

Sleepytime Tales

TIP'S TRAINING CAGE.

Once upon a time Tip went to the park to visit his cousin. Baby John and the nurse did not go that day, and Tip hopped along alone as happy as any squirrel could be. His cousin was glad to see him, and took him to his new house, where they had a great feast of nuts.

Now Tip was beginning to get very fat, and that night Baby John's father said he was going to bring home a training cage for Tip so he would get more exercise. The baby didn't know what that could be, and the next night was at the door to meet his father and see what he had brought home.

Father undid the bundle, and in it was a very strange looking cage. It had a wire frame with a door, and from that to another cage with what looked like a wheel in it.

It didn't take long to find Tip, for he didn't know anything about the new training cage, and was always willing to try anything once.

First they opened the door to the first cage, and when Tip was in, shut and fastened it tight. Then they lifted the other door and Tip walked in to the wheel.

As soon as he did so the wheel began to turn around and Tip had to go with it. Faster and faster it went until it almost took Tip's breath away, and although he tried as hard as he could, to stop it, it wouldn't stop, and he had to run to keep up with the funny thing.

When they opened the doors and let Tip out he was so tired that he ran at once to his basket and lay down. Each day Tip was put into the cage, and he had to run so fast and so much that pretty soon he began to grow thin.

It didn't take Tip long to know that if he ate and ate and made a little bit of himself he would have to go into the cage. Now when he visits his cousin he is very careful not to eat too many nuts, and at home he is very genteel about his appetite and table manners.

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Wednesday

- BREAKFAST**
Potato and Bacon Omelet.
Toast.
Coffee.
- LUNCHEON**
Cheese Surprise.
White Bread.
Cake.
Chocolate.
- DINNER**
Tapioca Soup.
Sour Pork Chop.
Braised Sweet Potatoes.
Scalloped Tomatoes.
Orange Salad.
Gingerbread Pudding.

son a tablespoon of grated cheese. Add cracker crumbs, milk and one egg. Season and cook two minutes, stirring all the time. Serve on toasted crackers.

DINNER.

Tapioca Soup—Boil three cups of water with a quarter of a cup of tapioca until transparent. Then add two cups of milk and the seasoning. Serve without straining.

Sour Pork Chop—Try the required number of chops and remove to a hot platter. Stir a tablespoon of flour into the glaze in the pan and, when brown, add three quarters of a cup of hot water, one quarter of a cup of vinegar, one half teaspoon of allspice and pepper and salt.

Gingerbread Pudding—Mix a cup of boiling water with a heaping tablespoon of lard, a little salt, a cup of molasses, two cups of flour, a teaspoon each of soda and ginger, and bake in a moderate oven. Serve with a sauce made from a quarter of a cup of preserved ginger chopped fine, a tablespoon of sugar and a cup of boiling water. Boil two minutes and pour hot over the gingerbread.

BREAKFAST.

Potato and Bacon Omelet—Cut three slices of bacon in small pieces and fry until crisp. Cut two cold boiled potatoes in small pieces and add to the bacon. Beat two eggs and pour over. Cook until the eggs are hot, then fold and serve at once.

LUNCHEON.

Cheese Surprise—Allow for each per-

CULTIVATE JUDGMENT.

Its Possession is What Makes a Man Successful in Business.

It was one of the intellectual shocks of my young manhood to discover that an analytical chemist could often get only \$50 a month. I had long looked with awe upon the accurate percentages and detailed reports of the analytical chemist. This water contains 2,341 grains of such and such substance per gallon. I wondered at the marvelous man who could get out such fine results, and to learn that he at times gets but \$50 a month was a shock.

The explanation is this. The chemical analysis of ordinary specimens is a technical process of a perfectly definite character. If a work is definite and therefore capable of being reduced to clear cut instructions the pay that it commands is not likely to be high, even though the work itself is complicated. It requires good memory and painstaking obedience to instructions. Many persons have these qualities. The scarce attribute is judgment, that indefinable quality capable of meeting a new situation and handling it with common sense or gumption, to put it in a homely term.

Judgment is indefinite. We cannot lay out instructions in advance to tell the manager how to meet situations. To buy good raw material he must learn to know the raw materials, and many of the tests he applies are too fine for words to reduce to instructions. He must decide for himself reasons that now is a good time to enlarge or retrench; that there is a good place to open up business; that now is a good time to buy or to run low on stock; that this man needs to be hired; that this man needs to be fired.

It is in the making of decisions that successful management lies. And most of these decisions are beyond rule. They are indefinite. They are judgment.

SHE WAS SYMPATHETIC.

