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The Common Man—Why is it you actors wear heavily furled coats in all seasons? Great Actor—The fact is, my dear fellow, my profession is the only one liable to frosts in all seasons.—Sydney Bulletin.

To debate matrimony she attempted. She was shy. His arguments were good, and the wise judge announced a tie.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Bookkeeper (to boss)—Mr. Grouch, I'm going to get married. Grouch—Glad to hear it. You won't be so all-fired anxious to get home early.—Boston Transcript.

One life is all we have to live. Why cling to hate or scorn a smile? The joys we gain and those we give Are all that make the world worth while.—Chicago News.

She (meaningly)—Do you consider kissing really dangerous? He (meanly)—Yes; it often brings on marriage.—New York Journal.

Some years ago the sage spoke the welcome household word That children should be seen at times, but never, never heard. He's different with the photograph, for here is a machine That should be heard when spoken to, but never, never seen.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mother (entering bedroom)—Why, children, what are you crying for? Bobby—I wanna drink. Mother—Well, I'll get you a drink. What, what are you crying for? What—You didn't hear Bobby, mamma, so I was helping him cry.—St. Louis Republic.

The snow's on the ground, And the bees haven't moved, But the government seeds Have already sprung.—Detroit Free Press.

Mother (after reading pathetic story)—Now, Bessie, wouldn't you like to give your bunny to that poor little boy you saw today who hasn't any father? Bessie, (clutching rabbit)—Mother, we give him father instead?—Punch.

He didn't think he ought to be favored in the spotlight's glow when people were expecting he would be in the shadow of the limelight. He didn't sit in shadow when another fellow had the spot. And then along he came and he never came to be a hero.—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE CLEANUP IN BROWNWOOD

How Texas Town Won Prize For Civic Improvement.

CO-OPERATION A BIG FACTOR

Commercial Club, Women's Organizations and City Officials Combined With Residents and Storekeepers in Work—School Children Enlisted.

Recently, in response to the civic improvement wave sweeping over Texas, a contest for the cleanest town was inaugurated, a cash prize of \$500 being held out as a spur to interest. The San Antonio Express says the contest was long drawn out because two towns—Gainesville and Brownwood—were tied for first place. The official inspectors found it necessary to visit the towns and make three separate inspections before the prize was handed to Brownwood.

Probably the most remarkable feature in the cleanup campaign was in the fact that Brownwood won first



CLEANING UP IN BROWNWOOD.

prize and expended only \$216 above her ordinary expense account, which goes to show that city cleanliness is not such an expensive luxury if made an everyday necessity.

When the inauguration of the clean town contest was announced Brownwood's different organizations, such as the Women's Federated Clubs and the Commercial club, at once quietly announced to the citizens that Brownwood was going after first place in the contest. Then it was simply a matter of efficient work and co-operation among the organizations and the citizens. The city's already excellent condition was improved in many ways. Every defect that could be discovered was remedied. Every trash pile, every hole for the collection of filth and dirt, was searched out by diligent officers and banished from the city limits.

No one feature of the campaign was more noticeable than the untiring and efficient work of the Women's Federated Clubs through their committees and individual members. Women went into the public schools and taught the children cleanliness. In gaining and maintaining the standard of the "cleanest town in Texas" Brownwood gained much knowledge and put into practice many ideas which will subsequently be published and given to the other towns of Texas to aid them in attaining the point of civic cleanliness which Brownwood has reached.

WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE.

Elmhurst Maids and Matrons Working to Improve Town.

Twenty public spirited women of Elmhurst, N. Y., recently banded together in the cause of civic betterment and formed the Women's Civic League.

Officers were elected, and the following policies were adopted: No more peanut shells, discarded cigar stubs, waste paper and banana peelings in trolley cars.

All motormen and conductors shall wear linen collars and keep their trousers pressed.

Policemen shall improve their deportment and shall not wear toothpick as a component part of their service uniform.

Sidewalks shall be kept in repair; also swept.

All citizens are urged to plant some sweet smelling flowers in a conspicuous place in their yards or on their fire escapes. The male residents would not create an unfavorable impression if they wore occasionally a boutonniere of forget-me-nots or sweet william.

Clean Vacant Lots.

Weeds of all sorts should at least be headed to prevent the seeds maturing. Vacant lots, parkways and roadides are responsible for most of the weeds in our gardens, and those public breeding spots for weeds should receive attention. One year's seeding makes seven years' weeding, and those living in the neighborhood of weedy vacant lots would find it profitable to keep such properties clean. It is cheaper for one to have his property cleaned than to pull the over present crop in his garden close by the seed farm.

SIRES AND SONS.

Captain A. B. Davis of Milwaukee has served forty years in the revenue cutter service and is now retired at eighty.

Charles Williams, a lighterman of Limehouse, London, is said to be the champion life saver of that country. Since 1896, when he rescued a boy from the Regent's canal, London, he has saved 101 lives, all from drowning.

Camille Saint-Saens has received the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, which, since the death of Meyer, has not been bestowed on any musician. Massenet's death solved the problem whether he or Saint-Saens should have it.

