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THEY CALL THIS ROYAL SPORT

Here is a pen picture. Dr. W. Seward Webb, J. A. Burdon, Jr., James Lawrence and perhaps a dozen more men and women who have money and are topnotchers in society, were armed with guns. They secured over a thousand birds in all, mostly pheasants. Dr. Webb has a great park comprising thousands of acres in Vermont. There he has his gamekeepers and guards to keep out intruders. The place is a veritable Eden for wild animals. There are no dogs or cats; the sound of a gun is seldom heard. The sun shines on primitive nature, and the great forest seems good. Mother pheasant lays her eggs, warms them with her body, brings forth her young and tries to carry out the great scheme of nature as God has planned it. And then along comes Dr. Seward Webb and his guests. They have aped an English custom. They are not in need of food. They do not kill to eat. They find enjoyment in slaying. It is really a blood thirst; and even the women have no scruples about taking bird life. The beaters scramble through bush and gully. They drive the frightened birds before them. Bang! bang! go the guns. Here a bird flutters about in agony, shot through a wing. There is one with a broken leg. Further on one with a cruel wound has fluttered into the bushes to die. And all about there is laughter and pleasure. Dr. Webb's guests are having a royal time. Later there will be a lunch, and the various members of the party will boast about the number of birds that died by their hands. All will look up to the man or woman who shed the most blood. You would find it difficult to convince those people that they had in any way offended the laws of humanity, or been guilty of unthinking cruelty. They call it sport—sport fit for kings. It is not fit for anybody who has mercy in his heart. Whoever takes life, be it bird or animal, for the mere joy of killing, lowers himself, hardens his nature and sets a bad example for the rising generation.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA

The London Times is perhaps the best authority respecting the relative fighting strength of Japan and Russia. The Times correspondents are experts. Allowing for a bias in favor of Japan their conclusions may be accepted as the best opinion obtainable. The Times says Japan has much the better chance on sea, and as to the land, a fairly even chance. Japan has six battleships to Russia's eight, but the former are much the superior. The Japanese ships are of one grade and can therefore be more easily handled. A fleet of warships is like a chain—it is no stronger than its weakest link. A fleet of war vessels must adapt itself to the capacity of its poorest ships. Japan has six armored cruisers to Russia's five. In protected cruisers Japan has fourteen to Russia's eight. Another advantage for Japan: She has four fine dockyards "capable of constructing and repairing vessels of any class." Russia's docking facilities are totally inadequate. So great is the preponderance it is believed Russia will hardly risk an open fight on the sea. As to the army: Japan has about 200,000 men with a reserve force of 430,000. Russia's force in the East is about 200,000. Her reserve, of course, run into millions. Japan will win on the sea, say the experts, either by defeat of the Russian fleet or it blockade. As to Japan's fighting on land military authorities disagree. In the long run, it would seem, Russia must win. Japanese velocity cannot overcome Russia's momentum. The Japanese soldiers are superior in bravery, discipline, initiative and enthusiasm, but they will go against a stone wall. The cost in human lives, tears, ruin, suffering—the experts do not figure these.

LET US PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

The story of that Rock Island wreck, in which 20 persons were killed, is but a repetition of the old, old story. Have we become so used to it—so hardened to the tales of carnage—that it is impossible to arouse the people of this country to the fact that all this sacrifice of precious lives might have been prevented. If we had law in this country for railroads as we have for private individuals, such awful disasters would be impossible. Every death that has occurred in the epidemic of railway disasters of the past few weeks has been due to one cause, and that cause is carelessness. In every recent wreck, as in all wrecks, the Pullman cars have been comparatively unharmed, while the common coaches provided for the common people have been crushed like egg shells. There is no luck about it, no secret. The simple reason lies in the fact that Pullmans are well built, with floors of steel and cement and with lining of asbestos, while the common coaches are but mere wooden boxes. The lesson is obvious. Cars can be made safe. Science has done its part. It remains for the law to compel all railroad companies to build all passenger coaches on this plan. It will cost money, of course. But is not money cheaper than human life? Have we become so sordid and mercenary that the loss of a hundred lives in a single fortnight from one cause cannot startle us into demanding an effective remedy? Congress has express powers to regulate the railways. It has to a degree delegated that power to the interstate commerce commission, which makes much ado over protecting people against being robbed, but does nothing toward protecting them against being killed. There can be little legal doubt that congress has power to compel railroads to make the cars for the common people as safe as the cars for those who can pay extra charges. It has power, through the interstate commerce commission or by special statute, to compel them to make every interstate passenger coach as safe as the safest. Railroads can justify charge only for transportation; they cannot with impunity put a premium upon human life. Life insurance is not a legitimate part of their business. We have plenty of laws to protect property. It is time this nation recognized that human life also is sacred, and set about protecting it against grinding greed that is extracting profit out of human blood and bones.

PRICKLY POINTS

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.