But Her Attempt to Be Chatty Brought an Embarrassing Moment.

This is an extract from a letter written by a woman who is willing to share a good joke, even if the laugh is at her own expense:

"It was a damp, windy day—the sort of day that turns straight, straggly blond hair into mine into a mass of strings and the neck with frigid effect. I walked downtown on a shopping expedition that was exceptionally trying, and I knew I looked so bad that I carefully avoided all chance of glances into mirrors, for I was sure I could not, under the circumstances, improve my appearance much. Recklessly I entered a room with a friend whom I happened to meet.

"As I placed my shopping bag on the floor near the table at which we were to sit, another bag, exactly like my own, was put beside it. Quite naturally my glance followed the hand and arm up to the face of my neighbor, and as I met her look I said to myself, 'She has hair just like mine—sticking out in every direction—and she looks even worse than I do, poor thing!'

"Naturally, my heart went out to her in a great wave of sympathy. We smiled simultaneously as our troubled eyes met, and I said aloud and quite distinctly, 'If we are not careful we shall get our shopping bags mixed!'

"The moment the words were out of my mouth I wished very earnestly that the floor would mercifully open and let me through. It did not require the subdued snicker from the nearby tables to awaken me to the realization that I had been addressing the image of myself in the mirror of which the entire side of the shop was formed. Do you get the picture?"—Youth's Companion.

A Natural Inquiry.
Helen was a very inquisitive child who greatly annoyed her father each evening with endless questions while he tried to read the newspaper. One evening, among other things, she demanded, "Papa, what do you do at the store all day?"
Exasperated at her persistence he answered briefly, "Oh, nothing!"
Helen was silent a moment, and then asked, "But how do you know when you are done?"

How Do You Make a Circle?
The intelligence of people may be gauged by asking them to make a circle on paper with a pencil and noting in which direction the hand is moved. The good student in a mathematical class draws circles from left to right. The inferiority of the softer sex as well as the male dunces is shown by their drawing from right to left. Asylum patients do the same.—London Family Doctor.

Had Followed Directions.
"Now," said the nervous old lady to the druggist, "are you sure you have that medicine mixed right?"
"No, ma'am," said the conscientious apothecary. "I wouldn't go as far as that, but I've mixed it the way the doctor ordered it."

Snubbed.
"Yes; we pay spot cash for everything."
"Ah, I often speak to my husband about the time when we had to!"

A Long Sidewalk.
The annual product of bricks in the United States is 25,000,000,000. This is enough to lay a five foot sidewalk eight times around the world.

Good Reason.
"Why live in the past? Why not forget it?"
"The bill collectors won't let me."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I have asked Lieut.-Col. Lochead of the 118th Battalion to come to Ottawa and submit the evidence he has as to alleged pro-German activity in Berlin, Ont.," said General Hughes Sunday night.

COMPETITION IN SAVING.

A Challenge a Wife Accepted and a Contest in Economy.

The following is an account of what competition did toward encouraging a bank account:

"I am on a newspaper. I have always made a salary in excess of simple living requirements, but I was a free spender and did not save.

"A baby came, and I felt an added responsibility. I was afraid—actually frightened for the first time in my life. Then I gave the matter of saving some thought, but I could not decide upon any course of action.

"At the office one day a business discussion made me see that what I needed in my home was competition.

"That night on my arrival home I said to my wife that I would, beginning the next Saturday, give her half of my salary and I would keep the other half, and we each take an equal share of the household expenses.

"At the end of the first month I left my bank book on the library table. I wanted to surprise her. That evening she handed it to me and said she thought I was doing fine. Looking at her closely, I saw that she realized she was challenged. She did not speak, however, of any intention she might have had in mind.

"A month later I found her bank book on the library table identically as I had left mine. She had beaten me, for her savings showed \$10.50 more than my own for the corresponding month and \$15 in excess of my deposits for the first month.

"We are now in a race. We both have the saving habit. We have enough to buy a home if we should so fund."

Cooking Your Goose.

The phrase "I'll cook your goose for you" originated in this manner: Eric, king of Sweden, coming to a certain town, besieged it, but, having few soldiers, was obliged to desist. The inhabitants in derision hung out from the walls a goose on a pole. Later Eric returned with reinforcements and in reply to the challenge of the heralds observed that he had come "to cook their goose for them" and proceeded to storm the town and make it hot for the inhabitants.

Railroad Building at Night.

