

Experience is a school. It is also trying, at times.

Men are like eggs. Plenty of honest men, but few "strictly" honest.

The sweetest meat is not always in the largest nut. A great pedigree may contain little virtue.

In due time it will be discovered that Mattie Bennett, the head of the Texas murder merger, is a real lady.

Miss Stone says she will not lecture on her experiences. She may, however, mention the matter casually to her friends.

Never judge a cigar by the name it bears. The gentlemen who christen cigars are paid for their extravagance in nomenclature.

Mrs. Astor did not go so far as to say that every man who has a college education is a gentleman. Some college graduates are moneyless.

In undertaking an airship performance the fear that a man may fall down is always more accentuated than in the case of other enterprises.

One of General Funston's admirers refers to him as "a man of dash and go." His record shows that "splash and go" would be nearer the truth.

A Russian promises a single-rail system that will carry passengers at the rate of 200 miles an hour. The ambulance will no doubt be on hand to meet all trains.

In municipal art, it pays to spend money for the best. Noble architecture is a perpetual instructor of the people, a constant symbol of the higher ideals.

Some people keep so busy trying to let the world know they don't take themselves seriously that they forget that the world doesn't care whether they do or not.

Some men who claim to have mastered the question of insurance in all its details never do anything more practical than solicit brokers from the insurance companies.

A man has patented a "windmill" which is propelled by sunshine instead of wind. Perhaps it is only an adaptation from the Kentucky distillery, which is propelled by "moonshine."

Mrs. Astor says that only men who have college educations can be gentlemen. That is rather sweeping. However, not even women who have college educations can be gentlemen. Had Mrs. Astor thought of that?

It is announced that the new president of the National Congress of Mothers has children of her own. It is safe to say, therefore, that she has neighbors who don't believe she knows the least thing about the business.

Delaney's magnanimity to the wounded Methuen is in part, at least, explained. Delaney's wife and children were once British captives and Methuen was considerate of them. There is no place on earth where many men have their being in which will not be found the "touch of nature that makes the whole world kin."

Woman has shouldered so many modern burdens that even her voice has learned to "carry." A delegate at the recent Daughters of the American Revolution Congress said that she heard all the speakers without difficulty; whereas in the House of Representatives, where she went one morning, she could understand little that was said. Her comment, "Men's voices do not seem adapted for public speaking," is one of the many humorous reverses brought in by the whirligig of time.

George Washington could not tell a lie, but Kos could be told to him. The Polish poet, Niemcewicz, wrote in his diary, recently published for the first time, that he prevailed upon Washington to ask him about Kosciuszko. The offense was committed for the purpose of concealing the fact that the patriot had left his country to head a Polish organization. It must have been as difficult to face Washington with a falsehood as to have talked heresy to Jonathan Edwards.

There are scientific experts whose testimony is to be taken with respect. They deal in facts. For example, a chemist will find what proportion of poison is contained in a certain substance that may have been administered with mischievous intent. A physician will describe an injury and tell of results and causes where shot or stab wounds are involved. An architect will be able to explain how a bridge or building has fallen. But the too usual expert is none of these. He is a man who for a great price offers a personal opinion as to handwriting. A trial, especially one in which human life or liberty is involved, should be conducted solely on evidence. Opinion is not evidence.

The real weakness of fire insurance in this country is the extravagant scale of expenses. These are claimed to average 40 per cent of the premium income, though an official of the board of underwriters was unable to account for

more than 28 per cent. With all the lavish outlay of the fire insurance companies in drumming for business 30 per cent of the premium receipts is a liberal allowance for their expenses. A business that requires no great outlay to secure and yet is carried on at so large a percentage of cost requires revision elsewhere than in its scale of charges. To tax its profitable customers to pay the cost of corporate incapacity is an outrage that can be tolerated only under compulsion.

