

### HINTS FOR LOCAL REPORTERS.

Don't Crowd the Unimportant Details to the Front.

The temptation to crowd unimportant details to the front is always before the reporter for a purely local paper in a small city. To yield to the temptation is to lose perspective and to impair the vividness of the story.

Local dignitaries, local scenes and local musicians are in view before the real proceedings begin, and the reporter often discusses them at some length at the opening of his account of the lecture, or political meeting, or other public function.

He does this partly because it is a habit, partly because he may feel the need of making copy and has nothing else in sight, and partly because the local people expect to receive this kind of attention.

The visiting reporter is more likely to pass over unessential preliminary details and bring out at once the spirit of the meeting and the things of real importance and genuine interest to the reader.

A close comparison of different reports of the same events long ago convinced me that the visiting reporter for an out of town paper, regardless of comparative ability, usually wrote a better story than the man for the home paper who lived on the ground and apparently had a decided advantage in his knowledge of the place and the people. Why this was the case it was hard to discover. I could only feel the fact and wonder why it should be so.

One night I went to a town fifty miles away and was a visiting reporter myself, sitting by the side of the man who was doing the meeting for the local paper. We were waiting for the beginning of a political debate in which the whole Congressional District was intensely interested.

I looked at the scene, without doing so consciously, from the standpoint of the whole district, and had little to write until the debaters took the platform and the struggle began. The reporter for the local paper, on the contrary, was busy from the time of his arrival.

He described the stand, gave the names of the committeemen in charge of its construction, catalogued the local dignitaries seated in public view, and laboriously ground out a compliment to the band in this fashion:

"While waiting for the exercises to begin Professor Gustav ranged his band of fourteen pieces, in their new uniforms, on the platform and played a selection from 'Bohemian Girl' which was received with tremendous applause.

"The band shows remarkable improvement of late, and the suits made a handsome appearance. The band responded to an encore, giving 'Sweet Summer Days,' with its attractive clarinet solo, which was artistically played by Henry Dunn, formerly of the regimental band at Fort Crook."

I glanced at this copy and the secret of so many of my own failures at home stood revealed. Not one in a thousand cared for those fourteen band men, even "in their new uniforms," at that stage of the proceedings. They wanted to be spared that wait at the beginning. They wanted the debaters brought on at once, and the sparks from their clashing forensic swords to brighten the report at the very outset.

After it was all over plenty of space could be found at the tail end of the report for the people on the stand who ought to be mentioned and for the band that played selections from "Bohemian Girl" and made such a brave appearance in new uniforms.—Michigan Bulletin.

### The Imitative Blackbird.

A blackbird of Upton Village, Berkshire, has given evidence of a quality supposed to belong only to the caged and trained one—the faculty of imitation of other songs and sounds than its own, and an such an accomplishment must be of interest to the naturalist, perhaps the Spectator would not think its narrative unworthy of its pages. A blackbird native of the place has surprised us lately by adding to his song, and with much apparent self-satisfaction, four notes from the song, "Mer-rily Danced the Quaker's Wife," always the same and broken off abruptly, and this copied from a captive parakeet in a neighbor's garden, hung outside for its health and pleasure, and trained in its own art of imitation and constantly exercising its acquisition, but renouncing it immediately upon perception of the theft. The special interest in this is that it is voluntary acquisition; no training, no teaching, no capture, no dark cage, but a wild blackbird following its own pleasure, and suggesting faculty in the bird beyond what has been attributed to it, and of necessity interesting to the naturalist or lover of birds, their songs and their ways.—The Spectator.

### Turquoise Deposits Discovered.

It is believed that turquoise mines richer than heretofore discovered have been opened up at Cerillos, New Mexico. It was at this point, it is believed, that the early Indians obtained the stones brought back by the early Spanish explorers, which now grace some of the crowns of Europe. It is stated that stones of beautiful tint as large as eggs have recently been taken out and polished without disclosing any flaws. These are said to be the largest stones ever found.

### Editors Less Quarrelsome.

Newspaperdom finds that there is less of the acrimonious spirit shown between editors and newspapers than formerly. Bitter invectives against rivals are now seen in print only in rare instances. The public cares nothing for newspaper family quarrels, and the editors know it and confine their efforts to gathering and disseminating news and good reading matter.

### FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

A Few Thoughts in Relation to Northeast Washington.

### SOME TERSELY TOLD TRUTHS

By One of the Foremost Leaders of Thought in That Section That Will Amply Justify a Careful Perusal.

