

AMERICAN WANDERLUST.

A Habit Which Strengthens the Cohesive Unity of the Nation.

Less than half the members of the United States senate and house of representatives are native born in the states which they represent. Nothing could more clearly show the alert activities of the American people and that constant intermingling of the inhabitants of the several states which adds so much to the cohesive unity of the nation. The boy who goes to a distant state often accomplishes more than the one who goes straight on in the footprints of his father in the home village. Even Daniel Webster was not born in the old Bay State, whose influence and dignity he so well sustained and whose people mourned him so sincerely when his great life closed.

This wandering from state to state has resulted in the organizing in New York city of many state societies, which aim to gather together the natives of their respective states annually to revive the pleasant memories of the old home days, with their thousand clinging ties.

What would happen if the American people should cease to wander about the country? is a question often asked. It is said that an eastern man never amounts to anything until he goes west and that a western man has to come east in order to attain his full stature mentally. The northern man is advised to go south to learn gentle courtesy and chivalric bearing, the southerner to go north to add more iron to his blood. There can be no doubt that this constant evolution has encouraged the birth of new ideas, just as the whirling of the kitescope developed a toy into our present wonderful moving pictures, which give us glimpses of life in motion all over the world.—Joe Mitchell Chapple in National Magazine.

THE HURRYING BARBER.

Speed Manifested More in the Motions Than in the Results.

"Barbers," remarked the man with the short hair, "are born unable to hurry. Just you go into a shop, as I did the other day, wanting a hair cut, and ask the barber how long it will take. He told me, 'Oh, about twenty minutes!' and I said to go ahead.

"That barber honestly believed he was hurrying, but he couldn't leave out those little snip-snips about the back of the neck they are all so fond of doing, and he had to cut the hair as if he were chiseling priceless marble. When it got to be about half an hour I said to him, 'You're a pretty bad judge of time, aren't you?' He came back with something about not wanting to turn out a poor job.

"I've known it to happen often in the case of shaving. When you tell a barber to hurry he dashes around on the tiled floor at imminent risk of falling, and he splashes the lather into your eyes and your mouth, but the fact remains that he takes as much time as usual to rub the lather into your face and as much time to shave you.

"I begin to believe there is some sort of rule regarding time that all barbers observe, because I have timed them. Once I asked a barber to hurry shaving me, and he had all the motions, but took up just as much time as when he went along at his usual gait.

"I imagine they believe the customer will be satisfied with the appearance of speed, and that's the reason they run around so and breathe heavily as if winded when changing from one side of the chair to the other."—New York Sun.

Children of Criminals.

It is a curious fact—one all at variance with the doctrines of heredity, but borne out by police records—that the children of crooks, of all classes, rarely turn out to be crooks themselves. Deeper study of the subject might reveal that they are possessed of the criminal instincts, but that the tragically close example of the punishment and wretchedness that attend a criminal career has been a terrifying deterrent. The fact, at any rate, remains. The rogues' galleries of Scotland Yard, New York and Chicago may be studied in vain for the photographs of a father and a son.—Argonaut.

He Did His Part Thoroughly.

In order to avoid an argument with a woman suffragist on the subject of her hobby a happy bachelor gallantly acquiesced in the truth of her assertions.

"But, sir," sternly remarked the spinster, "your admission is anything but creditable to you. What for instance, have you ever done for the emancipation of woman?"

"Madam," responded the gentleman, with a polite smile and a bow, "I have at least remained a bachelor!"

Seemed All Right.

"Mamma, why don't you want me to play with that Kudger boy?"

"Because, dear, I know the family. He hasn't good blood in him."

"Why, mamma, he's been vaccinated twice, and it wouldn't take either time."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Making and Earning Money.

"What is the difference between making money and earning money?" asked the youth.

"Sometimes the difference is a trip to the penitentiary for counterfeiting," answered the home grown philosopher.—Chicago News.

Enlightening Rollo.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is an egotist?"

"An egotist, my son, is a burnt match that thinks it was the whole fire-works."—Washington Star.

OUR SCRAP BOOK COLUMN

DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO THE HOME.

The best way to manage a wife is to keep yourself always her lover.

The best biography—the life that writes charity in the largest letters.

