

THE DAILY MENTAL MENU

Assimilation and Elimination of the Contents of the Big Newspaper.

The meal is prepared for one person; the menu for many persons. Now, the newspaper is not a meal; it is a menu. It is not edited for one person but for many persons.

Not for "the mass" or "the masses;" that is a corroding superstition. There is no "mass" to read a newspaper—only individuals. But into the newspaper there is put a wide variety of things because there is a wide variety of persons in the world this year.

The man who wants only a bunch of grapes and a little tea and toast for breakfast cannot understand the individual next him who is of huskiness, who demands buckwheat cakes, sausages and pie; yet the hotel must take in both.

So must the newspaper. The art of newspaper reading may be divided into two parts—elimination and assimilation, the St. Louis Republic says. No one individual concerned in the making of newspapers has any business with the whole paper. The reader should select what concerns him in the day's news and pass by the rest on the other side.

Failure to do that leads to the reading of much more than can be read carefully. Result: Misty impressions and vague, purposeless thinking. The real news of the day for any one human being is contained in not more than a dozen "stories;" choose the dozen that concern you and concentrate on them. Don't try to cover everything in the paper—not even everything on politics or sport. There are 20 different oyster dishes on a good menu, but to get enough nitrogen to keep from starvation a man would have to eat 14 dozen a day.

SCIENCE OF SCARPOLOGY

It is the Analyzing of Down-at-the-Heel Condition of Your Fellows.

Those who have hitherto been interested in analyzing the down at heel condition of a section of their fellow creatures may be pleased to hear that they have been dabbling in a science distinguished by the name of scarpology, of which Doctor Garrler of Basle, Switzerland, is the chief exponent. It is the art of knowing men and women by the examination of their footwear.

Criminal investigators as well as others who wish to read character accurately cannot afford to disregard scarpology, says the doctor. Given a pair of shoes worn by their owner for at least two months and he can tell the character, disposition and habits of the wearer. By careful practise you may in a few minutes gauge a man at his worth simply by glancing at his feet.

Roughly speaking, the chief indications of character lie in the manner and proportion in which the soles and the heels are worn out. Beware of the man who wears out the toe and the external edge of the sole simultaneously, says Doctor Garrler. He will always invariably turn out a crook. It is up to the crooks now to disguise their feet.

Curious Spoons.

At the present time we are familiar with all manner and shapes of spoons intended for divers purposes, but some of the old-fashioned ones are certainly curiosities. For instance, there is the long, marrow spoon, used a couple decades ago for the extraction of marrow from bones. This spoon was made double, one end being employed for small bones and the other for those of larger bore.

Another odd spoon was used for mulberries. This had a perforated bowl, and with this a little sugar was sprinkled on the berry, which was then conveyed to the mouth on the spiked end of the handle.

Very few caddis-spoons are seen these days. Teaspoons of the old type have long since gone their way, and with them disappeared the caddis-spoon. The snuff, candle and pap spoons have long since gone out of use.

Too Literal.

"Do you ever think, George, dear," said she, and her voice was soft and low, as befitting the perfect beauty of the night—"do you ever think how closely true happiness is allied with tears?"

"I don't believe I ever do," admitted George; "but I will if you like."

"Yes," she went on, gazing up into his face. "When one is truly and wholly happy, George, dear, there is but little to divide laughter from tears."

"Well, that's a fact," assented George dear, "but I never thought of it before. After all, there's nothing but the nose."—Ideas.

Breakage No Loss.

A woman who keeps a restaurant in Washington square, New York, is turning to advantage the carelessness of her servant girls. Whenever one of her girls breaks a dish of figured china, the flat part of the dish or plate, with a pattern showing on it, is carefully laid aside. She has arranged these old pieces in a pretty mosaic pattern for her window, setting them in cement, and in a year or so she expects to have enough broken bits of plate to cover the entire floor of the restaurant as she has done the window.

HAD A FRIENDSHIP FOR ALL

Little Girl's Cheery "Goodby" That Called Forth Sympathetic Response From Fellow Passengers.