### TO SUBURBAN PEOPLE:—

The object of the following lines is to attract the attention of the suburban people to the many superior advantages offered by the northeast section of Washington as a place of residence.

If you live in the suburbs and contemplate making a change, come to northeast section of Washington and look around.

It is a section that will bear the closest scrutiny.

It is a section that offers the greatest possible inducements to men of moderate means.

It is a section dotted with homes, peopled by orderly, law-abiding and thrifty people.

It offers to the tenant low rent and a comfortable home.

It offers to the purchaser numerous well-built houses at very low cost.

Among the thousand and more advantages offered by every well ordered city, you will find in Northeast Washington—

The very finest schools.

Ample police protection.

Excellent fire protection.

Rapid transit to all parts of the District of Columbia for one fare.

Well paved streets.

Well lighted streets.

Good sidewalks.

A complete and perfect sewerage system.

Churches of all denominations.

A good market.

A temple where many different lodges meet.

Societies of all kinds.

Theatres within easy access.

In short, everything that makes for the comfort, peace and well being of mankind.

In the matter of healthfulness Northeast Washington is the banner section of the District.

If you have been unfortunate enough to buy a home situated remote from the comforts of life and are ever fortunate enough to sell, come to Northeast Washington and we will put you in close touch with the good things of this life.

Do you suffer from—

Poor roads?

Poor sidewalks?

Poor police protection?

Poor fire protection?

Poor social surroundings?

Poor church advantages?

Poor municipal government?

If so, your symptoms indicate that a change would be desirable. Relief from all the above troubles may be had in Northeast Washington.

Respectfully,  
LORING CHAPPEL,  
822 H St. N. E.

Note—We have known Mr. Chappel for a number of years and it is no disparagement to other men of ability in Northeast Washington, neither is it any reflection on them to say that he stands out conspicuously as the one man whose opinion is most frequently sought and most highly valued.

He came to the Northeast section of Washington in 1872 with \$17,000, which he invested there and he has resided in the same locality continuously ever since.

His faith in the section and its future was strong in 1872, and it has continued uninterruptedly ever since, being to-day stronger than ever.

He has built more than one hundred and twenty-five and possibly as many as one hundred and fifty houses in the Northeast section, and they have all been well built, substantial structures that have found ready sale.

He is one of the largest if not the largest holder of real property in his section, and a man whose word no one disputes.

He is a member of the Board of Trade and an active member of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, besides being connected with other organizations that make for progress.

His success has not warped his judgment, so that parties seeking his advice can rely absolutely on what he says. Suburban people who for any cause desire to make a change will find in the reflections over Mr. Chappel's signature much food for thought and we commend them to our readers.—[Editor Suburban Citizen.]

Silk of the World.

According to statistics furnished by the silk jury of the Paris exposition, France produced last year, in the silk industry, 610,000,000 francs, or about \$122,000,000, or about 33½ per cent of the total silk industry of the world. The United States produced 425,000,000 francs, or about \$85,000,000, or 23½ per cent. Germany comes next. The United States produces more silk ribbon than any other nation, its production in this line last year being about 120,000,000 francs.

Scent Farms for Women.

Scent farms furnish a new occupation for women, and a profitable one. It has already attracted a number of women in England, and it will only be a short time before American women fond of outdoor life will turn to it as they have done to violet farming.

### BENNING NEWS.

The address of Capt. Mewshaw at the Odd Fellows' anniversary was something above the average. The lodge at this place is in a prosperous condition.

The races that open to-day have contributed to the gaiety of affairs hereabouts.

As soon as the new license is granted Landlord Caraher will be succeeded by Mr. Lewis Apperson as manager of the Hotel Benning. Mr. Apperson comes here from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and is highly spoken of.

### CHESAPEAKE BEACH NEWS.

Work on the new race track is being pushed along. The stables are nearly all finished and the grand stand will be up in a couple of weeks.

The oyster roast given by Mr. G. Marinella to his friends at the Water Edge Hotel the 11th instant was a grand affair. Everybody was more than satisfied. A barbecue was added to the supply of oysters in every style and shape. It was an exceptionally quiet and orderly affair.

### BRIGHTWOOD NEWS.

First Vice President Milton J. Lambert presided at the meeting of the Brightwood Citizens' Association held Friday evening, Nov. 9. The association went on record as favoring a bond issue to provide funds for making certain public improvements that are urgently needed. The secretary, Mr. John G. Keene, was directed to inform the commissioners of the action of the association. Assessor Darnelle made a few remarks before adjournment.

