

MAKERS BY THE PEOPLE

MANUAL TRAINING FADS.

Does education fit a man to get on, to make money, to run a store? are popular questions about education. Now the utilities of education have their place. An education which does not fit a man or woman to live successfully in our present industrial life falls at an important point. But in our zeal for education as a utility we are losing sight of the value of education as a pleasure. Life has as much to do with joy as it has to do with pain. Education ought so to be administered and so conceived that it is a joy giver. The introduction of the so-called fads into elementary grades has been from a variety of motives. The utilitarian sees in them a means of fitting a man to use a saw or a woman to cook a good meal. Others see in them a subtle educational value, a means of self-expression.

Manual training has made school work interesting. The child naturally wants to construct, to make things, to project his ideas into form. However you approach the question of fads, they are of greatest value in an educational system. Those who talk of a return to the three R's favor of medievalism. There is an odor of the middle ages about such assertions. The man or woman who attacks the so-called fads simply reveals his or her complete ignorance of the educational value of fads.

MILLIONAIRES OWNED BY THEIR MILLIONS.

Men do not own millions. It is the millions that own the men. When you have education this is different. When you gain knowledge it doesn't possess you, but you possess it, and have a treasure. No matter whether you die worth millions or not, you have something that is denied the man who is immersed in the accumulation of wealth. Stock gambling is not a business; it is a mere parasite on business. If I had a son I should prefer to have him enter upon a professional career than any other. I have been looking largely into small colleges of late, and I have entered into the college business as I not long ago entered into the library business. I think a young man who goes to a small college receives a better education than at a large one. I like to see men not excelling in football or things pertaining to the feet, but excelling in broad expansion. Sport is too generally taking the place of valuable knowledge at the big colleges.

THE "ORDINARY" WORKMAN.

While it may be true that there is little or no chance for the ordinary machinist, or man of kindred trade, to work himself up through his vocation, it is equally true that there is plenty of opportunity for the worker in these lines who is not ordinary for the "extra-ordinary" worker. The ordinary worker and the man who succeeds through his work are separate and distinct things. One has to enter the workshop of any man who concerns where a hundred or more men are employed at the same kind of work. Even the most untrained observer, if he tries, can pick out the "extra-ordinary" men from the others.

The ordinary workman is a cog in a machine. He does

the work allotted to him with such degree of efficiency as to hold his position. This is all. He never progresses, never learns anything about the line he is in except his own little stunt, never tries for anything better than a place at his bench or lathe, never reaches out. He does what his employers consider a fair day's work, never more, and he fails to do it he will be out of that just so soon as he is "ordinary" worker, the man of the class included in the labor leader's sweeping statement.

The worker who amounts to something—the extraordinary worker—may not exert himself physically as much as does his companion who stays at his work until the end, but while he works he keeps his eyes open and learns something besides his own job. This is the difference. He sees that it is not in the performance of the one job before him that success is to be won, but in the things that he masters from the vantage point of the good workman. If he is a machinist he learns his machine and the things he makes. He sees them go through his hands day after day and if there is any possibility of improvement, he is sure to find it out. Then, if he is of the right kind he begins to study ways and means to make the needed improvement. Employers begin to reckon seriously with the men under them as soon as they see they have ideas of their own that are worth something.

DIVORCE INCREASE IS WELCOME.

Law does not make marriages. The church does not make marriages. Men and women, if they ever are married, marry themselves. All the law can do is to recognize and try to consecrate a fact which already exists. If there is no marriage, then it is desecration to keep up the sham.

One of the distinguished characteristics of modern times is the growth of divorce. Many persons are frightened and think this one of the deplorable fruits of the wider freedom granted to women. I believe that on the whole most of the divorces of the present time are altogether to be welcomed. They are almost always in the interest of oppressed women, giving them another opportunity for a free, sweet, wholesome life. There are cases where the divorce laws are abused, but they are not nearly so many as frightened ministers in their zeal for our churches seem to imagine. These cases are exploited in the papers until folk imagine society is extremely corrupt.

A SQUARE DEAL IN FOOD PRODUCTS.

This is the era of the "square deal," and it ought to include a square deal in food products. There is considerable misunderstanding of the purpose of the Agricultural Department in seeking food legislation. It is not to restrict trade, but to help it. The primary purpose is to have all foodstuffs sold under truthful labels and to be what they are represented to be. The same thing should be true of other products. It has been maintained by some persons that in food products "deception is the life of trade." Statistics have proved that where food laws have been enforced there has been an increase of business, not a diminution. This is due to the increase in the buyers' confidence that when they purchase foodstuffs they are getting what they ask for.

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Horrible Inhumanities of Upper Classes Toward Lower Give Rise to Hatred that Breaks Out Periodically Here or There.

Men of the Kriks Potemkin of the Black Sea fleet mutilated because of the quality of the food given them. One, Omitchuk, speaking to his superior officer of this food, was shot dead.

Russian officers are the heaviest champed and spoiled drinkers of any naval service of the world. One need not add that habits like this produce in moments of temporary aberration quick use of the pistol or sword. One of two things marks a man drunk—he is superlatively a gentleman or a brute. His honor or his streak of yellow then shines conspicuously.

In the northern waters of Minnesota many Russians live—pure Slavs and the Jew type of whom Gautier wrote: "They belong to every nation and to none." When acting in that region as a deputy revenue officer of the United States government I met Joseph Hanson, a native Russian, whose name had been changed for convenience's sake when he arrived in this country. His original title bore at least sixteen syllables and ten "y's" and "z's."

