

An Appreciation of Affection.  
Most men appreciate affection, and are disappointed when they fail to find it demonstrated in their wives. They appreciate it in equal degree with the wife who likes to be assured that her husband's every thought is for her happiness. A man is not only called upon to sacrifice many of his bachelor enjoyments when he becomes engaged, but when he is married he has still other trifles to forego, says the New York Weekly. It is for the pleasure and joy of having a wife and home of his own that he is more than proud of his partnership. Everything works so smoothly that he is happy, very happy; and still there comes to him a special thrill of sweetness when his wife puts her arm around his neck and whispers in his ear that she loves him—loves him very much. No girl could await the adoration of her lover with greater joy than a man does the tenderness showered upon him by a loving wife. But just as some men grow lax in their attentions to their young wives, so do too many young wives forget to keep ever burning the furnace of their loves upon the domestic hearth.

The progress of the enormous new system of water works of New York city has made necessary the creation of a large new aqueduct police force, for the patrol and protection of the watershed. The chief of the force is a popular college graduate and society man. The news of his appointment brought applications to take the civil service examinations from 300 college men, who are attracted by what they regard as a vacation in the beautiful scenery of the Catskills, with \$100 a month as gratuity. The physical examiner of the civil service commission pronounced the candidates the finest body of men, physically, he had ever examined, and the young men came away from the mental tests grinning, and declaring that they were "easy." The aqueduct force ought to be able to rob the city police of its title of "the finest."

The Pathos of Fate.

The imperial glory that once was Spain's long since passed from her, and it is reported that pathetic and tragic admission of the fact is to be made in Madrid by dismantling the Pantheon of the Spanish colonies and dispersion of its valuable collections among the libraries and museums of the city, says the Boston Herald. The site is needed for other purposes; the fact political which the building symbolized no longer exists; and the sooner present and future generations are rid of a reminder of past national waste and maladministration, the better. Thus the argument runs. Greece, Rome, Carthage, Spain and Holland, each have had their day of empire on the sea. Will London ever witness such a scene as Madrid is to see? And Berlin after London?

Defective designing was the cause of the collapse of the cantilever bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Quebec several months ago, according to the report of the royal commission appointed to make an investigation. The designer used the standard formulas in computing the strains, but in the opinion of the commission he should have modified them, as the bridge was larger than any that had hitherto been attempted on the cantilever principle. It is easy to say this now, for all engineers know more about the subject than before the falling bridge demonstrated that the old formulas were incorrect. But it is important to future bridge-builders, as well as to the public, that an adequate explanation of the Quebec accident has been found.

The English advocates of woman's suffrage have made their demands a real political issue. A resolution in their favor was recently adopted by the convention of English Liberals. Their bill was read a first time in the house, practically without opposition, though it will go no further. Press dispatches tell of a really worried London police, assert that the cabinet ministers never know what will happen to them next, and aver that Mr. Asquith never leaves home save in the company of two detectives. Even he has capitulated to the extent of receiving a deputation of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies and admitted that their case was presented "with unusual precision and persuasiveness."

It is the same old story. North, south, east and west the farmers are short of help. If the men looking for work would add to their applications "No objection to going in the country" they would probably have choice of any number of jobs.

The fact that New York has a parrot that swears in six languages is being rather widely advertised. It is certainly queer how very fond New York can be of its various forms of wickedness.

A Connecticut man dropped dead after hearing news that he had fallen heir to \$50,000. Evidently this man couldn't stand prosperity.

The Seven Stars hotel, at Village Green, Pa., has been a public house for 15 years. It was the headquarters of Gen. Cornwallis in 1777.

The Stolichnais Potcha Estovarsich has been suppressed in St. Petersburg. All at once, too. It seems impossible

# Uncle Eben's Mistake

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Ebenezer Crossman and his wife Lucinda, were at outs. "There's no doin' a thing to please ye! Ye'r as cross as two sticks," complained Aunt 'Cinda.

"Ye don't try! Jest look at this toast—burned to smut on one side, and 'tother hain't been next or near the fire," he grumbled.

"I've had to cook ye for nigh on to 50 year, an' ye ain't goin' to instruct me in cookin' at this late day," replied she.

When Uncle Eben came in to dinner he had in no wise regained his good humor.

"Fat pork and cabbage! I'm jest sick of that kind of fodder! If things ain't better I'll go to Melinda's to live," Melinda was his niece.

"I wish't you would; mebbe then one would hev' a minute's peace; now it's nothin' but jaw, jaw, jaw, from mornin' to night," angrily retorted his wife.

