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Didn't Follow Instructions.

One of the modern schemes of physical development that has won favor is a systematic method of breathing. A certain inquirer who was interested in the principals of this system recently wrote pamphlet. One of the rules on the first page read as follows: "After the morning bath take a deep breath, retain it as long as possible, then slowly expire."

UP Against the Horses.

Farmer Korntop—Our Hiram's writin' agin from Yarvarl fur more money fur books. Mrs. Korntop—Air ye sure, Silas, thet he recly wants thet money fur books?

Preparing for the Wedding.

"I suppose," said the facetious stranger, watching a workman spread a carpet from the church door to the curb, "that's the high road to heaven you're fixing there."

From Reports.

Mrs. Stubbs—John, there must be an extraordinary amount of work in the different departments in Washington. How does Uncle Sam get it straightened out?

An Aid to Memory.

The Sword Swallower—Who tied that knot in the boa constrictor? The Albino—The snake charmer. She wanted to remember something.

Secret of Happiness.

Bounder—You seem to be remarkably happy since your marriage. What's the explanation? Rounder—My wife is a firm believer in fairy stories.

The One Thing.

Citiman—Didn't you suburbanites grow anything in your gardens this year?

Money talks, and a Jack-pot speaks by the card.

Subbubs—Well, there was one thing that we all grew, but that was early in the season. Citiman—What was that? Subbubs—Tired.

An Improvement.

Subbubs—I got a vague sort of impression that there was something new about your house as I passed it this morning.

Backlotz—O! It's that new "For Sale" sign.

The one I've had up for the past four years got so weather-beaten, you know.

A man who does not care what you have been in the past does not care what you will be in the future.

Some people manufacture crosses for the satisfaction of thinking that they are earning crowns by carrying them.

The wife of a man who parts his hair in the middle is reasonably sure to be the better two-thirds of the combine.

"So you're a veteran of the rebellion?" said the young man, admiringly. "The war clouds were thick about you when you were a youth, weren't they?"

"Yes," replied the veteran, as he indorsed the pension voucher he wished to have cashed; but they all had their silver lining.

Mrs. Newliwed—It's just brutal of you to call it "this stuff." You said you'd be glad if I baked my own bread and—

Mr. Newliwed—Yes, but I didn't say I wanted you to bake mine.

Chicago men form a syndicate to buy second-hand warships and dispose of them to the Russian government.

A FEW HINTS TO LADIES ON THE ART OF DRESSING WELL.

Mrs. Mamie Devaul-Vincent has opened her school of dress making and ladies tailoring at 1228 Walnut street for the benefit of our girls and ladies and hope to have a large enrollment this year. The opportunity has never before presented itself to our people in Kansas City.

For several years past Kansas City has been rid of Negro fake newspapers.

Very recently, however, one has been launched forth by several would-be journalists and placed in the hands of H. M. Harris who operated in Joplin several years ago where he had the lid put on him.

The less polish a man has the more reflections he is apt to cast.

Don't give your friends indigestion by trying to poke people you like down their throats. When a thunderstorm comes up rain usually comes down.

It takes a man with sense to make a dollar go a long way.

Love may be blind, but unfortunately it's neither deaf nor dumb. In covering up his tracks a man often makes a lot more while doing it.

Wise men admire clever women, but it is usually the silly ones they marry.

One way to acquire knowledge of human nature is to lend your friends money. If wishes were automobiles beggars would be arrested for exceeding the speed limit.

But few people realize the fact that experience is a good teacher until after they get too old to learn.

Our idea of an ingrate is a man who refuses to laugh at the stories of another man who is paying for his dinner.

A married woman's idea of a genuine hero is a man who hands his pay envelope over to his wife every week unopened.

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Often the Case.

"Poor Smallpay's marriage has proved an utter failure." "What's the matter? Shouldn't he support his wife in the style she had been accustomed to?" "Yes; but he couldn't support her in the style she had been accustomed to read about in trashy novels."

Violent Motions.

"One of those deaf mutes is trying to strike the other," said a bystander, excitedly. "No, he isn't," explained the policeman, "he talks with his hands, and is only using a little strong language."—Detroit Free Press.

The Difference.

He—Of course, there's a big difference between a botanist and a florist. She—Is there, really? He—Yes; a botanist is one who knows all about flowers and the florist is one who knows all about the prices people will pay.

Has Something to Look Up To.

