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GRAFTING AN OLD TREE

WILL HON. ISAAC ULLMAN, New Haven's finest boss, be found convention day with his arm about the neck of Hon. Frank Healy? Is pure politics to blossom like the rose. The Healy graft on the Ullman stock would make a hybrid fruit of which none could foretell.

JAIL REFORM

BOYS AWAITING trial should not be placed with old and hardened offenders. In fact they should not be received in the same institution. The youth is a tender plant. Youth is plastic. New direction can be given to it.

WATER BOUND MACADAM

AWAY WITH water bound macadam! The recent bids for construction on this material prove it to be costlier than Warrenite, and Warrenite is more than twice as costly as a good two inch bituminous top on old macadam ought to be.

A SOUND EXPERIMENT

THE EXPERIMENT attempted by the Bullard Machine Tool Company is directly modeled on the Ford plan. It begins with the establishment of a minimum wage, a sum less than which no employe shall be paid.

The minimum is half of the amount established by Ford, but it is high enough to amount to a startling innovation for this part of the country.

The plan ought to be successful. Such plans require, however, a high degree of organizing skill in the employer.

It is no longer ridiculous to suppose that proper management of labor with proper fertilization for it, will cheapen the product, raise wages and increase compensation to those who manage the industry.

CONNECTICUT VICE LAW BETTER

WITH DEFERENCE to the views of the Bridgeport Vice Commission and the Hartford Vice Commission, these bodies are wrong in supposing that Connecticut needs the Iowa Injunction and Abatement Law to deal properly with the persons who rent rooms for immoral purposes.

Connecticut has a statute which is almost a model. It is simple, direct and certain. It needs only to be invoked to be effective. The Farmer has directed attention to it many times.

Section 1318 provides:— Every owner, mortgagee in possession, or lessee, of any room or tenement, who shall neglect to use all proper means to eject therefrom any person using or permitting the same to be used for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, or for gaming, as soon as he can after notice of such use from an officer of the community in which such room or tenement is situated; or any such owner, mortgagee in possession, or lessee, or person in charge as agent or otherwise who shall knowingly let any room or tenement to another for such purpose or shall knowingly permit the same or any part thereof, while under his control, to be used for such purpose, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months.

No more effective law exists anywhere in the United States. It is true the Iowa law permits action to private individuals, who are then at their own charge, in itself a deterrent, and who are additionally deterred because of the conspicuous part they must take in the case.

But the Connecticut statute requires merely notice from "any officer of the community." It is a sorry community in which some officer cannot be found. But none is actually necessary, the penalty against an owner is so great, that mere notice would be more than sufficient to procure the remedy.

There has always been in Bridgeport, and we presume in other Connecticut cities, a reluctance to use this simple remedy. On more than one occasion very noisy drives at commercialized vice have absolutely ceased a few days after The Farmer has directed attention to the statute, and the ease with which it may be operated.

One may say that the crying fault with Bridgeport reforms is that the will behind them seldom passes a statement of the

necessity. It seldom amounts to an action powerful enough to get the result. The will to see is strong. The will to do is missing.

THE ARCHENEMY OF LIBERTY

Of all the statesmen of the nineteenth century who sought to stay the tide which swept humanity toward liberty and democracy, perhaps the most powerful and ablest was Prince Clemens Wenzelau Metternich, who for nearly 40 years was the prime minister and real ruler of Austria and the arch enemy of liberty in Europe.

This is the 143rd anniversary of the birth of Metternich, and his birthday is still observed by the Austrian reactionaries who cling to the outworn ideals which he labored so mightily to perpetuate. Metternich was born in Vienna, Austria, on May 15, 1779, of a Rhenish noble who held a high office in the Austrian court.

When the "Man of Destiny" had at last been overthrown, Metternich appeared in the guise of the leader of European conservatism. An aristocrat by birth and nature, he was the very incarnation of reactionary Austria. He stood for absolute monarchial government, and while he admitted that England and France might have to submit to constitutional government, he declared that for the remainder of Europe every vestige of liberalism must be crushed.

