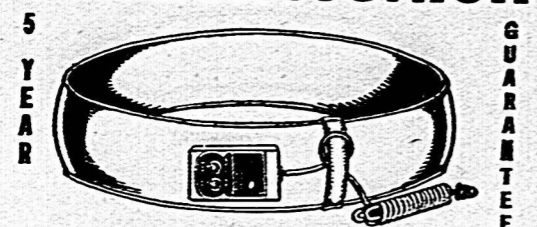


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A Hothouse of Surprises

The professor of agriculture at Tuskegee had one day explained to me the influence of his simple object-lessons in rousing the intellectual interest in boys and girls to whom the printed page had little or no meaning. Hardly a year before there had come to him a lad whose attempts to meet even the lowest literary requirements of the school had failed. Could he be permitted to sit in the "class for farming"? This permission was granted. "It was months," said the instructor, "before I ever asked him a question. He came to me one day, asking, in a shamefaced way, if I would come with him to see what he had tried to do. I went with him. But rather than describe what I found, I wish you would go yourself to see it. When you come back, I will finish the story."

Following directions, I soon came upon a small building which proved to be a hothouse. It was filled with thrifty growths for garden and field use in the red soil of the region round about. There were ingenious devices for studying the effect of various soils upon all manner of roots. There were many soil-mixtures in which these experiments were being tried. The mechanical structure inside and out was literally patchwork. Doors, sides, posts, boxes, glass, were from objects that had been broken and thrown to the rubbish-heap. From these piles of waste, the boy had picked his glass, boards, roofing, window-sash, and piping. Empty tomato cans, old pails and abandoned lamps served him for furnace and heating tubes. He had invented cross-section boxes in which he could watch the root-development in his different soil mixtures.

It had been gathered from rubbish-heaps, growing in the boy's over-time into this strictly artistic result. The forty or fifty thriving specimens in it were his own kind of a book. This sort of spelling, reading and writing neither puzzled nor shamed him. It was his kind of arithmetic.

The hothouse was crammed with problems, but it was his delight to solve them. All this, with stark amazement, was the thing I looked upon. Here he had come, day after day, when the tasks were over, striving to justify his tolerated presence in the school. Here he had written his own certificate of fitness to be a learner with others at Tuskegee.

When I returned to the lad's teacher in this department, he was very eager to tell me results. "That boy's work," he said, "is so good that I already use it for purposes of instruction with advanced students."—John Graham Brooks, in "An American Citizen: The Life of William Henry Baldwin, Jr."

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Good Manners of Yesterday

These excerpts are from the "Manual of Good Manners" published in 1844 — quoted by Arthur Train (in "Furber's Progress").

"Never be squinting and scowling and examining the victuals, to see if you can discover a coal or a speck or a hair; if you find one, take it out decently, and not make a great ado about it."

"Eat what you feed before you rise from the table; and not be picking victuals at the table. It denotes a thievish disposition."

Some more: "When you have done eating, clean your plate, knife and fork, lay the bones you have picked in a snug heap by the side of your plate, scrape up your crumbs, and cross your knife and fork on your plate."

"Speak not at table. Laugh not at table; it shows unthankfulness."

"The mouth and teeth should be scoured out once each day with coal dust, which is not only good to cleanse the teeth, but is also an excellent preservative to them."

The rule against pocketing victuals at table recalls a story told by Melba (in "Melodias and Memories") about the great tenor Tamagno, who used to say that his voice was so powerful that his top C's caused the chandeliers at Covent Garden actually to rattle. Tamagno was guest at a formal dinner given to Metropolitan Opera singers at which Melba, Jean de Reske and others including the Italian Ambassador and his wife, were present.

When the time arrived for the women to leave the table, relates Melba, "my eyes were so glued to Tamagno that I hardly realized where I was." (She had previously watched him pop crystallized fruits, almonds, chocolates, etc., into his napkin.) "But in a sort of dream I saw him rise to his feet, take up one of the beautiful bunches of orchids with which the ladies had all been presented, bow gracefully and say to the Ambassador seated next to him:

"Will you allow me, signora? It is for my daughter who is ill at the hotel."

"The poor woman was so astonished," says Melba, "that she could only smile artfully and murmur that of course it was permitted to take them."

Another time Melba and Tamagno were luncheon guests of the noted conductor Mancinelli, at an Italian restaurant in New York. Among the dishes served were veal cutlets "a la Milanese." At the end of the course several cutlets were left over. "This was too much for Tamagno," chuckles Melba. "Leaning over the table, he said to Mancinelli: 'What are you going to do with those?'"