M. Tokol, who has just been elected president of the diet of Finland, was a miner in this country for more than ten years. He saved money, studied to fit himself for better things and on his return home became interested in politics.

A. R. Whaley, elected vice president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad recently at a salary of \$25,000 a year, began his career thirty-six years ago as a brakeman on the Providence and Worcester railroad, working for \$1.02 a day.

George F. Swain, the newly elected president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, which was founded in 1852, is professor of civil engineering at Harvard. For twenty-five years he has been consulting engineer for the Massachusetts railroad commission.

Current Comment.

Only 61,000,000 pounds of mail were sent out under the franking privilege last year. Some of the congressmen must have decided to leave their furniture at home.—Charleston News and Courier.

A magazine writer who has gone "back to the farm" tells about "sixteen hours of nothing but play." We'll leave it to any three farmers picked from any community to determine just what kind of a liar that writer is.—Denver Republican.

The announcement that the Culebra cut at Panama is to be flooded early next fall is the best possible reply to forebodings which may have been aroused by occasional reports of the silding of the banks of that cut into the prison.—New York Tribune.

Sporting Notes.

E. A. Southee of Sydney, who has a brilliant record as an all round jumper, will be one of the Australian Rhodes scholars to enter Oxford university.

The University of Illinois has signified its intention of sending a team to Philadelphia to take part in the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival on April 26. The team probably will run in the one mile relay championship race.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Rowing association will extend an invitation to the winner of the (Haugland variety eight oared shell race between crews of Stanford university, the University of California and the University of Washington (Seattle), to compete in the regatta on the Hudson on June 21.

Science Siftings.

Alloying tin with lead, a German scientist has produced a porous tin the lightness of which is its chief advantage.

A Swiss scientist has invented an instrument for accurately measuring the intensity of X rays when used on deep seated human organs at any depth desired.

The suggestion that there are air-quakes, due to explosions of meteorites and quite independent of earthquakes and volcanoes, comes from no less an authority than W. F. Denning, the British astronomer. That such explosions are sometimes audible is well known.

Fashion Frills.

Accordion plaited coats for men are predicted. Will the next fashion be accordion plaited trousers?—New York Tribune.

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall declares that women's gowns are "immodest and uncomfortable." But if they are not so to the women why should he care?—Baltimore Sun.

The fashion editor's authoritative announcement that the latest thing in tea gowns is of taffeta moire with peasant pantaloons gives us a mild desire to see one in action.—Ohio State Journal.

Turbulent Mexico.

Mexico seems to be kicking over the lamp.—Chicago News.

Is Mexico to be a government of gun men?—New York Tribune.

The Mexican part of the Pan-American union seems to be a frying pan.—Kansas City Star.

May the black days of Mexico be ended speedily and a real constitution of polity established.—New York Sun.

Aviation.

Aeronauts in China are known as the "sons of heaven."

Following the example of France, the British government has decided to use only biplanes for military purposes.

The mechanic and driver's seat in a new German war aeroplane are surrounded by an armored cylinder, proof against bullets.

One of Germany's numerous dirigible balloons has made more than 100 journeys with passengers without meeting with a single mishap.

Church Notes

Sunday Services. ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lemoine, Rector. Week days: Altar Guild the first Tuesday of each month. Woman's Auxiliary, the second Tuesday of each month. Woman's Guild, first and third Wednesday. Choir practice Friday at 8 p. m. Sunday.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a. m. St. Andrew's Junior Club 5:00 p. m. St. Andrew's Club 6:00 p. m. Evensong 7:00 p. m. Choral Eucharist, the second Sunday in each month.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Greatness of Jesus." This is the last in the series of sermons on the Character of Christ. This will show wherein his greatness consisted. There will be no service in this church in the evening. Flag day will be observed at the Methodist church in a union service. The orders of the town have all been invited. Let this be a great occasion when we honor our flag.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

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G. PAHL, Pastor.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 8:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m. and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. German preaching service every second Sunday of the month at 3 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor. Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30 Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 8:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

Embarrassed Police Sergeant. "She cared me," was the blushing admission of a police sergeant at Tottenham, England, when a married woman was charged with obstructing the sergeant while he was taking her husband into custody, the woman flinging her arms round the officer's neck and crying, "Take me, too!"

Ready for Reception. Annoyed by a notice that the local sanitary committee were going to inspect his cowhouse, a Dorset (England) farmer spread linoleum over the floor of the building, displayed hearthrugs in convenient positions, hung the walls with pictures and a mirror, and installed a harmonium. When the committee arrived he gravely invited them to wipe their feet on the doormat before entering.

No Cause to Worry. "My brushes are all worn out," sighed the futurist painter, "and I have no money to buy new ones." "Never mind," his wife replied, "Take the broom."

Laughter Pays Well. Laughing as a business-getter attracts favorable attention, makes pleasant impressions, transforms gruffness into cheerfulness and leaves the work done with a contented after feeling.

How Simply Awful! "Just think!" said Mrs. Twickenbury, "those horrid women have been throwing bric-a-brac at the prima donna of England!"—Christian Register.

Not All Hours Spent in Labor. When a man says he works eight hours a day, he is seldom exact. He counts in the time he spends listening to funny stories or talking baseball.

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