

Nice Rooms Teach CLEANLINESS

Build children's rooms so that a nicety of personal habits may be easily possible. Children are such lazy little things that cleanliness must be made easy for them. Many women keep their children exquisitely clean in early childhood, and then, strangely enough, seem oblivious of the one or two baths a week regime into which they slip as soon as they begin to care for themselves. Personal exqu岸iteness is such a delight and the absence of it is such a cross that it is worth making great sacrifices in the ornamentation of your house to start your children on the right path. Until the habit is formed, children will not be clean if it involves great inconvenience and trouble. They will not bathe frequently if bath rooms are unwarmed, if the supply of warm water is inadequate, or if there is a difficulty in getting a turn at the bathtub.—Elizabeth Knight Tompkins in "Good Housekeeping."

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GLASS HOUSES.

While Grieving Over Russian Conditions Let Us Remember Local Matters.

Russia is reaping the whirlwind of social discontent. Thousands of working people through the streets crying for justice, and their answer is the volley fire of the paid military. Men ask for the privilege of working for enough to keep wives and babies from starving, and their requests are greeted with the bayonet's point and the curses of the idle rich. Children lift their starved and pinched faces before the palace gates and beg for food, and the answer given them is shot and shell fired at the command of titled loiterers whose dogs live better than the average Russian.

For days mobs have raged through the streets of St. Petersburg and Moscow, and the gutters have run red with the blood of the slain. The whole world stands aghast at the spectacle, and the Russian government seems tottering in the balance. Americans stand upon the street corners here in Lincoln and give utterance to their denunciations of conditions that bring about such results, and damn the power that has so little regard for the poor or the welfare of the body politic.

But the student of contemporaneous history who hears these denunciations of Russian government is compelled to smile grimly. When he hears American citizens bemoaning the fate of the Russian dead in the streets of St. Petersburg and Moscow, he can only smile grimly and express surprise that people who live in glass houses should be so firmly fixed in the habit of throwing stones.

God bless them all, the scenes in

St. Petersburg and Moscow, accepting the hysterical press dispatches as gospel truth, were not a patching to what has happened right here in these glorious United States of America. The anti-war demonstrations in St. Petersburg were Sunday school picnics compared with the draft riots in New York during our civil war. Russian troops in St. Petersburg fired into the ranks of strikers and killed many, and Americans shudder with horror. But armed troops did the same thing at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1877, at Homestead in 1892 and at Chicago in 1894.

Americans denounce the Russian authorities for shooting into a crowd of peaceful citizens who gathered before the palace gates to submit their troubles to the head of their government. But in 1894 a peaceful army of Americans marched to the white house in Washington to submit a petition to the head of their government, and the "mob" was dispelled by the police and the leaders thrown into jail.

In the name of common sense and reason, can any intelligent and unprejudiced American tell us wherein we have any the best of Russia in these matters?

"O, them Chicago strikers were delaying the United States mails, and the government had to send the troops!" ejaculates some hidebound partisan or open enemy of labor unionism.

That's a lie—a bold-faced, outrageous lie, manufa... whole cloth.

There never was a minute during the whole Chicago strike that train crews were not ready to man and pull the mail trains.

"Well, them Homestead strikers armed and tried to keep free American workmen from takin' their places when they struck for higher wages!" shouts another.

That's another lie from the same piece. The Homestead men demanded strict compliance with the agreement between themselves and their employers, and barricaded themselves to resist the attacks of hired thugs known as "Pinkertons," the scum of creation and recruited from the ranks of thieves, thugs, hold-ups and desperadoes ready to murder for a price.

The czar of Russia is an autocrat and has condemned many a man to banishment. But when an American damns the exercise of such arbitrary power let him remember Peabody of Colorado, for Czar Nicholas in his wildest exercise of power never excelled Peabody.

O, it's easy to denounce the Russian method, but it isn't consistent. We live in a very large and fragile glass house over on this side of the Atlantic. As long as the history of Pittsburg and Homestead and Chicago and Colorado blot the pages of our nation's annals we haven't much ground for damning Russian autocracy or plutocracy.

COURTS SERVE THE RICH.

Conditions Exist That Should Arouse Every Lover of Equal Justice.

Speaking in the First Universalist church at Buffalo, some time ago, Clarence S. Darrow said:

"For the past twenty-five or thirty years there has not been a state legislature in this country not owned or controlled by the big corporations.