Metternich used all his powers to encompass the defeat of the Hellenic patriots. The moral support of England and America enabled the Greeks to break his power. Up to the time when the aged statesman, deserted by his colleagues, fled for his life from Vienna, concealing himself in a laundry cart, the people thought he victorious.

Metternich lost his power over 1830 states, but he continued to hold almost absolute sway over Austria until the revolution of 1848. That rebellion was directed against the emperor, Francis II, when the aged statesman, deserted by his colleagues, fled for his life from Vienna, concealing himself in a laundry cart, the people thought he victorious.

THE FOREIGN LEGION

While the French Foreign Legion consists of but a handful of men, as compared with the vast numbers engaged in the war, the Legionnaires have full reason to be proud of their record. Men from all countries, white, black, yellow and brown, many of them famous in their native lands, are fighting under the banner of the Foreign Legion, and hundreds of them have died for France.

Y. W. C. A. GIRLS WIN SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES

Educational courses of the Y. W. C. A. have just closed for the year. Other years the work of each class has been displayed in a large exhibition open to all the public. Instead, this year the splendid jubilee pageant to be given Tuesday, May 16, in the Park theatre will crown the work of the girls and activity.

The names of those who held the best all around record in the classes this last year are as follows: English class, Miss Sophie Ballis; trained attendant, Miss Marie Durk; military class, Miss Margaret Sowa; elocution and dramatic art, Miss Helen Townroe; dressmaking, Miss Alva Ringstrom; interior decoration, Miss Edith.

JEFFERSON'S COLLEGE

Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, was born fifty-five years ago today in Wilmington, N. C. While a number of students the famous institution at Charlottesville, Va., ranks among the smaller of American universities, it has gained notoriety through the University of Virginia. Alderman's direction a prestige and renown in the educational world worthy of its distinguished origin.

MANY PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

So many public hearings are scheduled for the meeting of the common council this evening that it promises to be a long one. Thirteen will come before the board, chief of which will be the hearing on the proposed new diagonal thoroughfare from State street northeasterly to Water street.

The widening of Water street and Housatonic avenue from Wall street to Congress street; the widening of John street between Broad and Main streets; the extension of John street from Main street to Congress street; the proposed diagonal and the extension of John street from West avenue to Park avenue; the extension of Lafayette street from State street to Hickory street from its present end at Huntington road to and across East Main street; the establishment of a grade on Woodman street between North and Water streets; construction of the proposed sewer through Railroad and Eastwick avenues; the construction of a sanitary sewer in East Eaton street from the sewer line at the present end; the construction of a sanitary sewer in Pequonock street from Chestnut street to Park avenue, and the sprinkling with oil or water of Park avenue between Wade and Herkimer streets.

Brooklyn Had the First Enclosed Baseball Park

Any lucky individual who possessed as much money as is now invested in baseball plants would be entitled to look upon John D. Rockefeller as a financial piker. Just how much cash has been spent in providing shrines for the worship of the baseball fans it is impossible to state, but one may state without a fear of successful contradiction that it represents a fifty sum. Yet it has been only a little more than a half century since the first enclosed baseball plant was erected.

Fifty-four years ago today, on May 15, 1862, the first enclosed baseball park in the world, the Union Grounds in Brooklyn, was formally opened. Up to that time baseball had been played in open fields. Occasionally the players "passed the hat" to raise funds to cover expenses, but such contributions as were made were entirely voluntary, except at occasional games for fee to race tracks or other enclosed fields which were dedicated to other sports than baseball.

It was on Long Island, too, that the first baseball game to which admission was charged was played. In 1859, twenty years before the opening of the Union Grounds in Brooklyn, a club representing the City of Churches clashed with a New York team on the Fashion Race Course on Long Island. The admission fee was fifty cents, and more than 1,500 people paid this price to see the game.

The Philadelphia Athletics of the '90s had their grounds at Seventeenth and Columbia avenue, the plant over the next little luncheon he is more apt to ask her to pour coffee for him the rest of her life.

