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### Ingenious But Not Inventive.

Women have great ingenuity in adapting old contrivances to new ends, but little power for inventions. The patent office at Washington contains, to be sure, many models from feminine hands, some useful and some fantastic. For example, one woman who wished to combine gardening and poultry-raising invented an anti-scratching appliance for the feet of her hens; but it is to be feared the condition of the feathered flock suffered from lack of their customary relish of worms. Most of the popular and effective conveniences of personal and domestic life have been made by men. A woman can do more things with a hairpin than a man could ever accomplish. She will pick a lock, extract a bean from a baby's ear or nose, run a string into a curtain, hang a picture or button her boots with the useful hairpin. But in spite of the frantic demand for a practicable pocket, she has not invented one; and she still washes and wipes by hand the family dinner dishes. A woman's ability to make the best of things as they are is a distinct characteristic of the sex, says Youth's Companion. It would be sadly missed if it were to be supplanted by even a high order of original inventiveness. For this easy, rapid adaptation of inadequate means to desired ends is applied by a woman not only to the machinery of the household, but to the human forces among which she lives. The ingenious wife adapts even a clumsy husband and an inexperienced cook to the production of domestic harmony.

### A Reasonable Explanation.

Henry James is credited with the remark that he "never heard an American woman say 'thank you.'" We conjecture, says Chicago Tribune, that on one or more occasions Mr. James has risen in a crowded car and offered a seat to some woman who did not say "thank you" for the reason that she recognized him by his printed portraits and knew she would not have time to say: "Sensible in a high degree, although it should be observed, perhaps, that in the domain of the intellectual there should not be needed the propulsive effect of a motive as a stimulus to the process of realization in the abstract, apart from an implied obligation willingly assumed, and not wholly conventional, even though it may be the result of unconscious volition, or, to express the thought in terms less vague and elusive, and frankly recognizing, in the background of consciousness, the simulacrum of an anticipated quid pro quo—dismissing all this, I say, as shadowy and unreal, and subjecting the ponderable residuum to such analysis as we may, with such crude materials as we have at hand, for in the realm of the imagination there will be found the crucible of the alchemist, quite as real and substantial, albeit composed of substances not existent on the material plane," etc.

This new Bourbon should be taught to forget some things in Spanish history as soon as he learns them if his life is to be smooth and pleasant.

Boston has sent out scouts to ascertain the bean prospects and is holding her breath most of the time awaiting their reports.

The bituminous coal fields of Alabama cover an area of 8,660 square miles.

## PRIVILEGES OF A GENTLEMAN.

Youngster Probably Will Change Ideas in Course of Time.

There is a small boy in this town, says the Baltimore American, the son of a rather distinguished lawyer, who has decided opinions on what constitutes true aristocracy. One day recently a friend called upon his mother, and, while waiting for the hostess, was entertained by the small boy.

"What are you going to do when you grow up?" was the stereotyped question she propounded in the effort to start the conversation.

"Oh, I am going to smoke."

"Yes?"

"And chew."

"Oh!"

"And gamble."

"Indeed!"

"And swear."

"Really!"

"And drink corn whisky."

"And why are you going to do such things?" asked the visitor aghast.

"Oh, all southern gentlemen do them."

## LIFE INSURANCE A SACRED TRUST.

Responsibilities of Officers and Directors.

Evidently President Kingsley of the New York Life Insurance company has learned the great lesson of the times with respect to the responsibility and duty of directors of corporations. Speaking to the new board of trustees, on the occasion of his election to the presidency, he emphasized the fact that "life insurance is more than a private business, that life insurance trustees are public servants, charged at once with the obligations of public service and with the responsibilities that attach to a going business which at the same time must be administered as a trust."

He also realizes that similar responsibilities rest upon the officers of the company. "I understand," he says, "your anxiety in selecting the men who are day by day to carry this burden for you, who are to discharge this trust in your behalf, who are to administer for the benefit of the people involved the multitudinous and exacting details to which it is impossible for you to give personal attention. My long connection with the New York Life—covering nearly twenty years—my service in about every branch of the company's working organization, gives me, as I believe, a profound appreciation, not merely of the heavy burden you have placed on my shoulders, but of the standards of efficiency, the standards of faith, the standards of integrity, which must be maintained at all times by the man who serves you and the policyholders in this high office."

Best of all, perhaps, he feels that words are cheap, and that the public will be satisfied with nothing short of performance. "My thanks, therefore," he continues, "for an honor which outranks any distinction within the reach of my ambition, cannot be expressed in words; they must be read out of the record I make day by day."

### Accounted For.

Among the many stories told of the Scottish judge, Lord Young, is one associated with an election in Edinburgh, when it was announced that Lord Wolmer had been returned by a majority of three votes. Later a correction made the majority 300, and gave the names of two lords of session who had voted for the successful candidate. Lord Young, thereupon remarked: "That accounts for the two ciphers."

### Full Particulars Wanted.

When the nurse brought the cheering news to Toperton recently that he had just become the father of triplets, he betrayed no particular satisfaction. "Boys?" he growlingly queried.

"Only one boy, sir."

"Well," said Toperton, "go on; don't keep me in suspense. One boy—what are the others?"—Sketchy Bits.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered from All parts of the World Condensed into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

### Personal.

Francis Murphy, the noted temperance advocate, died at his home in Los Angeles, Calif. He was 71 years old and had been in failing health some time.

