MEMORY A MATTER OF HABIT

Forgetfulness, It Is Asserted, Arises Largely From a Special Kind of Laziness.

Memory, according to psychologists, is a good deal a matter of habit, and lack of it arises largely from a special kind of laziness. We see the truth of this when we observe the prodigious memories of some of the men of letters a century ago, and then compare their education with the system of teaching which now prevails. When we wonder at their ability to quote offhand at almost any length we must remember that from their earliest days they were taught to memorize. They had to learn things by heart, and learn them exactly, with the result that in childhood they formed, perforce, the habit of remembering with absolute precision.

What we need nowadays is a sort of mental training analogous to this older schooling. Let us by all means keep to our filing cases and memorandum pads, but let us at the same time keep our memories active by making them work. The simple process of committing poetry to memory, futile as it may seem to some, is one of the most useful kinds of intellectual exercise. And if we do not before long make general use of some such stimulus it begins to look as though our memories would join our appendixes as now useless relics of an earlier stage of existence. —From the Bellman.

IRONY OF FATE

"What strange sight is this, yon knight riding with a dozen swords of the conquered clinging to his armor?"

"No mystery, me lady. He paid a fabulous sum to a magicion to have his armor magnetized."

WANT UNFAMILIAR SCENES.

Bull fight pictures do not take well with moving picture patrons in Mexican cities. They prefer scenes from other lands, or of less amiliar spectacles. In fact there has been a decided falling off in the popularity of bull fighting in various places since the "movies" have gained a foothold, and some authorities believe that they will ultimately do much to cut down the patronage and undermine the prestige of what has long been considered the national sport of Mexico.

BETTER WORD.

Banks (who has invited his friend home)—Well, what do you think of my cozy little apartment?

Danks—Apartment, old chap? I should call it a compartment.—Boston Transcript.

TIRELESS PAIR.

"Talk about your long hours, I know a couple of hands in a factory that never stop day or night all the year round."

"Impossible! Where?"

"On the factory clock."

ITS POINT.

"Let all the nations take a bird's-eye view of the Panama canal—

"All right, so long as the bird's eye is the eagle's eye."

HIS SOLICITUDE.

"Madam, I saw your husband in a bucket shop this morning."

"Very likely. We're just fixing up our new housekeeping things."

CLOTHES HORSE.

"I hear your wife took a blue ribbon at the horse show."

"Yep; first prize in hobble gowns."

EXCEPTION.

"Age and youth are never the same."

"I don't know about that. A young man can still be an old friend."

Hopkinsville Market Quotations.

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RETAIL GROCERY PRICES.

Country lard, good color and clean 14c and 15c per pound.
Country bacon, 15c per pound.
Black-eyed peas, $3 25 per bushel.
Country shoulders, 12½c pound.
Country hams, 20c per pound.
Irish potatoes, $1.00 per bushel.
Northern eating Rural potatoes $1 00 per bushel
Texas eating onions, $1.25 per bushel
Red eating onions, $1 25 per bushel
Dried Navy beans, $4.00 per bushel
Cabbage, 2 cents a pound.
Dried Lima beans, 60c per gallon.
Country dried apples, 10c per pound, 3 for 25c
Daisy cream cheese, 25c per pound
Full cream brick cheese, 25c per pound
Full cream Limberger cheese, 25c per pound
Popcorn, dried on ear, 2c per pound
Fresh Eggs 25c per doz
Choice lots fresh, well-worked country butter, in pound prints, 30c.

FRUITS.

Lemons. 30c per doz.
Navel Oranges, 30c, 40c, per doz
Bananas, 20c and 25c doz
New York State apples $3.50 to $6.00 per barrel
Cash Price Paid For Produce.

POULTRY.

Dressed hens, 12½c per pound
Dressed cocks, 7c per pound
Live hens, 10c per pound; live cocks 3c pound; live turkeys, 14c per pound

ROOTS, HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Prices paid by wholesale dealers to butchers and farmers:
Roots—Southern ginseng, $5.75 lb "Golden Seal" yellow root, $1.35 lb Mayapple, 3½; pink root, 12c and 13c
Tallow—No. 1, 4½; No. 2, 4c.
Wool—Burry, 10c to 17c; Clean Grease, 21c. medium, tub washed 23c to 30c; coarse, dingy, tubwashed 18c.
Feathers—Prime white goose, 50c dark and mixed old goose, 15c to 30c; gray mixed, 15c to 30c· white duck. 22c to 35c, new.
Hides and Skins—These quotations are for Kentucky hides. Southern green hides 8c. We quote assorted lots dry flint, 12c to 14c. 9-10 better demand
Dressed geese, 11c per pound for choice lots, live 5½
Fresh country eggs, 23 cents per dozen
Fresh country butter 25c lb.
A good demand exists for spring chickens, and choice lots of fresh country butter.

