

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.
Burning Off Paint Makes Insurance Void.

It seems that considerable danger to property exists in the practice of burning off old paint before re-painting. The question has long been a subject of debate in the technical journals, and now householders and the newspapers have begun to discuss it. Those of us who, with trembling, have watched the painters blow a fiery blast from their lamps against our houses, and have looked sadly at the size of our painting bill because of the time wasted on this preliminary work, are interested in the investigation by the Greenfield (Mass.) Gazette and Courier, which gives considerable space to the reasons for the practice, questions its necessity and suggests ways to prevent the risk of burning down one's house in order to get the old paint off. It says:

"There is a good deal of discussion among householders as to the desirability, in painting houses, of burning off the old paint, a practice that has grown very common of late in Greenfield and elsewhere. Insurance men are strongly opposed to this method. It makes void insurance policies for fires caused in this manner. Several houses in Greenfield have gotten afire as the result of this method, and in some places houses have burned as a result.

"It is undoubtedly true that when a house has been painted over and over again there comes to be an accumulation of paint in bunches. If new paint is put on top of these accumulations it is almost sure to blister. To burn it off is the quickest and cheapest and perhaps the surest method of getting rid of this old paint."

The Gazette and Courier quotes certain old patrons to the effect that accumulations of paint are unnecessary. These old-timers lay the blame partly on the painter who fails to brush his paint in well, partly on the custom of painting in damp weather or not allowing sufficient time for drying between coats, and partly to the use of adulterated paints instead of old-fashioned linseed oil and pure white lead. The paper says:

"Many of the old householders say that if care is taken at all these points it is absolutely unnecessary to have paint burned off. They advise that people who have houses painted should buy their own materials, and to have them put on by the day, so as to be sure to get good lead and oil. Of course the burning off of paint greatly increases the cost of the job."

The trouble householders everywhere have with paint is pretty well summed up by our contemporary, and the causes are about the same everywhere. By far the most frequent cause of the necessity for the dangerous practice of burning old paint is the use of poor material. The oil should be pure linseed and the white lead should be real white lead. The latter is more often tampered with than the oil. Earthy substances, and pulverized rock and quartz, are frequently used as cheapeners, to the great detriment of the paint.

Painters rarely adulterate white lead themselves and they very seldom use ready prepared paints—the most frequent causes of paint trouble. But they do often buy adulterated white lead because the property owner insists on a low price and the painter has to economize somewhere. The suggestion is therefore a good one that the property owner investigate the subject a little, find out the name of some reliable brand of white lead, and see that the keg is marked with that brand.

The linseed oil is more difficult to be sure of, as it is usually sold in bulk when the quantity is small; but reliable makers of linseed oil can be learned on inquiry, and if your dealer is reliable, you will get what you want.

Pure white lead and linseed oil are so necessary to good paint that the little trouble necessary to get them well repays the house owner in dollars and cents saved.

The Difference.
The actress looked debonair, although the play had been pronounced a failure on every side.

"It's got to succeed," she explained, "and for that reason I'm not nervous. Last season I played seven new parts on Broadway, but I feel perfectly tranquil now. That's the advantage of being a musical show. More than \$40,000 is invested in costumes and scenery and they're not going to be thrown away. The piece has simply got to be made a success. If it had been a dramatic production we would have closed on Saturday night. As it is, I expect to keep the same job all winter."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thickly because of its greater strength than other makes.

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The fireflies of Jamaica emit so brilliant a light that a dozen of them, enclosed within an inverted tumbler, will enable a person to read or write at night without the least difficulty. Indeed, it is an expedient to which many resort. These fireflies are in size as large as a common hive bee, and perfectly harmless. Their appearance in unusual numbers acts as a barometer to the natives, and is an indication of approaching rain.

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A Doctor of Souls
By Alice Louise Lee.

Rev. John Cole walked slowly down the aisle trying to look as he did not feel—cheerful. On the platform stood a tall white-haired man talking to a small woman, who wept and beat her hands together. John glanced back at them and gave a sigh of relief that he had escaped Addie White for one evening at least.

