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NOISE NOT PATRIOTISM.

While everybody in this country believes in the celebration of the Fourth of July, it by no means follows that everybody approves of the manner in which it has been celebrated within recent years, says the Springfield Journal. The day is observed generally and is celebrated more enthusiastically, perhaps, than any other American holiday. From the beginning the celebration has been accomplished with more noise than was considered fitting on other holidays, and in the popular mind the observance of the day would not be complete if that accompaniment was lacking. Especially is this true of the youthful Americans who assert their independence on that day, of all others, and who display their devotion to their country by the reckless use of dangerous explosives. But the noises manufactured at the present time are vastly different from those of an older generation. Modern invention has placed on the market noise makers of diabolical possibilities. They accomplish the object aimed at by producing an overabundance of noise, but they accomplish other results that are deplorable. The statistics show that on the Fourth last year 21 persons were killed and 2,649 were injured while handling fireworks, fireworks, toy pistols, toy cannons and other dangerous explosives in celebrating the national anniversary. Many notable battles of the civil war did not result in as many casualties, and these are more to be regretted because they were wholly unnecessary.

States Attorney Slosser says emphatically that he intends breaking up the gangs of disreputable characters which infest Downers Grove and will use his best endeavors to land the parties to thievery and hoodlumism in the penitentiary. Downers Grove will be especially grateful to the states attorney if he cleans these gangs out. For years residents of the village have been annoyed by petty thefts and other depredations. Arrests have been made and light fines have been imposed heretofore all to no purpose. From arson to burglary has been a short step and as a result of their actions the penitentiary looms up before the members of the gang. Crime and hoodlumism has no place in Downers Grove and the states attorney had the approval of law abiding citizens in stamping it out. The sooner Downers Grove youths can be taught to understand the situation the better it will be for them.

The state enactment of the G. A. R. of New York, adopted a resolution urging the national department to have the date of Decoration day changed to the last Sunday in May or the first Sunday in June, the idea being that by the change of date the growing tendency to make a holiday of sport, etc., of Decoration day would be done away with and the day would again assume its original import.

Downers Grove has the best system of waterworks and the best electric light plant of any town of its size in northern Illinois. Kickers opposed both improvements when they were installed just as now some property owners oppose the paving of Main street. But where is the citizen now who would go back to the days of kerosene lamps and surface wells.

Brick is the proper material for paving a business street and the board of local improvements is to be commended for determining to use this material exclusively in the improvement of Main street. In appearance, wear and cleanliness it is superior to macadam and the cost is but slightly in excess of the latter.

With the first appearance of warm weather the creek begins to give up its foul smelling and disease breeding odors. Even this early in the season the stream is nearly dry and the stench is almost unbearable. Every summer the creek becomes a nuisance but ever apparent advocates for sewers.

Don't forget that lockjaw results from wounds caused by percussion caps and powder burns and use every care to protect your children from possible death from these agencies Saturday.

It is safe to say that less than fifty per cent of local dog owners have paid the village dog license this year. A few cents for non-payment and a few dead dogs might prove beneficial.

Downers Grove will not celebrate this year, notwithstanding the usual number of accidents, burns and bruises will result from monkeying with toy pistols, cannons and fireworks.

Perhaps after a few local loughs are sent to the penitentiary the remainder of the young fellows who are starting on a career of crime in Downers Grove will learn a lesson.

Don't take perfect substitutes for Downers Grove.

MAX O'RELL AND THE "SNAKE."

Why Famous Frenchman Spent an Hour in Agony. During his tour through Australia some years ago death was once close upon Max O'Rell, as it seemed to him at the time. Lying in bed one night in a bush hospital, worried by mosquitoes and thinking of the snakes against which he had been warned, he became aware of the presence alongside of him of a cold, treacherous snake, probably a death adder, as it was only about three feet long. Death from the bite of this playful adder is rapid and painless and the Frenchman recorded afterward his reflection that it was better perhaps to die than of gout or rheumatism. After an hour of agony, however, he slipped out of bed, struck a light and went about the room searching for the walking stick he had carried especially for defense against reptiles. After a weary and nervous hunt he found it at last among the disordered bedclothes.

VALUE OF COLLEGE TRAINING.

