

## SIREN AND SONS.

William Hayne Leavell, who will be the next minister to Guatemala, is a Presbyterian clergyman.

Edmond Rousset, recently decorated with the Legion of Honor, is a Paris police officer. He has saved twenty-eight lives during his service on the water front and received the distinction for his heroic acts.

Lieutenant Charles Svenson, who was recently appointed chief pilot of the canal zone, was for years engaged as a navigator in Alaskan waters and later became a naval pilot for the government in the Puget sound district.

F. J. Oulmet, the sensational young golfer who recently won for America the open golf championship against England's best, is a six foot youngster of twenty years, a native of Brookline Mass. His father is a French Canadian, and his mother is of Irish descent.

Professor A. M. Tozzer, the new president of the International School of American Archaeology and Ethnology, has been a member of the Harvard faculty since 1905 and is one of the most prominent archaeologists in this country. He is a native of Lynn Mass., and a graduate of Harvard.

## German Gleanings.

Perambulators are not permitted in the chief shopping streets of Berlin.

Germany has met its own requirements for most kinds of machinery, and has ceased to be dependent upon foreign countries.

One of the important functions of the government in Germany is the issuing of permits to hunters. The revenue thus obtained is about \$1,500,000 annually.

In Berlin a prospective customer in a bakery, butcher shop or grocery store is not permitted to handle the bread, cake, meat, vegetables, etc. It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

## Dress Hints.

When packing a hatbox into a trunk for a long journey sew the hat to the bottom of the box.

To freshen a skirt that has become mussel from packing or otherwise brush carefully so that all dust may be removed and then hang over a tub of hot water.

If after wearing a gown with lace collar or yoke the latter is, upon removing, dusted upon the inside with talcum powder or gently rubbed with a cake of magnesia the lace will retain its freshness a much longer time than is usual.

## Current Comment.

The price of coal has gone up, not because it had to, but from mere force of habit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Knowledge is power. That's why a professor gets \$1,000 a year and a concrete braided fighter can get \$10,000 for an hour's work.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The "green sunsets" which the Russian arctic explorers witnessed were not akin to Dr. Cook's "purple snows," but were merely a verification of an old belief which was exploited in one of Jules Verne's romances.—New York Tribune.

## Flippant Flings.

The judge who advises husbands to plan the spending of their wages with their wives doesn't tell how to get their consent.—Cleveland Leader.

Zulu prince says American football is too rough for his people. A good elephant hunt, now, or some light exercise like that.—New York American.

A Chicago man who tried to commit suicide by drinking hair tonic is expected to recover. Hair tonic hardly ever does what people who use it expect it to do for them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Proverbs.

A thread too fine spun will easily break.—French Proverb.

Keep your mouth and keep your friend.—Danish Proverb.

The best part of repentance is little stinging.—Arabian Proverb.

The king goes as far as he may, not so far as he would!—Spanish Proverb.

A wise man adapts himself to circumstances as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it.—Chinese Proverb.

## The Sun's Light.

If the sun were suddenly extinguished we should not be aware of the fact for 8 minutes 18 seconds, the time its light takes to travel to us.

## Mexican Stamps.

The Mexican stamp bears the coat-of-arms of the country—an eagle on a cactus, holding a serpent in its talons. This device is the outgrowth of a legend that the first Aztec settlers chose the site of their city from seeing an eagle so engaged and situated on that spot.

## Kills Bad Odors.

Dried orange peel, allowed to smolder on a piece of red hot iron or an old shovel, will kill any bad odor its existence and leave a fragrant one behind instead.

## Hungry Swallows.

One swallow will eat at least 6,000 flies a day.

## What's In a Name.

The original bearer of the name of Legless was so called merely because he was a lawyer. Originally the name was spelled Laegless, the expression signifying "learned in the law." Strangely enough, Lawless is derived from exactly the same source and signifies exactly opposite to its apparent meaning.

## Pretty Mean.

Probably the meanest will on record was that of a Pennsylvania man who, upon death, left to his wife \$1 and directed it be mailed to her in an unopened letter.

## Eel Blood.

The blood of the eel injected into a cat is a deadly poison to man.

## Blind Horses.

Blind horses are never known to make a mistake in their diet when grazing. Like all other horses, they are guided by the nostrils in the selection of proper food.

## Welsh Rabbit.

"Welsh rabbit," as the rarebit is known in England, gets its name because of the Welshman's fondness for cheese.

