Good Manners.

BY R. W. EMERSON.

'Tis a rule of manners to avoid exaggeration. A lady loses as soon as she admires too easily and too much. In man or woman, the face and the person lose power when they are on the strain to express admiration.

A man makes his inferiors his superiors by heat. Why need you, who are not a gossip, talk as a gossip, and tell eagerly what the neighbors or the journals say? State your opinion without apology.

The attitude is the main point. Assure your companion that, come good news or come bad, you remain in good heart and good mind, which is the best news you can possibly communicate.

Self-control is the rule. You have in you there a noisy, sensual savage, which you are to keep down, and turn all his strength to beauty.

For example, what a seneschal and detective is laughter! It seems to require several generations of education to train a squeaking or a shouting habit out of a man.

Sometimes, when in all expressions the Choctaw and the slave have been worked out of him, a coarse nature still betrays itself in his contemptible squeals of joy.

The great gain is not to shine, not to conquer your companion—then you learn nothing but conceit—but to find a companion who knows what you do not; to tilt with him and be overthrown, horse and foot, with utter destruction of your logic and learning.

There is a defeat that is useful. Then you can see the real and the counterfeit, again. You will adopt the art of war that has defeated you. You will ride to battle horsed on the very logic which you found irresistible. You will accept the fertile truth, instead of the solemn, customary lie.

When people come to see us, we foolishly prattle, lest we be inhospitable. But things said for conversation are chalk eggs. Don't say things. What you are stands over you the while, and thunders so that I cannot hear what you said, to the contrary.

A lady of my acquaintance said, "I don't care so much for what they say as I do for what makes them say it."

The law of the table is beauty—a respect to the right of all the guests. Everything is unseasonable which is private to two or three or any portion of the company.

Tact never violates for a moment this law; never intrudes the orders of the house, the vices of the absent, or a tariff of expenses, or professional privacies; as we say, we never "talk shop" before company.

Lovers abstain from caresses, and haters from insults, whilst they sit in one parlor with common friends.

Would we codify the laws that should reign in households, and whose daily transgression annoys and mortifies us, and degrades our household life, we must learn to adorn every day with sacrifices. Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.

How to Tighten Tires.

I have found the following way to tighten wagon tires, says the Home and Farm, to be successful: "Apply leather rings between the shoulders on the outer ends of the spokes and the corresponding portions of the felloes, which may be done as follows: Procure a number of small pieces of leather, from an inch and a half to two inches in diameter; with a sharp knife and a compass, or a cutting punch, make round holes in the center of these pieces, and make a straight cut from the hook to the outer edges of the pieces, so as to form open rings. The holes must be made of a size that will nicely fit the tenons on the out ends of the spokes. Place a fulcrum on the top of the hub, on which place your lever, with the short end under the felloe near a spoke; have an assistant bear down on the other end sufficiently to raise the felloe, and expose the shoulder and tenon of the spoke, open your leather and fit it nicely around the tenon, holding it to its place while your assistant relaxes the lever, and settles the felloe firmly upon the spoke by a blow or two upon the tire. Having repeated the process with a sufficient number of spokes to make the tire all right, trim off the projecting leather even with the surface of the spokes and your task will be done. If your pieces of leather should be spongy, hammer them down before using."

The London *Times* says that hundreds of large farmers in England are throwing up their farms owing to the high rents, bad harvests and the cheapness of American provisions. It continues: "The battle is now between the many and the few, between the force of numbers and of wealth—wealth in money or in land. . . . There is positively no such thing as a rural class, or a class representing the country as the towns are represented."—*O. Bee.*

The late Senator Chandler felt the storm of the hard times of 1837, and came to New York to propose an assignment to his creditors. They told him he was too honest and enterprising to go under, gave him time and more goods, and he was soon able to redeem all his paper.

For the JOURNAL.

A Declination.

The extract from one of your city papers which appeared in your issue of the 19th of November referring to Mr. Grant as a drunkard reminds me of some incidents bearing upon the subject; the first mentioned may be as familiar to your readers as to myself, but is worth repeating. When in command of the Army of the Potomac, word was brought to Mr. Lincoln that "*Grant was drinking deeply.*" Said the President: "I wish I knew where he gets his liquor, I would be glad to have all my Generals procure theirs at the same place."

He was invited to attend the opening at a grand industrial exposition in an eastern city where I was stopping; in the afternoon he had been the guest of the state fair committee, held five miles distant; had been riding about the grounds some hours, then the distance between the two cities in an open barouche in the hot sun; when he came into the hall his face was exceedingly red and he seemed somewhat exhausted. Said a friend, "The democratic papers will report him drunk in the morning. True to their instinct, such was the case; they gave an extended description of the previous day's proceedings and among the rest of the news how much liquor Grant had drank, in the pavilion on the fair grounds, at the dinner table of a citizen, and finally in the exhibition restaurant? The next day there was in all the public papers, a card from a member of the committee who had been with him from his first entering the State; he was a democratic member of congress, and said "That although a political opponent of President Grant he must in justice say that the story then in circulation was a purely malicious fabrication; that he had been in his company the whole time and not one drop had passed his lips stronger than coffee, and furthermore that there was no wine upon the dinner-table of their hospitable entertainer.

At a magnificent banquet in California, when being urged to taste their choice native wines, the General said, "When I left Philadelphia upon this extended tour I firmly resolved not to taste one drop of intoxicating drink; thus far I have strictly adhered to it, and intend so to do; must therefore decline." Could all his contemners and accusers act thus nobly?