Awakens the Student to the Problems of the World. It may as well be admitted that college training does not teach a man to keep books or to sell goods. What education aims to do is to educate—to develop the man, to awaken him to the problems of the world, to widen his horizon. There is no danger that not enough attention shall be given to commercial development. But there is a possibility that the business man may become narrowed in his task and fail to take an interest in the world of ideas about him. Education ought not to prevent a man from acquiring the necessary details of business. And it ought to make him a more valuable citizen. That most successful business men believe this is shown by the fact that they are sending their sons to college.—Kansas City Star.

Just an Incident in Georgia.

Mr. Bud Spinks was awakened the other morning by a strang, grunting noise in his room, which proved to be the voice of a medium-sized alligator that was warming itself by the smoldering ashes of his fireplace and incidentally trying to swallow his boots, which he had placed there to dry, and which he had bought on the installment plan and had only made one payment on them. The saurian had succeeded in swallowing one boot and had the other down—clear to the straps, which Mr. Spinks seized and pulled it out. The 'gator is now on exhibition at Minche's drug store, but will soon be slain in order that Mr. Spinks, who is going around with one boot and one slipper, may recover the other boot.—Adams Enterprise.

Great Aid to Philosophy.

John D. Long, former secretary of the navy, publicly rejoices that he is not a rich man. He says he would not exchange his freedom, home life and content of heart for the wealth of a Morgan or a Carnegie. But if Mr. Long were really poor he might not find it so easy to despise riches. Riches are relative. Mr. Long has freedom from debt, from daily toil, from anxiety for the future, from worry about what may happen to his family when he shall be taken from them. He has a home and home life at its best, and he has content of heart and mind. There are millions of men who have none of those things and Mr. Long is as rich in comparison with them as Morgan and Carnegie are rich in comparison with him. It is easy to be philosophical on a few thousands a year.

Worth of Gypsum Plaster.

Gypsum plaster is largely displacing lime mortar as a wall finish. Not only is it found to be more suitable and durable, but its strength and hardness, and the fact that construction can be completed more quickly when it is used, have brought it into favor. It also has great value as a neutralizer of alkali in soils. The belt of country extending from Iowa through Kansas and Oklahoma and into Texas includes the plants which produce a large part of the output of gypsum west of the Mississippi river. The deposits in these states are practically inexhaustible.

Kind but Firm.

An English bishop owned a portable bathtub which he failed on one occasion to take with him on a pastoral visitation. When he returned he found that the housemaid had used the beloved tub. Calling her into his study he said kindly, "Mary, I do not so much mind your using my tub, but what I object to is, that you should do behind my back what you would not do before my face."—Julia I. Patton in Lippincott.

The Wealth of Canada.

Canada has 600,000 square miles more land available than in the United States, and because of its enormous quantity of minerals, and especially because of its immense area of wheat land, it is believed by Canadians to be the richer; and, besides, Canada has control of the Great Lakes, owning as she does a canal of her own at the " Soo," the Welland canal and the St. Lawrence river.

Her Conclusion.

"Mamma," said little Marguerite, when the family and the visitors from the country had sat down to breakfast, "is it true that people who snore have had consciences? I read in one of my books that they do." "I don't know, dear. Perhaps they have. What makes you ask such a funny question?" "I was just thinking, if it's true, Aunt Susan must at least have killed somebody once."

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Mystery of "Sleeping Sickness."

The "sleeping sickness" prevalent along the shores of the Victoria Nyanza has been investigated by Dr. Christy of the Liverpool school of tropical medicine and found to be caused not by filaria in the blood, as was supposed, but by a minute bacillus. The disease is not infectious in the ordinary sense of the word. It is raging in South Kivu and along the Nyanza, where in the villages 50 to 75 per cent of the people suffer from it. It exhibits no disposition to spread far from the shores of the lake.

Aristocratic Brookline.

Brookline, a suburb of Boston, has not over 19,000 people, and its assessed taxable wealth is \$87,000,000, which represents but a fraction of the real values. It has water works which cost \$1,500,000, a high school building worth \$300,000, exclusive of the land; a manual training school, costing \$250,000, all its streets are macadamized and kept beautifully clean, and it has a \$100,000 bathhouse for children, which is practically free.

Forty five German farmers from across the ocean visited the Dunham stock farm at Wayne one day last week. They admired the big and fancy horses but opened their eyes in wonderment to see grass cut by a mower, loaded with a hay loader and put into the barn by machinery.

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