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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

APRONS
Nurse wears an apron stiff and starched.
That means to say, "Now you quick march!"
Cook wears a big white apron too,
But hers is not so stiff and now.
It's more the soft and costly kind,
And then with lace hemmed.
Old Mrs. Dolph wears one of brown,
When she is busy cleaning down.
My mother when she's sewing things
Wears one with pale blue ribbon stripes.

Dear grandmother who's come to stay,
And knit at home and shawl all day,
Has one with pockets in the hem,
I wonder what she keeps in them?

I guess she finds them very handy,
For pin and whorl and sugar canary.
I want to wear an apron, too,
I hate my phaeton, I do!

—P. K. Bushworth.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 22, 1902.

The morning service of the electric lighting plant was resumed on Monday.

The coal strike being over the price of wood is already declining. The prices in the cities have dropped \$2 or 3 per cord.

Mr. Joseph's Church presents a greatly improved appearance both in the interior and the exterior as a result of the careful work of the painters who had the charge of the building.

Mr. A. H. Dovitt, of Berlin, has succeeded Mr. J. H. Wallace as manager of the Merchants' Bank.

The second floor of W. H. Story & Son was held last Wednesday evening when nearly all the employees enjoyed the splendid supper and the evening's entertainment.

The ladies of Knox Church had a very busy day last Thursday and at six o'clock the tables were ready with sandwiches, fruit, potato salad and other vegetables displayed in the deliciously quick order. The programme was one of high merit.

Thanksgiving Day gave such delightful weather that many people, especially in town, young or old, who possessed or could borrow a gun, went out on a hunting expedition. Games seem to be most plentiful this fall and the number of them that were more or less successful.

The coal strike is ended. The miners have returned to work after being out only half as long as fifty-one days. As soon as our coal dealers should early this morning that coal should begin to reach the city in about two weeks.

A SENSE OF HUMOR

A sense of humor does not mean the same thing to everybody. Some one will chuckle over one of Charles Lamb's essays, and will be delighted and charmed by the wit and wisdom of his words; while others will find it immediately funny, to those who have no appreciation whatever of Lamb's humor.

...A great deal of unpleasantness arises from the difference in our ideas of what is funny. The young man whose idea of humor is to jerk back a chair quickly, when someone says something that does not naturally oblige him to those whose standard is higher. And he for his part, is very much disgusted with the people who, as he says, "can't take a joke."

Sometimes, of course, there is ground for this complaint. Some of us find it quite impossible to laugh when the joke is on ourselves, though we should consider it a great fun to see others "wet the tutt." Sometimes our self-conceitiness or an exaggerated sense of our own dignity acts as brakes on our sense of humor, so that a good thing is liable to take a joke, a John in the laugh that is against us.

It is too much to ask that anyone should be able to laugh at those points, particularly when they apply to some undeveloped types. Brides and grooms are frequently the victims of jokes so impulsive and disgusting that it is hard to see how they can add to the sense of humor, a something higher in the scale of creation than a baboon. But while it is out of the question to laugh at these manifestations of ignorance and vulgarity, it is worth while to get angry about them. We do not lose our tempers with people because they are color blind, or, because they cannot tell one tune from another. They are not our fortunes. And to be unable to distinguish true humor from its gross counterpart is a greater misfortune which we can hardly help.

Learn to take a joke, even if it does jar your dignity a little. Do not be hypocritical in regard to the things that are meant to make you laugh. And when the manifestations of humor are so clumsy that you feel disgusted rather than amused, even then do not get angry about it, for these limitations of humor should awaken our sympathy rather than our contempt. —Camilla Cavendish.

SAFETY RULES FOR GASOLINE

1.—Remember that you must take up care with gasoline! It is one of the most dangerous explosives in common use.

2.—It must always be kept in tightly fastened metal cans.

3.—It should never be uncovered within the house nor at any point where its fumes can travel to an open flame, live coal or fire.

4.—Do not try for a lighting, if you can get a safe cleaning operation.

5.—Gasoline in quantity should be kept in underground tanks.

6.—Gasoline should be allowed to emit in a garage.

7.—No one should be allowed to smoke in an automobile while its gasoline tank is being filled.

8.—Do not ever use a gasoline or kerosene fire to clean a chandelier, or else throw earth or sand upon it.

9.—Never light a cigarette or cigar near a gasoline tank.

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