MISS LIBBEY'S REPLIES TO YOUR LETTERS

Miss Libbey's answers to your letters. Correct name and address must be given to insure attention. Initials printed. Write short letters on one side of paper only. Use ink. Personal letters cannot be answered. Address: Miss Laura Jean Libbey, No. 916 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

BATCH OF LOVE ABSURDITIES

L. G. D. writes: "I am married and I love my husband. Cannot do anything that pleases him. Says I am hard-hearted to him and others. Adds that I think of none but self, that, unless where no one hears it, I give him no good word. That I never take a joke. Often he puts me down, says I am to be boss, etc. Now it is just my way. Am a little jealous. So is he. Call him pet names; coddle him like a baby. Do please set us right in over-coming these things that bore one."

PICKPOCKETS ROB PASSENGERS WAITING FOR TRAINS AT STATION

Pickpockets worked the local railroad station last night, according to telephone report to the police from New Haven, where John Hanson, Centerville avenue, found that he had been robbed while boarding a train in this city. Bridgeport station has been the mecca for the light fingered gentry since the Bridgeport police were taken from guard duty there. Losses totaling nearly \$1,000 have been reported in this city and New Haven during the last two months.

RED MEN HONOR MEMORY OF DEPARTED BROTHERN

Several hundred Red Men gathered last evening in the wigwag in Broad street and honored the memory of the departed 72 members of Konkapatnaun and Wowompon tribes. Eloquent addresses were given and a fitting ceremonial was observed.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY JOHN RECK & SON.

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WIDOWS AS SWEETHEARTS

Without our hopes, without our fears, Without the home that plighted love endears, Without the smile from plighted beauty won, Oh, what were man? A world without a sun."

Who is it that can lure the most cynical woman-hating bachelor into the matrimonial noose whether he will or no? The fair young widow, who can make the most determined widower change his mind about never marrying again? The sympathetic widow, who can make the aged man who has dodged wedlock in all its forms take on a new lease of life and yearning for a home and a heart mate? The determined widow. Spinners, even younger and prettier women than herself, look upon the widow and her achievements with awe and wonder why she proves such a magnet to men, landing them with little or no difficulty at the altar.

It is that widows as sweethearts is pronounced success. Why? Well, they understand all the delicate phases and limitations of love-making. The single woman imagines fervent caresses lead to an avowal of love, and a proposal. The widow knows that there is no way of losing a lover more quickly than to permit familiarity from the man who has not offered her his heart and hand. That the average man believes the peach ready to drop into his hand is not worth considering. Manlike, he craves the woman who is the topmost bough just tantalizing out of his reach—so deliciously near, yet so far.

First of all, the widow knows she must imbue her would-be lover with respect which rings true, so much so that he would fear that he might offend her if he were even to hint that he would not be averse to exchanging a good-night kiss. Her secret of power lies in her respect. If a man has a single woman for a sweetheart and he is to take her to a ball or some other gala function and a terrible storm comes up that girl is pressed and waiting for him to take her. A young widow might be rowled for just such an affair, but she would be more apt to say, "I am so sorry you braved this terrible storm to take me. I wouldn't mind spending the evening here at home if you would be more comfortable." He gladly accepts, having visions of a happy courting evening perhaps.

She knows she never looked more charming than in her ball gown. She is wearing it solely for him, content to have an audience of just one to admire it. She does not talk about the one or anything that might give him any regretful thought. She is witty and sympathetic by turns. She gives him no learned discourse, but encourages him to do the talking on the subject he knows most about and enjoys to hear him talk. She shows a disposition to be too over love-like, her tact and diplomacy can be depended upon.

She invites him to partake of a casual luncheon which he may help her to prepare—cream oysters, and potato balls, salad, sandwiches and coffee that would tempt the appetite of an epicure. A man cannot make violent love and dine at one and the same time. If he shows a disposition to be too over love-like, her tact and diplomacy can be depended upon.

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