"Do with them?" replied the bewildered Mancinelli. "Nothing."

"Ah," Tamagno signed with satisfaction. "In his resonant tones he summoned a waiter. 'Give me a newspaper,' he cried."

"The newspaper was brought, and then, with the utmost deliberation, Tamagno proceeded to wrap the cutlets up, one by one in the newspaper. Suddenly pausing, and sensing that an explanation was required, he said: 'You see, my little dog—he loves veal cutlets.'"

London's Vast Docks

London docks, scattered from the city down thirty miles of the Thames River as far as the Tilbury Docks, the nearest port to the sea, include many famous and important structures. Passing through Tower Bridge at London, on the Thames, one approaches first the entrance to the London and St. Katherine Docks with their lofty warehouses.

Large quantities of many of the most valuable commodities from all parts of the world are stored here. More than 60,000,000 fathoms of wool pass through these docks every year. The Port of London Authority keeps a staff of experts to perform such necessary operations as weighing and sampling. Other goods stored on the docks include skins, wines, spices, sugar, rubber, ivory, drugs, coffee, cocoa, iodine, quicksilver, essential oils, canned fruits, fish and coconuts.

The Royal Victoria and Albert and King George V Docks stretch for three miles along the riverside between Blackwall and Gallions Reaches of the River Thames. The King George V entrance lock, the second largest in the world, gives a view of the largest sheet of enclosed dock water in the world.

FASHION HINT

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The Fire Menace in the Dominion

Summer has its perils as well as its pleasures, and one of the greatest perils is the forest fire. Until a few decades ago Canada was careless of her timber wealth; there seemed so much of it that exhaustion was a remote prospect. But prodigality always brings its own punishment; now it is realized that the wooded areas must be cared for, and reforestation has become an established undertaking.

In view of this situation, prevention of forest fires is a subject of prime importance. During 1925, 6,400,000 acres of timbered land in the Dominion was burned over, with a total loss of \$6,200,000; and this despite an elaborate and efficient preventive organization. Each of the Provincial Governments maintains its own forest guards administering a fire-protection body which co-operates with owners and lessees for the protection of timbered areas, the cost being distributed or covered by special taxes on such lands.

The reopline established as an important factor in the detection of forest fires, and in this respect Ontario is particularly well equipped. While aircraft have to a large extent supplanted the old canoe, horseback and foot patrol for detection of fires, a large ground staff, with equipment stored at strategic points, always will be necessary for the fighting of larger fires and maintenance of systems of communication.

With the disappearance of winter conditions these flying firemen may be found all over the forests of Northern Ontario. This is a well trained and disciplined force, directed by skilled aviators, and plays a tremendously important part in the protection of the Province's timber wealth.

There is something picturesque and much that is of a hazardous nature about the work of these men who spend the summer in the clouds above the vast forest domain of this Province, watching eagle-eyed for the incipient fire that may mean disaster in its most terrible form. The presence in these danger zones, and the conviction that they are animated by a keen sense of duty, justify public confidence that everything possible will be done to prevent the terrible forest conflagrations of former years.—The Mail and Empire (Toronto).

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Mr. Carney (very calmly)—It's all right, Olive, I came across it in my trouser's pocket.

A friend complains about the increasing worries of dressing. "By the time I get my false teeth in place, my ear phone repaired and my wrist watch strapped on I am usually exhausted," he confided.

THE DIFFERENCE
It takes so many roses—Such wealth of gorgeous bloom—So many petals crushed, to make One breath of faint perfume. It takes so many hours Of labor and of tears To give the world a lovely song That will outlive the years. But love is something quite apart. Just one swift kiss can break a heart.

An old offender was found guilty of stealing a horse and received a stiff sentence on account of his previous record. The judge addressed him as follows:

The Judge—It is my intention to sentence you to eight years at least. Now, before sentence is formerly pronounced on you, I shall listen to anything you may have to say on your behalf.

The Old Offender (after waiting a minute or two)—I don't know if I've got anything to say only this, it strikes me that you folks 'round here are pretty tolerable liberal with other people's time.

Susie—What are you knitting?
Lottie—Something to cheer up the boys.

Susie—Why, you silly thing, the war is over.
Lottie—This is a bathing suit for me, dear.

Rain is something we don't like while we are getting it, and kick like sin when we don't get it. A barking dog is almost as unpopular as one that bites. The chap who takes care of his own credit and collect the living that the world owes him. We don't know which makes for the duller evening—a man telling about the removal of her appendix, or a man telling about his stock market operation. The advantage of one big worry is that it eliminates a multitude of little worries.

Give to the world
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And the best will
Come back to you.