Her mother said: "Oh, dear! Isn't that awful? What will people think?" But the people themselves seemed to think it the prettiest scene they had witnessed that day.

She was a very little girl, white frocked, pink ribboned, brown curled. With her mother she left the subway train at the Grand Central station, New York. The usual confusion prevailed. Timid travelers grabbed suitcases and bundles and exclaimed: "Oh, do we change here?" Trainmen on the platform shouted out directions for local and express trains, and the guards of that particular car adjured the passengers frequently and vehemently to "Step lively" and to "Watch the step." Then all of a sudden there was a lull in the uproar. The little girl was leaving the car. She stopped at the door, looked back and waved her hand.

"Good-by, everybody," she said. The words carried to the far end of the car. They made every one sit up. Two or three persons called out a responsive "Good-by," two or three said "Bless the child!" and all smiled.

LOVE A TREMENDOUS POWER

Is the Incalculable and Universally Recognized Impetus of All Successful Social Machinery.

Love is the wind, the tide, the wave, the sunshine. Its power is incalculable; it is many horse power. It never ceases, it never slacks; it can move with the globe without a resting place; it can warm without fire; it can feed without meat; it can clothe without garments; it can shelter without roof; it can make a paradise within, which will dispense with a paradise without. But, though the wisest men in all ages have labored to publish this force, and every human heart is, sooner or later, more or less made to feel it, yet how little is actually applied to social ends. True, it is the power of all successful social machinery; but as in physics we have made the elements do only a little drudgery for us, steam to take the place of a few horses, wind of a few oars, water of a few cranks and handmills; as the mechanical forces have not yet been generally applied to make the physical world answer to the ideal, so the power of love has been but meanly and sparingly applied, as yet.—Henry D. Thoreau.

Hongkong the Luxurious.

Hongkong with its luxurious hotels, its princely clubs, its rich and influential banks, housed in splendidly constructed and beautifully designed buildings; its shipyards and graving-docks able to care for the largest vessels; its miles of warehouses bursting with wealth; its yellow-sailed fleets laden with silks, tea, sugar and precious porcelains; its commerce almost as great as that of New York; its Botanic gardens hung amid delightful villas overlooking a harbor that is a city in itself, and that floats ten thousand sail; Hongkong with its wonderful temples of ornate teal roofs; its idols of a hundred sects, its French cathedral, its forts, garrison and naval life; its Happy Valley race course—all at the end of white man's civilization. Supreme from the peak on which it rests, in well-bred aloofness it looks askance at sordid Asia whence it sprang.—W. J. Aylward in Harper's Magazine.

Telegraph Chinese in Code.

Difficulties of the Chinese language were ably demonstrated when the problem arose of adapting it to telegraphy. How was it possible to apply the Morse alphabet to a language which has no alphabet at all, but consists of nearly 44,000 characters? Then, it was impossible to treat Chinese phonetically, writing down the sound of the Chinese words in European letters and translating them into Morse dots and dashes; because no such system could deal with the Chinese niceties of intonation. The ingenious solution came from a Danish professor. He simply codified the 7,000 commonest Chinese characters, representing each by numerals. Thus the Chinese word for "cash" became 6030 in the code and the operator had only to send the code signal for that.

Let the Painter Go.

The captain of a small ship had need to go ashore in one of the boats belonging to the ship. As it happened, the ship was being painted at the time, the painters using staging supported by ropes.

The captain ordered the ship's boy to "let go the painter" belonging to the boat. After waiting some minutes the captain roared again: "Let go the painter!" The boy replied: "He's gone, sir, pots and all."

At the First Try.

"What do you think of my doughnuts, George?"

"Dear, you are a wonder!"

"Do you think so really, darling?"

"I certainly do! Scientists have been trying for years to produce artificial rubber and here you do it the first rattle out of the box!"

Misleading Title.

"Here's a collection of facts that are of no practical use to anybody," said the assistant.

"All right," answered the editor. "Send them up, they're worth knowing."

POULTRY

WOMEN AS POULTRY RAISERS

Attention Is Drawn to Pleasure and Profit in This Industry on Any Farm.