A thin, colorless man emerged from the darkness of the vestibule. "Don't wait for the evangelist, Brother Cole," Abner White's voice was as expressionless as his face. "Addie has invited him home with us. I hope," Abner's tone was wistful, "that he can point the way to Addie."

John laid a hand on Abner's arm. "All things work together for good, you remember, Brother White," he quoted, perfunctorily, "all things!"

That Sunday evening service, conducted by the new evangelist, was the beginning of the longest and weariest week of John's brief ministry.

"I long to get down to business," he cried to his wife Friday evening after services. He was pacing the study floor. "I feel helpless and baffled. Here are these large audiences gathering night after night, with no results." John stopped before Birdie almost tragically. "Why, even Addie White has ceased to come to the altar! And have you noticed Reasener Jameson? How is there every night. You know how I have worked and prayed for him."

John's face was pale as he looked at the paper. It was a check for \$500. He held it in his hand and stared at Reasener. "Your discovery?" he gasped.

"That I am and have been a Christian for years, and didn't know it." "A Christian, and didn't know it?" gasped John again.

Reasener arose and faced John. His speech had lost its abruptness. "Yes, The God that I had known since boyhood spoke to me in my fields, under the trees, in the song of the birds, in the sweetness of spring. I felt him in the quiet, but it seemed to me impossible that he could be the same God whose wrath had appalled me at the altar. I cannot see him as you do, because I have not your eyes. I cannot serve him as you do, because I have not your nature; but I know now that I walk with God."

Reasener turned and limped toward the door. John let him go in silence.

With his hands locked behind him over that check, he paced the floor and questioned himself concerning this strange and wonderful fisher of men. Was his work enduring? Could a man possibly be a Christian and not know it? Did the secret of Dr. Whipple's work lie in making people satisfied with themselves? What course should he, John, pursue in board meeting that evening?

These questions were all unanswered at seven o'clock. John mechanically arranged his study for the official members. He drew down the shades. Then he waited.

At nine o'clock Mrs. Cole poked her curly head in at the door. "I move and second, Mr. President, that we retain the services of our beloved Father Whipple, and carry the motion! John, where are the trustees?"

"Birdie, this is a most disgraceful situation!" exclaimed John. "Never before has this occurred. Each has remained away in order to throw the responsibility on the others, and I am left alone."

Mrs. Cole entered. She sat down lightly in the secretary's chair and looked at John's face.

"John, I have the best idea. A part of you wants Dr. Whipple to go, a minority part. Isn't that true? And a majority part of you wants him to stay. Isn't that true?"

"I think so," smiled John.

"Well, then, you are all of the official board at a regularly called meeting. Therefore—"

She stopped laughing. John caught her meaning and broke into a peal of laughter as the parsonage had not heard that week.

Sunday morning the church was filled.

John read the usual list of notices, then paused. He carefully pulled the hymnal on the big pulpit Bible, and put a copy of the discipline on top of that, and with painstaking but unconscious care, squared the edges as he spoke. "At a meeting of the official board last evening it was decided by a large majority vote to retain the services of Dr. Whipple through this month's revival meeting. Sing, if you please, hymn 809."

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\$31,000,000 for Coffee.

According to the department of commerce and labor, during 1904 there were 1,957,000,000 pounds of coffee consumed in the United States, valued at \$31,000,000. This is equivalent to about 13 pounds for every man, woman and child of the population.

The total production of the world during the same year was 2,260,000,000 pounds, so that the United States consumed nearly half of the total supply.

But 104,000,000 pounds of tea, worth \$17,000,000, were imported during the same period. The imports of all tropical products during the year amounted to \$465,000,000, while the total imports of all sorts reached the enormous sum of \$1,936,000,000.

Packers' Men to Wear White.
Omaha, Neb.—Every workman in the South Omaha packing plants will hereafter wear white duck suits. The packers have purchased 7,000 and each man will be supplied with clean clothes daily. White dresses for 3,000 girls also have been ordered. The companies will wash these clothes each day free of charge.

John shook his head.

WORST FORM OF ECZEMA.
Black Spots All Over Face—Affected Parts Now Clear as Ever—Cured by the Cuticura Remedies.