Bride—Shall I have your lunch brought up to the deck, sweetheart?
Groom—No, darling; just throw it overboard—it'll save time and trouble.

"Overboard," shrieked the watch. A thousand men and women rushed to the rail to see a woman struggling in the green water. "Sharks!" screamed the multitude as white flashed darted towards the body below. For minutes before the rope was lowered, the multitude gazed in wonder, as the vicious would dart up to the body, then turn and dart away. "They couldn't touch me," the lady said after they had brought her out. "They were all man-eating sharks."

The seven ages of women are 7, 17, 27, 37, 47, 57. It is the consumer's good luck that it pays the producer to be honest. Her doctor advised her to go skating to reduce, but she couldn't stand it.

French Morocco Leather Goods

The raw materials used in the manufacture of French Morocco leather goods are sheepskins from which the wool is removed at Mazamet and which are dressed at Graulhet and Issoudun, according to the Index to French Production. These skins have an attractive grain and color and are able to withstand the rough handling and hard service met by travelers' bags. Paris is the chief market for these goods.

Beauty-Hiding Signs Destroyed

Paris.—Furthering the campaign to make the country attractive for tourists, the Shell Company voluntarily ordered the destruction of all its sign boards over France. Many of the posters hid beauty spots.

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Sanitary Rules For Aviation in France

Bureau of Public Hygiene Favors Drawing Up a Set of Model Regulations

Discussions on the sanitary control of aerial navigation resulted in the promulgation of several resolutions by the permanent committee of the International Bureau of Public Hygiene at its recent meeting in Paris, says the Paris correspondent of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Several countries have regulations on this subject, some of which are rigorous," he continues. "The committee expressed the view that it would be well to present a typical set of regulations that might serve as a model for all countries, in order that uniformity might characterize their administration. A subcommittee was appointed and authorized to appeal for aid to the Commission Internationale de la Navigation Aeriennne. The subcommittee concluded that, under present conditions, which are subject to change from day to day, it would be premature to try to establish a set of regulations or even general principles, and that the regulations adopted, such as they are, will necessarily, at the start, be subject to more or less complete revisions."

"The committee emphasized again the danger of patterning regulations of sanitary defense, as affecting aerial traffic, after the regulations governing maritime navigation. The point was stressed that the risk of dissemination of disease by airships is relatively slight, by reason of the class of passengers and the conditions existing in the landing ports."

"It decided, therefore, that the International Bureau of Public Hygiene, in advising the governments and the organizations interested in the conclusions reached with reference to the question of international sanitary regulation of aerial navigation, should call their attention to the principles adopted by the committee at its session last May; that is to say, (a) established landing fields; (b) medical examination on arrival; (c) sanitary surveillance of persons coming from infected regions; (d) in special and exceptional cases rendering such measures necessary, strict isolation during the port call."

"To these it would be well to add two others: 1. The buildings, the occupants, and in general, the whole area of the airports, should be maintained in an absolutely sanitary condition, and the precautions, in the yellow fever regions, should include mosquito proofing and measures for the destruction of mosquitoes. 2. Wherever the need is felt, special arrangements should be made for the creation of a system of communication between the physicians of the airports located on the same route concerning infectious diseases. It should be emphasized that these recommendations do not include the institution of a system of clearance papers such as is employed in maritime navigation; nor do they provide for the 'observation' of passengers.

"In this connection, in recent research, Pettit, Stefanopoulos and Roubaud showed that the Algerian monkey is highly susceptible to yellow fever. They ascertained that the species of Stegomyia in regions exempt from yellow fever are just as capable of transmitting the virus as are the species of Stegomyia found in endemic regions. Particularly, the species of Stegomyia found in Northern Africa is capable of being the vector of the virus. These facts are important for hygienists to know at this time, when airships may transport a yellow fever patient who is still infectious to a country as yet exempt."

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Paris Wears Gem Buttons As Distinctive Trimming

Paris.—Buttons have become part of the fashion world in Paris—the buttons set with jewels are of real value. Jewel buttons form a large part of the decoration on dresses, suits and coats shown by dress-making designers in the French capital, in their advance collections of Spring clothes.

More often than not, these new bangles serve as brooches rather than as the utilitarian button. Their button form makes them more satisfactory as well-designed decorations for the new dresses—once sewed in place, they are always in correct position, yet a few gestures will detach them from any frock.

Jeweled buttons set with gem-cut stones (that is, those that glisten with reflected light by means of several facets) are being used by many dress designers to replace the usual light spot of pique or linen near the neckline. One particularly original costume is with five jeweled buttons across the front of a high, square neckline.

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