## A Dangerous Feat.

For a feat of dexterity and nerve it would be difficult to surpass that of the Bosjesman of South Africa, who walks quietly up to a puff adder and deliberately sets his bare foot on its neck. In its struggles to escape and attempts to bite its assailant the poison gland secretes a large amount of the venom. This is just what the Bosjesman wants. Killing the snake, he eats the body and uses the poison for his arrows.

## Turkish Candy.

Large quantities of American starch are being used in British Arabia in the manufacture of sweetmeats and particularly of "Turkish delight," the peculiar candy of the Turks.

## Ancient Cheeses.

Cheeses 100 years old are said to exist in Switzerland.

## Paperhanging.

A good hint for those who do their own paperhanging is to apply the paste to the wall instead of to the paper. Amateurs will find it much easier to match the pattern, and the paper is less liable to tear by following this method, besides saving time and trouble.

## Japan's Coal Deposits.

There are 1,200,000,000 tons of coal deposits in Japan. This coal is now being mined at the rate of 14,000,000 tons a year.

## Snoring.

Snoring is due to air drawn in and expelled through the mouth in such a way as to set the soft palate and uvula vibrating. The reason a person is apt to snore when lying on the back is that in that position the lower jaw is apt to drop down from the pull of gravity, thus opening the mouth and causing the sleeper to breathe through it instead of through the nose. While lying on the side no effort is required to keep the mouth closed.

## Tree Hearts.

The "heart wood" of a tree has ceased to take any part in the vegetative economy of the tree. Its only use is to strengthen the trunk.

## Millet's Difficulties.

Two of Millet's famous pictures, the "Sower" and the "Blunders," were produced in a damp studio. Ineffectually warmed by a tiny stove. In order to keep warm he would work with his feet in big wooden shoes stuffed with straw, himself enveloped in a heavy horse cloth with a hole in the center, through which he put his head! In these pictures Millet had simply sought to express with all his might one of the phases of man's unending combat with nature. But "political" parties drew their conclusions. The "labor" party declared that these pictures protested against the misery of the laborer, while official critics said that the artist sought to set class against class. At this time Millet willingly painted a signboard for a Parisian tradesman. But then he painted it so well in the end it figured in an exhibition of his works in the School of Fine Arts.

## Nickel in Soapmaking.

It will probably be news to the average abolitionist that the metal nickel is used in making his soap. And further, perhaps, he will be glad to learn that although the nickel, finely ground, is mixed with the other soap ingredients, the finished product contains none of it. This is so because the nickel acts as what the chemists call a catalyst—that is, its presence causes certain desirable changes to occur, although it takes no part in the chemical reaction. Offensive oils and those too thin for satisfactory use, when mixed with finely divided nickel and subjected to the action of a current of hydrogen, become deodorized and harder and suitable for the soap maker's use. Cottonseed oil, for example, after the nickel-hydrogen treatment, makes a satisfactory soap.—New York Post.

## "Come Ye to the Waters."

Julian Grande, who recently returned to England from Bible lands, has had some interesting things to say about Damascus. The pride of the district lies still in its rivers, Abana and Pharpar, but this does not hinder the citizens from polluting them with the refuse of the streets, making the water quite undrinkable in summer. Water is brought from a distance and sold in the streets at about a farthing a quart, and to buy a cupful of cold water and give it to "one of those little ones" is a typical act of eastern charity. Pious Moslems will buy water and then gather the thirsty children round them, using almost the very words of Isaiah—"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."—Homiletic Review.

## Force of Habit.

There is at Princeton an instructor in mathematics who was country bred, a fact that is frequently betrayed by some homely saying of his.

One day an undergraduate had performed some peculiarly useless and complicated process in arriving at the solution of a problem when the instructor said:

"This reminds me of a colt once owned by an old friend of mine down east. This colt was put out to pasture after having been fed from its birth in a box stall and watered at a trough in the yard. The pasture lay across a small river, and in the middle of the day the colt would swim the stream to go up to the barn for a drink of water."—Harper's Magazine.

## Oxford Terms.

A Rhodes scholar of Denver, speaking of Oxford, said:

"Oxford is a funny place. Magdalen is pronounced Maundlin there. 'Full term' means three-quarters of a term. 'General admission' day is the day, not when you enter, but when you leave. An 'ordinary degree' is one obtained by a special examination. An 'inspector of arts' is not an inspector, but a student.

"Confused by these things, a new Rhodes scholar said:

"How queer, by jingo! How queer it all is! And if I go to the Oxford depot and ask for a ticket by train to London will they give me a passage by steamer to Marseilles?"—Exchange.

