

BLIND.
The spring blew trumpets of color.
Her green sang in my brain.
I heard a blind man groping
"Tap-tap" with his cane.
I pitied him his blindness.
But can I boast "I see?"
Perhaps there walks a spirit
Close by who pities me—
A spirit who hears me tapping
The five sensed cane of mind
Amid such unguessed glories
That I am worse than blind!
—Henry Kemp in Independent.

SAID OF WAR.
The divine command says,
"Thou shalt not kill."
Murder is murder.—Theodore Roosevelt.
War, I call it murder.—James Russell Lowell.
War is wholesale murder; war is hell.—General William T. Sherman.
War is the trade of barbarism.—Napoleon Bonaparte.
Not less than 8,500,000,000 human beings have been slain in war since the beginning of the world.—Edward Burke.

The warrior's name shall be a name abhorred and bear forever the curse of Cain.—Henry W. Longfellow.
War is murder by the law.—Young.
There has never been a good war or a bad peace.—Benjamin Franklin.
Gall and power are the chief causes of war.—Tacitus.
Where bleed the many to enrich the few.—Shenstone.
Most of the debts of this world represent condensed drops of blood.—Henry Ward Beecher.

DREAM SHIP.
Oh, let me live in the heart of the sea.
Under the sunset sky.
Where sails the good ship Memory
And dreams to steer her by!
Where sweet winds blow and song waves sweep
Over the golden bar.
A silver mist on the violet deep
And my lost love a star.
—C. K. Shetterley.

LAST WORDS OF FAMOUS AMERICANS.
Thank God I can lay my hand on my heart and say that since I came to man's estate I have never done, intentionally, wrong to any.—General Francis Marion.
I am about to die. I expect a summons soon. I have endeavored to discharge all my official duties faithfully. I regret nothing, but am sorry that I am about to leave my friends.—Zachary Taylor.
I hope to meet each of you in heaven. Be good children, all of you, and strive to be ready when the change comes.—Andrew Jackson.

I wish you to understand the true principles of government. I wish them carried out. I ask nothing more.—William Henry Harrison.
I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.—Nathan Hale.

WORDS AND DEEDS.
As deeds speak louder than words, so God asks of these work as well as words, and more. He asks of these works first and words after. And better it is to praise him truly by works without words than falsely with words without works.—Charles Kingsley.

Test Case.
"Can I trust you, Smith?"
"Guess so. Try me with \$10."—Boston Transcript.

A CURIOUS WARNING.
It Was a Clever Ruse and Thoroughly Scared the Burglars.
For a time during the eighteenth century in England there was a lull in the robbery industry owing to an odd incident. Shortly after the execution of an English burglar named Ellison a curious communication purporting to have been written by him was put into circulation.
"Now, as I am a dying man," it ran, "I have done something which may be of good use to the public. I have left with an honest man—the only honest man I was ever acquainted with—the names of all my wicked brethren, the places of their abode, with a short account of the chief crimes they have committed, in many of which I have been the accomplice and heard the rest from their own mouths. I have likewise set down the names of those we call our setters, of the houses we frequent and all of those who receive and buy our stolen goods. I have solemnly charged this honest man and have received his promise upon oath that whenever he hears of any rogue to be tried for robbery or housebreaking he will look into his list and if he finds there the name of the thief concerned to send the whole paper to the government. Of this I here give my companions fair and public warning and hope they will take it."
It is said the hint was so effectual that for a long time pickpockets and burglars in that part of England went into panic-stricken retirement. And, this being so, it is just as well they did not know that the letter was a clever forgery, the work of that prince of wits and humorists, Dean Swift.

HOAXED THE STATESMEN.
And at the Same Time Paul Birault Proved His Proposition.
Paul Birault, a writer on the Paris Ecclair, contended that too many states were being erected all over France to obscure heroes, too many official speeches made to celebrate intellectual nonentities, and radical politicians generally are the blindest leaders of the blind.
To prove his theory that this was due to the fact that the living were delighted by public posing, he invented a celebrity to glorify and called him Hegesippe Simon. No such man ever existed, but he described him in his letter as a most wonderful precursor of modern light and progress. To give his letter a certain importance he headed it with a motto to the following effect: "Darkness fades when the sun rises," representing it as the most remarkable dictum of the remarkable Hegesippe Simon.
Under this glorious motto he placed the title of his bogus committee, which he dubbed "public committee for the celebration of the centenary of Hegesippe Simon." He selected the names of 100 Radical deputies in alphabetical order and sent them each a letter, in which he said: "Thanks to the liberality of a generous donor, the disciples of Hegesippe Simon are now enabled to erect a statue in his honor. We desire to inscribe your name as an honorary member of the committee to celebrate the centenary of this great educator of democracy."
Birault received letters of acceptance from a large number of deputies, senators and ministers.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Bright Definitions.
Here are some schoolboy "howlers" sent us by a Welsh schoolmaster:
"The principal vegetable and mineral products in America are tinned meat and borking strictors."
"The temperate zone is the region where no one drinks too much."
"The English lesson is not altogether free from humor."
"The masculine of sultana is raisin; of heroine, kipped."
"The feminine of he goat is she went; of hero, shero."
"A corpse is a dead gentleman; a corpse is a dead lady."—London Tit Bits

