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MONDAY, MAY 6, 1907.

If you wish a clear mind, strong muscles, quiet nerves, and long life, avoid all drinks but water.—Silliman.

Hints to the Milkmen.

Richmond will have pure milk, if the diligence of the Board of Health can secure it. Investigation shows, however, that rigid regulation and eternal vigilance are necessary. Some of the dairy farms are far from the ideal which the Board of Health has in mind.

One of these men argued that the milk from his cows was fed regularly to twelve babies, all of whom were healthy. Think of it! Milk from such establishments being fed to babies! How long will the little ones continue to be healthy if fed on such food?

The milkmen say that a cow barn cannot be kept like a parlor. But it can be kept sufficiently clean to insure clean and pure milk. And that is what the Board of Health will require.

Men who kneel at the altar show to the congregation the state of their souls. We have great pleasure in publishing the following letter from the editor of College Topics of the University of Virginia.

Simple Spelling in the Office.

In another column to-day we print a letter which indicates that simplified spelling is, with some of us, still a live issue. The movement initiated by Mr. Carnegie and his zealous friends has been so buffeted by the press and the public that there is but little life left in it.

Cleaning Day.

A correspondent gives us the following hint: "I have been thinking that it would be a good idea if The Times-Dispatch would advocate a house-cleaning day along in the month of May."

The Times-Dispatch has already expressed itself in the matter of phonetics on more than one occasion, and considers the subject now, apart from its unqualified humorous aspects, as hardly worth a great deal of the paper's space.

the popularity of a Roosevelt was utterly unable to provide it with a boom. People ignored, or at the most they smiled. Language is a growth—not an ordered, reasonable, logical growth, perhaps, but still a growth, and a perfectly natural one.

Some of the words in the list of 300 are, as our correspondent points out, already quite generally accepted. The others will be in good time, if the natural movement of our speech so wills it. If not, it is reasonably certain that they never will be, though the plea for their use is backed by a string of incontrovertible arguments as long as one's arm.

The President's Tender Mercies.

There is no "maudlin sentiment" in this strong appeal from Missouri and elsewhere for the pardon of William Mecklenburg, who has proved that he is a decent citizen, in spite of his former term in the penitentiary. Fourteen years ago he was convicted in the Federal court of robbing a post-office. He had served all but eight months of his five years' sentence when he took advantage of the opportunities given him as a model prisoner to escape.

The fact that "sympathy" sometimes runs into a craze is manifested in petitions for executive clemency in behalf of common murderers. We had evidence of that in the effort of American women to save a notorious Bluebeard from the death chair in Illinois.

He atoned for his crime by serving a long term in prison, and afterwards by leading an honest and useful life. The verdict of the American press is that his atonement is sufficient, and that he should be pardoned, and the verdict is just. Further punishment of this man would be in the nature of vengeance, and would defeat its own end.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

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For Biles-of-the-valley a vicar in Carmarthen draws £2,500 from a London dealer, while an old lady in Berkshire is said to make £5,000 yearly out of Marchal Niel roses.

Cartridges are taken as change all over the world. The cap must be undamaged, the case in no way misshapen and the primer intact. It must be in a state of perfect preservation.

John P. Rideout, of Lewiston, Me., aged seventy-five, is a veteran master builder. He claims to have cut one hundred ship frames and built fifty-two vessels; they were from one ton to 1,500 tons.

It is not generally known that Howard Gould and his wife (formerly Katharine Clemons, a actress) have been living apart since last September; he at the Waldorf-Astoria and she at Guild Castle, which, however, she is to abandon this week.

James Fitzgerald, judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, is the son of a farmer. He was born in Ireland in 1837. An intimate friend says of him: "His keynote to success was his own industry."

Proof.

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Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

Nature

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

As a fond mother, when the day is o'er, Leads by the hand her little child to bed, Half-willing, half-reluctant to be led, And leave his broken playthings on the floor, Still gazing at them through the open door, Nor wholly reassured, and comforted By promises of others in their stead, Which though more splendid may not please him more; So Nature deals with us, and takes away A little thought and study on the way— Leads us to rest to gain, and by the hand Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay, Being too full of sleep to understand How far the unknown transcends the what we know.

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were accompanied home by the latter's sister, Miss Lucy Martin.