Th' rich man that goes int' politics generally has fer his motto, "If at first you don't succeed, buy, buy again."

Our prim friend, the Kent girl, said to us that she could forgive those burglars everything, but it mortified her when she saw them strip the house.



"HIS EXPERIENCE GAVE HIM QUITE A TURN."

"If the thief who has been invading our chicken roosts in daylight during our absence, will return and apologize and ask for the remaining few in a spirit of ap-

preciation, he can have them. Don't say it was Jack Ramey. We know the guilty ones, and they drop their heads when they meet us.—Medical Lake Correspondent Olympia Democrat.



A CASH REGISTER. UNCLE HENRY SAYS:

"Leap year is so called 'cause it keeps th' old bach'lors on th' jump."

AN EVIL DOER.

The person who untied Ohmer Bragdon's horse that was hitched to the hitch post in front of the M. E. parsonage on last Sunday night is known, and it will cost the party some trouble if it should happen again. If this is not stopped it will

not be safe to leave the horses hitched without a watch dog.—Steilacoom Vindicator.



HAND PAINTED CHINA.

"I understand you made \$5,000 out of that farm of yours last year." "That's right." "My farm is twice as large as yours and I lost \$5,000 on it. I wish you'd explain to me how you make money out of yours." "Sold it."



THE WARDEN PUT HIM IN IRONS. UNPARALLELED OFFER

PRIZE FOR BEST LEAP-YEAR PROPOSAL OFFERED BY PRICKLY POINTS—TRY YOUR HAND AT POPPING THE QUESTION, GIRLS.

Today Prickly Points takes up the momentous subject of Leap Year. It is a time for organization and taking of council, for comparing of notes and weighing of methods. There are only 366 days in this year and some of them have already passed without profit and without result. The fact that many grass widows have been making hay while the sun shines—working overtime, so to speak, in the closed season of 1896-1904—should nerve all unmarried girls to face the issue with decision. Remember, if you want to take a bridal trip to the St. Louis exposition, you will have to act with courage and dispatch.

To the Tacoma girl who sends in the best proposal we will award a sure-enough recipe for sunburn. To the out-of-town girl providing the most meritorious form of proposal we will send a recipe for abolishing freckles. As an example of what is wanted, this contribution by Queenie Goldilocks, Vassar '07, who is now dining-room girl in a C street boarding house, may be of value. It is not necessary to follow her ideas, but kindly be guided by the brevity and pith of her rosy literary effort:

QUEENIE GOLDLOCKS, VASSAR '07. I would give my adored one three chances. First, I would say, "Do you intend to remain a bachelor all your life?" If he proved dense, I would wait till we walked past a furniture store, and then say, "Oh, how I would like a home furnished like that." If he remained obtuse, I would press the muzzle of a revolver to his temple and say, "Will you marry me? Speak!"

COTTAGE MEETINGS

The committee having in charge the cottage prayer meeting movement meets late this afternoon at the First Methodist church to arrange for leaders and places of meeting. The first meeting will be held Friday afternoon.

The city has been divided into six districts, each having a chairman, as follows:

- First—All north of Division avenue and Sixth avenue—Rev. A. H. Barnhisel. Second—Between Division and Sixth avenues on the north and South Thirtieth street on the south—Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick. Third—All from South Thirtieth street on the north to the Northern Pacific railway tracks on the south—Rev. James Clulow. Fourth—All of East Tacoma—Rev. John Reid. Fifth—Sixth addition, Oakes' addition and Fern Hill—Rev. H. B. Hendley. Sixth—South Tacoma—Rev. J. H. Beattie.

WANT DUTY ON COAL MAINTAINED

Secretary J. S. Whitehouse of the Chamber of Commerce has been directed to prepare a resolution to be sent to congress protesting against any further withdrawal of the duty on coal. This action was decided upon at the meeting of the trustees last night. The placing of coal on the free list would result in larger quantities of foreign coal being brought in here, and it would work a great hardship to Washington miners.

WORK PROGRESSING ON CAR SHOPS

At Thirteenth and A streets the Tacoma Railway & Power company's new shops are beginning to assume shape. The concrete foundations have been finished and brick work completed up to the first floor. There is a large force of men employed and it is expected to have the building completed before spring.

REHEARSAL POSTPONED

Owing to the death of Professor W. B. Gibbons the rehearsal of the Philharmonic society, which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed. Professor Gibbons was a member of the society and a week ago tonight conducted the rehearsal.

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"THEIR" MANNERS.

"Your carriage just drove off, miss!" It was the colored footman who stood at the curb in front of a big dry goods store. He addressed a young woman who was evidently well known at the shop. She was clothed in one of those glove-fitting three-quarter length coats, one of those ungraceful, ugly creations which have appealed so strongly to the fashion-susceptible representatives of families which ought to have more sense.

"Yes, I see," said the young woman. "Yes, I see. Thank you."