An English journalist, writing about what he calls "the Americanization of the world," gives full credit to the work of American women in this direction. He quotes a remark which the late Lord Dufferin made some twenty years ago: "Few people have any idea of the extent to which the diplomatic service is Americanized by the influence of marriage. Nearly all the attaches of the various embassies at Washington are captured before their term of office expires by American beauties and American belles. The result is that the diplomatic service, the only service which is really cosmopolitan, is Americanized through and through." To show that our women are doing a corresponding work in the field of business and finance, the English journalist quotes a Parisian editor who has advanced an interesting theory, that through American marriages the titled houses of Europe are postponing for a time the downfall which must follow the invasion of Yankee trade and democratic ideas. Thus the daughters and sisters, by means of the millions earned by the fathers and brothers, are temporarily preserving a state of affairs which those very millions have doomed. International marriages have heretofore been a subject rather of impertinent jest than of grave consideration on broad economic grounds. Contrary to the general impression regarding these marriages, they are usually happy, and few of them are brought about by mercenary considerations. Moreover, to think of the American girl who marries abroad as an agent in the "Americanizing of the world" gives her an importance which her brothers seldom attain.

The speculative spirit of the age has done much to turg the minds of young men in the wrong direction. Without doubt some large fortunes have been built up by speculation, but the records of every speculative market will show that where one man has acquired riches by this means, hundreds have been utterly ruined. The pathway of speculation is strewn with financial wrecks. In considering this subject it should not be forgotten that the world hears only of the few successes. The many failures interest us comparatively little; hence we seldom are told of them except when they end in suicide or a penitentiary sentence. William J. Onahan, president of the Home Savings Bank of Chicago, says truly that too many young men to-day have become infected with the passion for speculating in stocks and grain. There is a haste to grow rich. Conservative methods in business are regarded as too slow and out of date. The hope of gaining fortune without labor has become very alluring. All this, however, is a fatal delusion. Even where wealth is thus gained it is more often a curse than a blessing. The fortune quickly gained and without labor generally is as speedily dissipated. Yet the advertisements in daily papers constantly offer flattering opportunities to young men for the making of fortunes by some short cut, and the fact that these advertisements continue to appear indicates that they prove alluring. But the fact remains that, as a rule, to which there are few exceptions, permanent fortunes must be the product of sound, conservative building; and this is truer to-day, almost than it ever was before. Most of the wealthy men of to-day began fortune-building from the ground up. They began by cultivating habits of thrift and frugality, and at a time when these habits were far more general than they are now, and while they worked longer hours for less pay, they saved more money. Fortunes built up in that way are likely to be much more permanent than those which are the outgrowths merely of some lucky stroke in speculation.

In Old Mex co. "Mexican laboring men," says a Kansas man who has been visiting in Mexico, "work for 12 cents a day. This may seem incredible, but it is a fact. You see more copper cents in that country and more are used, perhaps, than in any country on the globe. It is not uncommon to see a Mexican woman go to market and buy a cent's worth of wood, a cent's worth of corn or coffee, and a stalk of cane. She will make a fire in the center of her adobe house and prepare a meal for the family. They eat cane as we would an apple. The ox cart and wooden plow are still in use. The ox teams are harnessed so the pressure of the load comes upon the head, just in front of the horns, instead of the shoulder and neck."

Fast Disappearing. It is estimated that there are fewer than ten thousand wild elephants left in all the countries on the globe, and that five of these will be killed off where one is born. It is a matter of only a few years when the last one must go.

A Question. "My father weighed only four pounds at his birth." "Good gracious! Did he live?"—Smart Set.

If there is one word more than another we long to open the back door of a hearse for, and slide it gently in, it is the word "gentle."

WOMEN

GIRLS.

NOT long ago in this department the question of manners was touched upon, the suggestions relating to the manners of the girls themselves. There is another side that still deserves mention. This is that young women should be exacting in the matter of the manners of the young men who are their companions. Little lapses of manner should not go unrebuked. In an article in one of the magazines last winter the story was told of a French princess' rebuke of the rude playfulness of a distinguished writer. He was a guest in the drawing room of the princess, and was enjoying a chat with her when another gentleman joined the group. "Go way, you big jealous person," said the first comer, "we don't want you." The princess instantly rebuked and rebuked the familiarity. She rang for a servant, and on his appearance, said, gravely: "Order M. About's carriage. He does not dine here to-night," and M. About had nothing to do but make his adieux and pass out dinnerless and mortified. It is admitted that this rebuke was almost too radical, but the incident will serve to emphasize the care all women, and particularly young women, should take to repress undue familiarity on the part of young men.

