The Art of Listening.

Have you ever thought how little the average person hears?

A busy man does not want to be distracted by outside sounds, and for that reason he unconsciously "closes" his ears when he is thinking about a special piece of work.

This is apt to become a habit, and a bad one. It tends to make a person absent-minded. Whenever one has the time to spare, it is both a useful and very pleasant pastime just to listen. One can do it in a town, but better still in the country.

When tramping down a country road try the experiment of listening to the voices of the countryside. At first you may not hear much—just the confused notes of a few birds in the near-by trees and the sound of wheels in the distance. That doesn't sound very interesting, does it? But that is because your ears haven't got tuned in; they are working badly through lack of practice.

But after a little while they will become keener and more alert. In other words, your ears are taking back some of the jobs your eyes have taken over from them.

It is then that you find what a doubly attractive place the country is. In addition to seeing the restful beauty of it you hear the beauty of it as well.

There is the vague whisper of the breeze in the tree-tops—one of the most soothing sounds in the world—and the crisp rustle of dead leaves. The confused notes of the birds become clear and definite; though you may not know them by name, you will soon find yourself picking out the notes of the different songsters.

And you will hear, too, that different trees have different sounds. The wind in the oak has a different whisper from the wind in the air. Before long, with your eyes shut, you will be able to tell by its sound alone the sort of trees you are near.

The wind in the grass is different from the wind in the hedge, even as it is different when blowing over the brow of a hill.

And thus in a few weeks you will find yourself knowing instinctively a thousand different sounds, and the things they stand for. You have learnt the art of listening. Your ears will tell you of the landscape as clearly as your eyes do.

In addition to that, it will make your eyes keener. Each helps the other. By the simple pastime of listening you have become keen and alert. No longer will you have to ask a person to repeat what he has just told you because you didn't follow all he said. You will take it all in at once.

French Birth Rate Still Decreasing.

Figures just published here show an appalling decrease in the birth rate of France during the last fifty-four years. French births decreased by 73,000 in two years. Figures for the first six months of 1922, which are the latest ones yet available, show 25,000 fewer births than for the corresponding period in 1921. It is estimated that for the entire year the birth rate will be 50,000 below that of 1921.

Whereas in 1868 more than 1,000,000 births were registered, it is expected that three years hence the total number of births will not exceed 500,000 a year. The chief causes of this decrease are attributed to the ever increasing taxation, the poor state of the country's finances, lack of trade, inadequate salaries, housing shortage, and the losses which France suffered in the war.

What may be another cause, according to some authorities, is the different attitude toward marriage found to-day among French girls who, it is said, prefer to remain single.

Night Song of the Pines.

Oh, I would sing of the swaying speech
of the pines,
Of what they say by night when the
wind is high,
And the crumbling clouds go racing
over the sky,
And with ghostly face in the east the
full moon shines!

Down from the crests of Carmel where
slender and tall
They rise, their soughing sweeps
like a litany,
And blends with the ceaseless surge
and sob of the sea—
A rhythmic swell, and then a dip and
a fall.

Whatever their words—and who shall
intrepret them clear?—
Forever they tell of strange and of
eerie things
That clutch at the heart like an unseen
wafture of wings;
Hark, they are murmuring now!—You
may lean and hear.

—Clinton Scollard.

Shall I Forget?

I do not think I shall forget—
Although I said I would—
For I have tried so long and hard
And yet it does no good.

Just when I think I have forgot
I find myself once more
Reviewing all the memories
I have reviewed before.

I do not think I would forget—
Although I thought I must,
When I had seen my dearest dreams
Lie shattered in the dust—

For I have learned remembering,
Although it brings my tears,
Is sweet to hold against my heart
As I go down the years.

—Abigail Oresson,

NERVOUS EXHAUSTION

The Only Sure Relief is to Enrich and Build Up the Blood.

Nervous exhaustion is the cause of headaches and dizziness, and it is due, almost always, to conditions of impoverished blood. Tablets and powders for headaches should never be taken; they cannot possibly reach the root of the trouble, and are often most harmful. All that is needed to bring relief is a tonic that will enrich and purify the blood, and the very best tonic for this purpose is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have a direct action on the blood, and in this way the headaches, dizziness and other bad symptoms rapidly disappear. Mr. Mark F. Taylor, Granby, Que., tells what this medicine did for him. He says:—"I had severe headaches which would be accompanied by vomiting spells. These would last for two or three days at a time. I would take one of these spells every three or four weeks, and it is almost impossible to describe the misery they caused me. I tried a number of medicines without getting relief, until one day my mother brought me six boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When they were used I was feeling much better, and I got a further supply, and under the continued treatment every symptom of the trouble disappeared. I cannot speak too highly of this medicine for it certainly has done wonders for me."

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Now, a Word of Magic.