Railroad construction in Africa at night is made possible, says a scientific journal, by the use of a freight car as a lighting plant. Projecting from a tower built at one end of the car is a light arm that extends far out over the track. At the extreme end of this arm two searchlights are placed, while other lamps are located at intervals along the arm. By means of this arrangement plenty of light can be shed upon the position of the track that the arm overhangs, while beams of the searchlights can be cast ahead where the work of preparing the roadbed is under way. The lighting plant permits of work in the cool hours while the torrid sun is below the horizon.

Sending a Secret Message.

We are hearing much today about secret writing, but have not yet heard of anything to beat the simple cunning of one Histmus, a Greek, at the Persian court in the fifth century B. C., who wanted to send a private message to a friend at Miletus. He took a slave with bad eyes and, under pretense of crying him, shaved his head. The message was then written on his scalp, unknown even to him, the hair allowed to grow again and the slave sent off to Miletus with a letter that he had been cured. And the well he had been cured. And the friend, with whom the plan had been arranged, only needed shaving materials to uncover the secret message.—London Standard.

The Great Big Moon.

The full moon is very deceptive to those who attempt to estimate its apparent size in the sky. Most people would assert that the "great big moon" could entirely blot out the lovely cluster of the Pleiades, which glitters in the constellation of Taurus, but actually the full moon could, and occasionally does, pass through the Pleiades and only succeeds in hiding a few of the stars comprising it. So small indeed is the moon when in its full phase it dominates the night sky that a three-penny piece held at arm's length will completely eclipse it.—Pall Mall Gazette.

An Apology.

"Your customs are reprehensible beyond possibility of expression. The idea of killing your fellow man for dinner!"
"Yes," replied the cannibal, who had been reading about civilized warfare, "but at least we have the excuse of being hungry."

Nobody Knows.

"What does a fool fashion will the women take up next?" asked the man who doesn't like the things they are wearing now.
"If I were a good enough guesser to predict that," replied his friend, "I'd be a multimillionaire inside of six months."

The Chief Bother.

"How far ahead can you go with your family, Jones?" his inquisitive friend asked.
"Oh, I never worry about my family. What bothers me is how far back I can manage to go with my tailor."

Ancient Scottish Custom.

In the Scottish highlands in olden times a burning wooden cross was carried blissing to and fro among the clansmen to rouse them to battle.

The Toronto Patriotic Fund campaign subscriptions have now reached a total of \$2,261,374. A new record in recruiting in Toronto for a week was reached with a total of 1,204 men.

Great Minds Opposed To PROHIBITION

This is what the foremost men of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, in the Church, on the Bench, in literature and public life, have to say about Prohibition:

Read Their Very Words:

"When a law is flagrantly and habitually violated it brings legislation into contempt. It creates a spirit of deception and hypocrisy, and compels men to do insidiously and by stealth what they would otherwise do openly and above board. You cannot legislate men by civil action into the performance of good and righteous deeds."

Cardinal Gibbons.

"Prohibition drives underground the mischief which it seeks to cure, making it more difficult to deal with the evil and impossible to regulate the trade, as, for instance, in the quality of liquor sold."

Bishop Hall, Vermont.

"When you enact a law intended to do more than it ought to do, it generally ends in doing less than it should do. For that reason I am opposed to prohibition by statute. I would rather see America free first and then have its citizens use its freedom for moral ends."

Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"He (Christ) condemned drunkenness, but never in a single instance lifted up His voice in condemnation of drinking. On the contrary, He commenced His public ministry by making wine in considerable quantity, and of fine quality, and this apparently only to add to the joyous festivities of a wedding."

Rev. Lyman Abbott.

"It is not in the power of Parliament, by an Act of Parliament, to change the habits of the people and in all probability a law such as you propose (Temperance Bill), if it were to be passed, would fail absolutely and become a dead letter."

The Rt. Hon. John Bright, M.P.

"I have been a great traveler and I have seen prohibition abound in the United States, and it only leads to drinking in more forms than under the old system."

Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.

"Prohibition has been disastrous to the cause of temperance."

Bishop Clark, Rhode Island.

"While I recognize the evils of the liquor traffic, I am nevertheless driven to the conviction that prohibition will be a failure in the attempt to cope with such evils. In many states it is already a failure, the net results of such legislation being to multiply illicit bars, and

at the same time to deprive the commonwealth of the revenue accruing from license."

Right Rev. P. J. Donohue, Roman Catholic Bishop, Wheeling, W. Va.

"We hear a good deal about compelling men to be good—forcible, collective action to improve the individual—and many of these forces are wise and good. But freedom is the greatest privilege of man—the right to work out his own destiny. It is also best for the general public."

Ex-Pres. Chas. W. Eliot, of Harvard.

"It is impracticable, and its violation is productive of hidden and shameful evils."

Bishop Gailor, Tennessee.

