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### WORTHLESS READING.

"Worthless reading makes worthless people." Put that in big letters and hang it up in your sitting-room, where you can see it every day, and where the young people can see it. Maybe it will call their attention to the books they are reading, which are uplifting or degrading, says the Ohio State Journal. They are one or the other. Parents don't seem to realize this. Nine out of ten of them do not seem to understand the significance of a book. An education amounts to nothing if a boy or girl turns it into shallow reading. Their minds are filled with trash and their thinking is weak, when they read the kind of books that are mostly read these days. It is a sad mistake to allow this matter to go at random, and to allow the youth's taste for reading to grow rank and wild. The highest triumph of an education is the desire and habit to read good books. It makes no difference how well a boy gets along in his mathematics or language, if he has no taste for good reading it is all waste. Parents will take great interest in the marks their child gets at school, but they are hopelessly careless as to what those marks mean for him in his after life. It is time they were giving attention to this subject.

For at least four hundred years journalism has been a profession without academic recognition, in that a course of study was required to enter its portals. The late Joseph Pulitzer felt that it should be raised to the proper rank, and he founded and endowed a college, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. To the headship of this new institution is called Dr. Talcott Williams of this city, one of the deans of American journalism, and one whose experience, travel, accomplishments and scholarship make the selection wholly admirable. Journalism is not wholly taught. It receives more recruits than almost any other profession, and most of the postulants fall by the wayside. It is a trying-out process which results in successes in many directions other than newspaper work. To fit into the peculiar niche which makes journalism so important is given to few, but it is certain that no young man ever entered journalism and left it without carrying away valuable lessons.

The clique has never flourished in England theaters, but is a powerful institution in France, where a "chef de clique" enjoys a recognized status and makes a comfortable income. It is a mistake to suppose that the only duty of claqueurs is to applaud. A well organized clique includes some members who have cultivated the art of infectious laughter. These "chateuilleurs" attend the lighter forms of drama and laugh so heartily and naturally that their neighbors join in and leave the house, convinced that the play must be a funny one. Then there are the "pleureuses," who are paid to shake with sobs at the right moment during melodramas. These are the real dramatic critics.

A scientific assertion is produced to the effect that there are no germs in the telephone mouthpiece. Those receptacles of language must be sterilized by the heat of the messages poured into them by some unfortunate who has waited 15 minutes to get the curt information that "the line's busy."

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that a girl is entitled to keep an engagement ring after the engagement is broken. It isn't likely, however, that many of the girls who have been keeping engagement rings would have returned them, even if the Pennsylvania judge had decided the other way.

The whole family feel the throb of spring within their veins. Young hopeful hunts up his old baseball glove, sister has a new beau, father is getting out his fishing tackle and mother has begun to recount the number of years she has worn the old bonnet.

Back to nature's heart is receiving a new and practical application in New York, where a farm is to be established for bad boys now sent to a reformatory. Plenty of good, hard farm work will remove the objection of work from other and objectionable quarters for idle hands.

Chicago's police force lately developed the fact that it had a member who indulged the eccentricity of always paying for his drinks and cigars. He was permitted to resign, as such unprofessional conduct is not likely to spread.

The salary of the president of Switzerland is only \$4,000. But then he does not have to keep up an automobile; all he has to do is step out of the front door and slide.

## Madame Pompadour Hat Is One of the Very Latest Creations



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This white Neapolitan hat is one of fashion's very latest creations. The crown is covered with rare silk figured in the delicate shades of pink and green, the pompon being of pink roses with green leaves, being the ruling style for these hats.

### SOMETHING OF A NOVELTY CHARACTER SHOWN BY DRESS

Inexpensive Lamp Shades May Be Designed From the Ordinary Japanese Lanterns.

An inexpensive, novel and pretty way of making lamp shades, especially for the summer cottages, is to utilize Japanese lanterns. The kind used are the rather large, oval-shaped ones in either a solid color or half one and half another. The upper part to the desired depth is cut off, guided by the small bamboo bands which stiffen and fold it, and is neatly trimmed off. At the top, which is finished by a black wooden band, the wire hanger is removed and in place of it one of two or three supports substituted. One consists of three wires, equidistant around the top, and bent so as to hang over the top of the lamp chimney. Another method is a regular support fitting the top and attached to the lamp at the base of the chimney; or else the lower edge of the shade may be wired and the usual tripod support be used.

I made two like this, using the first mentioned style of hanging just for fun this summer, and the cheerful red-figured Japanese lily shades made such a hit that all my neighbors made, or had me make, the same things for them.—Harper's Bazaar.

### PRETTY SILK WAIST



This pretty waist is of light silk piped with black and ornamented with little straps and buttons.

The yoke is of lace finished at the neck with a frill of embroidered muslin, and similar frills finish the sleeves.

### Many Shades of Red.

The new combination in smart afternoon and evening gowns is tomato red, with the purple of Hamburg grapes. This red is one of the new shades of the fashionable color and is a lovely one, indeed.

