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The First Lesson.

An Alabama negro, who had spent several years as a servant in a New York family, returning to his home, attempted to instruct the members of his family in correct usage, especially in their language. One day at the table his brother said to him:

"Gimme some 'lasses," Sam.
"You mustn't say 'lasses," corrected Sam. "You must say molasses."
"What is yo' talking 'bout?" grunted his brother. "How's I gwine to say molasses when I ain't had none yet?"

A Cabbage Head.

"I want to get a head of cabbage," said the man who had been sent to market.

"Large or small head?" asked the grocer.

"Oh, about 7/4," said the man absent-mindedly.

Wives Drove Him Mad.

Mohammed Ben Terna, a young Moorish grandee, has gone mad from unavailing efforts to keep three wives together in peace and seclusion in a flat in Paris. Mohammed goes to an asylum and his wives go back to Tangier.

IN FAR NORTHLAND

Tid-Bits of News for Scandinavians.

AMONG OUR BEST CUSTOMERS.

Scandinavians Deal Extensively With the United States.

Scandinavia is a good customer of the United States, according to a recent report of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The report says that the trade of the United States with these countries has increased practically 200 per cent in the last decade, while our total foreign trade has increased but 70 per cent.

How much of this rapid growth in our trade with these countries is due to the large percentage of their people who have become a part of the population of the United States cannot be statistically stated, but it is at least an interesting fact that the Scandinavian population of the United States bears a larger ratio to the present population of their countries of nativity than is true of any other class of our foreign-born population.

The census of 1900 shows in the United States 1,062,100 persons born in Sweden, Denmark and Norway, a total equal to 10.7 per cent of the present population of those countries; while the highest ratio which any other nationality in the United States bears to the present population of its home country is that of the United Kingdom, 6.5 per cent, while Germany ranks next with 4.8 per cent, Italy 1.5 per cent, and Austria-Hungary 1.3 per cent.

The entire trade with Sweden, Norway and Denmark amounts to \$32,000,000 a year, of which \$6,000,000 represents the imports from those countries and \$26,000,000 the exports. To Sweden this country sends manufactured cotton, mineral oil, iron and steel manufactures, flour, lard and fertilizers and other articles, and imports iron and steel in the form of bars and rods, hides and skins, wood pulp and matches. The annual trade both ways amounts to \$10,100,000.

To Norway the United States sends breadstuffs, iron and steel manufactures, sole leather, molasses and syrup, raw cotton and mineral oil, and receives in return wood pulp, hides and skins, mackerel and anchovies. The entire business amounts to about \$6,600,000. The imports show a substantial increase, while there is a tendency to a decrease in the exports to that country.

Denmark's annual business with the United States amounts to about \$16,000,000, or about one-half the trade with Scandinavia. The imports are comparatively small, amounting to only a trifle over a million dollars and represented by hides and skins, rennets, unground flints and other small imports. The export trade is very large, consisting practically of the same products as is sent to Sweden and Norway.

MRS. BAKER DEAD.

"Aunt Friendly," Famous Writer on Sweden, Passes Away.

Mrs. Woods-Baker, an author of some note, died recently at Stockholm, Sweden, where she has lived since 1876, when her daughter Louise became the wife of the Hon. Ernst Beckman, now a member of the Swedish riksdag. She has been a prolific writer, and among her works is "Pictures of Swedish Life," which is a standard English work on Sweden, and is the only work with the exception of W. W. Thomas' "Sweden and the Swedes," recommended by Baedeker for tourists in Sweden.

She began writing in 1847 under the nom de plume of "Aunt Friendly," her stories having had a great vogue among children. Her works have been translated into German, French, Spanish and Swedish.

Mrs. Woods-Baker was free from ambition for literary fame or desire of gain. She wrote as a labor of love, in the hope of doing good; of aiding readers toward the higher life, of promoting interest in Swedish history and of making better known the beauties and virtues of Swedish life. As far as possible she kept the fact of her writing "or the public a secret until late in her career.

The funeral services of Mrs. Woods-Baker at Djursholm were attended by a delegation from the Swedish parliament, by the American minister, Col. Charles H. Graves; the American consul general, Edward L. Adams and Mrs. Adams.

Nobel Peace Prize.

H. P. Arnoldson of Sweden, and Fr. Bayer of Denmark are proposed by members of the Swedish riksdag as worthy of the Nobel peace prize for 1906. Mr. Arnoldson has been one of the most active and influential workers for international peace in Europe and the recommendation will undoubtedly find much favor in Norway, to which he has always been a staunch friend.