I like to draw the attention of farm girls to poultry culture, says a writer in Michigan Farmer. While many girls are called, I have no doubt, to be teachers, I am sure that if some other girls knew the pleasure and profit derived from poultry culture, they might



Brown Leghorn Cockerel.

remain with their mothers; the life of the mother on the farm, with all her children away, is rather lonely.

The Leghorns are the best laying breed, as the Jersey cows are the best dairy breed. You will find more good layers among Leghorns, just as you will find more good milkers among Jerseys. For years I have kept an account with my hens, and I can board them for 60 cents a year apiece. I was much delighted when the Utah Experiment station brought out a report in which it was stated that they were boarding hens for 60 1/2 cents. The New York Experiment station boards the smaller breeds for 84 cents and the larger ones for 98 to 103 cents.

I do not doubt the stories of the hen reaching 200 eggs a year. I did personally know of one flock of hens, fed almost entirely on table scraps, that laid about 190 eggs apiece. But those were pets. Those large records belong to the people who have a few pets or those who are running poultry farms and making a very extensive study of the business. I have always had housekeeping or something else to do, and never had more than 200 to 500 hens. I have got from them 90 eggs each per year to 145.

POULTRY NOTES

Hens suffer from overeating as much as from half starving.

Charcoal pounded fine and kept in the drinking pans will keep the young and old birds in good condition.

Take care of all the chicks when they come. They will be valuable later this summer and next fall and winter.

Corn is a good feed, the year around, provided the birds have plenty of green stuff during the warm months.

A tablespoonful of baking soda placed in the drinking water two or three times a week will prevent bowel trouble.

Never close the door of the poultry house during the summer. Use wire screens to keep skunks out and to let the air and sunshine in.

Anyone knows that an old horse can't as a rule, do as much as a young one. Then why expect an old hen to lay as well as one in her prime?

Give all the spare skim milk to young and old chickens. It is just the kind of food to make young chickens grow and the kind to make hens lay.

Tests made at the agricultural experiment station at Geneva, N. Y., show beyond a doubt that hens lay better when kept away from the males.

When the little chicks begin to appear drowsy and refuse to eat, look out for head lice. Kerosene and sweet oil in equal parts applied daily two or three times will kill lice.

Many people say turkeys should be restricted in their range, but we do not believe it. We have raised many turkeys and have always found that the wider the range the better they thrive.

Filthy drinking vessels are the cause of many serious ailments of fowls; continued drinking of impure water will produce what is commonly termed cholera and the flock is soon wiped out.

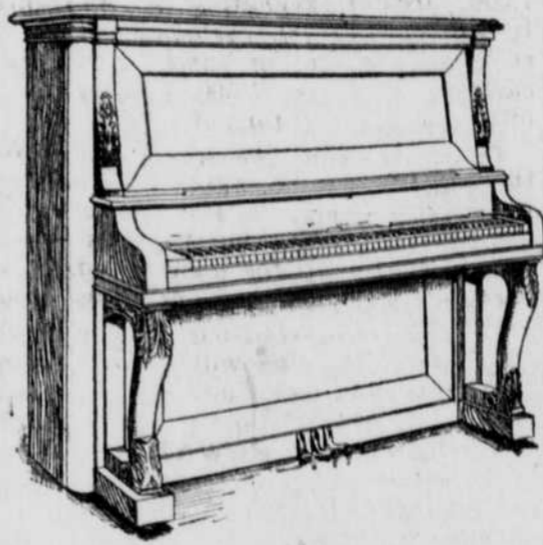
With poultry, as with other animals, the faster they are made to grow while they are young the more profit there is in the business. Rush the cockerels for market and the pullets for laying.

It is not possible for all to give their chicks unlimited range and in such cases the feeder will have to make up the deficiency by feeding bone forming elements. The best of these is green cut bone.

A small spray pump at this season will soon pay for itself for whitewashing and disinfecting the henhouse and coops. With a small sprayer you can go over the surface ten times as fast as you can with a brush.

If many chicks are raised, it is a good plan to keep a large Kettle near the poultry house, in which the drinking vessels can be boiled at least once a week. A handful of common soda thrown in the water will keep

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