"N. Peck is eight inches shorter than his wife." "I suppose he doesn't like it very well, does he?" "Oh, he doesn't mind it much. He says he prefers to take his higher criticism that way."

Citiman—Did you lost much by the fire out at your house?

Subbubs—Two quarts of good old Scotch whisky. Citiman—Was that all? Subbubs—Yes, you see, only about half of our volunteer fire company got there.

Washington Star: "Have you never given any thought to what posterity will say about you?"

"No," answered Senator Sorghum; "I long ago arrived at the conclusion that posterity cannot make you as much trouble as one of your next-door neighbors."

A man across the river has run away from his wife because an expected infant proved to be twins. Let him keep out of Mr. Roosevelt's path while Mr. Roosevelt is wearing his repeating rifle, that's all.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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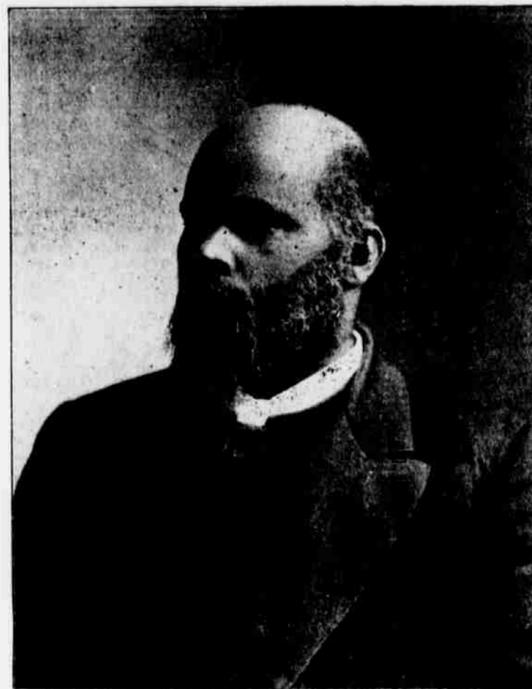
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Bishop Abraham Grant of the African M. E. church, addressed the ministers of the Western conference which began its annual session last Wednesday in the First A. M. E. church, Kansas City, Kan. Bishop Grant spoke of the crusade of the church against graft and corruption and said that only under the influence of Christianity would the evil influences of the country be decreased and their power lessened.

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

The Thirtieth session of the Kansas conference of the A. M. E. church met at First A. M. E. church, Kansas City, Kan., Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Bishop A. Grant, D. D., presiding. The opening was very impressive. Drs. ... assisted the Bishop in the opening.

The annual sermon was delivered in a most impressive manner by Rev. B. F. Bates. Holy communion was then administered by the Bishop assisted by the general officers and presiding elders.

Rev. Guy was chosen secretary and Revs. T. W. Walthall and J. J. Pleasant recorder and statistician respectively. About 100 ministers were present.

The ordination services will take place at seat of conference at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The opening day was devoted to hearing reports from various pastors.

The ministers reassembled at night and listened to a most felicitous welcome by representative citizens of Kansas City, Kan. Among them Mayor W. W. Rose, Hon. B. S. Smith, Robt. Mitchell and Miss Bertha Coles.

Happy responses were made by members of the conference.

Thursday night the Missionary meeting was held. The ladies auxiliary held an afternoon meeting of much interest.

Mrs. Braxton, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Griffey, Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Brooks and many others of the ministers' wives of the conference took active part in the meeting.

Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. McDonald of the Missouri conference were visitors and took part.

Rev. A. M. Ward has things well in hand and is caring nicely for the conference. A great Educational meeting was held Friday night. Prof. Vernon, president of Western University, the faculty and students attended in a body. The university is in a most



R. F. WATSON, D. D., Secretary of Church Extension.

It appears that within the last eighteen months, the Negroes of the Yaxoo Delta District of Mississippi (the blackest section of the black belt, where there are 32,000 whites to over 200,000 Negroes) have organized three banks which are now doing business. Every dollar of the stock is owned by Negroes, and every officer—president, cashier, director—is a Negro. In January, 1903, one of these banks in a small town, numbering about 500 souls, had on deposit \$125,000 in round numbers, of which amount \$83,000 has been deposited by Negroes. At a recent meeting of stockholders of another Negro bank in the Yaxoo Delta, a dividend of 17 per cent was declared on the profits of last year's business.—Freeman.