

# Something to Think About

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## RAGGED PRACTICE

**FRIENDSHIP**, the most sacred of all moral bonds, is never appreciated at its full worth until by some unlooked for snap of its golden moorings it takes flight and flies away.

In the excitement of the moment, the loss may not be keenly felt, but as the years ride by in their swift chariots, lines mark the face and strands of silver streak the hair, there comes to the loser an inexpressible sense of loneliness which sharply reminds him or her of the glorious sun that has set behind the purple hills.

A friendship which multiplied joys and divided sorrows is gone forever. As you repeat this word "gone" in the night when you are alone, and again in the morning and at intervals through the day, it comes upon you with a new and terrible meaning. How gladly you would erase it, but in spite of your oft boasted strength

of will, you find in your grief that you cannot do it.

Pride scores as dictator. Like a beggar you sup on its dry crusts, and go to bed night after night with an ache in your heart and a sting in your conscience.

Yet you keep going crookedly about the byways and highways of life and continue year after year the ragged practice of unbending your neck or curving your lips with a friendly smile.

It no longer matters so much how your behavior appears to the glaring eyes of the world, so you persist stubbornly to air your pride and front it in public places, dropping daily a little lower from the high ideals so sacred to you in the peaceful, hallowed days of friendship.

In the background of every picture depicting human unhappiness you will find an ugly blur of color quite at variance with the rules of harmony, caused by a slip of the tongue or a spurt of passionate anger between two persons, communities or nations.

If you will study the blur intently, you will find that it is the evil thing that destroys peace and strews battlefields with rivulets of blood.

If you have a true friend, give him or her the best of which pure friendship is capable of giving; or if you have quarreled, break the truce and heaven will bless you!

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## YOUR HAND

How to Read Your Characteristics and Tendencies—the Capabilities or Weaknesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm

### LOSS OF MONEY

AS WE may read by various signs in the hand that the fortunate subject has acquired, or is to acquire, wealth through inheritance or through his or her own exertions, so we may read also, in the hand, the loss of wealth, after it has been possessed and enjoyed.

Inspect carefully the finger of Saturn, the middle or ring finger, near the top, for a star. If it appears plainly near the edge of the finger, it indicates loss of position and money. See also the Mount of Saturn, which lies at the base of the base or beginning of the mount, a zigzag line, the same loss is indicated.

Naturally, it must be understood that these signs, as so many others in the hand, are not always perfectly clear and well-marked, and great care must be exercised in reading them, in conjunction with the other marks and signs in the hand.

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### The Scream of the Pipes.

It is claimed for the bagpipes, by some admirers that it is among the oldest of musical instruments. Whether or not the oldest, it is certainly the loudest of all instruments. The duke of Sutherland owns a bagpipe which figured at Prestonpans, and must, therefore, be nearly 200 years old, yet it can still be heard at a distance of eight miles.

## NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

The peach crop in Gage county is said to be the largest in years. Superior is making elaborate preparations for its annual fall pageant. Preparations are under way to open a drive to raise \$1,135,000 for Hastings college.

Cattle feeding in Cheyenne county is said to be the largest, due to a widening of corn acreage.

Charles E. Cobbe of Omaha has been elected president of Cotner university, near Lincoln.

Ord is experiencing a pronounced building boom, a number of business and dwelling houses being in course of erection.

A number of persons were injured when a tornado tore a wide path through the farm community near Bloomington.

Preparations already are being made for the Pawnee county fair which will be held in the late summer. It will last five days.

An attack of indigestion, caused by eating green apples, caused the death of Vernie Holcombe, 8, son of Edward Holcombe of Fremont.

The attractive prices paid on the Omaha sheep market is causing sheepmen from all parts of the country to bill their stock to that place.

The doors of the Nebraska State bank at Milligan, Fillmore county, have been closed by the state department of trade and commerce.

Fifteen counties in the state have returned abstracts to State Tax Commissioner Osborne showing complete returns of property for taxation.

Miss Millie Mason of Friend has started for Denmark to visit her aged father, who returned to that country from this city several years ago.

At a special election held at Adams to vote \$12,000 bonds for extending the waterworks system there, the proposition lost by a vote of 115 to 96.

