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WANDERERS IN STATES

LESS THAN HALF THE SENATORS NATIVE BORN.

It Has Thought About the Organization in New York City of Many State Societies—Habit Which Strengthens Nation. Less than half the members of the United States senate and house of representatives are native born in the states which they represent. Nothing could more clearly show the alert activities of the American people and that constant intermingling of the inhabitants of the several states which adds so much to the cohesive unity of the nation. The boy who goes to a distant state often accomplishes more than the one who goes straight on to the footprints of his father in the home village. Even Daniel Webster was not born in the old Bay State, whose influence and dignity he so well sustained and whose people mourned him so sincerely when his great life closed.

This wandering from state to state has resulted in the organizing in New York city of many state societies, which aim to gather together the natives of their respective states annually to revive the pleasant memories of the old home days, with their thousand clinging ties.

What would happen if the American people should cease to wander about the country? Is a question often asked. It is said that an eastern man never amounts to anything until he goes west and that a western man has to come east in order to attain his full stature mentally. The northern man is advised to go south to learn gentle courtesy and chivalric bearing, the southerner to go north to add more iron to his blood. There can be no doubt that this constant evolution has encouraged the birth of new ideas, just as the whirling of the kineoscope developed a toy into our present wonderful moving pictures, which give glimpses of life in motion all over the world.—Jes. Mitchell Chaplin in National Magazine.

THE HURRYING BARBER.

Speed Manifested More in the Motions Than in the Results.

"Barbers," remarked the man with the short hair, "are born unable to hurry. Just you go into a shop, as I did the other day, wanting a hair cut, and ask the barber how long it will take. He told me, 'Oh, about twenty minutes,' and I said to go ahead.

"That barber honestly believed he was hurrying, but he couldn't leave out those little snip-snips about the back of the neck that are all so fond of doing, and he had to cut the hair as if he were chiseling priceless marble. When it got to be about half an hour I said to him, 'You're a pretty bad judge of time, aren't you?' He came back with something about not wanting to turn out a poor job.

"I've known it to happen often in the case of shaving. When you tell a barber to hurry he dashes around on the tiled floor at imminent risk of falling, and he splashes the lather into your eyes and your mouth, but the fact remains that he takes as much time as usual to rub the lather into your face and as much time to shave you.

"I begin to believe there is some sort of rule regarding time that all barbers observe, because I have timed them. Once I asked a barber to hurry shaving me, and he had all the motions, but took up just as much time as when he went along at his usual gait.

"I imagine they believe the customer will be satisfied with the appearance of speed, and that's the reason they run around so and breathe heavily as if it would when changing from one side of the chair to the other."

Children of Criminals.

It is a curious fact—one all at variance with the doctrines of heredity, but borne out by police records—that the children of crooks, of all classes, rarely turn out to be crooks themselves. Deeper study of the subject might reveal that they are possessed of the criminal instincts, but that the tragically close example of the punishment and wretchedness that attend a criminal career has been a terrifying deterrent. The fact, at any rate, remains. The rogues' galleries of Scotland Yard, New York and Chicago may be studied in vain for the photographs of a father and a son.—Argonaut.

He Did His Part Thoroughly.

In order to avoid an argument with a woman suffragist on the subject of her hobby a happy bachelor gallantly acquiesced in the truth of her assertions.

"But, sir," sternly remarked the splinter, "your admission is anything but creditable to you. What, for instance, have you ever done for the emancipation of women?"

"Madam," responded the gentleman, with a polite smile and a bow, "I have at least remained a bachelor."

Seemed All Right.

"Mamma, why don't you want me to play with that Rudge boy?"

"Because, dear, I know the family. He hasn't good blood in him."

"Why, mamma, he's been vaccinated twice, and it wouldn't take either time."

Making and Earning Money.

"What is the difference between making money and earning money?" asked the youth.

"Sometimes the difference is a trip to the penitentiary for counterfeiting," answered the home-grown philosopher.

Enlightening Rollo.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is an egotist?"

"An egotist, my son, is a burnt match that thinks it was the whole fire-works."—Washington Star.

THE SAWMILL'S BOOKS.