On a night we met in a cabin on the shores of Lake Erie, writes H. I. Cleveland in the Chicago Post, and while we talked he kept his eyes open and learned something besides his own job. This is the difference. He sees that it is not in the performance of the one job before him that success is to be won, but in the things that he masters from the vantage point of the good workman. If he is a machinist he learns his machine and the things he makes. He sees them go through his hands day after day and if there is any possibility of improvement, he is sure to find it out. Then, if he is of the right kind he begins to study ways and means to make the needed improvement. Employers begin to reckon seriously with the men under them as soon as they see they have ideas of their own that are worth something.

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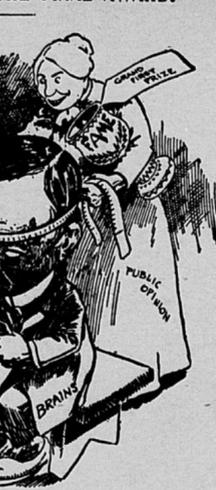
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The aggregate value of honey and beeswax in 1900 was \$4,045,000.

Skim milk and linsed meal will substitute whole milk for calves.

The Italian bee worker better and is more easily handled than the black one.

The cows should have a month's vacation and during August is a good time to let them lay off.

Corn and clover may make a ration that is hard to beat, and that is cheap one to produce in nearly every part of the country.

Don't blame the nurseryman if your trees don't grow, unless you have done your part in planting them and have kept on doing your part by cultivating them.

Under Iowa conditions it is generally considered that a dairy cow to be fairly profitable should yield about 300 pounds of butter fat, during the lactation period.

A new idea to destroy the dreaded borers is to place large flat stones, tarred on the under side, close to the base of the tree. The tar works into the earth and kills the borer.

If you have a horse to sell, make him fat—"fat as a hog." This may not make the horse any stronger or in any way better, but it will make him sell better and at a higher price.

The quantity of lime required in borers mixture varies considerably with the quality of the rock from which it is made. For this reason it is advisable to test each lot of the borax mixture after it is made up.

Every bit of poor butter sold by the farmer is bought up, worked over and renovated and sold at the highest price. Why don't you make good butter in the first place and get 30 cents a pound for it instead of 10 or 12 cents?

Some cows give large flows of milk immediately after calving, but do not keep it up very long, often go dry in five or six months and produce comparatively little butter fat; while others give only a medium flow of milk when fresh, but keep it up for ten months and produce over 300 pounds of butter a year.

It would pay any farmer to make a practice of going through that part of his corn crop that is not fit for feed to get rid of it by selling it for fuel. Sometimes a pasture sward by giving them a turn on the last crop of rape or on to grass of some kind and the change is satisfactory. Handled in this way the cost of preparing the hog for the fattening pen is reduced. The pasture sward and the animal in excellent shape to take on weight quickly.

Located near a thriving summer resort, the writer has for years observed the methods employed by truckers, as well as by the men who buy all they sell, and has observed that, in many cases out of ten, the latter are the best merchants, and generally because the vegetables are better graded by the wholesaler so that they are presented to the consumer in an attractive form. The man who raises vegetables, on the other hand, hates to see anything he cannot sell, and he tries to get rid of it by selling it at a loss. The result is that the consumer pays a high price for the goods he receives.

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THE COSSACK AND HIS WHIP.

How Russians Gave "Lessons in Good Manners" to People in Manchuria.

It is doubtful if either the Japanese or Russians will welcome peace with greater pleasure than the unfortunate inhabitants of Manchuria. Since the beginning of the war the people of that province have been at the absolute mercy of one or other, or both of the hostile forces contending for supremacy. Neither side cared anything for their rights and property was ruthlessly wiped out. The Rus-

sians treated them as an inferior, if not subject, race and the slightest manifestation of independence was harshly punished. This is manifest as seen in the accompanying picture taken from the London Graphic. A Manchurian had refused to be photographed, having, as many primitive people have, a superstitious dread of the camera. Whereupon a Cossack whipped the man unmercifully with a thonged whip. Such independence could not be tolerated by the hired minions of the Czar.

In Doubt.

The post laureate's latest effort is called: "Come, Let Us Go Into the Lane."

And the average reader will not know from the title whether it is a sentimental tract or the laureate's equivalent of the pugnacious invitation to "come out in the alley."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

And He Was It.

Ben Benham—Do you know how jobsters are caught?

Benham—Only one, my dear—Judge.

Premium on the Single Life.

She—I see by this paper that a single Greenland whale is worth \$15,000.

He—I judge from that statement that a single whale is worth more than a married one.—Yonkers Statesman.

If you are convinced that the world is growing worse every day, take something for your liver.

A DREAM CRUISE.

My prayers I say and lay me down; The lights of Starland gleam afar, My trundle bed is harbor bar.

Beyond the curtained patch of blue There lies a fair and wondrous sea; My dream ship feels the flowing tide, I hear my sailors calling me.

A shallop skims across the blue, And Jackies touch their hats, polite, "Come, get aboard, dear captain, do," The bells are sounding captain do."

The lullaby my mother croons, Grows fainter and still fainter grows; The boat's pipes his merry tune, And dances on his timber toes.

Heigh-ho! a merry crew, I woen, For some are wood, and some are dough, And some before in dolls I've seen, And some are dolls I used to know.

Now, where away, oh, captain, where? I'd sail me swift, I'd sail me far, The evening winds are blowing fair, We'll head her for the Morning Star.—Toledo Times.

A LITTLE AMBASSADOR.

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