HAY AND GRAIN.

No. 1 timothy hay, $18 00
No. 1 clover hay, $17 00
Clean, bright straw hay, 25c bale
Alfalfa hay, $21 00
White seed oats, 50c
Black seed oats, 50c
Mixed seed oats, 65c
No. 2 white corn, 70c
Winter wheat bran, $24.00.

Chickens Lack Originality.

Abby, the littlest girl of the family, was seated at the breakfast table one morning. As usual, eggs were served. Either she was not hungry or she had grown tired of the inevitable bill of fare, for very earnestly and soberly she remarked: "I do wish hens would lay something besides eggs."

SEEMS LIKE LAW OF NATURE

That Physical Abnormality Means Short Life Is a Fact Handed Down Through History.

The tallest woman in the world died recently. She was eight feet three inches in height, but she lived only thirty-eight years.

This calls attention to one of nature's curious contradictions. Giants are notably short lived. Not long since a boy nearly eight feet tall died soon after his eighteenth birthday; and instances where men much above seven feet in height have reached the age of fifty years are almost unknown.

Length of days does not go with excessive length of limb. But tallness which stops short of giantism usually is a sign of vitality. Tall recruits in continental armies—provided they are of proper weight—give least trouble from sickness and gain most from physical training. It must be remembered in this connection that "tallness" is not the same everywhere. Men accounted tall in southern Italy would be rather short in western Scotland or among the native stock of America.

It is as if nature had fixed a standard height for each race and punished by some physical shortcoming those who varied much from that standard in either direction.

FASTING LUXURIOUSLY.

Lent is now upon us, and Bishop O'Gorman of Sioux Falls, discussing Lent the other day, said:

"It's the spirit rather than the letter of our observation of Lent that counts. I mean that one may sew for the poor and at the same time talk scandal; one may fast and at the same time gormandize.

"Two plump and rosy gentlemen were talking about Lent.

"'Brook trout has gone up,' said the first.

"'Perigord truffles and Marennes oysters were never so dear before,' the second murmured.

"'The price of snapper and diamond back is prohibitive—positively prohibitive.'

"'Wine and fresh vegetables, whether from Florida or California, are worth their weight in gold.'

"The first gentleman sighed and exclaimed:

"'Alas, in these days of high prices, where is one to get the money to fast!'"

REGARDED STAMPS AS HEALING.

One of the teachers in the Providence public schools has been very active in persuading her pupils to buy, and also sell, as many of the Red Cross stamps as they could, and to stimulate their interest she gave a talk on the stamps and their mission. In conclusion she said: "The stamps are something we should all be ready to spend our pennies for, because they are made to prevent that dreadful disease, tuberculosis."

The children were duly impressed; and a boy in a rear seat begged leave to speak.

"Please, Miss Mitchell, where do you have to put the stamps to cure you?"

FIRST QUARREL.

The acts traveling with the circus became very much put out with one consisting of a man and a women who turtle-doved it day and night. It was "lovey" this and "dovey" that until everybody else in the show grew sick with the sight of the spooners' approach. One day one of the aggrieved burst into the mess tent full of news and glee. "It's all right," he yelled. "I just saw lovey hand dovey the finest wallop on the jaw!"

ACCORDING TO REPORT.

"Letter from your wife?"

"Yes, she's in California for the winter."

"Well, I guess she's getting it, all right."

TOO PROPHETIC.

Maud—I have a perfectly killing automobile costume.

Harry—Then don't wear it on this trip.

SUSPICIOUS.

"Is young Mrs. Oldboy in mourning for her husband?"

"I'm no mind reader—how do I know?"

CORROBORATIVE DETAIL.

"That was a mad wine scene."

"Yes; I noticed the champagne bottles were frothing at the mouth."