When will all this senseless talk cease? Let them tell us something new. MANDAN.

Professor Reuleaux, of Berlin, generally regarded as the first of mechanical engineers in this country, if not in Europe, and a man also of broad accomplishments and excellent judgment in other branches of industry and art, has just published in book form a series of letters upon the industrial position of the United States, written during a visit to the Centennial Exposition last year, in which he says the wealth of our country in coal and iron is such as Europe furnishes no parallel for. In regard to machinery, it is frankly admitted that the United States has begun to occupy "one of the places in the first rank, in some respects the very first." In toolmaking, especially, they "carry away the palm, not only at the exhibition, but seemingly everywhere." To this complimentary summing up Professor Reuleaux joins an enumeration of the specific excellence which distinguishes American tools, which have got far beyond German products in this line, and have even "larded the English out of the saddle." In this connection particular reference is made to American weaving machines, machines for working in wood, labor-saving machines of all sorts and especially to printing presses. Of our future development in industry and art, he maintains that there can be no doubt because we have education, great mechanical skill, know how to use machinery to advantage, and have natural resources far superior to anything known in Europe.

Not Jealous.

"An occasional correspondent" has at length discovered an Elysian abode teeming with men and women of most singular temperament. She writes: "One of the most extraordinary features in Hawaiian character lies in the fact that the terrible passion of jealousy is unknown among them. It does not exist any more than a thing that was never heard of, never had an existence.—Hawaiian woman is the most loving of human beings. The Hawaiian lover, however deeply he loves her, is never jealous of her. Men may smile upon her, may come and go, but his soul is unruffled by the green-eyed monster. Native women are not jealous of native women-nor of men; husband is not jealous of wife. The native is not inattentive to the wishes of his beloved. He waits upon her with gallant attention; in fact, the Hawaiian is so extremely gallant that he thinks it a glory to do housework, if the doing thereof will please his sweetheart."—*N. Y. Sun.*

An observing politician says that the difference between those going in and those going out of office is mainly this—the former are sworn in, and the latter go out swearing.

The Best Stimulant.

George D. Prentice has contributed largely to the gems that sparkle in our English literature. This, upon stimulants, may be placed among the golden sayings of Pythagoras:

There are times when the pulse lies low in the bosom, and beats low in the veins; when the spirit sleeps the sleep which, apparntly, knows no waking in its house of clay, and the window shutters are closed, and the door is hung with the invisible crape of melancholy; when we wish the golden sunshine pitchy darkness, and are very willing to fancy clouds where no clouds be. This is a state of sickness when physic may be thrown to the dogs, for we will have none of it. What shall raise the sleeping Lazarus? What shall make the heart beat music again, and the pulses dance to it through all the myriad-thronged halls in our house of life? What shall make the sun kiss the eastern hills again for us, with all its old awakening gladness, and the night overflow with "moonlight, music, love and flowers?"

Love itself is the great stimulant, the most intoxicating of all, and performs all these miracles; but it is a miracle itself, and is not at the drug store, whatever they say. The counterfeit is in the market, but the winged god is not a money changer, we assure you.

Men have tried many things, but still they ask for stimulents—the stimulants we use, but require the use of more. Men try to drown the floating dead of their own souls in the winecup, but the corpse will rise. We see their faces in the bubbles. The intoxication of drink sets the world whirling again, and the pulses playing music, and the thoughts galloping, but the fast clock runs down sooner, and the unnatural stimulation only leaves the house it fills with the wildest revelry—more silent, more sad, more deserted more dead.

There is only one stimulant that never fails, and yet never intoxicates—Duty. Duty puts a blue sky over every man—up in his heart may be—into which the sky-lark happiness always goes singing.

When a bullet strikes the target, it becomes so hot that it cannot be held in the hand. Its velocity is at the rate of twelve hundred feet a second. But what must be the heat produced when a body like the earth, moving at the rate of ninety million feet a second, is suddenly arrested. It would be converted into a sea of fire, and all life would become extinct.

A friend of the late Senator Chandler says that the Senator often expressed a wish to die just as he did, suddenly and without suffering. He had such a strong conviction that such would be his end that he did not hesitate to express his belief that death would come to him as a thief in the night.

Two Ohio farmers worked side by side in peace and harmony for three months. Then the question of how Noah got all those animals into the ark came up and one brained the other with a hoe to decide the question.

"Why does lightning so rarely strike twice in the same place?" asked a boarding-school teacher of the new boy in the class of natural philosophy? "Oh," said the boy, "because it never needs to."

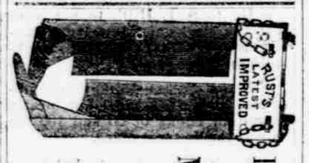
If the revolution of the earth on its axis were to be suddenly stopped, the temperature of everything would be raised to such a degree as to be incapable of existing in any other form than vapor.

A great many women are more concerned about the souls of the poor children out of the church than they are about the soles of their own children's shoes and stockings. This is not religion.

A glass blower recently died at the age of one hundred and ten years. His great age is another proof of the blew-glass theory.

The fashion papers state that plaid ulsters will be much worn this season. That makes ours right in style, for it's much worn.

"I am a broken man," said a poet. "So I should think," was the answer, "for I have seen your pieces."



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