

NEW THE CODE HIMSELF

Former Telegrapher Corrected the Error of Two Young Men in a Memphis Hotel.

One whose ear has been trained to read intelligently the click of a telegraph instrument sometimes puts this training to the test under strange conditions. An instance, which resulted in embarrassment, apologies, and finally in a pleasant acquaintanceship among the persons concerned, is told by a certain Ohio farmer who spent his early years in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company.

Some years after impaired health had driven him from the telegraph office to the farm, he and his wife were spending a short vacation in the south. While they were dining in a hotel in Memphis two young men entered and seated themselves at the same table with the couple from the west.

After a survey of the strangers, one of the youths took up his fork, and tapping it in an apparently careless way against the edge of his plate, spelled out in the Morse code:

"Do you think they are bride and groom?"

"Yes, surely," tapped his companion. "Just watch how soft they are."

Immediately, to the dismay of the young men, the fork of the supposed bridegroom joined in the conversation. With great rapidity it tapped out:

"Gentlemen, you are mistaken. We have been married five years, and have three children."—Youth's Companion.

ALL WASTE NERVOUS ENERGY

Everywhere People Squander Their Force Needlessly Instead of Carefully Husbanding It.

People should be as careful of their nervous energy as of their money, says an English writer. Yet we all waste it. At the telephone people talk twice as loudly and energetically as is necessary. That is to say, they use up twice as much nerve energy as they need. Three-fourths of those who have to catch trains every morning spend as much nervous force in one day as should last a week.

Then, in the streets, watch how people jostle and push, and what a lot of nerve-force they spend at dangerous crossings. Why not walk slowly when there is obstruction, and wait for the quiet moment, which always comes, at the crossing? Everywhere people hurry without need, getting into a state of nervous tension when leaving theaters, boarding omnibuses, going to lunch, and especially when leaving for a holiday.

Bird's Home Instinct.

Spectators at a fire witnessed an interesting, if tragic, example of the actions of a bird which was guided only by the instinct that its home was in danger. The flames had begun to creep along the edge of the tower and every shingle on the roof was puffing a little jet of flame, when down wheeled a pigeon which had been dislodged from the tower and lit in the midst of the fire and smoke. Picking its way along, utter oblivious to the flames that must have been singeing its feathers, the pigeon went straight for its nest. A tongue of flame leaped out and the pigeon soared into the air. Then, as if irresistibly drawn into it, the bird dived into the furnace beneath and disappeared from sight.—Passadena News.

Fortunate Pribiloff Islanders.

A curious and interesting people are the Pribiloff Islanders in Bering sea. When the United States government took over the islands, along with Alaska, the Russian colonists became in a measure wards of the nation, but they have remained true to the influence to which they were first subjected, and in some respects are today more Russian than American at heart. All of them are members of the Russian church, and all of them have Russian names, selected for the most part from among the nobility. The United States government has in this instance been a faithful guardian of a primitive people. The result is that today they are the most highly civilized, best clothed, best fed, and most healthy of all the natives of Alaska.

Home Influence on Writing.

Environment has been held responsible for many human frailties, but it is only lately that it has had to shoulder the blame for poor handwriting. "Even more than temperament and copy books environment influences a child's handwriting," said a handwriting expert. "If he sees a fashionable writing or a clear business hand on tables and desks at home he will imitate that unconsciously. If only an uneducated scrawl meets him there, he, too, will scrawl, let his instruction at school be ever so thorough."

Friday Dickens' Lucky Day.

Charles Dickens was not one of those who are superstitious concerning Friday. It was on Friday that many of the good things came to him, and it was on that day that he entered upon, paid the price and took possession of Gads Hill, the one thing he cherished more than all of his other possessions. It was Gads Hill that he had gazed upon when a wee bit of a boy, with a hope then giving little signs of fruition, that he might live to own it some day; and it was Gads Hill whose walls he covered with mirrors in almost Oriental magnificence.—Boston Record.

RIGHT CHILDHOOD IS MODEST

Well-Bred Youngster Does Not Think That It Knows Everything, Says Ruskin.

The first character of right childhood is that it is modest. A well-bred child does not think it can teach its parents, or that it knows everything. It may think its father and mother know everything—perhaps that all grown-up people know everything; very certainly it is sure that it does not. And it is always asking questions, and wanting to know more. Well, that is the first character of a good and wise man at his work. To know that he knows very little; to perceive that there are many above him wiser than he, and to be always asking questions, wanting to learn, not to teach. No one ever teaches well who wants to govern; it is an old saying (Plato's, but I know not if his, first), and as wise as old.

Then, the second character of right childhood is to be faithful. Perceiving that its father knows best what is good for it, and having found always, when it has tried its own way against his, that he was right and it was wrong, a good child trusts him, at last wholly, gives him its hand, and will walk blindfold with him, if he bids it. And that is the true character of all good men also, as obedient workers, or soldiers under captains.—Ruskin.

THINK TOO MUCH OF MONEY

Many Persons Lose Chance of Happy Marriage by Exaggerating the Value of Wealth.