She was accompanied by another young woman as unbecomingly attired as was she. "What did you THANK him for?" asked the second young woman, scornfully. "Sure enough, why did she thank the footman. She must have forgotten herself. She must have been thinking about something else. Her manners and courtesy, if they are what her friend seemed to expect, must be like a pair of gloves, to be thrown aside at will."

That is the reason why courtesy, real courtesy, is so seldom found in the young people of today—their manners are mere polish. What kind of etiquette requires a young woman to say "thank you" to the man in a dress suit and cut out the courtesy when aided by a man in livery?

A woman looks for "thank you" when granting favors to a footman. If she fails to thank him she is proving herself less courteous than the one whom she slighted.

The aristocratic, cultured mother of a beautiful child was once censured by a friend because she was teaching her little daughter to say thank you to the servants. "Do you think I would permit my child to be less courteous than my servants?" asked the mother, calmly.

We are altogether too afraid that we will shock a four hundreder by seeming to fail to discriminate between the so-called high and low circles. No one would think that we would prove such apes. It isn't what we wish to say. We may wish to say "thank you," but it is what THEY say, what THEY do, what THEY wear, what determines our speech, our thought, our judgment.

No one seems able to put his hand on "they," but "they" stands for the highest and most disagreeable form of snobbishness. The young woman couldn't say "thank you" to a footman, because "THEY" wouldn't approve. "They" sometimes have strange ideas of what is kind and courteous. Perhaps someone who isn't one of "they" could give a few suggestions in etiquette and refinement which would make women realize that "they" don't know what real manners are.

TO WASH CHINA SILK.

To wash China silk, clean any grease spots, with benzine, then wash in a lather made of white soap and lukewarm water. Wash as briskly as possible. Rinse twice through clear warm water, wring tightly.

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A DAINY OPERA GOWN.



This dainty ball or opera gown is of pale blue liberty silk, with wide bands of pale blue velvet applied with chiton flowers. The bertha is outlined with narrow bands of gold braid, as is the stylish velvet girle.

MEN FOR WEDNESDAY. BREAKFAST.

- Oranges. Cereal, Sugar and Cream. Broiled Chops. Creamed Potatoes. Boston Brown Bread. Coffee.

DINNER.

- Clear Soup. Filet of Beef. Brown Sauce. Mushrooms a la Princesse. French Potato Croquettes. Sliced Beets. Olives. Celery. Frozen Fig Pudding. Fancy Cakes. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.

- Club Sandwiches. Walnut Cake. Coffee.

Mushrooms a la Princesse.—Wash large mushrooms. Remove stems, peel caps,

and fry caps in butter. Place in small buttered shallow pan, cap side being up; put on each a large oyster sprinkled with salt and cayenne, and place on each a piece of butter. Cook in a hot oven until oysters are plump. Serve on platter around the filet of beef.

Frozen Fig Pudding.—Make a custard of 1 pint milk, yolks of 4 eggs, dash salt and 1/2 cup sugar. Chop 1/2 pound figs, add 1 cup water and 1/2 cup sugar; cook 12 minutes. Combine mixture and add 1 cup chopped walnuts, 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, and 6 drops almond extract. Freeze.

Club Sandwich.—Prepare triangular piece of toasted bread, spread with mayonnaise dressing. Cover half of these with lettuce, lay thin slices of cold chicken upon lettuce, over this thin slices of bacon, then lettuce, and cover with the remaining pieces of toast. Trim neatly, arrange on platter, and garnish with heart leaves of lettuce, dipped in mayonnaise.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL OFFICERS

Commencement lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, had work in the second rank on Monday evening. Castle hall was filled to the utmost with knights of No. 7 and visiting members from various lodges of the district. During the early part of the evening a meeting of the executive committee was held in the parlor of Castle hall to arrange for the next district convention at Olympia.

Officers were installed for the ensuing term as follows: E. E. White, P. C.; Oscar Kirkpatrick, C. C.; A. E. Jones, V. C.; W. S. Lee, Prel.; H. C. Koons, M. of W.; O. A. Paine, M. of F.; George B. Pollard, M. of Ex.; E. L. Hiberly, keeper of records and seals; Paul Lehman, M. at A.; J. B. Knight, I. G.; E. E. White, O. G. Trustees for the year are Ben Harvick, Orno Strong and H. C. Koons. The installation ceremonies were conducted by O. A. Paint, D. D. G. C. No. 7 will give an elaborate invitational ball at Elks' hall on Wednesday evening, January 20.

FUNERAL OF ALBERT STACK

The funeral of Albert Stack, who died in his rooms in a C street boarding house Sunday, was held this morning under the auspices of the Eagles and Red Men, to which orders he had belonged. The body was taken from Mellinger's chapel on Tacoma avenue at 9:30 and escorted by both lodges and a band to the Elks' hall, where services were held. After the services at the hall the cortege marched to Pacific avenue and Seventeenth street, where the funeral party took the cars for the cemetery.

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