Webb McNall, former superintendent of insurance of Kansas, has been stricken with paralysis at his home in Gaylord, Kan.

Tams Bixby, who for ten years has been a commissioner for the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian territory, has retired from the government service.

J. A. Corey, a traveling salesman, was shot by Charles Glow at Hallam, Neb.

Mrs. Elizabeth Agassiz, widow of Louis Agassiz, the famous scientist, is dead in Boston aged 85 years.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, and Representative Towne, of New York, have arrived in Manila, on a tour of the Philippines.

All hope for the recovery of Francis Murphy, the aged temperance advocate, who is ill in Los Angeles, has been abandoned.

Mrs. Katherine Felske, aged 104, said to have been the oldest person in Nebraska, died recently at her home in Grand Island.

President Jesse, of the University of Missouri, has decided to temporarily withdraw from the institution in an effort to regain his health.

S. S. Ashbaugh, of Wichita, Kan., attorney for the Kansas state railway commission, has been appointed assistant attorney for duty in the United States court of claims at Washington.

Mayor Eugene Schmitz, of San Francisco, has authorized the Associated press to announce his candidacy for a fourth term, notwithstanding his recent conviction of grafting.

President Roosevelt has appointed Gen. James B. Aleshire to be quartermaster general of the army to succeed Charles F. Humphreys, retired.

President Amador, of Panama was in New York recently on his way to Europe.

Secretary Taft has left Washington for a month's vacation in Canada.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging among United States troops at Austin, Texas.

King Edward of England has decorated Enrico Caruso, the Italian tenor, with the Victorian order.

Rear Admiral Farquhar, U. S. A., retired, of Washington died suddenly at Jamestown, Va., of apoplexy.

### Miscellaneous.

According to a recent census bulletin the value of the output of the lumber and timber industry in the United States in 1905 was \$580,000,000.

The strike of the garbage drivers in New York has caused vast piles of refuse to collect in the tenement district endangering the health of the people.

The Wisconsin assembly, by a vote of 69 to 40 passed the senate resolution favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote.

A trolley car heavily loaded with government employes on their way to work plunged into a car loaded with rails near Washington, killing the motorman and seriously injuring a score of the passengers.

New York is to have night sessions of the police courts.

The refusal of cows to drink water from a deep well near Warren, O., led to the discovery of oil in paying quantities.

At New London, Conn., Harvard won the eight-oared freshman race by a close margin, while Yale won the varsity four oared race by ten lengths.

At Findlay, Ohio, the jury in the trial of the Standard Oil company on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law disagreed and were discharged.

The pension department will urge congress at its next session to equalize the pensions of soldiers' widows on a basis of \$12.

The board of police commissioners of San Francisco has denied permission to Japanese to keep intelligence offices in that city.

Judge Landis, in the federal court at Chicago, has refused the request of the attorneys for John D. Rockefeller for the withdrawal of the subpoena recently issued for their client.

A Russo-Italian commercial treaty has been signed at St. Petersburg.

Judge Chytrous, of Chicago, has declared the law passed by the last legislature prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in Illinois invalid.

According to the verdict of a jury in the federal court at Fort Dodge, Iowa, grain transactions on boards of trade are gambling and debts thus contracted can not be collected.

The garbage collectors of New York have returned to work on the promise of Mayor McClellan that their grievances will be investigated.

Senor Ugaste announces that Honduras will remain neutral of any entanglements in Central American affairs.

Published reports that 16 battle-ships were to be transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet because of Japan's threatening attitude, have been pronounced groundless by Secretary Loeb.

The official call for the 15th national irrigation congress to be held in Sacramento, Cal., September 2 to 7, inclusive, has been issued.

Nazzaro, the Italian champion, won the automobile grand prix at Dieppe, covering the 477 miles in 6 hours, 46 minutes and 33 seconds, breaking the world's record for the distance.

Honduras, Guatemala and Salvador have formed a new combination to defeat the plans of President Zelaya to form the five Central American republics into one government.

The striking drivers in New York are organizing with the avowed purpose of causing an ice famine in the metropolis during the hot weather.

The government's cotton bulletin showing a condition of only 72 per cent on June 25 caused a rapid rise in the price of the staple in New York and New Orleans.

John D. Rockefeller was personally served with a summons to appear in the federal court at Chicago, at the home of his son-in-law in Pittsfield, Mass., after a search lasting for two weeks.

Five hundred militiamen from South Carolina and Kentucky in camp at the Jamestown exposition caused a riot by attempting to take charge of the "Warpath" concessions. Several persons were injured before the disturbance was quelled.

The Moqui Indians of Arizona are reported on the warpath.

The republican state convention of Oklahoma has been postponed from July 12 to a date not yet selected.

A bronze statue of Capt. "Bucky" O'Neill, the rough rider killed at San Juan hill in Cuba, has been unveiled at Prescott, Arizona.

The national encampment of the Army of the Philippines is to be held at Kansas City in August in connection with the annual reunion of the Twentieth Kansas.

Secretary Metcalf has confirmed the report that a large part of the navy is to go to the Pacific by the way of Cape Horn. The secretary says their is no significance in the movement as it is only a practice cruise.

Independence Day was celebrated by Americans in nearly all parts of the civilized world.