"The legislatures and our common councils are corrupt from top to bottom, and should an honest man happen to get in, he at once finds that his hands are tied and can do nothing.

"Most of the law which governs us is not made by the legislatures, but by the courts.

"It is seldom that a judge is accused of taking a bribe, and I believe that on the whole our judges are honest, as they understand honesty.

"If we elected a shoemaker for judge we would not get as much law as from one who had been a lawyer, but we would get a good deal more justice.

"The only code of morals we lawyers are taught in our business is to be true to our clients.

"A rich man is foolish to break the law; all he has to do is to change it when it doesn't suit him.

"There are fishes in the Mammoth Cave which have no eyes because they have no use for them. After a lawyer has worked for a corporation a number of years he sheds his conscience for the same reason.

"There is not a prize ring in the country that would allow so one-sided a contest between pugilists as our courts are in the habit of permitting between the rich and the poor."

THE LABEL LEAGUE.

Quietly Doing a Great Work in the Interests of Organized Labor.

The Ladies' Label League is not making much of a stir these cold days, but it is prosecuting its missionary work vigorously, just the same. Its agitation in favor of the label is bearing good fruit, and the union men of the city are reaping the benefits. It is to be regretted that union men do not take hold of this matter with more vigor and assist the League in increasing its membership and influence.

SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.

We believe the day will soon come, and the sooner the better, when all unfair lists will be killed and in their

stead a "fair list" published. It looks like a pity to give so much space to advertising unfair firms, and we believe that only the names of the fair should be published.—Galesburg Labor News.

CAME TOO LATE.

One of the saddest things that has come to the notice of The Wageworker since its establishment is the case of a Lincoln young lady who has been dumb for thirteen years. Three days after leap year expired her voice returned to her.

General Mention

Remember the Electrical Workers' ball on February 10.

The Painters and Decorators are re-joycing over an unusually good outlook for spring work.

The Ridgeley Merchandise company is offering some good bargains and unusually favorable terms to patrons.

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The state is again having trouble with the "sweatshop printers" that secure cheap prices because it hires in... men and girls.

A labor union minstrel show is on tap, and when it is pulled off it will make Dockstader and all the rest of the professional bunch look like three lead dimes.

The threatened strike on the Pennsylvania railroad has been averted by cool-headed men. The difficulties have been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

This conundrum was recently sprung by a university student: "Why are Lincoln street cars like bananas?" The answer is: "Because they are little, yellow and come in bunches."

The Post-Democrat has suspended because of lack of support. It is said that the material will be removed to Indian Territory and used in the publication of a democratic paper.

The Leather Workers on Horse Goods are rejoicing over the victory won by their Chicago brethren. The settlement is the best ever made by the union and the contract covers the year 1907.

The "auxiliary" scheme is growing rapidly, and inside of the next three or four years every trades union will boast its woman's department. Nothing better for the cause of unionism could be framed up.

Councilman Lawlor called up the six-for-a-quarter fare ordinance at the last meeting of the city council and declared that he intended to push it through third reading and to a final vote. This is a sure sign that the city election is drawing near.

Foreman Brown of the Freie Presse press rooms has secured a patent on a machine that automatically inserts envelopes into the papers as they come from a perfecting press. It is a handy machine and promises to put Brown on the shady side of Easy street.

The Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Union met Thursday night and listened to the report of Delegate Moore, who attended the international convention at Minneapolis. This union is growing in strength and influence, and the members are all hustling for the good of the order.

A New York firm recently advertised for a stenographer who could also keep books, and stated that the salary would be \$7 a week. The firm received upwards of 1,200 applications for the situation within ten hours after the advertisement appeared. This is a "prosperity" item that the daily newspapers overlooked.

The Daily Star has secured the right to publish the twelve Sherlock Holmes stories that have appeared in Collier's Weekly during the last twelve months. Dr. A. Conan Doyle avows that this is really the last appearance of the famous detective. The stories are intensely interesting and the Star management showed great enterprise in securing the right to publish them for the benefit and entertainment of Star readers.

They Didn't Like Their Company

Following the appointment of Dr. Leon Hill, a negro physician of Boonville, Mo., as a member of the pension medical examination board of Cooper county by the pension department at Washington, Dr. John T. McClanahan and Dr. Smiley, white members of the board, have resigned. They declare they will serve no longer unless Hill is dismissed.