Children need love, tenderness and sympathy as much as flowers need air and sunshine.

Gather a wreath from the garden bowers and tell the wish of thy heart in flowers.

The wife is superior to the husband in as many ways as the husband is superior to the wife. It is not well to forget that.

The essential elements of true hospitality are: a sound, simple, everyday life, with no shame to hide and no pretenses to keep up. That which makes hospitality a burden and not a delight is a foolish vanity which wishes to appear better than it has to divide.

Don't say that it doesn't matter how you look around the house, for it does matter a good deal. It matters for the general credit of the establishment, of which the feminine head is the creditable or questionable representative; it matters in its example to the children and to the help; it matters to the husband and father, who usually, if he is half a man, feels a sense of pride in the appearance of his family. It is poor encouragement to him to find confusion and carelessness in dress and waste and destruction running riot about his dwelling. It is one of the important duties of every woman to keep herself and her house in as good a condition as possible, considering her circumstances.

Sympathy, happiness and cheerfulness are more than acts, they are part of the individual life.

When the high heavens can be mirrored in a drop of dew, why not the smallest deep of life mirror the whole spirit of christianity?

Sometimes a person's tongue gets them into trouble. Watch the tongue, it belongs to you, and it is the only one for which you are responsible. Your neighbor's tongue may need care also, but that is his business. Watch your tongue; it needs watching. It is a fire—watch it. It is the helm which guides the vessel. Let the helmsman keep wide awake. It can bless or it can curse; it can poison or heal; it can pierce hearts and blight hopes; it can sow discord and separate chieft friends. Watch your tongue, no one but you can take care of that tongue. Your neighbors may wish they could bridle it, but they can't do it.

Do not—mother at your household, father in your study—do not be always "too busy." The little heart wants an outlet, the upraised bud wants a kiss, the little hearts have something to tell you, a little grief to bring, a small joy, a game of play expected now and then. Ah, beware! Those requirements will slacken and will cease, if it be too often. Now run away, dear, father is busy. "Don't be troublesome, dear, mother must do her work."

Of course there must be checks sometimes; of course over-indulgence is the worst kindness. But be not, as a rule, repellent, unsympathetic; they will go elsewhere, after a while, with their little confidences, their little wants, their little losses, their little griefs and joys, their little winning ways, with the refreshment of their pure, delightful beings. Perhaps you will be sorry then—then, when the mischief is done—sorry when the toy is no longer, as a matter of course, brought first to the "father" to see; when the toddling feet seek elsewhere but to mother for drying of tears, when the pattering of unsteady feet always passes your door. Ah, you will be sorry then

that you were so foolish, sorry that you scared the birds away.

He always attracted attention as he marched up the main aisle of the church with his sleek silk hat on his left hand, his hair faultlessly combed, his face as smooth as a billiard ball and his clothes as faultlessly as just from a tailorshop, when services were concluded, and he was passing into the Sunday school room, an old lady asked him for the health of his wife. "Oh she is not very well. The fact was the poor woman had built the fires, prepared breakfast, brushed his clothes, combed his hair, and was left at home to wash the dishes, to do housework and prepare that man's dinner, but "was not well." He was a conscientious man, that.

A DAUGHTER'S PART AT HOME.

One of the sweetest things a girl can do is to receive friends graciously, particularly at home. In one's own house a cordial manner is peculiarly fitting. Do not stand off in the middle of the room and bow coldly and formally to the friend who has called. Walk over to meet her, give her your hand and say pleasantly that you are very glad to see her again. Stiff, cold and formal ways of greeting acquaintances are not proper in welcoming guests to her father's house. A daughter's part is to assist her mother on every social occasion. The girl pours the tea in her mother's drawing-room when friends drop in at five o'clock. Quite often, when no maid is present, she helps the guests to sandwiches and cakes which are served at 5 o'clock tea, and herself hands the cups and takes them from the guests who would like to be relieved.