"Pears like we might hev' fried chicken once in awhile—Melinda had a great platter full for dinner; she ast me to stay, an' if I'd a-knowen we was to hev' this mornin', I'd a-done it."

"Presently she added: 'T'wouldn't be no use; I couldn't eat a whole chicken, an'—t'wouldn't taste good, no how!'"

She was out cutting kindling for the night, and a stick flew as she struck it, and gave her a blow in the face, and "Oh, fly, if it suits ye better," she grumbled.

"Here, here! Give me that ax afore ye kill yerself; I never did see a woman that could chop wood!" said old Josiah White.

"Wall, I don't want to l'arn," said 'Cinda, handing him the ax.

"There," he remarked, "that'll last ye nigh on to a week. I'll cut some more for ye by the time that's gone; it's a shame there's no one to look arter ye."

"I don't need no one," resenting the implied censure.

Uncle Eben, watching behind his window blind, muttered wrathfully: "Blast his ornery hide!"

## MAKING A WINNING

SELF-CONFIDENCE IMPORTANT FACTOR TO SUCCESS.

### DANGER IN DIFFIDENCE

One Cannot Ignore Responsibility and Gain Prominence in Any Vocation Chosen—Talent and Energy Essential.

In the struggle to succeed many fall by the wayside. The goal of success is not for the one who cares not to assume responsibility. Neither is it to be attained by him who is ill equipped and recklessly plunges into duties that he cannot perform.

Diffidence in self is a barrier to many. A lack of confidence has been the stumbling stone that has caused brilliancy often to conceal its luster in obscurity.

He who would forge to the front must first know that he is mentally equipped for the position he seeks. It is not years that ripen experience. It is not age that counts in the struggle.

Accompanying other essentials should be stability of character. Too often it is found that of the ones who go to the front, while all qualities necessary for the work are in evidence, weakness of character, the inclination to soar socially and to seek recreation in ways that are vain and unworthy, causes a downfall.

Our Common Protector. Did you ever think that the government is a great oblatorator of prize schemes, premium games, adulterated foods, etc.?

Experience No Educator. Some years ago a St. Louis get-rich-quick concern failed for more than \$200,000. Hundreds of its patrons lost heavily.

Business Methods Changing. Merchants should consider well all phases of any proposition that will eventually work to their detriment.

OUR COUNTRY PRESS. It is Making Progress and is Important to Wide-Awake Advertiser.

Close estimates show that advertising in country papers has increased fully 20 per cent. the past five years. This shows that the merchants are realizing how important it is to advertise, and also shows that there is merit in the right kind of use of printer's ink, or there would be a decrease instead of a continual increase.

Now is the time to start at work on spring and summer advertising. There will be a heavy trade the coming seasons. The people have abundance of ready cash and they are anxious to spend some of it for things that they want.

He is going to get just a little more if he sets out right and does a little judicious advertising. When we say little we mean that he must use liberal space and fill it with the right kind of ideas, of attention attractors.

### OUT FOR THE CASH.

Organizations Which Prey Upon the Business People as Well as Others.

Now and then comes the news of the formation of some new-fangled organization. Many of them are designed to do away with established systems of business.

Evidence of Carelessness. Dirty show windows are evidence of lack of thrift and indifference, if not indicative of filth and laziness.

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## PROPER POISES



Refined, Healthful Manner of Walking. Bad Position for Walking.

As a rule women do not enjoy walking, and in consequence they deny themselves exercise and fresh air. It is not always a lack of strength of the leg muscles, nor is it a lack of time that makes women shrink from long walks.

Illustration No. 2 shows the position many slow walkers assume, especially if deeply engrossed in thought. This is a wrong position at any time, for when the head is held forward so constantly it is almost impossible to straighten it, and a stoop-shouldered appearance is the result.

### DESIGNS IN PLACE CARDS.

Decorative Effects for Luncheon and Dinner Parties. Decorative place cards for luncheons and dinners have never been offered in greater variety.

Flour Sack Center Piece. Take a flour sack, large or small, and be careful in ripping so as not to tear it. Make one row of hemstitching an inch wide, allowing a hem two inches wide.

### FINE TUCKED MALINE NET.

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Of French Nainsook. Many attractive night dresses are modeled over empire and kimono lines. A pretty night dress designed by a bride-to-be is made from five yards of French nainsook.



Walking Dress in Brown and Checked Linen.

net sleeve, is often used on a gown that has no other lace trimming of any kind, and for this purpose a fairly heavy point de venise is most popular.

Trimnings. Soutache braid as a trimming is coming back to the greatest popularity, while gold braid, so much used last fall, is still being used on the newest dresses.