Keep the Spade Bright.
If the hired man carelessly puts the spade away without cleaning it you may have a hard time cleaning it next time you go out to dig. But if you have been careful to put cinders in a nice pile not more than one minute will be required to clean the spade and make it as bright as a new dollar.
Simply dig in the cinders for a minute or so, showing them about as you do gravel and cement when mixing concrete, and the job is done. The cinders should be wet, as they are sure to be if exposed to the weather.
We learned this while shoveling cinders into a post hole when building a fence. It works like a charm.—Baltimore American.

Caught Both Ways.
"I saw Tommy stealing the jam."
"And I saw him jamming the steal."—Baltimore American.

YOUR BLOOD is the canal of life but it becomes a sewer if clogged up. All life consists of building up and tearing down and just in the same manner that the blood carries to the various parts of the body the food that the cells need for building up, so it is compelled to carry away the waste material that's torn down. These waste materials are poisonous and destroy us unless the liver and kidneys are stimulated into refreshed and vigorous life.

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A SEWER

Japan, Threatened on Both Sides, to Adopt Middle Course

By Professor M. ANESAKI of Imperial University at Tokio

JAPAN IS OFTEN SAID TO BE DOOMED BECAUSE SHE IS BEING WESTERNIZED AND BECAUSE SHE IS WILLING TO ADMIT THAT THE EAST SHOULD REMAIN EAST, AND QUITE AS OFTEN THE OPPOSITE ACCUSATION IS MADE, AND JAPAN NOW APPEARS THE INCARNATION OF A DEVIL COLORED YELLOW PERIL. IN THE FIRST CASE WE ARE PITIED BECAUSE WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ADOPT WESTERN CIVILIZATION, AND IN THE OTHER CASE WE ARE HATED SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE ORIENTALS.

Until our last war with China our western neighbor hated us and despised us because we seemed to her to be becoming the SLAVES OF THE WESTERN "BARBARIANS." This hatred increased in power until China so infringed upon Japan that she was at last obliged to resist it with force of arms. It was the firm conviction of the whole Japanese nation in the war of 1894-95 that we were fighting in order to awaken China from her STUBBORN BLINDNESS TO THE WORLD'S PROGRESS. But, curiously enough, no sooner was the war ended than a picture of the oriental devil appeared, designed to impress the western people with the dread of the yellow peril. Thus we are threatened on either side, and our task is to resist both extremes and to keep steadily to a middle course.

DESPITE THESE CRITICISMS PASSED UPON US, WE ARE FIRM IN OUR RESOLUTION AND FAITHFUL TO THE CHARGE LAID UPON US BY OUR SOVEREIGN THAT OUR COURSE SHOULD LIE MIDWAY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND THAT OUR DESTINY IS TO BUILD A STONE FIRMLY INTO THE BRIDGE WHICH BINDS THE TWO CIVILIZATIONS TOGETHER.

Home Cooking To Blame For Many Diseases

By Mrs. CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN, Author-Sociologist

STOP COOKING FOR JOHN! THE HOME OF TODAY IS A PERMANENT CHECK UPON THE GROWTH OF HUMANITY. EVERY OTHER BUSINESS HAS DEVELOPED FASTER THAN THE ONE WE DO AT HOME. WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT HOME COOKING! THE RACIAL IDEA ABOUT HAVING PRIVATE COOKS PREVAILS AMONG MEN. BUT THERE ARE MORE DISEASES WHICH COME FROM BAD COOKING AT HOME THAN FROM ANY OTHER CAUSE. THE TENDER MASS OF SENTIMENT ABOUT WHAT WE CALL HOME COOKING IS THE WORST KIND OF TOMMYROT. I HAVE SEEN ON THE TABLES IN MANY HOMES BREAD WHICH WOULD BE A DISGRACE TO THE WORST BAKERS.

The growing trade at the delicatessen stores is proof that the movement is already well started to free woman from her slavery. One big kitchen can do the work of fifty small kitchens; one cook can prepare food for thirty persons; three cooks for many hundreds.