## The Great Violin Makers.

Antonio Stradivari, the famous violin maker of Cremona, lived 1649-1737. He was the pupil of Nicholas Amati and carried the Cremona type of violin to its highest perfection. The Amati, Nicholas and his sons, Jerome and Antonio, rank next to Stradivari if not with him. The Tyrolean makers, Jakob Stainer, 1621-83, and Matthias Klotz and his sons made violins that stand very high in the estimation of connoisseurs. Guillaume of Paris is the most celebrated modern maker.

## Not the Head.

The father had gone away and left his only son in charge of the shop. "Are you head of the firm?" asked the man with the sample case, who had just come in.

"No, sir," remarked the young man, with a smile. "I'm only the heir of the head."—London Tit-Bits.

## No, He Wasn't Excited.

Miss Rose—Was Gilbert excited when he proposed? Miss Violet—Well, we were in his car and he ran it backward for more than a mile without noticing it.—Chicago News.

## A Tough Case.

"What's the trouble, old man?" "I'm in a bad way. I lie awake nights thinking about my work. Then when I'm at work I keep going to sleep."—Pittsburgh Post.

## Conspicuous by Absence.

The bridegroom is of little importance in a wedding, but let him fail to show up, and his stock suddenly rises in value. Minneapolis Journal.

## EGGONS IN RACE PROGRESS.

Year Book Tells of Afro-Americans' Achievements Since Emancipation.

What use has the colored race made of its fifty years of freedom? What are the signs of progress? What are the economic and social conditions that have important meaning not only to the race, but also to the white man? What educational agencies are at work for the improvement of the whole southland?

Again, what important role is the race playing in the drama of agricultural development? What does the latest federal census indicate regarding the movement of the Negro from the country to the city and the relative mortality of our people on the land and in the congested districts? What is the extent of the influence of the Negro press?

These vital questions of progress and present day welfare are strikingly answered in the "fiftieth anniversary edition" of the Negro Year Book, which has been compiled by Monroe N. Work, who has charge of research and records at Tuskegee institute.

Within 350 pages, bristling with thought provoking facts, there is told a wonderful story of the development of the colored American during fifty years of freedom—years of opportunity, struggle, perseverance and faith in God. While figures cannot adequately convey the real meaning of the advancement of a people who have suffered much and won important victories, nevertheless they do indicate, on the basis of established facts, the present economic, social and religious trend of the race.

The figures quoted in the Year Book should interest those who are giving money to our schools and those who are urging men and women to invest in character building. Publicity should be given to the facts of our progress for the benefit of the average white man, who naturally knows little about the Negro as an individual capable of development. A great many regard him as a "problem" rather than as a factor in national advancement. The facts should also be published as an inspiration to Negro youth who are only too prone to accept their parents' dictum, who too often say, "You never can be nobody, nohow."

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEET IN RALEIGH IN 1914

Old North State City Will Entertain National Body of Physicians.

The popularity of the National Medical association was strikingly shown at the last annual meeting from the number of invitations received from various sources asking for the convention in 1914. Among the cities which sent invitations through their representatives were St. Louis, Atlanta, St. Paul and Raleigh, N. C. As the last session was held in Nashville, Tenn., the association decided to accept the invitation from Raleigh and will hold its sixteenth annual meeting in the latter city in 1914.

Dr. W. G. Alexander, secretary of the organization, in a recent open letter paid a high tribute to the local entertainment committee and to the citizens generally of Nashville for the generous hospitality shown at the meeting held in that city. Dr. Alexander also comments liberally on the work of the session performed by individuals in the various sections of the program, such as clinic, dental, surgical and literary.

The paper read by Dr. A. W. Dumas of Natchez, Miss., however, on "Vice Disease" was conceded by all to have been the most highly instructive and valuable to the profession of any yet heard on the subject. So pleased were the members that they requested the executive board to have the matter edited and printed for distribution among the laity. The surgical features of the Nashville session without exception were the best conducted since the inception of the association.

The officers for 1913-14 are: President, Dr. A. M. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.; vice president, Dr. J. M. G. Ramsey, Richmond, Va.; second vice president, Dr. E. J. LaBranch, New Orleans; treasurer, Dr. J. R. Levy, Florence, S. C.; secretary, Dr. W. G. Alexander, Orange, N. J.; assistant secretary, Dr. G. R. Ferguson, Charlottesville, Va.; dental secretary, Dr. A. T. Landers, Tuskegee, Ala.; pharmaceutical secretary, Dr. H. R. Marble, Yazoo City, Miss. Dr. G. E. Cannon was re-elected chairman of the executive committee. The new members elected to that body were Dr. A. A. Wyche, Charlotte, N. C. (medical section), and Dr. E. W. Erwin, Memphis, Tenn. (surgical section).

