

Woman's Section

Provincialism of Middle West Is Better Than Fleas

By GABBY DETAYLS.

PROFANITY, by reason of frequent and promiscuous usage, has long since lost its power as effective speech. Fists are used less often than they once were to drive home ideas.

If you want to command attention nowadays, don't swear and don't strike. Just lift your brows in a pained and superior way and say, "We're so provincial!"

The remark is forceful. While it does not possess the spontaneity of profanity nor the decisiveness of pugilistic expression, it is at once more annihilating.

People will look at you. They will naturally conclude that you, yourself, are not provincial, the real trouble being with the rest of the world. They will develop a sort of sympathy for you for not having been born in Hong Kong or Algeria.

"We're so provincial in the middle west," said one woman who has been to New York twice and really ought to know.

"Well there are drawbacks everywhere," replied the big good-natured man she was addressing. "They have malaria in the south and fleas in California. And when it comes to raising corn and kids, Nebraska is the finest little place in all the world."

"You prove my point," said the elegant and perfumed one. Gabby agrees. Satisfaction with home folks and things, no matter where one lives, is an unmistakable sign of provincialism.

If you live in Omaha you must constantly remember New York and the old world centers. Be humble about your buildings, shops and parkways. And if you live in New York you mustn't brag about the Woolworth building. If some one seems impressed with its height, you should respond with resigned despair.

"Yes, but there are the Rockies." Or, if some one is so crude as to speak creditably of the United States of America, it is your duty to remind him that civilization reached its highest point back in the Golden Age. You may not be able to tell him just where and when the Golden Age existed, but it is a fact which we are miserable by comparison.

Looks as if Einstein were right and that it is all a matter of relativity. Some day we may establish communication with Mars and then it will be provincial to speak well of the earth as a whole.

POOOR, unselfish dad. He usually gets the worst of it. He eats what the women of his household set before him. He wears what they buy him in most instances. He even receives with a smile and a thank-you sewing baskets and tea sets for Christmas presents.

One time in his life, though, father steps to the front. That is when daughter marries. Father it is who walks down the church aisle and gives daughter away. His name is mentioned first in the public and personal announcements, and, theoretically at least, it is he who permits the young suitor to woo fair daughter.

No wonder, then, that Mr. E. A. Holyoke protested when his name was omitted recently from a newspaper announcement of the marriage date of his charming daughter, Miss Pleasant. It was an accident, of course—one can always blame the printers—but Mr. Holyoke wasn't sure. He presented himself to the society editor the day after the announcement appeared, to convince her that he was alive and an interested "party." Gabby, who overheard the conversation, which was altogether a pleasant one, gathered that father didn't mind being in the social background as a general rule, but that he'd just sort of like to be mentioned when his little girl was getting married. The society editor sympathetically agreed with him and Gabby said "Amen."

THE society editor recently received a wedding story clipped from a small town paper. She enjoyed it and passed it on to Gabby, who will reproduce part of it for you as a sample of a style of journalism which is passing.

"After an extended honeymoon trip covering Chicago and other eastern points of interest, Mr. and Mrs. have returned to this city and are now at home to friends in a spacious apartment on the fashionable east side."

The wedding of this popular young couple occurred on . . . at the palatial home of . . . The groom was attired in conventional blue, while the bride wore a nifty blue traveling suit and carried roses. Following the ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served and the happy couple departed on an extended journey."

Gabby is interested to know that Chicago is an eastern point of interest. She wonders how large an apartment must be to be called spacious and she shudders to think of the young people's social future had they by chance chosen to live on the west side instead of the east.

ANOTHER sample of "flowery" writing which has fallen into Gabby's hands this week, reads: "The youthful violinist quite captivated the hearts of an admiring audience whose enthusiastic applause was richly merited. The perfection with which her broad repertoire was treated, the excellence of her interpretation, her power to awaken ideals and her mastery of stage technique were features of wonderment to the audience who were carried from grave to gay, from

paths to humor, from the soulful to the whimsical and were frequently brought to yield to the intensity of dramatic action."

AT last the flapper has attained the dignity of a high school senior. Upon every occasion she makes it known that she is soon to be a sweet girl graduate. For the first three years of high school life she attended one institution but at the beginning of the fourth her parents decided to enroll their daughter elsewhere. All was well until the instructors announced that there would be no commencement exercises.

Consolated one of the flapper's friends, "Well, you won't need to undergo that ordeal anyhow. It really is quite terrible—everyone gets stage fright and its awful." But mourned the senior, "That's what I've been going to school for, for the last 12 years."

THE young Nebraskan's brow was knitted in deep thought over a small memoranda book. Perhaps, we thought, he is trying to make his allowance cover all the territory in amusements which his youthful spirit would feign enjoy. But no! The college sophomore seeing our puzzled expression drew nearer to explain, "It's a list of girls' names."

"And what do you do with a list of girls' names?"

"The fact is I am sort of afraid to rush any one or two girls steady. Gets one into rather a predicament some times to be tied to only one or two 'Janes.' Others don't like you so well, you know." (No we didn't know but our excitement increased as he continued.) "I have a description of every girl listed here and when I want to take a girl to a dance over at the frat house, I look down the line to see which girls are good dancers. Then I decide which will dress the 'snappiest' for a formal or informal party and who will fit in best with the guests. To avoid taking one girl too often I write after the name the last date I had with her. I use the list for picking out a girl to take to the theater as well. As a general rule a good dance partner is rotten to take to a show. She wants to talk the whole time. And if you take a good theater 'date' to a dance she will probably walk all over you if it's a great system. A lot of the fellows do it."

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Junior Musical to Be Given on Saturday

The Junior Musical club will present a group of its members in a program, Saturday afternoon, May 14, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. W. Nash, 3608 Burt street.

Charming Daughters



Mary, of three and one-half years, and Frances, who is a year younger, are the charming little daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Francis W. Heagey. Mrs. Heagey is a Canadian by birth, coming from Ontario, Canada. Dr.

A. C. A. Notes

The home education section of the A. C. A. will meet Wednesday, 1:30 p. m., with Mrs. William Locke, 1329 South Thirty-sixth street.

"Mother's Day" Group

A tenderness of feeling goes toward the sweet, gray-haired mother of our mature years, and a sacredness of memory to the mother who is gone, but the happiest significance of Mother's day is found in the young mother surrounded by her family of beautiful children.

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H. E. L. P. Club Contributes to Charity

Ten per cent of the proceeds from the play, "Georgia Ames," which was given by the H. E. L. P. club of the Social Settlement last month at the South Side High school, will be divided among the following charities: St. James Orphanage, Visiting Nurse association, Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, Christ Child, poppies day sale for French orphans and also for a membership in the Social Settlement association.

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