Apart from and more important even than her manner to a guest who happens in for an hour or a day, is the manner of a daughter to her father and mother. The father returns to his home after a weary day at business. He is tired in body and mind. Coming back, as his latchkey turns in the home door, he throws off care; he is joyous at the thoughts of the dear ones he will meet after hours of absence. His young daughter, in a pretty gown, with the bloom and freshness only girlhood wears, should be ready to give him the attention he loves—the kiss, the cheery word—to help her mother and the rest in letting her father see how much he is loved at home. Men give up a great deal for their families—their time, their strength, the knowledge they have gained in life's experiences—they spend everything freely for their home's sake, and the home should pay its debt in much outspoken love.

Man is naturally a home-loving animal. In fact most animals are home-loving. And when a man asks a woman to share his life, it is usually taken as a gentle hint that he wants her to take hold and take a sort of general oversight of his affairs and a special oversight of himself. He likes to know that she does things for him just for the reason that she loves him, and is interested in him and his well-being. He loves his home more if there is some impress of her personality upon it. He likes best the meal she prepares for him. Of course, he says very little—perhaps nothing—of all this, being a man.

In too many families the mother assumes the care of everything and her daughters are but genteel loungers in the household. The work which could be so easily and quickly done if each bore a share, is left for the hands already weakened by heavy burdens, and when at last the poor household drudge dies at her post, she is remembered with pity not unmixed with contempt because she resigned the post of ruler of the household to become its slave, and her daughters are left to ruin other homes with idleness and ignorance.

WEST VIRGINIA
HOME-COMING
WEEK

Celebration of the 1st Battle of the Revolution

THE BATTLE of POINT PLEASANT
OCTOBER 10, 1774Unveiling of the Monument
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The Masonic Grand Lodge of the State and Subordinate Lodges of the State will participate in the Unveiling Exercises.

Our neighboring States will be invited to send State Representatives and the Citizens of those who share with us the blessings of the Revolutionary struggle are invited to come and celebrate with us the 1st Battle of the Revolution

Congress delayed the duty of the Recognition of the Battle's Statue but at last has stamped it, as it was, the First Battle of the Revolution

Point Pleasant Swings Wide her Doors and is preparing to take care of the big crowd that will be here.

Receptions, Balls, Banquets, Speech Making, Steamboat Excursions, Ball Games, the Unveiling of the Monument.

The Ceremonies Incident of the Marking of Cornstalk's Grave and the Grave of Ann Bailey will be features of interest, while the Sunday services will include Addresses by the most Eminent Divines who will come back home to West Virginia for the occasion.

If you want further details and are coming back to West Virginia write the Mayor of Point Pleasant, Judge John L. Whitten, or Mr. E. J. Somerville.

STRICT SYSTEM
OF EXAMINATION

HUNTERS MUST ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS.

When one goes to the county clerk's office to take out a license to hunt in this state under the new West Virginia law he is required to go through an examination almost as thorough as the Bertillon system of measurement used for the keeping of the record on criminals. While the clerk does not come from behind the desk to go through the actual work of examination, the applicant is sworn, and he is put through a long list of questions. He is required to give his name, place of residence, occupation, height, weight, color of his eyes, color of his hair, and his complexion.

An applicant should know the exact distance from the top of his head to the ground, as if he makes a wide guess he may be caught napping by the clerk, who has measured off the wall and marked it on the opposite side from his desk. Oftentimes the applicants are asked to step back and stand close to the wall, when the clerk looks at his marks to determine the man's exact height.

Licenses are issued for the period of one year, and residents pay \$1, 75 cents of which is for the license and a quarter goes in fees. A non-resident must pay \$15.50, 50 cents of which is for fees. So far there has not been one license issued in Mason county to non-residents, and there have not been numerous applicants among residents. The blank application, which is filled out by the answers of the applicant to the questions in the examination, is kept on file in the clerk's office. This aids the farmer or other person in securing the name of a hunter by giving his description at the office of the clerk.

THE REUNION SEASON.

This is the season of the year when the papers are full of notices of family reunions, and the spring chicken and cucumber pickle have the center of the stage. Year by year these many family reunions grow in number, while the several family connections likewise grow and flourish like the green bay tree. And what a goodly sight it is to see an aged grandfather and grandmother, in the sear and yellow leaf of life, surrounded by their children and their children's children to the number of scores. Well may they count their blessings, giving thanks to a Divine Providence which has ordered their day of usefulness. May the family reunion never die.

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