They Needed Not an Auditor, but a Mathematical Carpenter.

Biffkins froze me with a stare. "I remember," he went on, calmly ignoring my interruption, "one time when I was hired to keep books for a sawmill way up north. 'Twas six days by log wagon from ever' place except in the infernal regions, the same being a quarter of a mile away, straight down. The durned stapleton they sent down to Nigger Wool settlement after he had so much business with a complete dealer that he forgot to tell me to get some office supplies, so when we got to camp I found that the principal equipment of my palatial 6 by 8 business apartment consisted of three-lumber crayons, slightly shop worn, and a last year's almanac. I got some smooth pine boards and kept my books on them with chalk."

"How did it work?" I asked, interested in spite of myself.

"Like a charm," grinned Biffkins, "until the foreman of gang I got on a drunk one night an' slept in the office an' used up fourteen pages of the general ledger fer kiddin' wood the next mornin'. The company sent up an auditor to check over my books, but he went back plum' disgusted. Told 'em they didn't need an auditor—what they wanted was a carpenter who was handy at figgers. An' that reminds me!"

FLOATING STORES.

Merchandise Steamers of the Muskoka Lake Country in Ontario.

Among the interesting features of life in the Muskoka lake country, in Ontario, are the floating stores. A good sized steam vessel fitted out with every imaginable item of merchandise that might be required makes a tour of an assigned chain of lakes once each week. On a certain hour of a certain day the boat is expected at the different resorts and summer homes, and enough merchandise must be bought at each to tide over until the next trip of the floating store.

Upon stepping on board the store boats, says a writer in Popular Mechanics, the purchaser approaches a counter with scales and cash drawer, as in any other kind of store. Behind the counter are shelves, on which are displayed such articles as may tempt the eye. Behind these shelves is the entrance to the storeroom and hold, in which more merchandise is stored. Each article has its place, and the storekeeper can find it in a moment.

Sometimes isolated farms on the lakes are not worth stopping at every trip, so a flag is flown when stores are desired. The store vessel drops anchor when the signal flag is flown, and some member of the family, rows out and makes the purchases.

Engraved Gems of the Ancients.

Engraved gems are among the most interesting objects of art inherited by us from the ancients. Though many of the cameos and intaglios were engraved on precious stones over 2,000 years ago, they are still as clear and fine as if they were cut yesterday. The designs engraved on these stones indicate that the old Greeks and Romans regarded them as charms against accident or misfortune. This superstition generally took the form of a foodness for representation of certain animals. Sailors affected the dolphin because it was believed to be the mariner's friend. Women, so far as dishes were concerned, preferred the representation of the prolific rings of the Adriatic, which was a symbol of fruitfulness because of the great number of its eggs. The ant was worn as an emblem of industry. By the frog was indicated the idea of resurrection, because that interesting batrachian renews its youth each spring by shedding its old skin.

Pertaining to Fish.

Blessings on thee, little man! Go a-fishing when you can. Never mind the teacher's rule not to run away from school. Take your bait and alder pole and then hunt the deepest hole where the warty troutlets hide by the canyon streamlet's side. You'll get licked at home, of course, and you'll suffer great remorse, but when daddy sees your string he'll gasp and say, "By jing!" And his rod and reel he'll snatch and start out to make a catch when your jacket he doth tan. Blessings on you, little man!—Los Angeles Express.

Clothes and the Man.

Man is in some sort a slave to his clothes, and there are many men who dislike wearing the same clothes on two consecutive days, more particularly the necktie. For the first two or three things you look at when you meet a man are his eyes and his necktie. And there is a sort of underlying consciousness as you face the morning world that your tie must be straight and clean and new. But to this end you must buy the cheap tie and throw it away with your sins before going to bed.—London Chronicle.

A Curiosity.

"What in the world have you got that bill framed up there for?" we asked.

"Oh, that," sighed the billionaire, "is the only dollar I ever earned!" We understood.

All Had Been Used.

"So Plunkville's exposition is over?"

"Yep."

"And why?"

"We couldn't think up no new name for a midway."

Most people live poor to die rich. It is wiser to live rich and to die poor.—Houssaye.