Ms. Emma Page is the guest of friends in Charlotte county.

Mrs. Segar and Misses Caroline and Mary Segar have gone to Newport News to make their home. They have taken a house in West Avenue in that city.

Misses Gussie Dumgardner and Janet Sumner, of Staunton, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Wilson, of this city, was among the guests at a profraternal party given last week by Mrs. J. Leonard Jennings at her home on Main Street, Danville, when the engagement of Miss Bettie Raine to Mr. Thornton O. Wilson, of Halifax county, was announced.

Mrs. Emmett Phillips, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. O. T. Gilliam.

Miss Margaret Saunders is the guest of her brother in Newport News.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Rawlings, Mrs. O. W. Dudley and Miss Elizabeth Pentecost, of Danville, Va., who have been traveling through Europe, Asia and Africa for the past three months, are now in England, and expect to sail for America on May 8th. They will land in Boston about May 18th, and will return to Virginia in a few days thereafter.

Mrs. Benjamin Huger, of Lexington, Va., is the guest of Mrs. James Keith, at No. 110 Cathedral Place.

Mrs. Garrett and daughter, of this city, are the guests of Mrs. Edward Spencer, in Mecklenburg county.

Mr. A. M. Bowman, Jr., of Salem, Va., attended the Pi Kappa Alpha convention in Richmond last week.

Invitations have been issued by the Rev. and Mrs. James Robert Hunter, of Emory, Va., to the marriage of their daughter, Grace Jeanette Woodhead, to Paul Shields Hattie. The marriage will be solemnized in the beautiful Hermitage Hall, at Emory, on the evening of the 8th of May.

Miss Maggie Johnson has returned from a visit to Miss Pearl Mayo, in Scottsville, Va.

Mrs. W. Greater Neal is visiting relatives in Danville, Va.

Mr. Hite P. Shepard, of Clifton Forge, Va., has accepted a position in Richmond, and will make his home here.

Miss Sadie Anderson has returned to her home in Ivy, Va., after a visit to friends here.

Rev. Dr. L. B. Johnson, of South Boston, is ill at a local hospital.

Mrs. C. H. Anderson, of Albemarle county, is here to attend the commencement exercises of Union Theological Seminary. Her son, the Rev. Alfred S. Anderson, is a member of the graduating class.

Mrs. George A. Haynes has taken apartments at No. 113-A, North Third Street.

Mrs. W. L. Gullaudeau, of New York, is visiting Mrs. L. R. Dashiell at No. 261 East Franklin Street.

Employers and Simplified Spelling.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—I would appreciate it very much if you would have introduced "simplified spelling," as demonstrated in the 300 words adopted by the Simplified Spelling Board and approved by President Roosevelt. I would appreciate it even more highly if you would bring out clearly in the minds of careless and uneducated people by the use of all of these 300 words—more particularly because a large per cent. of the number are words which are already authorized by the best dictionaries in their simpler forms, and are more commonly spelled by the simpler form. Seeing these in such great number, a fairly educated person might hastily conclude that there was nothing radical proposed in the amended spelling, but would be ignorant on the other hand, would accept the list as license for individual spelling, and become more set in their ignorance. To my mind, the greatest danger lies in these two thoughts. I did not heretofore fear that this spelling would become anything of a menace, as the board seemed to be very reasonable and not inclined to force its use upon any who did not care for it; but I have lately been brought face to face with another view of the situation. I can see a stenographer, a fairly successful one, and have always been proud of the character of my work, and have endeavored to keep it up to the highest standard within my ability. I have, however, accepted a position with a gentleman one of the leading men of Richmond in the business circles, and one whose influence is far-reaching and strong. This gentleman has a well-earned reputation for progressiveness, and (it supposes), thinking it in line with his reputation, I can see him promised to use the "three hundred words." So far, so good; he has this right. But now I come to my trouble. He has instructed me to use the "three hundred" also.