The Rock Island Gets Another Vein

In connection with the proposed sale of the Dallas and Sabine line of the Texas and New Orleans railroad it is reported on apparently trustworthy authority that the Rock Island-Frisco interests plan to purchase not only that road, but also the Gulf and Interstate in Texas.

People hardly ever have had enough tempers to get in a rage with the ones that deserve it—themselves.

BUY OLD ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

Growsome Trade That is Quite Common in New York.

"Yes," said the dealer in assorted curios, "we buy and sell old artificial teeth. Curious thing to trade in, isn't it? But there's quite a thriving little business done in them. The idea of handling the molars that once did service in the mouths of dead folks might seem growsome to some minds; but all's grist that comes to our mill.

"We get these teeth mostly from the relatives of persons long departed and their intrinsic value consists in the gold, silver, platinum and rubber used in their construction, for the teeth themselves have little value. The sets have probably collected dust for years in bureau drawers where they were tenderly placed after the funeral as a memento of the dead ones. Some day a reverse overtakes the family and the gold plate assumes a new value; it will help pay the rent. What tales of grief they represent are never known to us. We pay different prices, according to the value of the metal on the teeth.

"Many of our customers have particular fads. One will collect fans, another old watches, another pewter ware, still another old pictures, and so on down the list. There are collectors who make a specialty of old teeth, though for what purpose is not known to me. It gives them an outlet for their time and money; and if it's no other benefit it circulates the coin."—New York Press.

DANGER IN TOO MUCH STUDY.

Mistake to Let Children Be Too Ambitious at School.

Don't let your children overstudy. Especially is this important for girls at a critical age. It is a shame to see how some of these children are forced to pore over complicated mathematical problems in the evening, after a day's work is over. As a consequence, they often do not sleep soundly, and their health is undermined. No child should study in the evening, if they cannot learn enough during school hours, then let them do without it. What is the use of so much knowledge—often more or less useless knowledge—to a child whose health is ruined? Dr. Hillis, editor of the Medical Times, truthfully says:

"Our school system has become largely a crammer of juvenile brains. The cramming injures the delicate nervous system on the one hand, and exposes the muscular and alimentary systems to injury, besides."—Los Angeles Times.

Perkins and the Luncheon.

Senator Perkins of California never lunches with Senator Elkins of West Virginia, although they are the best of friends. Perkins refuses all overtures, because he wants to keep up a joke. Some time ago Elkins invited Perkins to luncheon, and quite an elaborate spread was ordered. In fact, West Virginia urged California to more than ordinary extravagance in the matter of food and other accessories. When the time came for settlement Elkins went through his pockets, but failed to turn up either pocket-book or money.

Perkins, he said, "you see how I'm fixed. You'll have to pay for this luncheon."

It was only a short time ago that Elkins asked Perkins to luncheon, and the latter said:

"No, no; I went to luncheon with you once. You can't catch me that way again."—Buffalo Times.

Doctor Knew It Could Not Be.

Dr. W. W. Keen, the Philadelphia surgeon, has a number of scrap books filled with anecdotes about physicians. These anecdotes are odd from the fact that they all throw upon physicians a most unflattering light. To illustrate their character, Dr. Keen quoted one of them recently.

"A physician was driving through the street," he said. "A friend stopped him.

"Doctor," said the friend, anxiously, "have you heard that horrible story about Williamson?"

"No," said the doctor. "What story is that?"

"A story to the effect that he was buried alive."

"Buried alive?" said the doctor. "Impossible. He was one of my patients."

—Collier's Weekly.

The Clock.

The ceaseless clock still spins the thread that knows no break but for the dead. Its hands forever onward haste; Sigh not, lover, for the past.

Each minute's new, strange each hour; The past to you shall come no more.

The hours gone no more shall be; They live alone in memory.

Hope forever; love will last; Sigh not, lover, for the past.

—Charles E. Milroy.

The Cost of Impatience.

In the impatient mood we are apt to spend far more than is required in the doing of our work, and the excess is lost. We cannot estimate the value of the power thus misplaced. When the impatient mood becomes the habit of a lifetime you can understand that failure, and perhaps loss of health and energy, are inevitable.—Emily S. Bouton, in Magazine of Mysteries.

Hereditary Life-Saving.

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