There is such a thing as a statement containing more poetry than truth. "Turn back the universe and give me yesterday," "sings well" and "listens well," but it's unhealthy just the same. "Taking a trip on Memory's ship" is all right—just occasionally, but it can become a mental and spiritual dope. The slaves of this habit are totally unfit for the realities of to-day.

To a healthy mind, all pleasure is contagious. We have all enjoyed hearing old people talk of bygone days, but frankly, didn't your pleasure arise from the fact that it gave them pleasure to live those days over again? This sort of thing is a bit akin to the truth that "all the world loves a lover." For old people to live in the past is not only natural, but becoming and lovable. But as long as "To-day" brings to you duties and tasks and burdens, can you successfully perform those tasks and duties, and lift those burdens if your strength is sapped by an over-indulgence in the dope of retrospection?

Enter into to-day as ardently and enthusiastically as if there had never been a yesterday, and never would be a to-morrow. Instead of waiting ten years, and looking back upon it as one of "the good old days," which you may vainly wish to recall, squeeze from it now the goodly share of wholesome joy and serenity it surely holds.

Instead of sentimentally looking back on past days as "the good old days," why not sensibly and optimistically and practically view each new day, right while you are living it, as "a good old day?" And most important of all, make to-day "a good old day" for everybody with whom you come in contact. To-day ought to be the best old day of all the "good old days." Why? Because if we have lived truly and earnestly we have just a little more experience and wisdom to put into to-day.

To Remove Wall Paper.

Heat a gallon of water, and add to it a heaping tablespoonful of salt-petre. Apply this to the wall with a brush, keeping the water hot all the time. After a few applications the paper will pull off easily.

Translations of the Bible, or portions of it, are published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 550 different languages.

Surnames and Their Origin

BAGLEY

Variation—Bagly.
Racial Origin—English.
Source—A locality.

This is one of those family names which might well have sprung up independently in many sections of England throughout the period in which the majority of family names were formed—that is to say, between the eleventh and the fourteenth centuries. And all of the available indications in the form of historical records of counties, townships and villages go to show that it did.

The "Bagley" was the kind of local geographical name which might have sprung up almost anywhere in the country.

As a geographical term it was simply the combination of two ancient Anglo-Saxon words, "boelge" and "leagh." The former is the word which in the course of time has developed into our modern verb "bulge," meaning to swell. The latter is found principally in geographical names, in the terminations, "ley," "lea" and "leigh," and it meant either meadow, or untilled land. The "boelge," "leagh" or "bagley," therefore, simply referred to some local piece of rising or swelling ground that was untilled. Any one living on such ground was likely to be distinguished in the speech of his community by reference to it.

RAMSEY

Racial Origin—English.
Source—A locality.

Ramsey is one of those English names which are distinctly Anglo-Saxon, in distinction from those which are Norman-French. Still it does not follow that all who bore it in the first place were Saxons. A name of this sort gives little or no clue to the race of those who first used it, because it was a place name before it became a family name, and the Normans, when they spread their sway over England, saw no reason for renaming the locality.

Like all family names derived from place names, its first general use was to indicate the place from which a given person or family had come, thus distinguishing a man from others, who bore the same given name. Later, these names, for the most part, lost their locality significance and became the hereditary names of families. Only in a minority of cases do such names indicate that the original bearers were "of" a certain locality in the sense that they were the rulers of it.

As a place name, Ramsey is a combination of the Saxon "ey," which meant "isle" or "island" and either "ram," or else the word "reoma." The last named meant the "edge" or "border" and was the ancient form of our modern word "rim."

Progressing

Mother—"Mary, don't you think you are getting too old to play with the boys?"

Mary—"No, mother; the older I get the better I like them."

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A New Year Thought.

At long last we shall find them, if we
set ourselves to look,
The answers to the problems in old
Time's big puzzle-book!
The why and how and wherefore of
the ups and downs we meet;
The meaning of the corners and the
turnings in Life's Street!

At long last we shall learn them—all
the lessons of the way.
At long last we shall sing them—all
the carols of the day.
We may not find it quickly, but at
long last if we're true—
We'll dig it out and finish it—that
work we're meant to do!

At long last we shall get there—to the
top of Hill Success;
We mustn't tire of climbing, we must
onward, upward press!
And when the mists have broken, we
shall view with clearer sight
The reason for the failures which have
helped us gain the height.

—Lillian Gard.

The Pleasure of Music.

Beauty in all its glory can be brought to the hearts of children through music.

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But this I know, whatever may befall,
Whatever Life may be, Death ends it
all.

But stay! Does Death end all we
know of living?
Though it may end the tears and woe
and the forgiving,
Is it not rather, O my Soul, the door
To Life Eternal, life for evermore?

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deceiving;
The icy stream may o'er my body roll,
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