

Good Manners of Yesterday

These excerpts are from the "Manual of Good Manners" published in 1844—quoted by Arthur Train (in "Puritan'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 had one, take it out decently, and not make a great ado about it."

"Eat what you need 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 "Melodies and Memories") about the great tenor Tamagno. (They 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 artificially 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 "à la Milanaise." 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 real cutlets.'"

The sequel to this story is worthy of note, adds Melba. On the next day Mancinelli called at Tamagno's private suite at about twelve o'clock. He and his daughter were just sitting down to lunch.

"Need I tell you what was the dish in the centre of the table?" asks Melba, mischievously.

London's Vast Docks

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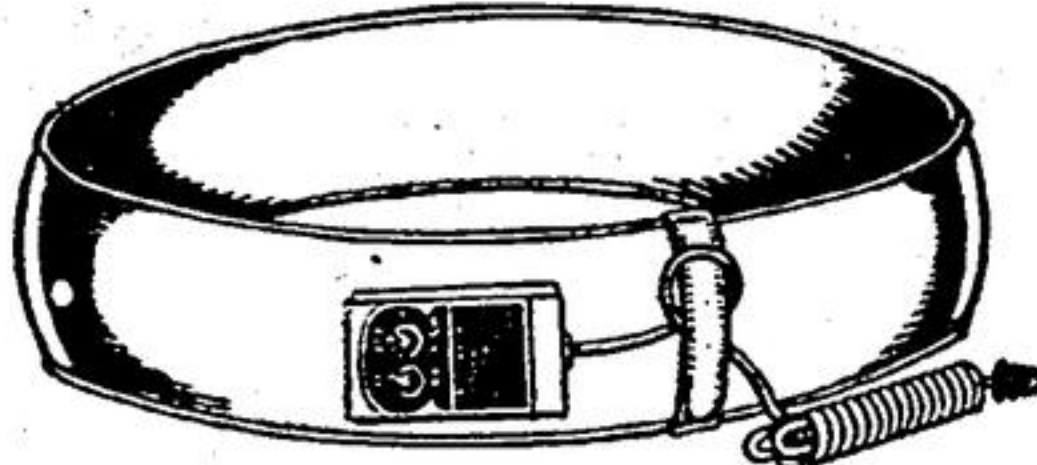
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Modern Language Still In Stone Age

Has Not Advanced In Line With Other Human Progress

All human beings still talk like savages. Every modern language is little more than a tool for cavemen; as though modern surgeons still operated with stone knives or modern carpenters sawed boards with fish bones or modern farmers cultivated their fields by digging them up with sharp sticks. So protested Sir Richard Paget, lifelong British student of the nature and sounds of speech, in a recent address in London. It is generally admitted, Sir Richard recalled, that a large part of the human antagonisms which lead to wars and similar difficulties are due to differences of language, so that separate groups of people do not fully understand each other. A similar condition exists, the lecturer suggested, even among people who speak the same language. Words are complicated mouth, tongue and throat gestures most of which were chosen by our savage ancestors thousands of years ago. These savages had but few ideas and simple ones. Languages, while probably good enough for their cavemen inventors,

have been outgrown by civilization. A single word may stand for half a dozen separate ideas, even in a single language. Mankind has perfected the art of mathematics and dozens of other arts which assist the progress of science or the exact formulation of ideas in special fields like science and engineering. No similar effort has been spent on speech. Instead men have been content to get along with the words and speech forms of savages. Future progress of civilization will be delayed or perhaps prevented, Sir Richard believes, unless the problem of communicating ideas by language is studied scientifically and systematically, to find out exactly how thoughts may be expressed most clearly.

The Foggiest Spot

Moose Peak, Maine, enjoys the distinction, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, of being the foggiest spot in the United States, although it brightened up a little in 1930 and had only 1,562 hours, or a little more than sixty-five days and nights, of fog. Its yearly fog average over sixteen years has been 1,607 hours. Runners-up on Moose Peak's record are Libbey Island and Petit Man, also on the Maine coast. On the Pacific coast, Point Reyes light station holds the record, with an average of 1,398 hours per year for forty-five years.

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Owl Laffs

Mrs. Carney (rushing into the living room, panting for breath)—Oh, Walter, I dropped my diamond ring off my finger and I can't find it anywhere.

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 f'se teeth in place, my arch supports adjusted, my ear phone regulated 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 formally 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 ex I've got anything to say only this, it strikes me that you folks 'round here are purty toler'ble 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 collection department is most apt to collect the living that the world owes him. We don't know which makes for the duller evening—a woman 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 The best you have And the best will Come back to you.

Bride—Shall I have your lurch 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 flashes darted towards the body below.

For minutes before the rope was lowered, the multitude gazed in wonder, as the viscous 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, 27, 27, 27. Its 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.

Truth is as impossible to be sold by any outward touch as the sunbeam.—John Milton.

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 1929, 6,000,000 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 administering its own forests maintains 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 aeroplane is 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.

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Poles of U.S. Are Determined

The two points farthest apart in the United States proper, according to the Geological Survey, are Cape Flattery, Wash., and a point on the Florida coast, south of Miami. These two points are about 2,835 miles apart.—The Pathfinder.

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Buffalo in Canada

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