"About four years ago I was afflicted with black spotsches all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of annoyance and suffering, to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of my town. After a thorough examination of the dreaded complaint they announced it to be skin eczema in its worst form. They treated me for the same for the length of one year, but the treatment did me no good. Finally my husband purchased a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and after using the contents of the first bottle of Cuticura Resolvent in connection with the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, the breaking out entirely stopped. I continued the use of the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that every spotch was entirely gone and the affected parts were left as clear as ever. The Cuticura Remedies not only cured me of that dreadful disease, eczema, but other complicated troubles as well. Lizzie E. Sledge, 540 Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

GAME THAT BOBBIE KNEW.
Youngster's Revelations Were Interesting to Caller.

A young fellow had called upon a girl with whose charms he was somewhat smitten, and was waiting in the parlor when her small brother came in, weeping bitterly. From either a sense of politic precaution or natural kindness of heart, the young man had been kind to the little fellow on several occasions, and now took him on his lap and asked the cause of the trouble.

"Sis-sister is mean to me," the little fellow sobbed.

"Oh, I guess she didn't intend to be; maybe you worried her when she was busy," the youth said consolingly. "What was she doing?"

"She was playin' an wouldn't let me play, too," Bobby said.

"Playing what? The piano? I guess she thought you didn't know how."

"Oh, yes, I know how better'n she does," Bobby asserted. "She was playin' Indian, an' wasn't putting half 'nough paint on her face."

Hunters Mauled by Lioness.
A fight between two hunters and an infuriated lioness is reported from British East Africa.

Messrs. Lucas and Goldfinch left Nairobi on a shooting expedition, and when five miles from the town the lioness was observed.

While the men stood at the edge of the thicket the brute pounced on Mr. Goldfinch and threw him to the ground. It bit him on the thigh before Mr. Lucas lodged a bullet in its neck.

Maddened by the wound, the animal turned its attention to Mr. Lucas, whose horse it felled and then pinned the rider to the ground, inflicting lacerations on his face and biting his right arm. He was saved by Mr. Goldfinch, who, sitting up, rolled the lioness over with a well-aimed shot.

The beast was about to spring on its victim again when another discharge from the same weapon proved fatal. The wounded men were taken back to town, where they received medical aid.

Practiced What He Preached.
Rev. Denis P. O'Flynn, of New York city, used to say that priests ought to die poor and he practiced what he preached. Aside from a valuable library given to the Paulist fathers he has left no discoverable estate—no money in bank, no money in the rectory. "He died as poor as the proverbial church mouse," says his assistant, Father Corrigan. "What little insurance he carried will barely cover the funeral expenses. He never saved a penny for himself. After keeping the house on his meager salary he gave away all he had."

Unique Election Cry.
A wooden-legged candidate for the town council of Claston, Eng., urged his fellow artisans to elect him on the ground that a wooden leg in the council would be a pleasant variety among the wooden heads there now. "Vote for Peggy!" was his inspiring slogan.

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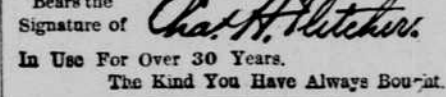
Defiance Starch is the latest invention in that line and an improvement on all other makes; it is more economical, does better work, takes less time. Get it from any grocer.

Swallowed by the Sea. During 1905 there were wrecked, burned and foundered at sea 297 steam-vessels, of a net aggregate tonnage of 253,611, and 296 sailing vessels of 214,600 tons.

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Plumage of the Bluebird.
Of the male bluebird Thoreau said: "He carries the sky on his back." To this John Burroughs added, "and the earth on his breast." The bird's back, wings and tail, chin and throat are a vivid blue, while his breast and flanks are a chestnut brown and his abdomen a dirty white. The female is very much duller in coloring, often having a reddish tone that extends from the middle of the back over the shoulder. The Seminole Indians say that the male bluebird once flew so high that his back rubbed against the sky, which imparted to him its own azure tint. Returning to earth, his wife so admired his new coat that she determined to have a like one for herself and the next morning flew away to get it; but the day proving somewhat cloudy, the color given to her dress was not so brilliant as was that received by her mate.

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