"The best safeguard against drunkenness is that drinking should be enjoyed openly."

Rabbi Hirsch, Chicago.

"Prohibition can remove open temptation from the young and from persons disposed to alcoholic excess. It is practically helpless against 'dives,' 'pocket-peddlers' and all the well-known varieties of secret temptation which have such a fascination for the young. 'Stolen waters are sweet.' Still less can it subdue that desire for some stimulant which is all but universal in human nature, and which, when ordinary means of gratification are denied, finds relief in opium, morphine, chloral and drugs. We are told that laws educate in the right direction. Not unless they are based on reason and on equity. Now the reason of mankind has spoken emphatically against prohibition. It is essentially class legislation, and that always provokes hatred."

Ex-Chancellor Grant, Queen's Univ.

"Nothing can be better proved than that to carry into effect laws of this kind in a free country you must have the conscience of the people thoroughly and actively with you. Will they do their best to throw into gaol and ruin a neighbor, otherwise harmless, perhaps a friend or acquaintance, for selling or drinking a glass of whiskey or ale? Besides, there are other intoxicants, such as opium and chloral, the use of which would be likely to increase when liquor was withdrawn."

Goldwin Smith, Former President of the Liberal Temperance Union.

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO.

REV. T. E. BOURKE OFFERS TO FIGHT.
Former Kingston Pastor Says He will Go to the Trenches.

Renfrew, Jan. 31.—Rev. T. E. Bourke, B.D., pastor of Delorimer Avenue Church, Montreal, who preached anniversary sermons in Renfrew Methodist Church yesterday announced that when en route from Montreal to Renfrew he had halted at Ottawa and tendered his services to Major-General Hughes, not as a chaplain, but as one who wished to fight in the trenches. Mr. Bourke has had twelve years' military experience, and formed Sir Sam Hughes acquaintance in Canadian camps. From the pulpit here he scorched eligible young men who refused to enlist—that class which, as he says, think more of their jobs than of the welfare of the Empire.

ENGULFED IN MARSHES.

Wrecked Enemy's Works And Cut Off the Soldiers.

London, Jan. 31.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says that prisoners taken during the last few days by the Russians confirm reports of the terrible condition of the German troops in the Pskov marshes, where a rapid thaw released such vast quantities of subterranean water that all the enemy works have been wrecked as completely as if they had been bombarded by heavy batteries. Not only have thousands of soldiers, quantities of munitions, and numerous guns been engulfed, the despatch says, but various entrenched detachments of troops, and often large ones, have been cut off, and having been unable to extricate themselves from the marshy labyrinth, they perished miserably.

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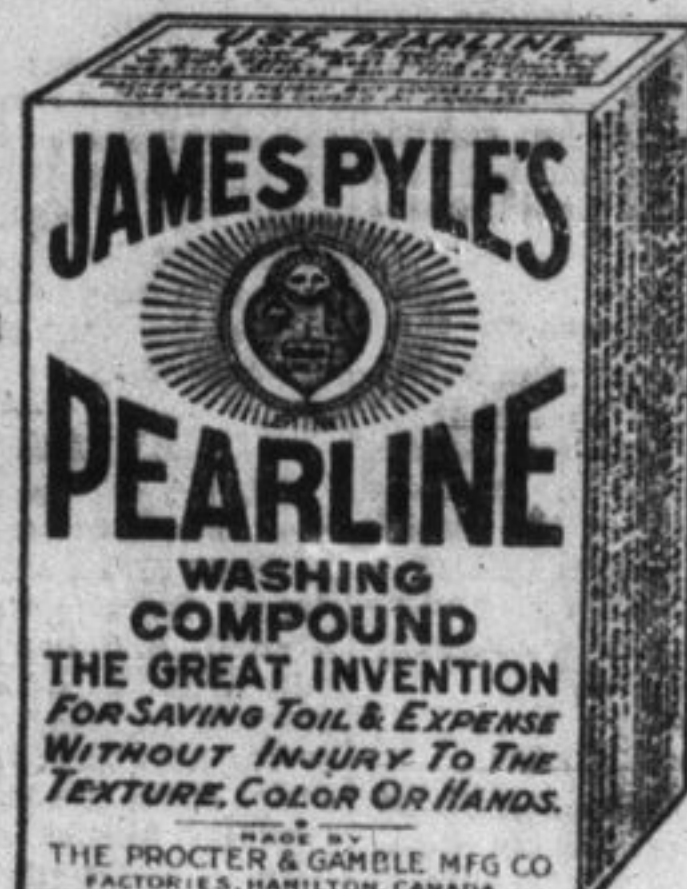
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