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WHY NOT?

A visitor from Harvard University asked recently, "Has the University of Nebraska a Union?" We told the truth. "Why not?" he inquired. This time we didn't know what to say. We had asked ourselves that same question many times before. A satisfactory answer we could never find. We don't believe there is any reason. But we know an excuse. We are asleep.

There are some 1,900 undergraduate men in the University. Do these figures mean anything to you? Suppose each of these men belonged to an organization and paid into it \$1.00 a semester—or a year. With but little arithmetic and less imagination the average individual can see a solid foundation for a Nebraska Union.

What stands in the way? Is there any question to be asked concerning the merits of the proposal? We don't believe there are. None have ever dared show their hand. Every University man to whom we have spoken is enthusiastically in favor of a union. Then, you ask, why don't we have one? And again we say, there is no reason, but there is an excuse. We are asleep.

What we must have is somebody to wake us up. The Daily Nebraskan purposes to shoot off the loudest editorial bombs in the warehouse. Sound sleep is often disturbed by such noises. But they sometimes torment rather than awake. What we want is your co-operation. Shoot off a few fire-crackers of your own. Take off your hat, roll up your sleeves, and WORK. And here is what we are working for:

- (1) An organization whose membership is to include every man in the University.
- (2) An organization whose purpose it shall be to bring every Nebraska student closer to his fellows.
- (3) An organization which shall maintain an open house to all University men and their friends at all times.

Now we ask you. WHY NOT?

Reporters Wanted

There are a few positions to be filled on the Daily Nebraskan reportorial staff. Those desiring such work may apply at the Nebraskan office in the basement of University Hall.

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WAYS OF TACTFUL NURSE

Many Things That Should Be Observed by Those Who Would Minister to the Sick.

The best training in the world cannot turn a woman who has not the gift for nursing into a tactful nurse. Efficient and dependable she may be trained to be, but tact and sympathy must come by insight. However, there are certain rules and certain little niceties that anyone trained or untrained can and should remember when they are in the sick room.

Be careful that you have no annoying little tricks, such as clearing your throat, humming, rocking, drumming with your fingers or making any unnecessary noise that might be irritating to tired nerves. As most people who have such tricks are quite unconscious of them themselves, it is quite necessary to stop and think occasionally to be sure that you are guilty of none of them.

Another habit most annoying to patients is one that many nurses have of talking to other people, the doctor or family, in an undertone or whisper within hearing of the patient. This is as unnecessary and discourteous to an ill person as it is to a well person, and to many patients it is alarming as well. If you have anything to say that cannot be said in the hearing of the patient, go out of the room to say it.

A still more necessary point to remember is that the most exquisite neatness must be the order of the sick room. The slightest disorder is often intolerable to a nervous patient. Remember that all the patient would wish to have done in her room you must do for her, otherwise she will worry about it. If she is an habitual person and accustomed to have her furniture and personal belongings just so, it will fret and worry her to have them misplaced. Do not leave medicine bottles, bandages or any paraphernalia of the sick room in sight. They are depressing as well as ugly.

Do not insist upon straightening the bedclothes if your patient wishes to be let alone. Do not insist on anything that is unnecessary in the way of attentions or regulations. Above all, hold it always in your mind that you must study and consider your patient's personality and subdue your own. Do not thoughtlessly impose your will and habits upon a helpless, nervous invalid.

Modern Farming.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Houston was describing at a dinner in Washington the changes that have come over farming methods.

"It's an age of machinery today," he said. "The milking machine has succeeded the milkmaid. The phonograph has succeeded the melodeon. The motor plow has succeeded the horse plow."

"There's an appropriate story about a young farmer who loved two girls equally—the one slim and petite, the other tall and herculean.

"The young farmer in this dilemma asked his father's advice. The father, puffing thoughtfully on a Havana—for your modern farmer is too prosperous to smoke domestic cigars—answered:

"There's so much machinery used in farming nowadays, James, that a big, strong wife is hardly needed. I advise you to take the little one—she'll eat less."

Pottery Made in Thirty-Seven States.

Thirty-seven states in 1914 reported a production of pottery, it is announced by the geological survey. White ware was reported from eight states, china from four states, sanitary ware from ten states and porcelain electrical supplies from nine states. Red earthenware, the commonest of pottery products, was reported from thirty-two states, and stoneware from twenty-eight states.

A Martyr to Thrift.

"You must bring home some tomatoes tomorrow."

"But you don't like tomatoes, my dear."

"Never mind. I have half a bottle of mayonnaise dressing that positively must be used up."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HISTORY MADE BY THE INDIAN

Real Life Story of the Red Man Not Been Properly Set Forth by White Writers.

It has been pointed out more than once that if one could but "get at the facts" of the history of the Indian tribes it would be of interest to compare these with what is related as the fortune of most civilized nations. It is only in tradition that the history of the Indian lives, and only one version of the story is ever heard. Sometimes this is so true to nature that no room for doubt can be found. Such is the following chapter from the annals of the Beavers, a Canadian tribe:

One day a young chief shot his arrow through a dog belonging to another brave. The brave revenged the death of his dog, and instantly a hundred bows were drawn. Before night had fallen some eighty lay dead around the camp, the pine woods rang with the lamentations of the women; the tribe had lost its bravest men.

There was a temporary truce. The friends of the chief whose arrow had killed the dog yet numbered some sixty people, and it was agreed that they should separate from the tribe and seek their fortune in the vast wilderness lying to the south.

In the night they began their march. Suddenly their brethren saw them depart, never to return. They went their way to the shores of the Lesser Slave lake, toward the great plains which were said to be far southward, by the banks of the swift-rolling Saskatchewan.

The tribe of the Beavers never saw this exiled band again, but a hundred years later a Beaver Indian, who followed the fortunes of a white fur-hunter, found himself in one of the forts of the Saskatchewan. Strange Indians were camped about the palisades; they were members of the great Blackfoot tribe, whose hunting grounds lay south of the Saskatchewan. Among them were a few braves who, when they conversed, spoke a language different from that of the others, and in this language the Beaver Indian recognized his own tongue.

Swiss Army Always Ready.

Endurance tests show that in time of war the Swiss soldiers can "command" the highest Alpine passes and the most difficult mountains with light artillery. The infantry, the field artillery and cavalry are recruited by the cantons, but the engineers, guides, sanitary and administrative troops, as well as the army train, are enrolled by the confederation. The cantons furnish the uniforms and equipments, for which they are, however, reimbursed by the federal government, and the latter supplies the arms directly. A yearly inspection of armament and equipment at which every soldier, without exception, has to appear, prevents any neglect in that line, as every man keeps his uniform and rifle at home, and when the mobilization order goes forth, the whole army is ready for action within a few hours. A regular salary is paid only to the instructors, the general staff and a few other officials. The officers receive pay only during the brief period they are called upon for training. The common soldier, when on duty, has his traveling and living expenses paid and receives besides that a daily compensation of 80 centimes, or 16 cents.

Progress From Napoleon.

Napoleon's famous saying was that "an army travels on its belly," which was to say that it had to depend on its food supply, and could not with safety move faster than its commissary department. The Gallician campaign has demonstrated that in modern warfare an army advances on its ammunition supply. It may have food in plenty, but without an enormous supply of shells and shrapnel and smaller ammunition it cannot make progress against a well-armed enemy.

Tommie's Idea.

"Among the prizes awarded at Yarmouth elementary school, England," said the mother, "was one for the boy who had the cleanest shoes and hands and the tidiest hair during the year."

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