Of course I already use all the simpler forms authorized by scholars, such as accouter instead of accoutre; check or instead of cheque, etc., etc.; but I cannot see the improvement or the advantage in using the amended spelling for words of other like words. I think the board substitutes their phonetic form for the regular spelling, transcending the limits of its authority when he imposed a new spelling upon

ing, which is according to regular rules, and to my mind, very much simpler in consequence. It seems to me that our language is losing in this using the adjective "past" for the verb "passed"; and almost any reform based only upon phonetic reasoning would be invidious. I think, now that we have a phonetic language, our alphabet is not a phonetic alphabet, and we cannot have phonetic spelling. It is simply impossible. The advocates of spelling reform themselves admit this, and a little thought and study on the part of any one interested will demonstrate the truth of this fact.

I feel that it is a hardship for me to be required by some one else to use a spelling which is unauthorized, and which is distasteful to me. Even President Roosevelt, now that he has taken the government; and I believe if this question is brought up and properly aired, it will do good, not only to those who are fighting the ugly "improvements," but the would-be reformers.

I have read what Professor Matthews says; also what Dr. Chanter Thomas says on the subject, and they are both very reasonable. The unreasonable ones are those who upon a superficial examination adopt the "reformed" spelling and insist upon having it used by every one over whom they can assert authority. They haven't the right, but clerks, stenographers and salaried people are not in a position to argue with their employers on the subject.

I shall certainly appreciate your taking up this matter, and throwing a better light on it, and if I am wrong, I am willing to be convinced; but I should certainly like to be convinced and not compelled.

Wanted: My name, as I realize that it is not polite for me even to write this. If you see fit, however, you are welcome to publish the letter without my name. READER.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Miss Percy Haswell, in "Leah Kleschna." Bijou—"Around the Clock." Idlewood—Skating rink.

At the Academy.

"Leah Kleschna" is claimed to be one of the few plays regarding which it is not necessary to qualify advance notices or announcements. Its success was settled in its first production two years ago. It is a play of great dramatic qualities. The play has the elements which give it the very broadest appeal—a novel story and a modern story—a remarkable amount of action, brought about by the greatest dramatic strength, and a diversity of graphic and vivid character types. Miss Haswell has a role which calls forth all her powers for introspective and subtly emotional scenes.

Dr. Greene, Regan Hughton and Robert Peyton Carbr and Brandon Hurst will be seen in roles of practically equal prominence.

In this play, the famous Everett Compton, as Miss Percy Haswell, will open their spring and summer engagement at the Academy to-night, and from all indications it will be most successful.

At the Bijou.

"Around the Clock" the versatile talents of the Ritchie comedians find ample scope and sway. For three lively acts the Ritchie funmakers hold the centre of the stage and contribute to the amusement of the theatrical entertainment as has been at the Bijou in years. "Around the Clock" will be the attraction at the Bijou this week.

The Philadelphia Press says of "The Night Before Christmas," which will appear at the Bijou next week: "The Night, Before Christmas," a pastoral drama, in four acts, as presented at the Auditorium last night, is a pretty and interesting play, well acted and well told. In it the author has given a story that appeals to all classes, and much attention has been given to the staging of it. The company presenting the play is a capital one, and some of the characters are admirably portrayed. Mr. Jack Drummer as Judge Phillips, afterwards Governor of the State of Ohio, gave an excellent representation of the loving father and dutiful Judge and Governor. He was strong in emotional work in the court-room scene and in his private office as Governor. Standing twixt love and duty in this latter scene, his acting was fine, and his refusal to receive his son, convicted of murder, upon the solicitation of his wife and friends, although his heart was breaking, so to speak, moved many to tears. The Buckeye quartet was encored several times in the first act, and their contribution to the success of the organization could be added with good effect."

Alfred J. Cammeyer, the great shoe merchant of New York City, has sent sample lists of boots and shoes to this city, which will be exhibited by his representative at the Jefferson Hotel on Monday, May 13th, and thereafter, the public is cordially invited. Here will be found a full sample stock of Cammeyer's up-to-date boots and shoes for men, women and children. The best footwear that is made anywhere in the world. All the latest fashions and styles of New York styles. Boots and shoes for everybody, and for every purpose. Cammeyer guarantees everything he sells.

SOMETHING NEW.

RICHMOND AND NORFOLK. Between May 1st and thereafter, the Norfolk and Western Railway will operate Pullman Parlor Cars on the Richmond and Norfolk Limited and "Oceanic" Limited, and the "Canon Ball" trains between Richmond and Norfolk. This is the only line operating Pullman Parlor Cars between the two cities.

C. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent.