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**PRECIOUS GEMS ARE GUARDED.**

Dealers Make Careful Note of all Changes in Their Ownership.

The dealer in precious stones keeps remarkable account of the valuable gems which come into this country. His business does not end when he succeeds in disposing of a precious stone or mounted piece at a good round figure. He can tell how many times it has changed hands since it reached these shores and usually he can tell every person in the country who owns anything in gems worth knowing about. This city is the great center of these dealers, as it is through this port that practically all gems enter.

The American woman buys the finest diamonds that can be had in the medium size, in which the purest stone comes. The mine from which the most beautiful stones are taken, at Jaegersfontein, in the Orange Free State, has been shut up, as a great reef encountered made it unprofitable to mine further. The next best diamonds come from Wesselton, about fifty-two miles from Kimberley, and that, too, is shut up on account of the war.

The finest large diamond which ever came into this country belonged to the Morgan collection. It weighed twenty-five carats and sold for about \$100,000. There was one diamond of 128 carats sold in this city and another Kemberley stone of seventy-six carats, but both were tinged with color and not nearly so valuable as the Morgan gem. Another single diamond sold in this city less than three years ago for \$42,000 and it is now owned by a western woman. The American woman likes her diamonds, not by ones or twos, but by dozens and hundreds, and these are formed into tiaras, necklaces, corselets, corsages and hair bouquets and sprays, all arranged with or without other stones, and so that they can be easily detached and worn in separate pieces.

As the wealthy families of this country come into possession of a large number of diamonds, their taste turns toward colored stones. The ruby is preeminently the next in favor, and prices higher than those paid for diamonds are given for it. Two years ago a firm in this city sold a single ruby for \$25,000. Last year there came a demand for the emerald and a single beautiful stone in the autumn brought a dealer \$30,000.

**Subscriptions not High Enough.**

A correspondent in the Newspaper Maker has this to say about subscription prices:

"The rise in the cost of paper seems to be causing a good deal of uneasiness among newspaper publishers. The big ones and the little ones, both east and west, show an anxiety on the subject for which they cannot be blamed. 'Some of them appear to have decided to solve the problem by advancing the advertising rates. Others will attempt to secure the same result by increasing both the subscription price and the rates for advertising. So far as noticed, not one of them has tried to meet the increase in the cost of paper by putting up the price of the publication to the reader or subscriber alone.

"In this respect the publishers seem to be as blind to their own interest as they have been for the last eight or ten years. The majority of publishers, with the exception, perhaps, of a large proportion of the country publishers, have furnished their papers to subscribers and readers at a price altogether too small, and have regarded the advertisers as the parties who ought to bear the cost of production and of meeting the deficiency that results from issuing the publication at too cheap a price. The publishers have expected a limited body of a few hundred advertisers to bear an unjust proportion of the cost of producing the papers, while millions of readers get the papers on ridiculously cheap terms."

**Where Bulk Was an Advantage.**  
William M. Evarts, with all his wit and brilliancy, was once outwitted by Senator David Davis, who weighed over 300 pounds, and whose figure was nearly the same in circumference as it was in the perpendicular. He and Evarts were twitting each other about personal size at a dinner one evening, and finally Davis said:

"If you will let me choose the course I will bet you \$100 that with three yards' start I can beat you in a race of 100 feet."

Every one at the table laughed and said:

"Take him up, Mr. Evarts."

The wager was laid, and Mr. Davis was asked when he would race, to which he replied that he was ready at once. The whole party then adjourned to the course chosen by Senator Davis. This proved to be an alley between two houses, just three feet in width and 100 feet deep. He stepped into the mouth three yards, and said "Go!" and walked through quite leisurely.

Mr. Evarts could get neither past him nor under him, and he called Davis back to the street and paid the bet.—Harper's Weekly.

**Notice to Stockholders.**  
Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, March 17th, 1900, there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Telephone Co., at their offices at Woodstock, Ill., to consider the proposition of increasing the capital stock of said company from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

A. B. WAGNER, Secretary  
M. L. JOSLYN, President  
Woodstock, Ill., Feb. 20, 1900.

**W. C. T. U. PRESS DEPARTMENT**

MRS. A. E. AURINGER, Editor.

[The Publisher does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed in this column.—Ed.]

**Selections From Miss Willard's Writings.**

Nothing is truer than that people are more afraid of words than of ideas.

It is not uncharitable to judge an act as good or bad, but we should be very slow to judge the actor bad.

Only a great cause can stir a great people. No half-way measures are worthy of whole-hearted reformers.

All strife in manner, word and deed, grows out of worldliness, and to this there is but just one antidote, other worldliness.

There is a vast amount of righteous sentiment on the subjects of intemperance and social purity that is scattered, and is, therefore, comparatively powerless.

Our W. C. T. U. is a school, not founded in that thought, or for that purpose, but sure to fit us for the duties of patriots in the realm that lies beyond the horizon of the coming century.

It is only when we feel ourselves at the very core and center of our consciousness, linked with the spirit of God, that we can put life into the ingenious and varied machinery of our organization.

We believe in the inward call that leads to personal consecration and divine enthusiasm, and that this call is always attested by character and conduct, adaptation to the work, and success in it.

As a working hypothesis, no age and no race of men can ever go beyond Christ's single dictum, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." All pure habits, all health and sanity of brain, make for the kingdom of heaven.

The time will come when these gates of gospel grace (church doors,) shall stand open night and day, while woman's heavenly ministries shall find their central home within God's house, the natural shrine of human brotherhood in action as well as human brotherhood in theory.

The fingers of the hand can do little alone, but correlated into a fist they become formidable. The plank borne here and there by the sport of the wave is an image of imbecility, but frame a thousand planks of heart of oak into a hull, put in your engine with its heart of fire, fit out your ship, and it shall cross at a right angle those same waves to the port it has purposed to attain.

We are getting weary, all of us older ones; oh, let us expand those two departments that shall fill up the ranks with fresh soldiers for God. Let us make broad paths for the women that are leading on the new recruits in their fresh enthusiasm—let us build up the work among our young people and children.

A principle which I always tried to inculcate in the minds of my girls was this—a sentiment of true honor and dignity favors the school not the delinquent. How is it in society? Every noble man brings rogues to justice. He never dreams of shielding them, yet pupils think it honorable to shield each other.

The time will come when, whatever we do not teach we shall teach ethics as the foundation of every form of culture, and the "faith that makes faithful" in every relation of life will become a thing of knowledge to the child of the then truly Christian republic. For we can never teach these things and leave out Christ as the central figure, and His philosophy as the central fact of our system of education.

We believe that this mighty prayer wave shall move on until the militant host of God shall include in its manual of arms the attitude and uplift of prayer whenever the noontide sun stands forth as the symbol of that Sun of Righteousness when shall arise with healing in His beams, when and wherever the heart of man is open to let those beams shine in as a purifying and regenerating presence.

I do not recall the time when my inmost spirit did not perceive the injustice done to woman; did not revolt against the purely artificial limitations which hedge her from free and full participation in every avocation and profession to which her gifts incline her, and when I did not appreciate to some extent the state's irreparable loss in losing from halls of legislation and courts of justice the woman's judgement and the mother's heart.

the everlasting and absolute prohibition of sin as against any alliance between sin and the government.

We are one world of tempted humanity; the mission of the white ribbon women is to organize the motherhood of the world for the piece and purity, the protection and exaltation of its homes. We must send forth a clear call to our sisters of the world and our brothers, too. We must be no longer hedged about by the artificial boundaries of states and nations; we must utter as women what good and great men long ago declared as their watchword: "The whole world is my parish and to do good my religion."

The church conserves the fruits of victory, but has not been eager to endure reproach in the reformer's camp. . . . I have no quarrel with the church; it would only disturb my own spirit and do nobody any good, but this much I am free to say: Whoever does not apply Christianity to the special sins of his own age, in his own person and by his own work, is, to say the least, a most unscientific Christian. We apply steam, when we have manufactured it, to the specific places where it is most needed: we make it turn pistons and drive wheels. When we have caught electricity and tamed it, we turn it on where it can do most good. When the spirit of God had been generated in a human being, it must not be shut up in the prayer meeting or the church building, but turned on in the saloons, the gambling houses, the haunts of shame, and for this purpose the ballot is one of its most effective batteries of power.

**New Translation of "R. S. V. P."**

A clergyman entering upon the charge of a new living not far from London resolved to invite all his parishioners to an "at home" in order to make their acquaintance, and accordingly sent out cards to that effect. A district visitor calling at one of the houses was at once accosted in this way: "Oh Miss, I have been wanting so much to see you, for my neighbor and I have got an invitation card, but we are so puzzled about the four big letters in the corner. She says they mean 'Reply soon, victuals provided,' but now you will be able to tell us."

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