

Gleanings from the Story Teller's Pack

The Other Side.
FRS. SPARLINGTON'S old classmate, still unmarried, was making her first call after a long trip abroad.

The Pitcher.
Harry McCormick, the Giants' star pitcher, replied with an anecdote to a compliment on his batting.

Shooting the Boosters.
Joe Ryan, the Chicago story teller, was in Hot Springs, Ark., a time ago, and met a coal operator who told him a story of two dealers at a gambling house there.

It Held the Governor Awhile.
Theodore Hallam, one of Kentucky's most able lawyers, was often provoked to desperation by the play his friends made on his name.

He Knew the Brand.
Erskine M. Phelps of Chicago was introduced at Nice to Lord Blank of England. As he was smoking he said to Lord Blank, "Will you have a cigar?"

A King's Frugal Meal.
There are few more democratic monarchs alive today than King Victor of Italy. He is very fond of going out chamois hunting.

A Necessary Wife.
Frank Work, the venerable New York millionaire, discussed, in his distinctive way, international marriage.

Useful Notes.
The late Bishop Henry Codman Potter greatly objected to the use of notes. At one time he was addressing a number of young theologians on the importance of not being too closely confined to a manuscript.

His Important Service.
One of the greatest nuisances of traveling is tipping. A smile from a head waiter is a costly commodity, and no mental service is too small for remuneration.

Charity that Begins At Home.
I dined with Colonel James Hamilton Lewis at the Hotel du Palais in Paris last month, said a Chicagoan.

The Unconquerable Fox.
John Bright once described the variety of stage fright with which he was familiar with telling and quotable points. He was discussing public speaking with George Dawson, an eminent Englishman of his day.

Unusually careful and helpful children.
You can work out your own system of classification and index and cross index of librum. But unless you have the stamina to keep up a diary do not undertake a card index.

The Old Man Came Back.
Wandering Husband Does the Enoch Arden Act After Forty-Eight Years.
George Hecox, who went away from Lee, Mass., in 1861, a sprightly youth of 21, and leaving a young wife, has just returned to the home of his wife after an absence of forty-eight years.

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proceeded to divide his luncheon into two equal portions. But the peasant turned away in contempt, for the royal luncheon consisted only of black bread and a large raw onion.

Our dear brother, whom we mourn today, was a man of rare character and ability. He had the mental capacity of a—referring to his notes—Daniel Webster, the tact of a—again consulting his memorandum—Henry Clay, the pertinacity of a—another reference—Ulysses S. Grant.

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Expert Advice on How to Keep a Scrap Book

One of our readers writes to inquire the best way to keep a scrap-book. It is a lucky accident that the letter was sent to us instead of to somebody else because this is one of the things that we think we know, and we know we think that most people do not; at least we can give our correspondent the three fundamental principles of scrap-bookkeeping and let him apply them to his own needs.

The primary requisites of a useful system of scrap-keeping are, first, celerity; second, mobility; third, classification by subjects. The scrap-book in any form is practically ruled out of consideration by all three rules, for it requires some bother to paste clippings in a scrap-book, even if ready gummied, and still more to take them out for rearrangement, and it separates the clippings from all matter in other forms bearing on the same subject.

The best way of keeping together all the material on a given subject, "printed or written" or partly printed and partly written, as the lawyers say, is to put it in manila envelopes and these in a vertical letter file. The envelopes should be large enough to hold typewriter paper unfolded, that is, about 9 by 11 1/2 inches.

The best system of classification and arrangement for most people is none at all. When you cut a paragraph from a paper or copy a quotation or note a reference, or invent an epigram, run your hand along the top of the envelope, reading their contents until you instinctively find the one where it belongs, drop it in and write the title or key-word of it on the envelope. If it does not seem to be irresistibly attracted by any of the existing envelopes, do not hesitate to give it one of its own and it will not long remain lonely.

One rarely knows in advance just why he is collecting a certain line; it is a sort of instinct like that of a squirrel gathering nuts for winter. It may turn out a mind and it may turn a sermon. The mind and the "scrap-book" should

develop together, expanding, ramifying and rearranging, until some day comes the occasion of the central thought, and the whole mass of material arrives at its conscious reason for existence. Mobilization and segregation must be continuous processes, and that is why we object to such a scattering of forces as is involved in the system used by many persons whom we otherwise respect, those who keep their notes in a card index, letters in letter files, clippings in scrap-books and pamphlets in boxes.

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of a card index. The alphabetical system of classification is the poorest of all. You never can remember whether the statistics of liquor licenses in Maine are under P, T or S.

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