

NOTES AND COMMENTS

There is an old saw to the effect that sea captains make excellent husbands, which is only another way of saying that absence, which is supposed to make the heart grow fonder, also keeps it fond.

Nevertheless, there is much to be said for this view, and Mrs. Havelock-Ellis, wife of an English philosopher and herself a writer, gives it her fullest sanction.

The case of Mr. and Mrs. Havelock-Ellis is not quite the average case perhaps. They are both writing persons and writing persons are notoriously hard to live with.

England is torn just now by a discussion of gossip—village gossip—the assumption being, apparently, that gossip reaches its fine flower and highest development only in villages.

Village Scandal—If there is a village in England where one may spend the autumn of one's day in peace and quiet, free from the scandalous gossip of neighbors, the advertiser would be glad to hear of it.

Apparently no one has a word to say in defence of the village, and yet it shouldn't be hard to make out some sort of case.

WOMEN NEED NO TOBACCO Physician Tells Why They Should Not Smoke.

It seems that at last a purely physiological reason has been found why women should not smoke.

Physician Tells Why They Should Not Smoke. "Smoking," says Dr. Hargrave, a London physician, "does not have the same effect on women that it does on men.

Fashion Hints

New Waists of Old Patterns.

Most of the stamped patterns for back closings, and most of the waists this year are made with a front closing. The problem which confronts the woman who buys two or three stamped shirt waist patterns for pick-up embroidery in the arm weather is how to make a front closing right through the centre of the embroidered design.

Sometimes the pattern will be so open and loose that it will not be difficult to cut the waist from top to bottom either in the centre front or else on the left side for a closing there. Many of the prettiest of the new waists have side closings which run either straight up and down or diagonally from shoulder to waist.

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Fashionable Blouses.

The satin blouse is still very smart, especially in white and buttoned in the front with large ball-shaped buttons in satin or ivory, and either very apparent buttonholes or else thick satin loops.

USES FEET FOR HANDS.

Armless Chicago Girl Makes All Kinds of Furniture.

A remarkable demonstration of the control the mind has over the body is provided by Miss Kittie M. Smith, an armless Chicago girl who uses her feet to do the things the average person accomplishes with the hands.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JUNE 8.

Lesson X.—Joseph Forgives His Brethren. Gen. 45:1 to 46:7.

Verse 1. With the beginning of this chapter we reach the climax of the whole story of Joseph. All them that stood by him—His Egyptian servants.

2. He wept aloud—Hebrew, gave forth his voice in weeping. The literature of all ancient Oriental people bears testimony to the fact that the emotions played a much larger part in the life of these early Eastern peoples than they do in modern Occidentals.

3. Troubled at his presence—As well they might be, their consciences accusing them strongly for the past great injury done the brother in whose power they now find themselves.

4. Go up to my father—Thus far he had said only "your father"; now the emphasis of his heart leads him to emphasize his more personal relation.

5. The land of Goshen—From the Egyptian "Kessem" or "Kes." A name, or administrative district, in lower Egypt between the Nile River and the Bitter Lakes.

6. I will nourish thee—Similar favoritism shown by a Hebrew in high position in a foreign land to a fellow countryman is given in Esther 8, 1-8, which compare.

Practical Dairy Records.

Almost every dairy farmer who commences to weigh and sample his cows milk individually says at the end of a few months "I find some in my herd were kept at a loss."

What does this mean? Just this: that despite all the experience gained from years of practical dairying; the farmer finds that in order to become thoroughly "practical" he must requisition the aid of dairy records.

Snake on Neck for Gopher.

A snake slung round the neck for gopher was an old Sussex (England) charm. The Rev. Coker Egerton, in "Sussex Folk and Sussex Ways," tells the story from personal observation.

Young Folks



A Fish Story.

May had a dear little glass globe in it swam several dear little gold fish. They were quite tame, and every day when May fed them they would swim to the top of the water and nibble at the food in her hand.

HEALTH

The Sickroom in Summer.

There are several ways in which confinement to a sickroom can be made more endurable in summer. In the country the difficulties to be combated are never so great as in the town, where in congested areas pure fresh air is almost a thing unknown.

The Englishman.

There's a land that bears a well-known name; Though 'tis but a little spot; 'Tis first on the blazing scroll of fame.

Charm for Whooping-cough.

Many and varied are the charms that man has used for the cure of diseases. For instance, whooping cough is the subject of many charm cures.

OLDEST LOVE LETTER.

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Music as Aid to Work.

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DOUBT AND THE DOUBTER

Assurance Wins Victories Where Doubt Does Not Admit or Accept Defeat

Why be afraid of doubt and the doubter? Many of the most loyal supporters of the truth have come from this class. To doubt honestly is anything but a disgrace, for it shows not only thoughtfulness, but the blending of mind and conscience. The doubter becomes the believer, not when he fully understands, but when he trusts and believes. Saul of Tarsus, the unbeliever, became Paul, the apostle, when he knew whom he believed. He then could say: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation."

The philosophy of faith is not half so important as the personality of faith. The why and wherefore of the Christian life becomes secondary when we have once learned to know and to love him who is the embodiment and incarnation of our belief. It took a great man like Augustine to write that marvelous sentence at the close of his career: "I do not seek to know in order that I may believe, but believe in order that I may know."

NEWS FROM SUNSET COAST

WHAT THE WESTERN PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Hillcrest has a new Masonic Hall. The park at Coleman is being improved. Abbotsford will soon have a powder factory.

STARTING A TRAIN.

There is Nothing Frivolous in the Ceremony in Germany.

A returned traveller who spent much of his time in Germany, drifted into the observation of railroad-making in the Empire. He rode the most on local trains, though not having set purpose, and proceeding only for short distances.

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