IDLENESS.
It does not cost much to live a happy, honorable life, but it costs a mint of money to live and do nothing.—T. W. Hanford.

How He Found Them.
"William, go up to my room. Back of my wardrobe there are—"
"Clears, sir?"
"Yes. How did you find them?"
"Oh, very good indeed, sir."—London Telegraph.

The Thieving Ear of Corn.
Twelve ears of corn will plant an acre. If one of the planted ears happens to be "no good" there is a twelfth of an acre missing. An acre of corn may be worth \$30 to \$40, so to discover a thieving ear is worth from \$2.50 to \$3.50. One can pick out the ears of poor germination at slight cost if he will test his corn before he sows it. While about to reject the ears that, although germinating, do not send up strong, vigorous stalks. Lusty, vigorous young things grow surest into profit, whether they be pigs, lambs, colts or cornstalks.—Breeder's Gazette.

A Canal Begun by Nero.
The ship canal across the isthmus of Corinth, which was completed in 1893, was the flush of a scheme dating back to 600 B. C. when Pericles employed Egyptian engineers to survey the isthmus. Nero actually began work along the site of the present canal, but at his death this was abandoned and men continued to watch up the idea for another eighteen centuries.—London Chronicle.

Good Reason.
"My idea of happiness is to see the statue of Liberty in New York harbor from the deck of a returning steamer."
"And why do you think you would enjoy seeing it?"
"Because I've never been abroad."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Gives Him Away.
She—There is one sure way a woman can tell a gentleman in a crowded street car. He—What is that, She—By his getup.—Baltimore American.

No Doubt of It.
Mrs. Crawford—Does she really dress to please her husband? M's. Crabshaw—Yes, she makes all her own clothes.—New York Times.

Broad Toed Shoes.
In Henry VIII's reign the style of shoes grew so broad to suit his gouty feet that in his daughter Mary's reign footwear had become so large that parliament limited the breadth of the toes of shoes to six inches.

Public Schools Not Founded to Furnish Clinics For Sex Mad Fanatics

By Bishop WARREN A. CANDLER of Methodist Episcopal Church South

A LONG process of reformers (so called) have sought to bring to pass all sorts of machine made "millenniums." If they deal with the social evil they proceed on the notion that purity is only possible to those who are above want or have good wages. They are never deeply concerned to work on the souls of men and women, but they are absorbed in trying to improve surroundings. THEY HAVE MORE FAITH IN THE POWER OF ENVIRONMENT THAN IN THE STRENGTH OF CONSCIENCE. They have done much to lead multitudes of men and women to wait for something to be done for them rather than by them before undertaking to live virtuously.

NOW OUR REFORMERS, WHO HAVE BEEN GIVING SUCH ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENT FOR MANY YEARS AND WHO HAVE FAILED TURN TO A VAIN ATTEMPT TO REGULATE HEREDITY. HENCE THIS HUGE SCHEME OF EUGENICS, WHICH IS, INDEED, A TRAGIC BLUNDERING WITH SACRED THINGS. ALREADY IT HAS YIELDED A CORRUPTING BULK OF SALACIOUS TALK ABOUT SEX HYGIENE AND SEX INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE WHOLE DISGUSTING MOVEMENT RESTS ON THE ASSUMPTION OF MAN'S SAMENESS WITH THE BRUTES. IT LEAVES ENTIRELY OUT OF THE ACCOUNT MAN'S FREEDOM OF WILL, WHICH DIVINE CHARACTERISTIC LIFTS HIM INFINITELY ABOVE ANY AND ALL BRUTES.

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CARRYING AN UMBRELLA.
Don't Hold It Before Your Face In a Crowded Street.
"There are a great many persons injured on windy, rainy nights because they hold their umbrellas down in order to protect their faces from the driving rain," explained an ambulance surgeon. "In their desire to protect themselves from the rain they place themselves in grave danger of being struck and run over by surface cars, automobiles and other vehicles."
"If you wish proof of my assertion just stand in a doorway some night where you are protected from the rain and where you are in a position to see an expanse of thoroughfare which all kinds of vehicles use. You will be surprised at the large number of persons you will notice crossing the thoroughfare with their umbrellas held down so far that it is impossible for them to see anything approaching. They seem oblivious of danger, and a spectator would suppose from their actions that there was not the remotest chance of an accident occurring."
"It is a fact that many pedestrians are injured on windy, rainy nights. With their umbrellas pulled down so that it is impossible to see ahead or to the sides, the pedestrians walk in front of vehicles and are knocked down and injured before they realize what has happened."—New York Sun.

Quick Lunch Quip.
Guest—A frankfurter sandwich with horseradish. Host—One dog in tears!—Detroit Times.

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