

An Appreciation of Affection.

Most men appreciate affection, and are disappointed when they fail to find it demonstrated in their wives. They appreciate it in equal degree with the wife who likes to be assured that her husband's every thought is for her happiness.

The progress of the enormous new system of water works of New York city has made necessary the creation of a large new aqueduct police force, for the patrol and protection of the watershed.

The Pathos of Fate.

The Imperial glory that once was Spain's long since passed from her, and it is reported that pathetic and tragic admission of the fact is to be made in Madrid by dismantling the Pantheon of the Spanish colonies and dispersion of its valuable collections among the libraries and museums of the city.

Defective designing was the cause of the collapse of the cantilever bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Quebec several months ago, according to the report of the royal commission appointed to make an investigation.

The English advocates of woman's suffrage have made their demands a real political issue. A resolution in their favor was recently adopted by the convention of English Liberals.

It is the same old story. North, south, east and west the farmers are short of help. If the men looking for work would add to their applications "No objection to going in the country" they would probably have choice of any number of jobs.

The fact that New York has a parrot that swears in six languages is being rather widely advertised. It is certainly queer how very fond New York can be of its various forms of wickedness.

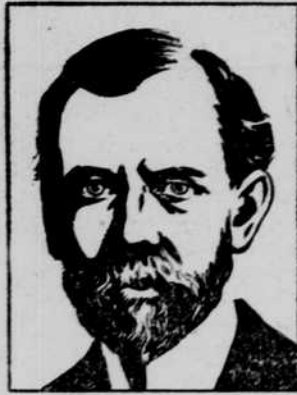
A Connecticut man dropped dead after hearing news that he had fallen heir to \$50,000. Evidently this man couldn't stand prosperity.

The Seven Stars hotel, at Village Green, Pa., has been a public house for 15 years. It was the headquarters of Gen. Cornwallis in 1777.

The Stolitchnaia Potchta Estovarisch has been suppressed in St. Petersburg. All at once, too. It seems impossible.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

WINS LAETARE MEDAL



Dr. James Charles Monaghan, well known as a lecturer in Catholic circles, has been chosen as the recipient for 1908 of the Laetare medal, awarded annually by Notre Dame university to some prominent Roman Catholic layman as a mark of honor.

Dr. Monaghan was born in Boston in 1857. He acted as consul to Mannheim, Germany, from 1885 to 1889, and as consul to Chemnitz from 1893 to 1897. In 1899 he was delegate to the world's commercial congress and in 1903 editor of the reports of the bureau of foreign commerce in the department of commerce and labor.

As an educator Dr. Monaghan has been instructor at both Wisconsin and Notre Dame. From September to December, 1907, he was dean of the course of history and economics at the latter institution, having to abandon the position of the disappointment of both students and faculty in order to fill engagements on the lecture platform.

The history of the Laetare medal dates back to 1883, when it was conferred upon John Gilmary Shea. The medal is of gold and the bar with which the disk is suspended is lettered "Laetare medal," the face of the disk bearing the inscription in Latin, "Truth is mighty and shall prevail." The reverse side bears the name of the university and the recipient. The medal takes its name from the Sunday upon which its recipient is announced—Laetare Sunday. The particular Sunday was chosen because on that day for the last six centuries the popes have conferred a golden rose upon one who has performed marked service to religion and humanity.

It is probable that the bestowal will take place at Notre Dame May 17, upon which day it is hoped to hold a reunion of all the living Laetare medalists here. Others to whom the medal has been awarded are Attorney General Bonaparte, Bourke Cockran and Gen. William Rosecrans.

BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER



The Right Honorable H. H. Asquith, the new British premier, appointed to succeed Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who resigned on account of ill health, was born in Yorkshire of a non-conformist family. His father died when the future premier was only six years old, and the boy's life was guided by his mother, a strict Puritan.

At Balliol he fell under the influence of Jewett. The late master of Balliol had many distinguished pupils, but none among all of those who looked up to him with reverence and affection were more absolutely under his influence than Henry Asquith.

When he left college he went straight into the practice of law and began to win recognition in the world. His first political victory was scored in 1886, when he was elected to the commons from East Fife.

It was only six years after his entrance into political life when Mr. Asquith was selected as a cabinet officer, he becoming home secretary in 1892. He retained this position until 1895, when the fall of Lord Rosebery's government brought about his resignation.

With the rise of Campbell-Bannerman to the leadership of the liberals, Asquith became chief lieutenant. He did not seek this advancement, and, in fact, was called cold-blooded by some of his followers because he did not attempt to push himself over the head of "C-B." Later Asquith was made chancellor of the exchequer, which office he had administered well.

MISSED SENATORIAL TOGA



Congressman Asbury Francis Lever of Lexington, S. C., who was mentioned as a possible successor to the late Senator Latimer, but failed to land, is now serving his fourth term in the lower house. He is so prominent in working for the Appalachian forest reserve and in other matters that he is no longer mistaken for one of the floor messengers.

Mr. Lever is descended from the South Carolina Germans of early days, a sterling population which inhabited the central counties of the state. The ancestral name was Lieber. The given names and surnames of the South Carolina delegation show plainly how the state has large German and Irish-American elements and also plenty of Methodists in faith. For both the late senator and Mr. Lever bear the name of Bishop Asbury.

Like very few who ever reach congressional honors, Mr. Lever was nominated and elected before he had reached the age of 25. He taught school until Congressman J. William Stokes, the Farmers' Alliance worker, selected him as his private secretary. He entered into sympathy with the farmers' ideals in legislation, and in 1900 he was elected a member of the legislature, though still serving Mr. Stokes as secretary. When his chief died the private secretary naturally succeeded him. He was re-elected over six opponents and has been twice re-elected since.

VICTIM OF KAISER'S TONGUE



Lord Esher, to whom Kaiser Wilhelm referred so contemptuously in his private letter to Lord Tweedmouth, the letter that raised a hornet nest about the ears of the British government, is a person of considerable ability. He is not by any means a politician; far from it; he was pressed to enter the cabinet as secretary of war, but refused in order that he might be left free to effect a thorough sanitary reform of Windsor castle, of which he was deputy governor.

It is to this the kaiser referred when he said that Esher should stick to drain pipes and keep his hands off the navy.

If Lord Esher had had political ambitions he might have been prime minister to-day, for he has considerable tact and great family influence in addition to his peculiar abilities. But he is absolutely without political aspirations, as he is without a party, for neither side is quite sure of him.

Womens' Publication a Success. The club women of San Antonio, Tex., were the writers, editors, publishers and sellers of the Passing Show for February 22. They enlarged that special edition and made a very creditable showing in the editorial and news columns as well as in the size and number of the advertisements.

Dr. John Elliot, the ethical culture worker of New York, considers it a sad state of affairs that half the children of the schools are not spanked nowadays, no good substitutes being offered. Self-government he thinks a good substitute, if it can be taught. Justice rather than sentiment makes for good citizenship, he declares.

LURE OF THE LAKES

VESSELMEN OF GREAT INLAND SEAS PREPARE FOR BUSY SEASON



WHERE MANUAL LABOR IS INVOLVED

When the gentle breath of spring whispers of the warm embrace of fair summer, there is a stir among the great army of vesselmen of the great lakes, for they know that they must be bestirring themselves for the busy season when mountains of freight must be moved from port to port and multitudes upon multitudes of people will seek the comfort and pleasure of a lake trip.

But before a wheel turns or navigation opens in earnest there is a vast amount of work to be done. Fitting out a fleet such as makes any one of the large lake ports its headquarters is a gigantic undertaking. Even after this is done, keeping it trim is a task. Each spring every foot of these vessels is gone over by scrubbers, painters, decorators, upholsterers and carpenters. Not a spot is overlooked.

Twenty-five passenger steamers hail from Detroit. Last year they carried 7,805,558 passengers without the loss of a single life, yet few of this number realized the work involved in preparing for their care and comfort before the season was under way. Equipping a modern passenger boat is a gigantic undertaking. Even after this is done, keeping it trim is a task.

To fit out one of these vessels for the season runs into money. Conservative estimates place the amount that will be expended on the 25 alone this spring at \$175,000, including material and labor. This may seem extravagant, but once you have gone into the subject you marvel that the results obtained can be secured for even such a sum.

The "swab squad" is in full swing along the water front these days. At frequent intervals may be found small heating stoves, from whose stacks belch dense volumes of black smoke. Here the "dope" that removes the grease and grime from the decks and upper works of the boats is prepared by a man whose stock-in-trade consists of an iron pail, a barrel, a liberal allowance of water and immense quantities of washing powder.

High up on the sides of the vessel, with bucket and brush, picking their way along the rail, where a single misstep would send them to possible death in the cold waters below, the workmen apply the preparation that plays havoc with dirt. It is no easy task, this balancing one's self on a narrow rail, reaching upward as far as possible and manipulating a brush for hours. They say that in time anyone could become used to it, but few would have the desire to learn by actual experience the truth of this assertion.

Last of all are the painters, putting on the finishing touches and giving

SKYSCRAPERS BUILT BY ANTS

How Our Gigantic Structures Compared with Their Dwellings.

The real skyscrapers are built by the white ants. The great pyramid of Egypt is about 480 feet high, the Eiffel tower is 984 feet, the new offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company in New York will reach 658 feet in height.

Love Not Waning. Myles—Have you any reason to believe your wife's love is growing cold? Styles—Oh, no; she loves her dog as much as she ever did!—Yonkers Statesman.

THE LIVING ROOM.

It Should at All Times Be a "Livable" Room.

What to do with the living room is a problem that confronts every housekeeper. The living room should be in fact as well as in name a living room—a livable room. It is the room in which the most of our time at home is spent, the hours we have for leisure, the time we have for play, the place where we entertain our friends and it is absolutely essential that the walls and furnishings of the living room should be harmonious in color, suitable in texture, and durable in material.

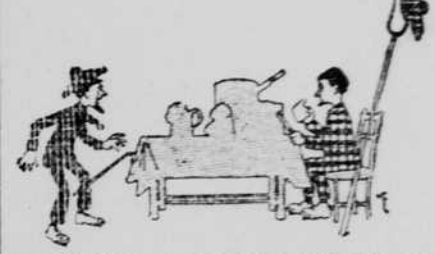
The rich, soft, solid colored walls are the ideal walls for the living rooms. They make a better background for pictures, throw the furniture out in better relief, are less discordant with rugs and carpeting, and indicate a higher degree of taste and culture than do the colored monstrosities which we paste on when we apply wall paper.

Who ever saw roses climbing up a plastered wall growing out of a hardwood floor? Yet, that is what we suggest to the imagination when we paste paper covered with roses on our walls. They are neither artistic nor true. Roses are all very beautiful, but they were never made to climb up interior walls and they do not grow from hardwood flooring.

The alabastined wall is the only correct form of a tinted or solid colored wall. Fortunately it is the only clean way, and more fortunately it is the only permanent way; the only way that does not involve the endless labor in the future.

In lighting the walls some thought must be given to the color. Light colors reflect 85% of the light thrown upon them. Dark colors reflect but 15%. Lighting bills can be saved by choosing a color which will reflect the largest degree of light. In north rooms use warm colors or colors which reflect light. In south and west rooms sometimes the light can be modified by the use of darker colors. Dark greens absorb the light; light yellows reflect it; browns modify it, and so on, through the scale of colors.

Nothing worries a girl more than taking on flesh while she is the victim of unrequited love.



A Scotsman, having hired himself to a farmer, had a cheese set before him that he might help himself. After some time, the master said to him: "Sandy, you take a long time to breakfast."

Maintaining His Dignity. Even the elevator boy had to draw the line somewhere, to prevent his being made too common. A writer in the New York Evening Post tells of a recent experience with one of the fraternity.

Shorten the Agony. "Say!" growled the man in the chair, "hurry up and get through shaving me."

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Have Custom of Old Rome.

Women in Madagascar drape their shawls as the old Roman senators did their togas. The Roman custom was to wear the toga wrapped around the body and across one shoulder, leaving the other uncovered.

This Patience Not a Virtue. "A lot of folks' patience," said Uncle Eben, "remembers that of me man who stays in de house an' waits for de snow to melt, regardless of de people dat's fallin' down on his side-walks."

Value of Praise. Praise is sunshine; it warms, it inspires, it promotes growth; blame and rebuke are rain and hail; they beat down an bedraggled, even though they may at times be necessary.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

More Than His Share of Teeth. While the average man is satisfied with a maximum of 32 teeth, a Turk near Balbrun, in Asia Minor, boasts of 45, all perfect. He belongs to a well-toothed family, his mother and a sister each having the same number.

Uncle Allen. "There wouldn't be half so much trouble in this world," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "if the people who ought to be listening didn't insist on doing all the talking!"

Inspection of School Children. British school children undergo three medical inspections—the first when they enter the schools, the second three years later, and the third three years after that.

Softening Water. Hard water can be softened by adding to a basinful of water enough tincture of benzoin to make it of a creamy color. This also has a tonic and whitening effect.

Economy. The man who has been accustomed to shave himself may not damage the barbering business much, when he lets his whiskers grow, but some laundry may be affected.

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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.

Poetic Expression. This is little Dick's picturesque description of his first flash of lightning and first clap of thunder: "Oh mamma, I saw an angel go into heaven and bang the door after it."

Suffering Aftermath. Those who have suffered much are like those who know many languages; they have learned to understand and to be understood by all.—Mme. Swetchine.

The Straightforward Sex. "I ease give me two bills for my hat, one for \$10 for my husband and one for \$20 to show my lady friends."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

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