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Rubanovitch the novelist and dramatist, who has sometimes been called the Russian "Mark Twain" has been driven into exile by his humor. Under the pen name of Sholem Aleikhem ("Good Day to You,") his fame as a humorist story-writer has far exceeded the boundaries of his native land, many of his works having been translated into English.

SHINING LIGHTS.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., recently told his Bible class that both his father and his grandfather were total abstainers, and that he cheerfully followed in the path they had blazed, as a matter of principle. However, he added, that "In the country, as a whole the consumption of strong drink increases, which leads me to conclude that prohibition does not prohibit."

CARDINAL GIBBONS AND PROHIBITION.

The Anti-Saloon League recently sent broadcast a story to the effect that Cardinal Gibbons favored the banishing of saloons. The Cardinal, however, was surprised that any one should for a moment doubt his stand on the question of prohibition. Before sailing from New York for Rome, on May 5th, Cardinal Gibbons said to the press:

"My attiutde toward the liquor question has not changed, notwithstanding reports to contrary. I was quoted last week as having said that I favored the abolishment of saloons. That is only partly true. I am too old now to change my attitude on a subject as important as this. What I said last week applied only to Charles County, Maryland, where the saloons were not conducted in a satisfactory manner.

"While I am a strong advocate of temperance, I am certain that prohibition can never be enforced, and it will make hypocrites and violators of the laws. It will also cause the manufacture of illicit whisky, which is not good, since it will replace a good product of its kind with a bad product. It will also rob the government of a legitimate tax and a very considerable one. Prohibition cannot be enforced in any Christian country, because it is contrary to the Christian spirit. I do believe in local option, and where the saloons are a menace to the community, I believe they should be abolished. That is why I advocated the abolishment of saloons in Charles County, but I would not advocate the same idea for the whole country. I think it would be detrimental rather than a help to the temperance cause."

Literary circles of London have just received a thrill in the announcement that Gabriele D' Annunzio, the poet playwright, has decided to make his home in London henceforth.

WHERE WASTE IS SIN.

If you knew that it takes Nature 10,000 years to form a foot of soil, maybe you would have a higher opinion of Mother Earth and be more careful how you drain your garden or your field.

If you saw a granary full of rat-holes, you would suspect a careless farmer.

But a field left to wash away by the unchecked rush of surface water after a downpour is fully as wasteful. The only difference is that here the waste is of plant food before it gets into the grain.

If your garden or field is on a slope, terrace it; if on a level, plant it, not in straight rows, but in circles. And in both cases, tile drain it.

For the stuff that washes away is precisely the stuff that your crops most need in order to astonish the natives by their thriftiness.

And, once gone, it is expensive to replace.

When you stop to think that everything depends on the soil, clearly the soil is worth saving.—Louisville Herald.

FOOLISH PHILOSOPHY.

Life may be a bore even to the man who isn't one himself.

Even in warm weather some people will put hot dressing on salad.

Some people never seem to do much talking, except when they have nothing to say.

Don't expend all your admiration on your ancestors. Save a little for yourself.

Nature pays her debts except perhaps to the man who feels that the world owes him a living.

A pessimist is a man who doesn't believe that clouds have silver linings.

Love stories are so attractive that a girl is liable to forget to launder the dishes.

A man isn't necessarily a carpenter because he is an expert joiner; he may be a minister.

RAKINGS

GENUINE "GEORGIA CRACKER"

A Yankee once moved to Georgia and located in the country. The first thing that engaged his interest was "a Georgia Cracker." After many futile endeavors to find one, one day he asked a neighbor to point him out a genuine "Georgia Cracker."

The neighbor glanced around in all directions and finally pointing to a recently cleared field said:

"Do you see that object over there that might be a stump, or a man sitting down?"

"Yes."

"Well it is a stump or a 'Georgia Cracker.' Watch it for half an hour and if it moves—well, it is a stump."

A barber's mug is not always a sure sign of character.

NEWPORT DROPS OUT

Of Ohio State League On Account of Poor Attendance—Paris, Frankfort or Lancaster, Ohio, to Get Franchise.

(Wednesday's Cincinnati Enquirer.)

The Newport directors met Tuesday and decided to give up their franchise. The team will play its last game at the Kentucky Park Sunday afternoon, when a double-header is scheduled with Ironton. Maysville battles with Newport today and tomorrow. Poor attendance is the cause of withdrawing. The over-the-river fans have failed to give the club any kind of support and money was being lost every day.

The Directors made an effort to secure Redland Field, believing that better crowds could be attracted there, but President Herrmann has a contract with a semi-pro club for the use of the park on Saturdays and Sundays and that blocked the scheme. In the last five games at Newport not more than 7[illegible] paid admissions were recorded. At yesterday's game less than twenty fans turned out. Minor league ball cannot be made a success across the river. Last year Covington dropped a large wad in trying to pull on Federal League games.

Three towns are after the Newport franchise, Paris and Frankfort, Ky., and Lancaster, Ohio.