Driving a horse without shoes has been held by an Omaha judge to be cruelty to animals, and Joe Novak, a peddler, was fined \$10 for the offense.

Sharp declines of wheat, amounting to 7 cents a bushel in the last few days, have attracted wide attention from farmers now in the midst of the harvest.

A dugout containing a large still and two fifty-gallon barrels of mash was found on an island in the Missouri river ten miles south of Nebraska City.

W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will come to Nebraska during the latter part of July to deliver three addresses in the interest of organized agriculture.

Soil which burns with a bright flame when a match is applied to it was discovered by William Grutch while plowing on his farm near O'Neill, and residents of the neighborhood are much excited.

A petition asking that a receiver be appointed for the Bank of Waterloo, Neb., has been filed in district court at Omaha by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis.

The first new wheat of the season delivered at Dannebrog, was of a twenty-five bushel field and tested 90 pounds. Barley, oats and rye are in excellent condition.

Eleven thousand bullheads, ring perch and crappies were planted in the big lake north of Louisville this spring and fishermen are enjoying unusual luck there.

Nebraska farmers marketed dairy products worth \$30,000,000 the last year, according to a bulletin by Secretary Leo Stuhr of the state department of agriculture.

Mrs. George Lutz, 53, who was drugged and robbed of \$800 in her home at Louisville by an unknown assailant, died from her injuries a few days later. In the scuffle with the man she was choked and a quantity of poison was forced down her throat.

The second holdup within a period of seven months at the Commercial State bank of Florence took place when a lone bandit entered the bank and forced Rudolph Johnson, cashier, into the vault, and escaped with between \$1,500 and \$1,800 from the money drawers.

Will Sulter of DeWitt was badly burned about the arms when he attempted to carry out several sacks of sugar from the rear of the Farmers' Union store at that place, which had caught fire.

F. W. Romber, breeder and stockman of Uehling, boosted the top on the fat cattle market for the year to date at South Omaha to \$10.25, when he marketed 18 head of prime horned Hereford steers of his own raising and feeding at that figure. They averaged 1,321 pounds, and are the first steers to bring the price since November 10 last year.

With 7,185 children between the ages of five and twenty-one years listed, the school census of Platte county for 1922 shows the largest increase recorded in any year. Boys outnumber girls by 237.

A bonded debt of \$24,557,000 has been incurred by Nebraska counties, municipalities and school districts in the last nineteen months, or at the rate of \$1,292,000 a month, according to Charles E. Lawrence, bond clerk in the office of State Auditor George W. Marsh, where the law requires bonds be registered. Cities, and villages issue \$14,000,000 of these bonds.

## WOMAN GANGSTER SENT TO PRISON

Underworld Character of Kansas City, Mo., Shared in Killing of Men.

## WAS WELL EDUCATED

Mattie Howard Broken Hearted Lover is Shot to Death While Robbing Bank—Laughs as She is Led Away to Cell.

Kansas City, Mo.—Prison doors closed recently on Mattie Howard, the most remarkable woman of the underworld in the history of Kansas City. Directly or indirectly she had been responsible for the death of a dozen men, and was herself implicated directly in at least one killing, for it was for this crime that she was imprisoned.

She appears to be a type morose commonly met in the "movies" than in real life. It was in 1916 that she burst upon the underworld of Kansas City. It is said that she had respectable parents and was well educated, special care being given to the development of her voice which apparently was something out of the ordinary. She was strikingly handsome, a brilliant blonde, with slate-blue eyes which won for her the title, "girl with the agate eyes."

Loved a Gangster. Mattie Howard presently took up with Albert Pagle, a rising young gangster who was just attracting the attention of the police. Though she took up with many men in the course of her career, there is no doubt that the infatuation for Pagle was the guiding impulse of her life. For a year the lovers lived together and then Pagle was arrested and sentenced to five years for highway robbery.

Mattie was left broken-hearted but began planning ways to raise money to secure his release. She formed alliances first with one crook and then with another, and all were killed or arrested while helping her raise money by holdups or other means.

