M. Fouquieres. "It must be admitted that we are no longer the most courteous people in the world. The politeness which was formerly a national virtue, and the former gallantry which always characterized Frenchmen are today neglected, ridiculed and almost despised."

"Look at our young folk. They are formal, stiff, indifferent and disdainful; their movements are identical and bombastic like a funeral ballet, and they affect a phlegmatic ennui which it is calm to criticize, for it is the mode."

Foreigners trusting to our reputation for courtesy are astonished to find themselves inspected insolently when they venture into public places. Women do not escape sly, gay looks and vulgar murmurings and whoever makes malicious jokes at their expense is applauded with the laugh of approbation. Lack of tact is considered witty. Our savants, aviators, automobilists and sailors perform heroic deeds daily and their glory is undiminished. Only politeness is lost.

"Yet there is no quality more useful in a democracy. It incites and wins indulgence. All ambitious persons ought to be polite, but foolish persons cannot be, for politeness is a science requiring an understanding of psychology. An opportune compliment can create a precious ally."

SHE HAD 1,001 PROPOSALS

Young Seattle Widow, a Telephone Operator, to Marry the Last One to Declare.

Seattle.—New York may have its herd of 185 loves in the person of one Roscoe H. Sanborn, but Seattle has a real merry widow with 1,001 proposals to her credit. The one thousand and first man is the lucky one and the wedding will occur shortly.

The merry widow is Mrs. Rija May Dike, a 'phone operator. It is questionable if Mrs. Dike ever saw more than a scant half-dozen of the 1,001 suitors. But that did not detract from the ardor of their love epistles. They wrote from the north, the south, the east and the west.

Mrs. Dike was formerly an Iowa girl—Ottumwa being her home. Three years ago she married and with her husband went to South Dakota. He was killed in a wreck and Mrs. Dike bravely faced the world and took up a claim.

She called her place "Ottumwa," and it is still known by that name in South Dakota.

At the state fair in Huron, S. D., in 1908, Mrs. Dike was awarded the prize for being the prettiest young woman in the state. Newspapers devoted columns to her photo and beauty.

At first letters came by two and three, but finally the rural delivery man had to put on an extra mule to add in hauling the mail out to "Ottumwa."

Mrs. Dike has a bungalow on her 100 acres. There she opened and read every one of the proposals.

Her house needed papering. Nothing would better serve the purpose than a ton or two of love letters. Mrs. Dike plastered the walls and the ceilings and used the photos for roofing, and with the surplus built a chicken corral. Over all she pasted this large sign:

"Love letter shack. Tack new proposals on vacant space."

Mrs. Dike was literally driven off her claim. She came to Seattle in 1909 and found employment. There, however, her beauty attracted other wooers, and though she fought them off with her rugged South Dakota experience she at last fell victim to Cupid, and a Seattle business man won her hand.

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FISH DRAGS MAN FROM BOAT

Enormous Muskegunge Lunges at Caper When About to Use Gaff—Fight in Water.

Minocqua, Wis.—An enormous muskegunge, weighing 62 pounds, and lacking only four inches of five feet in length, pulled Howard Kennedy, a Milwaukee fisherman, into the lake before being captured. Mrs. Kennedy fired four shots at the fish with a deer rifle before placing a bullet in a vital spot.

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The Treasure and the Pearl

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THE TREASURE AND THE PEARL... Text: What is the summum bonum—the chief good.—Matt. 13:44

Again the kingdom of Heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hideth and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.

Again the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant man seeking goodly pearls, who when he hath found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Prof. A. B. Bruce characterizes these two parables as the "Treasure and the Pearl" (or the kingdom of God as the summum bonum or chief good).

These two parables constitute but one text and teach the same general lesson, the incomparable worth of the kingdom of God. They show how the kingdom of God ought to be esteemed in whatever esteem it may in fact be held.

Something that it is worth while giving up everything else in order to attain it. What is this supreme good of human life? We are all looking for hidden treasure. We are all seeking goodly pearls. The only question is what treasure is worth the most?

What pearl has the greatest value? What is best worth living for? What is the summum bonum? What, according to Jesus Christ, is the chief good? The treasure it is worth while to barter everything else for? The priceless pearl whose value is greater than all else? Is it not the kingdom of God set up in a man's heart? To have God's kingdom set up in a man's own heart, to be in touch and sympathy with the great interests of Christ's eternal kingdom; this is worth while, worth living for, worth dying for.

This is the only interest deep enough, high enough, comprehensive enough to absorb a man's affection; arouse his energies, develop the best and broadest life. There is only one thing worth living for—the kingdom of God. Christ teaches and experience proves the truth of his teaching that only the kingdom of God set up in a man's heart can satisfy him. He may have everything else under the sun, but unless he has entered into living, loving fellowship with God his soul will thirst for the living God and will never be satisfied until satisfied in God.

Man's chief good is God. The living, loving God as recalled in Christ enthroned in the heart, the source of life eternal! This is man's chief good.

"This is life eternal that they might know this the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

Another term our Savior uses in describing the chief good is "eternal life." If men only knew the significance of those two words—eternal life—they would give up everything they had on earth rather than not possess it.

Like the man who found the hidden treasure, they would sell all that they had to possess that field. Like the merchantman seeking goodly pearls, when they found this pearl of great price they would give up everything they had rather than to give up this priceless pearl.

Let us study these parables a little more closely. They represent two different classes of men. The parable of the man who found the treasure hid in the field represents a man going about his daily business, living a surface life, unaware that just below the surface, he would find a rich treasure, not knowing that there is a richer, better life in store for him, until accidentally, as it were, he stumbles upon "the Christian secret of a happy life" and goes on through life rejoicing in his newfound happiness.

The parable of the merchantman seeking goodly pearls represents a different type of a man, one of high ideals and expectations, always reaching out after something better than he possessed, until at last, in his seeking, he comes across the pearl of great price revealed in the peerless one, and he gladly parts with all that he has gained that he may possess it. Such a choice soul was Paul, who said: "What things were gain to me these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea, verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things and do count them but refuse that I may gain him."

Another choice soul was Justin, martyr, one of the early Christians, who tells us in his writings how he had traveled through the whole circle of Greek philosophy, seeking everywhere for that which would satisfy the deepest needs of his heart's soul, and ever seeking in vain, till he found it at length in the gospel of Christ.

This parable represents an earnest, seeking soul finding at the end of its weary quest Christ, God's answer to the heart's need.

We show our appreciation of the value of this treasure, this pearl, by the earnestness with which we seek to possess it. The man that found this hidden treasure sold all that he had that he might possess this treasure.

If the kingdom of God set up in the heart is the chief good then our only rational course is to give up everything that hinders our possessing it. It is irrational to go through life without possessing ourselves of it.

Science and Cheese.

A medical authority kindly assures us that as long as cheese isn't decayed it will not affect the health of the consumer. This is a fact that we have suspected for a considerable time. But how is the ordinary cheese epicure to detect the difference—unless he waits for results?

There is cheese so thoroughly disguised in the costume and aroma of decay that its proper standing on the sanitary testing table would puzzle a conjurer.

For instance, there is the brand known as Limburger.

But why pursue this subject?

A Generous Gift.

"You may say what you like against young ministers, but I have nothing but praise for our young pastor," the pompous Mr. Brown remarked, as he passed out of the church. "Nothing but praise!"

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