Of course it is conceded that the girl requires a little courage sometimes, and the young woman dreads to give offense or to have herself dubbed haughty, but this should not deter her from holding her associates of the other sex to the standard of manners which she should set high. Some young men have an abominable practice of touching a young woman unwarrantably; they will take her arm on the street to help her over a gutter or up a stair when there is not the least need for the assistance. It is only exceptionally expected nowadays that a man need offer his arm to a lady with whom he is walking at night. At a dance not long ago a young girl seated herself, following a waltz, in a large arm-chair, whereupon her partner perched himself on the arm. Instantly the girl rose, and not daring to say anything, rebuked him by her look. The young man also quickly stood up and begged her pardon. It is safe to say that his manners will never be lax in the presence of that girl again. Another girl at the same dance was noticed permitting her partner to fan her with her fan, which was attached to her belt by rather a short ribbon. She should have detached her fan and handed it to him outright. There is not space in the limits of this paragraph to multiply instances, only to sum up, girls, that your manners should not only be dignified in themselves, but command dignity from those around you. Many young men err through ignorance, and will be grateful, if they are the right kind of young men, for little lessons given with a deadly courtesy that is yet unmistakable.—Harper's Bazar.

Food for Young Children. It is a common mistake for parents to begin feeding their children solid food too early, writes Helen W. Cooke, M. D., in Good Housekeeping. For a child under 14 months it is much the safest course to give no solid food at all. It is true that many children seem to be able to digest solid food at an early age, but it is also true that giving it at this period is frequently responsible for the digestive disorders during the second year.

After the child is a year old it should have some form of farinaceous food added to its milk diet. The best method is to make a gruel of some cereal, for example, oatmeal, if the child is inclined to be constipated, barley if its bowels are inclined to be loose, and add this gruel, after straining, to the baby's milk. Beef juice (made by broiling a piece of round of beef lightly and squeezing the juice from it), may be added to the diet as early as the fourteenth month. Begin with a teaspoonful and gradually increase to two or three ounces at a time. The child may take oranges and prune juice as early as the fifteenth month, and a little later strained prunes and baked apples without the skins. Fruit is an important part of a child's diet, and should be given regularly after the fifteenth month, except in cases of diarrhoea. After the eighteenth month, half a soft-boiled egg may be given instead of, or in alternation with, the beef juice.

Divorce Among the Rich. "It is among the rich—or, at any rate, in classes above the so-called working classes—that divorces most frequently take place. 'Opponents of divorce laws not infrequently urge in support of their position the many marriages and divorces of certain popular actresses. I think the matrimonial habits of actors and actresses should not be permitted to complicate the modern problem of divorce. The kaleidoscopic alliances of Miss Blank give the ordinary sober citizen moral vertigo. He usually knows little about the men whose very names the footlight lady disdains. The whole transaction has an appearance of unreality and vulgarity that is disgusting.'"

Children are guardians of the home. Where there are few or no children in the family there are many lurking dangers. These dangers are more frequent among the rich than the poor. A church in New York attended by

many people of wealth undertook to have a Sunday school for the children of these persons, because there was some objection made to regular Sunday school on the ground that it was filled with poor children from the tenements. But it was discovered that there were in the whole parish only twenty-nine children of Sunday school age from homes of wealth, and five of these were in one family. Family life suffers incalculably from limitation of its numbers. The maternal instinct, even in a wife who believes she lacks it, is a restless force that leads to many dangerous quests and is often responsible for conjugal alienation.

"But not only is the natural hunger of a woman's nature satisfied by children. In taking care of them she has a soothing and engrossing occupation if she will be truly a mother. Moreover, when a strain comes between husband and herself she is strong in the strength of her children. Their companionship and their inspiration help her to stand firm and to be patient and without authority or love to do what she considers her duty."—Rev. Percy S. Grant in Ainslie's Magazine.