Lover Shot After Holdup. With all this bloodshed Mattie was still without the money that would procure Pagle's release, but good behavior had cut down his sentence and he was released one day and restored to her. Three weeks later, he, too, was dead. He was shot and died from wounds after he had killed the cashier of a bank he was trying to rob. Mattie was his companion on this fatal enterprise, and its tragic ending broke her heart.

She organized the finest funeral the underworld had ever seen. The room was banked with flowers, she chose the pallbearers from among the more illustrious thugs of the city, selected the Biblical text for the funeral sermon, and herself sang the appropriate

hymns. A few days later she was arrested, tried for the killing of a diamond broker years before, and sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary. She laughed and sang as she was led away. Pagle was dead, so the prison held no terror for her.

## DOG BITE KILLS BOY AGED 5

Pasteur Treatment Fails to Prevent Hydrophobia in Case of St. Louis Tot.

St. Louis, Mo.—Le Roy Earl Kohlhauff, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Kohlhauff, died after having been bitten on the face by a neighbor's dog afflicted with hydrophobia.

The dog, which is said to have bitten several other children, died a week ago under observation. The child received Pasteur treatment.

## Raincoat Stops Suicide by Drowning.

Rochester, N. Y.—A heavy raincoat and a silk waist saved the life of Mrs. Mary Alexander, fifty years old, of Rochester, when she attempted to drown herself by leaping into Lake Ontario. The garments puffed out like balloons and kept the woman afloat, rescuers said.

## SCHOOL DAYS



## Uncommon Sense . . .

By JOHN BLAKE

### TEN YEARS

**TO THE** boy of eight, ten years is an eternity. Ten years ago he had no existence. Ten years more and he will be a man in stature—a size that seems to him far beyond attainment.

To the boy of twenty-one, ten years, while not a lifetime, is a long stretch ahead.

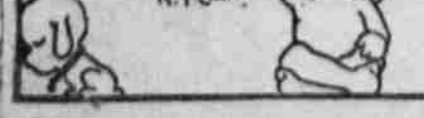
At the end of the coming ten years he will be well on his way to wherever he is going, success or failure.

If he could understand just how much those ten years mean, just what can be done with them, just what they will yield if rightly cultivated, there would be far less trouble and distress in the world.

To the man of forty, ten years are ten years which must not be wasted. The next ten years are his best, as far as productivity is concerned. If he has not made the last ten years count, he still has a chance with the next ten.

### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I was dancing last night with my new pumps too loose— I hope that the girl never knows As I smiled in her face with a languorous grace How madly I curled up my toes.



## Mother's Cook Book

"Worry and optimism cannot travel the same road, to say nothing of going in the same company. A real good worry is not generally sought after, either in business or social life."

### FOR THE FAMILY MEAL

#### TO MAKE hot lunch sandwiches.

Chop remnants of ham fine; season and moisten with cream or melted butter and put on buttered slices of bread. Press the slices firmly together and trim them in oblongs or squares. Beat one egg, add from a cupful to a pint of milk, according to the number of sandwiches; add a little pepper and salt and dip each sandwich in the mixture, turning once or twice until well saturated. Brown delicately on both sides in a hot frying pan with a little butter. Serve at once on a hot platter, garnished with parsley or nasturtium leaves and blossoms. Sandwiches filled with jelly may be fried the same way, dusted with powdered sugar and served as dessert.

#### Apple Salad.

Slice tender apples thinly, leaving the skin remain if bright red. Mix with half as much finely-cut celery, chopped onion or cabbage. Add enough thick cooked salad dressing to hold the mixture together. Peanut butter may be used in place of the dressing if desired; season with salt, pepper and thin with a little vinegar and water. Serve on lettuce or in apple cups.

#### Hamburger Steak.

Grind round steak through the meat grinder adding a pinch of cloves, with the usual seasoning of salt and pepper and one-half of a small hot pepper rubbed to a paste (using the canned chili, though the pimentoes will do), adding tabasco sauce. Pat the meat into a flat cake and broil under a hot gas flame or over clear coals. Turn until both sides are seared, then cook more slowly until done to the center. Serve covered with melted butter and sprigs of parsley.

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