Among its rivals are raspberry, water melon, flame and geranium. Among the purples are grape, night, royal, Vatican or cardinal purple and amethyst purple.

It is not a new fashion to mingle purple and red, but for a while it went out; now it seems to have returned through the insisting influence of Paul Poiret, who has never ceased to love and use it, so that it has become more credited to his name than to any other great designer.

### Colors In Hats.

This is a season of most brilliant colors in millinery; cerise, king's blue combined with green and a touch of pink; the tan shades, sage green, gray and pink ostrich plumes and smart combinations of black and white, all are used with a lavish hand. One of the smart new touches is to match the taffeta dress with a hat faced with the same material, trimming the top of the hat with a contrasting color. Contrasting facings are the rule, but there are exceptions.—Harper's Bazaar.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

### A Girl Balks at Marrying an Old Man



WASHINGTON.—Harvey Given, assistant United States attorney for the District of Columbia, happened to be walking the other morning by that famous corner in the courthouse where marriage licenses are issued, when he heard a girl's voice, saying with considerable feeling:

"Don't! I will not marry that red-eyed old terrapin, and I'm not eighteen years old—I am only fourteen."

Mr. Given stepped up to the counter in time to prevent a marriage license being issued. The man who was applying for it was Louis Garrison, sixty-one years old, of Stafford county, Virginia, and the girl, who was strenuously objecting, was Myrtle Baldwin of the same county. Mr. Given took matters into his own hands and conducted Garrison and Myrtle Baldwin and had no idea that Garrison would accompany them. They left their homes near Quantico early in the morning, walked three miles to a railroad station and took a train for Alexandria.

Myrtle said that Garrison suddenly decided he was going to marry her as the train pulled into Alexandria, but she explained to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Given that she had no idea of doing anything of the kind.

She added also that Garrison was a widower three times over, his last wife dying a few weeks ago.

Wilson. With them were Mrs. Lulu Decatur, a niece of Garrison, and Goodwin Mellow, a young man from Stafford county. Mr. Given told Mr. Wilson of the occurrence, and thereupon the quartet went under a very careful examination.

Myrtle declared over and over again she was only fourteen years old, although she could easily pass for several years older, as she is mature looking and weighs probably 160 pounds.

When it came the turn to question Myrtle she was so worked up over her escape from the marriage ceremony that she was in tears. She said that she had planned a sightseeing trip to Washington with Mrs. Decatur and had no idea that Garrison would accompany them. They left their homes near Quantico early in the morning, walked three miles to a railroad station and took a train for Alexandria.

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He Was.

Mistress—Why, Norah, what are you doing on that policeman's knee?

Norah—Sure, mum, he's a-restin' me!

A Correction.

"We are drifting toward a paternal form of government," said the economist.

"Pardon me if I correct you," responded the suffragette, gently; "to be accurate, you should say a maternal form of government."

A Soft Answer.

He (triumphantly, reading from a newspaper) — "Suffragist speaker heckled by geese at a county fair." Ha! Even the geese are against woman suffrage, my dear!

She (contemptuously)—That's because they are geese.—Judge.

Women's College for Buddhists.

A university is to be founded by the Buddhists for the high education of women. A meeting is reported to have taken place at the Nishi-Honganji temple, Kyoto, in which it was unanimously decided to carry on the undertaking as a work of the Women's Association of this Buddhist sect. The cost for the institute is estimated at 280,000 yen.

Found Imitation Difficult.

Bert, a freshman, closed a letter to his cousin Joe, five years old, by saying: "Now, I must quit and write five pages on Esther."

The next day his father found Joe armed with tablet and pencil, trying to hold down his young brother Robert, and said to him: "Joe, what are you doing?"

"I'm trying to write five pages on Bob, but he won't be still," replied the little fellow."

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### Hanging Is the Only Penalty for Murder

D EATH by hanging is the only punishment for murder in the first degree in the District of Columbia.

The right of a jury to qualify its verdict by adding the words "without capital punishment," is denied by the court of appeals of the District of Columbia in an opinion by Mr. Justice Robt. The appellate court holds that Arthur Johnson, colored, must expire on the scaffold the killing of John Ofenstein, a blacksmith, in December, 1919.

The decision of the appellate court sustains the finding of Justice Wright that the new penal code does not apply in this jurisdiction.

Justice Robt in his decision holds that the provisions of the District code relating to the murder were intended to supersede the provisions of the general statutes relating to these crimes.

"A careful study of the District



code," says the justice, "irreducibly leads to the conclusion that congress in its enactment stepped aside from its revision and codification of the general laws of the United States and in its capacity as a national legislature for this municipality revised and brought together statutes supposedly applicable to conditions here existing."

"The main object in thus bringing together these local statutes," continues Justice Robt, "was to do away with ambiguity and provide for the people of the capital city a compact code of law."