

Many serious people are asking serious questions: What kind of students go to the American universities? What do they do while there? What kind of men come away? Is the university a "place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are blurred?"

New York can never hope to catch up with Chicago in some things, but must be content to trail behind, a hopeless second. In the matter of selling public buildings to perfect strangers the western amateur has been content to take a small amount of the purchase money to bind the bargain and slide away into obscurity.

On the question of large families Gov. Floyd of New Hampshire and Prof. Edward A. Ross, head of the sociology department of the University of Wisconsin, are paired. Gov. Floyd blames a shortage in the cradle for the falling off in numbers of New Hampshire farmers and the necessity for continually increasing state expenditures for roads and schools in the farming districts.

That Missouri clubwoman's suggestion of a husband's hour is new evidence that women understand the art of getting anything they want. "I have always liked Longfellow's idea of a children's hour," she says, "but a husband's hour is an absolute necessity. Have your husband's slippers ready when he gets home, give him a good dinner and then take your John to one side for a cozy chat, tell him just what you want politically and you can get anything. A husband's hour is as good as equal suffrage and you don't have to wait a lifetime to get results." And the lady isn't married!

Commissioner Bingham, of New York, says that policemen should not be held responsible for the crime waves any more than firemen are responsible for the fire waves that occur now and then. It is just as well to admit, while we are about it, that a swell is not always responsible for the ocean waves.

Inhabitants of the animal kingdom certainly are possessed of good reasoning faculties. At Tomahawk, Wis., the other day a pint beer bottle was found in the stomach of a fish, but the cork had been extracted and the bottle was empty.

Women have discovered that wasting their strength and time on useless tasks is foolish, says a Washington paper. There are still a number of women who try to reform men by marrying them, however.

The United States is to be visited by a real Filipino prince. But he is not valuable as a matrimonial catch, despite his title, as he already has four wives, who will accompany their better half on the trip.

In 1884 there were 1,477 divorces in France. In 1906 there were 16,224. If this rate of increase continued it will not be long before French men and women who have never been married will be getting divorced.

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

Prison Association Disclaimed.

Inasmuch as some of the newspapers are placing a portion of the responsibility for the Bancroft lynching on the Nebraska Prison association by reason of its connection with convicts, members of that organization have come to the front in its defense.

Practically all of the business men of Lincoln belong to it, while there are more than fifty of Omaha's business men on the membership roll. These include judges of the district courts, bankers, professional men and others.

Crop Reports Coming In. Labor Commissioner J. J. Ryder has secured the services of a large number of reliable crop reporters and with their aid hopes to publish a bulletin in October containing an estimate of the yield in Nebraska. He has already received many reports and will continue to get them at intervals until the estimate is close in the fall.

McVann Amends Complaint. E. J. McVann, secretary of the Omaha Grain exchange, amended his complaint before the railroad commissioners over the discrimination of the Great Northern road against Omaha in favor of Minneapolis in grain shipments to make the complaint run against the Wilmar & Sioux Falls road.

Hopkins Applies for Place. Robert A. Hopkins, bookkeeper under former Secretary of State Gusha, has applied for the position of assistant under Superintendent Sherman of the Kearney Industrial school. Mr. Sherman has already offered the place to one man, but it is not known whether he will accept.

Church Home Coming Home. Hon. Church Howe, who has recently been appointed as United States consul to Manchester, England, is expected home from Montreal, Canada, in a short time to spend half of a sixty days' vacation. The other half will be spent at Hot Springs, Ark.

Want an Omaha Market. Lincoln brick manufacturers want to ship brick to Omaha. They have insisted that the rate on brick from Lincoln to Omaha be at least as low as the rate from Table Rock and Humboldt to Omaha. This demand was made by Secretary Whitten of the Lincoln Commercial club on General Freight Agent C. E. Spens of the Burlington. The present rate from Lincoln to Omaha is 5 cents. Lincoln brick men want at least a 3-cent rate and declare they will go to the railway commission if not granted.

Officials Draw Salaries Quickly. Since the auditor has compelled the university regents to file vouchers for claims against the state treasury, some attention has been paid to the time officers draw salaries. The statutes prescribe officers shall be paid quarterly. During the third quarter, which began July 1, salaries have been paid by the auditor as follows: Land Commissioner Eaton, July 5; Superintendent McEwen, July 2; Governor Sheldon, August 12; Auditor Seaverie, July 6; Treasurer Brian, August 19; Attorney General Thompson, Aug. 20.

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GAMES OF SHARPERS.

Some of the Methods Used for Securing Money Dishonestly.

Millions upon millions of dollars are fraudulently taken from the pockets of the people year after year through the operation of confidence men.

During the past few months swindlers have been operating in different parts of the country, and their method, while a modification of an old swindling game, has some new features worthy of notice. Their usual procedure is to locate farmers who are not well known to local bankers and loan men.

The writer of checks cannot be too careful in filling in the amounts. The favorite methods of the check receiver is to insert after the words "six," "seven," "eight" or "nine" the letter "y" or "ty" and change the figures in the check accordingly. Thus it can be seen that a check written for eight dollars, by the addition of the letter "y" can be made to read for eighty dollars and the changing of the amount, if it be in numerals, by the addition of cipher, makes the forger, when well executed, hard to discover.

Good, healthy competition and friendly rivalry, devoid of all spirit of hoggetness, is a good thing for any town. Each and every business man and property owner in a town, and the country immediately surrounding it should be intensely interested in every project, particularly should every merchant be active in matters that mean general prosperity for the place and which will increase trade for all the merchants of the town.

The visitor who trips over your broken sidewalk will not have a very high opinion of your town as a place of business.

The home town is the best place for the boys if you will make the home town prosperous. Keeping the home at home will do this. It means home opportunities for your children.

Don't drive around the hole in the road week after week. Get your neighbors together and fix it.

The home market for the farm products is the saving clause in our system of government. Take away the in your community. Not necessarily home markets and the farms will soon become unprofitable and valueless.

No city mail-order house will extend credit to you when times are hard, or crops fail. Could you consistently ask it of your home merchant when you send your money to the city during the days of prosperity?

Encourage small factories to locate by means of a bonus, but by keeping the children in the home town that they may become factory employes, and get a home opportunity to raise in the world.

Do not begrudge the money paid for taxes when it is used for road and town improvements. Such an expenditure is like bread cast upon the waters—it will return many fold.

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Youthful Philosopher Had Carefully Thought Out Situation.

It was Jamie's bath night. He had several each week and he hated them all. On this particular night, once started, he soaked and splashed in the tub for a full half hour, then his mother hauled him forth.

"Mercy!" cried his mother. "I thought you took a bath."

"So I did!" answered Jamie scornfully. "A bully one!"

"But your face is black!" said his mother.

"Oh!" Jamie smiled understandingly. "My face is all right. I have to wash that in the morning, bath or no bath. You don't s'pose I'm going to waste time bathing my face! I always begin just below my ears and work down on my arms and legs; but I always leave my face and hands—those ends I tend to in the morning!"

PRESCRIPTIONS IN LATIN. The Public Should Have Them Translated by the Druggists.

What virtue is there in the secrecy with which the doctor hedges about his profession? "Professional etiquette" occupies a prominent place in the curriculum of every medical school, and when strictly analyzed "professional etiquette" seems to mean "doing what is best for the doctor, individually and collectively."

Among the things that "is best for the doctor" is the writing of his prescriptions in Latin, and thus keeping the public in ignorance not only of what it is taking for its ills, but forcing a call upon the doctor each time a prescription is needed.

In plain and unmistakable English the writing of prescriptions in Latin makes business for the doctors.

Let us say that you have the ague. You had it last year and the year before. Each time you have visited the doctor and he has prescribed for you—in Latin. You have never known what he has given you for the disease, and so each time you are forced to go to him again and give him an opportunity to repeat his prescription—in Latin, and his fee—in dollars.

If you ask the doctor why he uses Latin in writing his prescriptions, why he writes "agua" when he means water, he will give you a technical dissertation on the purity of the Latin language, and the fact that all words are derived from it, etc. It will be a dissertation that you may not be able to answer, but it will hardly convince you.

It would be a good thing for the public to devise a little code of ethics of its own; ethics that will be "a good thing for the public individually and collectively."

Let us apply one of the rules of this code of ethics to you, the individual. You call in the physician when you have the ague, the gripe, or any of the other ills to which human flesh is heir, and which you may have again some day. The doctor prescribes—in Latin, and you take this, to you, meaningless scribble to the druggist to have it compounded. Right here is where you come in, if you are wise. Say to the druggist that you want a translation of that prescription. It is your privilege to know what you are taking. While the doctor's code of ethics may not recognize this right it is yours just the same.

With the translated prescription in your possession you have two distinct advantages. You know what you are taking, and should you wish to call some other doctor at some time you will be able to tell him what drugs you have been putting into your system, and also if you should have the same disease again you can save yourself a visit to the doctor, and his fee, by taking this translated prescription to the druggist once more and having it refilled.