CLUBWOMEN TO THE RESCUE.

They Have Supplied a New Field to the Teacher of Elocution.

The occupation of the woman elocutionist might be gone altogether but for a new field for her labors that has recently come into existence.

The day of speaking pieces is past. Young women no longer rise in the drawing room to recite "Of all the operas that Verdi wrote," or to intone "Lorraine, Lorraine, Loree." Even at school commencements there is no place on the program for the old-fashioned recitations.

The elocutionists, therefore, might have been very hard up for work had there not arisen a new demand for their services. It was created by the women's clubs.

When women want to deliver a speech with great effectiveness they learn it by heart and the teacher of elocution does the rest. She teaches them how to deliver its periods in the most effective way, and how to hurl its peroration at the bonnets of the assembly in manner certain to arouse enthusiasm.

Elocution was a declining art until the club women came to its rescue.

Anxiety.

Tramp (outside the gate)—Does your dog bite?

Mrs. Weptonwish (on the porch)—Yes, he does, and—oh, please don't come in! We are so particular about what we feed him on!

Finished.

When a Scotchman answers a question he settles the matter in dispute once for all.

On a certain occasion the question was asked: "Why was Mary Queen of Scots born at Linlithgow?"

Sandy Kerr promptly answered: "Because her mither happened to be staying there at the time," and there actually seemed to be nothing more to be said on the subject.

Perseverance Not Everything.

W. H. Pigg, who has started an elk ranch at Freshwater, Col., was showing his herd of elk to a party of Eastern capitalists.

"I am sure you will succeed in this venture, Pigg," said a broker. "You are a persevering man, and perseverance always brings success."

Mr. Pigg laughed. "I am persevering," he admitted, "and I believe in perseverance. At the same time I don't rate it as high, sir, as you do. Perseverance without intelligence is nothing. A hen can sit a year on a china egg, but there will be no results."

Noah's Light.

"What kind of a light did Noah have in the ark?" asked the fat man at the boarding house table.

"Arc light!" shouted a dozen voices at once.

"No," replied the fat man with a smile; "you must remember that the arc light was not invented then."

"Water gas," suggested a thin man, as he finished his prune.

"Wrong," answered the fat man. "We give it up," replied several. "Why, he had two tapirs."

Not Evenly Matched.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?" asked the judge.

"Nothing, your honor, except that I hope you will make allowances for the fact that the lawyer who convicted me had a louder voice than the one who refuted me."

Butcher's Coat of Arms.

A Welsh judge had before him a case in which a printer sued a pork-butcher for the value of a large parcel of paper bags with the butcher's advertisement printed thereon. The printer, having no suitable illustration to embellish the work, thought he improved the occasion by putting an elaborate royal arms above the man's name and address, but ultimately the latter refused to pay. The judge, looking over a specimen, observed that for his part he thought the lion and the unicorn were much nicer than an old fat pig. "Oh, well," replied the butcher, "perhaps your honor likes to eat animals like that, but my customers don't. I don't kill lions and unicorns—I only kill fat pigs!" Verdict for defendant.

Identity in a Street Car.

The car was crowded and there being two or three polite men left in Indianapolis, one of the two or three gave her a seat in the forward end of the car. He remained on the platform to finish a cigar. She always lets him do that.

When the conductor came along the smoker presented two tickets.

"Who is this for?"

"The lady up in front."

"Yes, but there are several up there."

"Oh, well, let's see. I'm paying for the one under Eat-'Em-Quick Biscuits."

Pertinent.

"Young man," began the dignified gentleman in black dress, "have you fully considered the future? Have you made provision for the hereafter? Is it not time—"

"Pardon me one moment, please, but are you a minister or a life insurance agent?"



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Too often a fellow's charity seems to be glued to his fingers.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.
Reported by Lothrop & Johnson, patent lawyers, 911-912 Pioneer Press building, St. Paul, Minn. John Barton, Virginia, Minn. wrench; Conrad Fichtner, Goodrich, N. D., shaping tool; John Flynn, Duluth, Minn., stump puller; George Holt, Spicer, Minn., ear lock; Abraham Krahn, Langdon, N. D., draft equalizer; Gustav Love, Cokato, Minn., brake for bicycles; Joseph Mangon, St. Paul, Minn., churn.

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