Scores of people lose their chances of being happily married through making an unnecessary obstacle of money. The importance of it is often exaggerated. Many a man hesitates to propose to a girl because of his small income. Very often much misery, misunderstanding, and tangled lives result from the silence. More unfortunate love affairs are the result of what has not been said than of spoken words.

When a man has a small, sure income, and a prospect of increase, there is no legitimate reason for his not speaking of his love; no reason, for that matter, to prevent marriage. People are so desperately afraid, though, of beginning married life in a small way. They fear the sacrifices which they will be called upon to make—of the criticism to which they will be subjected. Many years of happiness are lost in this way. It is such a mistake for young people to want to start marriage in the state that their parents are ending it.

To delay marriage until a "comfortable" income is available is to prove something lacking in the love.—Answers.

Better Keep the Boy.

At nightfall the junior partner's exultation of the day changed to chagrin and he clamored noisily for the errand boy's dismissal.

"Better think it over," the senior partner advised.

"Why waste time in thinking," the junior retorted, "when he's got to go? Here I am, lying awake every night for a week planning an effective window decoration, which is turned into a laughing stock the first day by the stupidity of that boy, who leaves three yards of blue woolen dust rag draped around silver tankards and trays of diamonds."

"Well," said the elder jeweler, "people stopped and looked, didn't they?"

"Yes, but what of it? That dust rag" growled the junior.

"That's why I advise you to keep the boy," advised the senior mildly. "If it hadn't been for him I am afraid nobody would have looked at all."

In Praise of Courage.

Certain virtues are divided from vice by so narrow a line that we must discern very clearly to see the difference. Few men can distinguish pride from vanity; perseverance from stubbornness; economy from avarice. The same is true of courage as distinguished from effrontery. The courageous man must have ambition, not merely dream of what he would like to have. The audacious have been found fault with for their brutality in overcoming all obstacles—but force is necessary to accomplish any real purpose.—Chicago American.

Two Pickeral on One Line.

A humble and honest fisherman who set his traps for pickeral on a Maine pond the other day is ready to make affidavit as follows: "I hereby declare on oath that I did catch two pickeral on one hook. The first pickeral swallowed the bait and didn't like it. Apparently he tried to cough it up. At any rate he spewed the hook out under his gills and it floated off in the water to be grabbed by a second pickeral. Thus there came up two pickeral, all strung on a line.—Lewiston Journal.

Part Played by Heredity.

Heredity plays an important part not only in tuberculosis and cancerous affection, but likewise in diabetes, rheumatism, gout and many other diseases. We do not inherit tuberculosis, but we do inherit a lessened vitality, or a tendency to contract tuberculosis infection. Underweights are usually people who have inherited such a lessened vitality, and they run the further risk of infection from their underweight brothers or sisters who are apt to be infected.

LITTLE NELL WAS ORIGINAL

DeQuincey's "Our Lady of Tears" Did Not Suggest the Character to Dickens.

It is remarked of Charles Dickens that no modern writer was less open to the charge of having received suggestions from the characters and plots of his novels from others than was he, and this for the reason that his plots and characters were chosen, not from books, but from people and incidents in the living world about him. Some time ago, however, an English author thought that he had found in DeQuincey's essay, "Our Lady of Tears," the suggestion for the beautiful pathos of Little Nell, in "The Old Curiosity Shop." A little investigation, however, showed that DeQuincey's essay was published in 1845, while "The Old Curiosity Shop" was published five years before. The extract here given from DeQuincey's essay is interesting:

"The eldest of the three sisters is named Mater Lachrymarum, our Lady of Tears. The sister it is that carries keys more than papal at her girdle, which open every cottage and every palace. She, to my knowledge, sate all last summer by the bedside of the blind beggar, him that so often and so gladly I talked with, whose pious daughter, eight years old, with the sunny countenance, resisted the temptations of play and village mirth, to travel all day long on dusty roads with her afflicted father. For this did God send her a great reward. In the springtime of the year, and whilst yet her own spring was budding. He called her to himself. But her blind father mourns for ever over her; still he dreams at midnight that the little guiding hand is locked within his own, and still he wakens to a darkness that is now within a second and deeper darkness."

HIS RECOVERY WAS SUDDEN

Passes to the Ball Game Worked a Speedy Cure of Mr. Jackson's Ailments.

Dan Lane, the well-known stock broker, and also a director of the Armory club, was commenting on the actions of a fighter in some nearby town. The fighter in question had apparently been all in up to the last round, when he came back and put out his man.

"What do you make of it?" asked the friend.

"It's like a friend of mine named Jackson," replied Mr. Lane. "Jackson's wife had a habit of thinking up little odd jobs for him to do on his day off, so he concocted a scheme by which he should be sick on his day of rest."

"Everything went well until after dinner and he was allowed to stay in bed. Early in the afternoon his wife entered the room and asked him if he didn't feel a little better."

"No," he answered, "I'm a sick man; too sick to go pattering around the house, putting on screen doors and other such things."

"It isn't that, dear," she replied, "but Jones is out here with two passes for the ball game."

"I, er-r, I am, er, I am feeling a little better," he said, getting out of bed.—Boston Traveler.

Tinfeuzza.

The tin had crumbled in a gray dust, but the plumber was not in the least nonplused.

"It caught cold," he said. "That's all. Tin is very liable to catch cold if it gets in a temperature under 60 degrees. As a rule it recovers, but a tin cold often turns to tinfeuzza, and then the case is hopeless. Nothing can be done. The tin loses its luster, decays, and finally crumbles to a gray powder like this here."

"These tin colds are contagious. A tin dipper will give a cold to a sauceman, and a tincup has been known to contaminate an organ pipe."

"Only pure tin catches cold. For that reason, when tin is to occupy an exposed position or to encounter a low temperature, we alloy it with lead. Only alloyed tin is free from tinfeuzza."

Temperatures of Volcanoes.

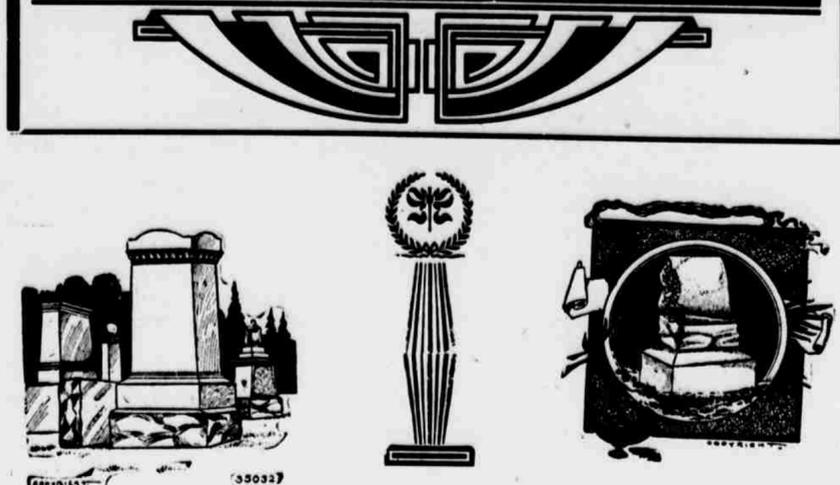
Scientists have recently secured an accurate measurement of the temperature of boiling lava in a crater. The experiment was a very dangerous one, and it was considered a triumph of precaution no lives were sacrificed in making the test.

The crater of Kilauea in Hawaii was selected for examination. The work progressed very slowly. For a long time it was impossible to obtain results, but after several thermometers had been destroyed a pyrometer was substituted to advantage. The temperature recorded was 1,010 degrees centigrade, which is the same as 1,850 degrees Fahrenheit. Iron is still unmelting at this heat, but gold, silver and copper become a molten mass at a lower temperature.—Harper's Weekly.

Practically Immune.

Curacao, the most important of the Dutch West Indies, is without fire insurance and a fire department, though the island has a population of over 50,000. The buildings in the town are all of stone, hence this happy condition of affairs. Recently the first sawmill was installed, being furnished by an American firm. "It is hoped," says a consular report, "that this will not increase the erection of wooden buildings and necessitate insurance and a fire department."

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The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn to be performed by the contestants who enter contest by recording his name in the office of W. R. Mellor, Secretary, Lincoln, not later than May 20, 1913. Said contestant to furnish an affidavit setting for facts as to the performance of labor, actual measurement of land, and number of pounds of corn husked therefrom, and affirmation of facts made by two disinterested witnesses and forward affidavit as to weight and requirement of specifications in this contest to the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, not later than December 1, 1913.

The contestant shall file with the Secretary a full and detailed account of his method of performing the work, fertilizers used, if any; whether bottom, hill or table land, and the character or kind of soil on which the crop was grown; with an accurate account of the cost of production, rent of ground, cost of plowing, harrowing, discing, planting, cultivation, husking and every feature of expense in labor, seed, fertilizer, etc., based on the actual time that entered into the production of this acre of corn.

If requested, prize winners must forward a sample of ten ears of corn grown to W. R. Mellor, Secretary, Lincoln, Neb.

NOTE:—Practically all corn in the state is raised in altitudes varying from 1,000 to 2,400 feet above sea level, therefore the division made through the state is as nearly as possible along the 1700 foot altitude line. In the contests carried on for several years past only two premiums have gone west of this line.

If you can't get behind a movement for this town's good, at least don't get in front of it and knock.

The Easy Laxative

In justice to yourself you should try Rexall Orderlies,—your money back if you don't like them. They are a candy confection that really do give easy relief from constipation.

Good health is largely dependent upon the bowels. When they become sluggish the waste material that is thrown off by the system accumulates. This condition generates poisons which circulate throughout the body, tending to create coated tongue, bad breath, headache, dull brain action, nervousness, biliousness and other annoyances.

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