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Some men are too lazy to complain if they can't find work.

THE TONGUE.

It Appears That This Organ Can Be Eloquent Even When Silent.

From the observations made by a physiologist it appears that the tongue when quite still can be as eloquent in giving its owner away as when it is wagging sixteen to the dozen. This is a hard fact for a silent man to swallow—in silence. His only remedy is to keep well so as to obviate the necessary injunction of the doctor to put his tongue out, for by this thrust out sign the doctor shall know him.

The tongue of the talker when obtruded inclines to the right side of the mouth, we are asked to believe, whereas the seldom used tongue gravitates to the left side. Orators, preachers and barristers are endowed with right sided tongues. Verbally parsimonious persons have left sided tongues.

Furthermore, "the tongue that shoots out straight without turning or wavering indicates a solid, reliable man of affairs." Tongues that turn up indicate impractical natures. A downward, drooping tongue belongs to a person born to poverty and a ready eye for the hopeless side of things.

The cruel tongue flattens and broadens when extended. The delicate speaking organ, with curled up edges is the property of an imaginative and artistic being. When the tongue is seen forth as if gripped in a dental vise it signifies a love of life more than ordinary.

Finally we are warned that the individual who thrusts forth his tongue to its extreme verge is a person to whom no secret should ever be confided, for he is an irresponsible character.—London Chronicle.

HE WANTED A PARROT.

The Use to Which the Old Man Would Put the Green Bird.

We are all striving for two things—success and happiness. To get these many of us are struggling for a third—fortune. In striving to attain our desires many of us need a green parrot. In a little town in Iowa, in the midst of a great stretch of timber and meadow, a man built a castle. Something over \$23,000 he spent in building a home. It was finished within with the finest polished woods. The foundation was of brownstone, the windows of French plate, and every detail was carried out in the best manner. He had grown to be an old man. He had always lived in a modest cottage of six rooms. This mansion had fifteen. On one side there was a magnificent stone arch over the paved drive that led up to the house. He had just completed showing a friend over the place and reached this point when the visitor exclaimed:

"Well, John, you ought to be happy. This is a magnificent home. Here is everything one could wish for."

"Waal," replied the old man, who was a cattle buyer, "a fellow always wants something else."

"What on earth could you want?" was the query.

"A green parrot to hang up thar in the drive."

"Why a green parrot?"

"So every morning afore I drive out he would say, 'John, you're a darn fool!'"

Couldn't Turn It.

The eye of little Willie's teacher was sad and sorry, for notwithstanding that he was her favorite pupil, he stood before her conflicted of the heinous charge of a theft of candy from a fellow pupil. It was a first offense, however, and she did not desire to inflict corporal punishment. A moral lecture, she thought, would fit the case.

"Bear in mind, Willie," she concluded, "that these temptations can be resisted if determination is used. Always turn a deaf ear to temptation."

Little Willie's lip trembled.

"But, teacher," he answered, "I ain't got a deaf ear."

Making Hubby Appreciative.

A doctor tells of a note he received from a woman saying that her husband, who was about to make him a professional call, found constant fault with the dinner she prepared for him. She appealed to the physician for aid. The doctor examined his patient, who had a slight attack of indigestion, and told him to cut out luncheons, to eat nothing but a slice of toast and a cup of tea. The scheme worked excellently. Of course hubby returns home in the evening, eats everything in sight and votes his wife's cooking even better than mother used to make.

Thrifty.

A Scotman and his wife were travelling from Leith to London by boat. When off the Yorkshire coast a great storm arose, and the vessel had several narrow escapes from foundering.

"Oh, Sandy," moaned his wife, "I'm na afeard o' deeth, but I dinna care to dee at sea."

"Dinna think o' deeth yet," answered Sandy; "but when ye do, ye'd better be drowned at sea than anywhere else."

"An' why, Sandy?" asked his wife.

"Why?" exclaimed Sandy. "Because ye wouidna cost sae muckle to bury."

Good Advice.

"Young man," said the boss, "come hither and listen." He approached. "When you've made a mistake forget it and go on to the next job. Don't pester around all day adding a lot of finishing touches."

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