Public interest in Series of Recitals. Much interest is being taken by lovers of music and those who follow the art as a profession in the series of recitals to be given this fall by Chorister J. R. Walker of the Warren Methodist Episcopal church in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Mattie Hawkins Wilson, Mrs. E. W. Thomas, W. T. Miller and Harry Bolden will take part in the first recital of the series on Friday evening, Dec. 12. These recitals will be of especial interest and benefit to the people of Pittsburgh. Mr. Walker is well known and capable of giving the public the kind of music it likes to hear.

Young Men's Christian Association. The success of the Carlton avenue branch of the Young Men's Christian association in Brooklyn is cause for genuine satisfaction. Under the able and conservative administration of Secretary Rufus M. Meroney the educational and religious work for the winter will be very large and helpful.

## Uses For Old British Uniforms.

Black cloth clothes purchased by secondhand dealers, provided they are too far gone to be "revived," are sent to France, Russia and Poland to be made into caps, which the working people of these countries wear. The castoff red coats of the British soldiers almost all go to Holland, for in that damp country the people have a notion that red cloth keeps off rheumatism. Therefore, all careful Dutchmen of the laboring classes wear red cloth waistcoats next their skin. These are made by cutting off the sleeves of the British soldiers' red coats and altering the shape a little. The showy uniforms of the guards and the full dress liveries of the lord mayor's footmen and the royal servants come into the hands of the old clothes dealers and go chiefly to the south coast of Africa, where they are sold to the native chiefs. Travelers are sometimes amused at being received in full state by a swarthy chief on his throne dressed out in footman's livery or a rifleman's uniform.—London Auswers.

## The Country Boy's Creed.

"I believe that the country, which God made, is more beautiful than the city, which man made; that life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work is work wherever we find it, but that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends, not on what you do, but on how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as to the boy in the city; that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in town; that my success depends, not upon my location, but upon myself; not upon my dreams, but upon what I actually do; not upon luck, but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work and in playing when you play and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life."—Suburban Life.

## Conserve Your Steam.

A man who never amounted to much once got a job running the engine of a sawmill. He was greatly impressed with the importance of his position and wanted every one to know that he was the man who made all the wheels go round. The first morning he steamed up the engine he jerked the whistle wide open and made the welkin ring for miles around, saying to himself as the echoes bounced over the hills, "I am certainly the big noise in this part of the country." Just then the foreman started the force on a big day's work and discovered that there was not enough steam left to start the machinery. He of the big noise was promptly canned, and the job was given to a hole. Moral.—You can't saw wood if you use all the steam blowing your whistle.—Exchange.

## Poe's Airship Hoax.

Edgar Allan Poe was a pioneer in the art of aerial hoaxing. In 1844 the New York Sun announced one morning: "Astounding news! Atlantic crossed in three days! Triumph of Mr. Monck Mason's flying machine!" Folks rushed for the paper, and found therein a long and detailed account of the crossing of the Atlantic in a steerable balloon by Mr. Monck Mason, Harrison Ainsworth and four others. The balloon was minutely described, long extracts were quoted from a diary which Harrison Ainsworth was supposed to have kept on the way, and the whole story had such a touch of truth that it took some days for New Yorkers to realize how completely they had been hoaxed.—London Chronicle.

## Good Sitters.

Turkish women are said to have one accomplishment in which they excel the women of all other nationalities. They know how to sit. Hester Donaldson Jenkins calls attention to the fact that the Turkish verb to sit is used where occidentals would use to live, or stay, or visit. To the question, "Where are you living?" one gets the reply, "I am sitting in Stamboul." Or to the question, "Are you married?" the answer will be, "No, I am sitting at home." And when they sit they sit quietly, "in the perfect repose of a sleeping cat." They don't have to keep their hands busy. They don't crochet or knit. They just sit.

## Redeemed Himself.

Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him when the general intervened. "Give the man another chance," he ordered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot." The man eagerly embraced this chance of life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day.

## Humbled Her Pride.

"Where did you learn French?" a Parisian asked a New York woman traveling abroad. "From a native," was the proud answer. "Ah," said the Frenchwoman. "A native of what?"

## All Off.

Jack—So the doctor said you had to becco heart. Have you told your fiancée? Tom—Yes, and she's given me the marble one.—Boston Transcript.

## Naturally.

Judge—You said the defendant turned and whistled to the dog. What followed? Witness—The dog.—Illinois Siren. Lone no tin. He always employed in something. Not avoid all unnecessary art.

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