### QUI-K RESULTS.

N. Studer's reasonable announcement on 8th page appeared for the first time in our issue of Saturday, Nov. 3, 1900, and the responses were so prompt that on Tuesday, Nov. 6, he wrote the editor as follows:

Anacostia, D. C., Nov. 6, 1900.  
Dear Sir:—Come over to-morrow. People want already more information in regard to varieties of stock, hence I will have to alter the adv.

Yours,  
N. STUDER.

On Wednesday he ordered a much larger display adv., which will appear next week. Any square business man, who has something to offer that suburban people want, can use these columns to his financial advantage.

### ...THE LETTER...

Mr. W. A. Hahn,  
Prop. Hahn's Reliable Dye House,  
705 Ninth street, N. W.

Dear Sir:—We find you have been advertising in our columns constantly since July, 1890, when this paper was established.

You are the only business man who was with us then and still remains with us and since you have been advertising in our columns continuously for a period of more than ten years we naturally have a curiosity to know how well you are satisfied with the publicity we have given you.

Respectfully yours,  
THE SUBURBAN CITIZEN.

### THE REPLY.

Editor Suburban Citizen.  
Dear Sir:—In answer to your request I will say I am very well satisfied with results from my adv. in your paper. The fact of my adv. being in your paper for over ten years speaks for itself.

Respectfully,  
W. A. HAHN,  
705 Ninth street N. W.

### Dragon Flies and Mosquitoes.

"We have had this year," said a New York dweller in the district west of Central park, "rather more mosquitoes than usual, and not so many dragon flies, a fact of particular interest in view of what has lately been printed in the newspapers about the dragon flies keeping down the mosquitoes by feeding on them. I had often wondered what could bring dragon flies into this district. I couldn't see what attraction there could be to them in solidly built-up blocks of brick and stone, but I imagine now that when seen in these streets they were simply in transit, going to and fro between Riverside park and Central park, after mosquitoes in those two localities. This year, I imagine, more of the dragon flies are staying in Jersey killing mosquitoes there, and this gives the mosquitoes a little more chance here."

# HOME, SWEET HOME.

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Even a vacant lot will become more attractive, will improve in value, and find a more ready sale if planted with a few of the above mentioned stock.

During the dreary winter days a few well kept plants will make "Home" still more sweet and then they are much cheaper than short-lived cut flowers.

Studer, the well known Horticulturist, situated on Harrison Street, Anacostia, D. C., always keeps a large supply of reliable and healthy stock of the above and will gladly furnish same at very reasonable prices. Call on him or at his stands, 421 and 422 Centre Market, or write for particulars. A few items from his stock are mentioned below:

### HOUSE PLANTS.

Palms, Ferns, Draceneas, Pandanes, Rubber, &c., from 25c. up to \$10.00. Special mention should be made here of his new Giant Fern "Washingtoniensis" which will grow in one season from 5 to 6 feet long, and has leaves 15 to 18 inches wide. It is very hardy.

BLOOMING HOUSE PLANTS such as Primulas, Cyclamen, Cinerarias, from 25c. to 50c., Begonias, Geraniums and other blooming house plants, also the popular Umbrella Palm, smaller Ferns, &c., from 10c. to 15c. up.

Any variety of above plants will be rented for church or house decorations, for weddings, parties, &c. Cut flowers for funerals and all other purposes furnished at very reasonable prices.

### FOR OUT DOOR PLANTING.

Fruit, Shade and ornamental Trees from 25c. up. Small Fruits, Berries and Grape Vines from 10c. up. Beautiful Japanese Maples from 25c. up.

BLOOMING SHRUBS, such as Athreas, Spireas, Deutzias, Snowballs, Lilacs, Weigelia, Forsythias, Japan Quince, Hydrangea and California Privet for hedges, &c., from 15c. up.

BLOOMING HARDY PLANTS, Phlox, Pinks, Aquilegias, Hollyhock, Rudbeckia, &c., from 10c. up.

HARDY VINES, Clematis, Wistaria, Honeysuckle, Ampelopsis or Boston Ivy, Passion Vine, English Ivy, &c., from 15c. to 25c. up. Creeping Myrtle for cemetery at \$3.00 per 100.

EVERGREENS, such as American and Oriental Arbor Vitae, Junipers, Norway, and other Spruce, Pines, Mahonia, Eonymus, Buxus, &c., from 15c. to 25c. Magnolia Grandiflora 50c.

ROSES in great and reliable varieties; Bush, Climbing, Moss and Evergreen Roses from 15c. to 25c. All the hardy stock can be planted now and as long as the ground is not frozen hard.

**N. STUDER,**  
Harrison Street,  
ANACOSTIA, D. C.



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