Jerome on Colored Evidence. District Attorney Jerome, of New York, said one day of a piece of suspicious evidence: "It is evidence that has been tampered with, colored. It is like the lady's report of her physician's prescription."

"A lady one day in July visited her physician. The man examined her and said: "Madam, you are only a little run down. You need frequent baths and plenty of fresh air, and I advise you to dress in the coolest, most comfortable clothes—nothing stiff or formal."

"When she got home her husband asked her what the physician had said. The lady replied: "He said I must go to the seashore, do plenty of automobileing, and get some new summer gowns."

She Experimented. A little girl of five was taken to church one Sunday, and listened with unexpected attention to the sermon which graphically told the story of the stilling of the tempest on the Sea of Galilee, and how Christ walked on the waves. In the afternoon her mother missed her and began an anxious search of the house. As she neared the bathroom she heard sounds of splashing, and hurried to the door to behold a small, excited face peering over the rim of the big white tub, and to hear a small, excited voice exclaim: "Say, mamma, this walking on the water is quite a trick."

Not Entire. The aeronaut, after painfully extricating himself from the wrecked balloon, limped to the nearest farmhouse.

"Madam," he said to the woman who answered his knock, "can you accommodate with a night's lodging a balloonist who has come to grief?"

"I'd be glad to," she hesitated, "but you are an entire stranger to—"

HE HAD TO HAVE FRUIT.

Grapes Beyond His Power, Boy Took Humble Substitute.

James Wilson, the secretary of agriculture, was discussing in Washington the aid which his department gives the American farmer. He pointed out the benefit that had been derived from the introduction of durum wheat, of the wheat-testing machine, and of the method of extracting potash from grain.

"In fact," said Mr. Wilson, smiling, "I believe that eventually our finest products will be cheap enough to be within the reach of all. Then the story of the boy and the hot-house grapes will be an dead and antiquated as the theater had stories of the past."

"This boy—he was a bootblack—entered a grocer's store one day, and, pointing to some superb grapes, said: "Wot's the price of them there, mister?"

"One dollar a pound, my lad," the clerk replied.

"A look of anguish passed over the boy's face, and he said, hastily: "Then give us a cent's worth of carrots. I'm dead nuts on fruit!"

Sheer white goods, in fact, my wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Duffance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Born, Not Worn. Little Margaret's grandmother had written for a photograph of her namesake, the "baby." For material reasons it was advisable that the little girl should appear as well dressed as possible, and a cousin's new open-work dress was borrowed for the occasion. On being arrayed for the picture Margaret rushed to her father, crying: "Oh, father, just look! These ain't worn holes; they is born holes."—Harper's.

Beware of Outlets for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. No mercury will surely destroy the sense of touch and completely derange the whole system entering it through the mucous membrane. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reliable physician. Be warned that you will do it to the good you can possibly derive from them. Catarrh of the bladder, cured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, and directly to the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Catarrh of the bladder be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and acts by the method of F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Beware of cheap imitations. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Knock. "Jimmy," said the father, "there's a rip in your bathing suit. Go and sew it up."

"But papa," growled the boy, "mother will sew it for me."

"Never mind. I want you to learn to sew yourself. For," said the father, "some day you will get married, and then you won't have any mother—you will only have a wife."

The extraordinary popularity of the white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Duffance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Colleges Undesirable Fire Risks. Colleges are now regarded as rather undesirable insurance risks, and it is probable that the rate will be generally increased. In 18 years 734 fires have occurred in college buildings, entailing a loss of \$10,500,000 in money and a heavy loss of life. This makes the average money loss over \$13,000.

Reasonable Explanation. "I wonder why a dog chases his tail?" "A sense of economy." "Economy?" "Yes; can't you see he is trying to make both ends meet?"

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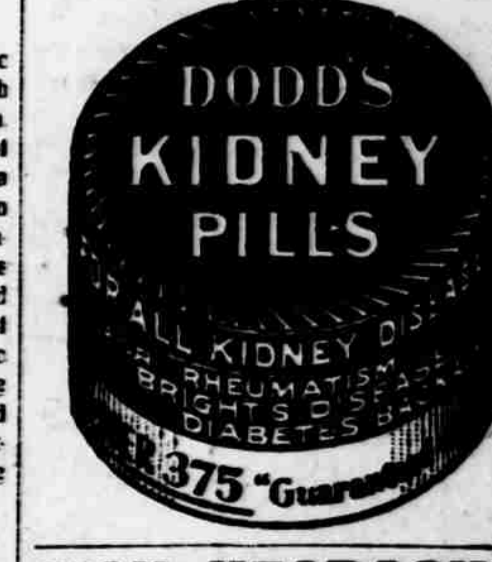
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