A Small Waist Beautiful. Now of course I am expected to say that a small waist is ugly, but on the contrary I think that a small waist is beautiful, writes Ethelwyn Wetherald in Good Housekeeping. Not unnaturally small, not grotesquely and ridiculously small, as those of fashion plates always are, but with the natural smallness of an erect, healthy, full-chested woman. To attain a beautiful, natural slenderness one needs not to compress the waist, but to develop the shoulders and chest, and to restrain and direct the appetite, so that the stomach is not filled with indigestible food which bloats and distends the waist. A little "bag of bones" with a twenty-inch waist is a revolting spectacle; the same bag of bones flattened out into the similitude of a bedslat is only a little less repellent; a huge woman who can with difficulty achieve any waist at all is not attractive; but the firm-fleshed girl with strong arms, solid shoulders, full chest, and a twenty-six inch waist has a magnificent figure admired by men and women. If she marries she will have healthy children; if she remains unmarried she is abundantly able to take care of herself. Her motto is not "Health before beauty," but "Health and beauty before ruinous fashions."

A Mahogany Restorer. A lady writes regarding the way in which she dealt with furniture that was old and had become sad in color—"Kerosene was not successful, and turpentine required too much rubbing, and even then was not satisfactory for the carved parts. So we tried a little piece with a solution of two heaping tablespoonfuls of sal soda to a quart of warm water, put on with a toothbrush well soaped, the place being immediately rinsed with cold water and dried with a soft cloth. Since then we have used it on several woods, natural and stained, and, homely as the recipe may sound, it has never failed to give good results. Afterward the wood should be rubbed with a mixture of raw oil and turpentine. One mahogany antique—a hundred years or more old—that was so discolored as to hide the natural grain of the wood came out as bright as new under this treatment."

Box Plaits. Box plaits are quite the rage, and range from a profusion of narrow ones to the broad namesake of Gibson. An example in beige etamine shows clusters of five at both the back and front of the blouse, with corresponding clusters on the skirt so arranged as to seem continuations of the upper scheme. Two clusters of box plaits are let in at each side of the skirt, each having a point at the top of which hardly reaches the knee. There's a little turndown collar of embroidered lizard-green velvet.

Hat Hints. Flower hats hold. Forget-me-nots are especially liked. Ribbon roses are as durable as they are lovely. Straw embroidered grass linen drapes most gracefully. Chiffon scarfs en applique have the same advantage.

Stocks are a feature among the lovely old-fashioned flowers. Straw loops and black quills trim white San Toy charmingly.

A charming pale blue byacluth hat has the crown of fine foliage. An Irish lace picture hat is trimmed with a white plume caught by a pearl cabochon.

There is something in mere prettiness that turns even a woman's head—men have been willing victims since the world began.

It's invariably the one-hat woman who chooses a gala garden party affair. Ten to one, too, she's the woman who never goes to garden parties, so she is never well crowned.

Indeed, choosing a hat is just like choosing a wife, or a house, or a horse; you want something as handsome as possible, of good quality and style, practical, durable, sensible, in accord with you and yours, not pretentious, neither stupidly simple—just fine and right. If you're beginning the hunt we feel for you.—Philadelphia Record.

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Recovers Jewelry Cable. Mrs. Robert S. McCormick, wife of the United States minister to Austria, recovered a valuable piece of jewelry by means of the Atlantic cable, says a New York Herald dispatch from London. Soon after reaching London from the United States Mrs. McCormick missed a beautiful emerald ring. Her maid did not remember putting the ring in with the other jewelry at the New York hotel and, on a venture, Mrs. McCormick decided to cable the hotel. To her great joy a reply was received in a few hours saying the ring had been found. The ring, it is said, cost more than \$2,500.

Miss Stone says that Mme. Tsilka's baby softened the hearts of the brigands, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Ah, what a wonderful thing a baby is! And what a pity that it has become unfashionable.

Americans Live Long Known It. Santos-Dumont enthusiastically says America is the greatest country on earth. Can he be foolish enough to believe, asks the Chicago Record-Herald that this is news to us?

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Advice to Russel Sage. Russell Sage is complaining because his rent is to be raised this spring, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Russ ought to save up and buy a little place somewhere.

The Collar-Buying Fiend. The collar buying fiend, who usually buys one shirt collar at a time and soils half a dozen others with his dirty hands in the operation, says the Chicago Tribune, is coming in at last for his share of public denunciation.

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