

# EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

## The Sense of Gratitude.

GIVING and taking makes up such a large part of life that the art of thanks is well worth a little consideration. . . . The sensation of gratitude is, generally speaking, a double sensation. It consists in pleasure produced by a gift or favor for its own sake, and in a renewed sense of affection or regard toward the giver. The latter should always be the uppermost feeling in the mind, though there are circumstances in which it is not possible that it should be the strongest. A well-expressed gratitude conveys both feelings, and every gratified feeling does so as well expressed, however badly it may be worded. Occasionally only one of these two feelings is present in the mind, and it is a nice question of morals how far the other may rightly be simulated. . . . The amount of thanks a man receives during his life depends very largely upon his accomplishment as a giver. There are those who give with so much simplicity that they conciliate the proud, set the shy at their ease, and dull the selfish sharpness of critical perceptions; but the obligation of returning thanks remains the same, however awkwardly it may be laid upon us. No man has any right to consider his creditor's circumstances before he pays his debt, or to keep his creditor waiting because of his bad manners. Gratitude is a debt which only the worst men repudiate. The things for which we feel most warmly grateful we can at least often repay in kind, but the treasury of words is freely open to the poorest, and it is surely worth some pains to learn how best to count them.—London Spectator.

## The Decay of "Faithfulness."

WE seldom hear the word "faithfulness" used now in the old-fashioned Evangelical sense, when it had reference, according to the definition in Murray's Dictionary, "to the duty of telling unwelcome counsel." Very few people now pride themselves upon being "faithful" with their friends—i. e., never allowing affection or a proper regard for the liberty of the individual to stand between them and a true expression of unasked opinion. No one boasts that he or she has been "faithful." Such severity may be at times necessary, and often excusable, but it is no longer admired. A tendency to rigorous dealing, whether verbal or otherwise, has lost its place among the virtues, and takes rank among minor defects of character. Of course, we all tell unpleasant truths and give unwelcome advice at times, but not often of set purpose. We do it, so to speak, by accident—because we have lost our tempers, or are otherwise carried away by our feelings. Those who suffer from the faithful wounds of a friend, or painfully reject his gratuitous guidance, do not try, as their grandfathers tried—after the first moment of inevitable irritation was over—to feel gratitude towards him on the ground of his faithfulness; at best nowadays they do but try to forgive him for his interference. All this, of course, is merely a part of the modern softening of manners, the modern respect for the individual, and the modern worship of liberty. For the decay of "faithfulness" within the circle of intimacy comes of the same advance in civilization which has killed verbal personal violence in the wider circle of cultivated society. Friends no longer dare to play with sharp-edged personalities. Acquaintances no longer search in conversation, as Theodore Hook's contemporaries appear to have searched, for something to hit with. Unless a man wishes to be hated, he must use his knowledge of the weaknesses of those around him in order to spare not to chastise them.—London Spectator.

## Is Mental Vigor on the Wane?

A DISTINGUISHED British physician, Dr. Hyslop, is quoted as saying that "with the apparent advance of civilization there is in reality a diminution in intellectual vigor, mainly due to faulty management in economy of brain power." The assertion that there has been no increase in intellectual power since the

earliest period of recorded history is quite familiar, but one does not often hear from an authoritative source the statement that the mental vigor of the most progressive races is actually declining.

Is this a fact? Do we find evidence therefor in the activities of the generation now holding the world's stage or in the work of the generation fitting itself in school, field and workshop for future control? Hardly. In the sciences, in the arts, in every line of research and invention, there is steady if not remarkable progress. The patent offices of the various countries do not indicate any diminution of mental fertility or ingenuity. The fiction, the poetry, the periodical literature and journalism of the day, with all the excrescences we deplore in them, do not afford proof of mental deterioration.

The standards of our secondary schools, colleges, universities and professional institutions are higher than ever, yet we do not get the impression from educators' reports that boys and girls are unequal to the task of meeting the tests imposed before admission or of following the courses prescribed.

No, there seems to be no evidence of the waning of intelligence alleged by the eminent physician. Nevertheless, there is "food for thought" in his remarks, to this extent at least—that such phenomena as the rapid increase of lunacy demand serious inquiry into our systems of education. Facts are useful when they readily fall into classes prescribed over by large ideas. An ill-assorted collection of barren facts is of little value, and tends to "diffuse consciousness" and lack of continuity of thought. The world was never richer than it is to-day in the raw material knowledge, but the chief function of education is to develop capacity for deep and sustained thought. Given concentration, discipline and method, and the accumulation of knowledge is relatively easy in our time.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## "Catching Cold" and How to Avoid It.

IF people could only get the superstition out of their heads that pneumonia and its invariable precursor, a "cold," are due to cold air and draughts, the death rate from pneumonia and the discomfort rate from "colds" could be cut down in a week to almost nothing. Never was there a more destructive misnomer than calling the fever which does so much harm a "cold."

As a matter of fact, a "cold" is not due to cold at all, but to overheating the skin and a lack of fresh air in the lungs. People put on heavy woolen underclothing, sit in a room heated to the temperature of midsummer, perspire freely, thus opening their pores; the moisture is prevented by the wool from evaporating and leaving the skin cool and dry and remains on the surface thus rendered sensitive. Then they get suddenly out into the cold air, which instantly chills the moist and open pores, drives the blood away from the surface, creates an internal congestion that deranges all the organs, and a fever follows. This, of course, affects the mucous membrane from within, and the membrane, which has been dried and baked in the overheated room, and thus made a lodging for the dangerous microbes bred in foul and oxygen-exhausted air, cannot resist the attack through the blood and becomes an easy prey to the microbes from without. Then there is suffering and, too often, pneumonia and death.

A European once asked a Canadian Indian who wore nothing but a loosely wrapped blanket in the northern winter, whether he would not take cold. "Cold?" replied the Indian, scornfully. "White man not cover his face—white man's face not cold? No? Indian all face!"

That is the secret of immunity from colds and pneumonia. Be all face—that is, do not wear heavy underclothing but heavy overclothing which you can remove in a warm room, breathe plenty of fresh oxygenated air, and you can laugh the draughts to scorn, will find the outdoor cold much more easily bearable, and can gradually reduce the temperature of your home and your office to the European standard. So shall you escape pneumonia and premature death.—Chicago Journal.

## SENATOR HOAR DIED POOR.

Lived in Boarding House at Washington—Cottage His Home.

It would be idle to impute to the late Senator Hoar all the virtues or to deny him his share of failings, says a writer in Booklovers' Magazine. He was a very human man. His passions were strong and his judgments positive. On some public measures he was unduly dogmatic. Often he indulged in personalities; his partisanship was bitter. On occasion he could even be waspish and distinctly disagreeable.

Ordinarily he was not only affable but his courtesy was notable. Unlike many Senators, he was exceedingly approachable. He usually sat at the head of the long table in his committee room, meeting all comers with urbanity, treating the humblest with as much consideration as the mightiest.

Descendant of a line of distinguished ancestors running back to Roger Sherman, he early showed capacity for high service. He died in harness after a service in Congress extending over thirty years and was so poor that all this time he lived in a boarding house in Washington and had only a modest cottage at his home in Worcester. Last February I overheard him say with the utmost frankness that he could not make a small purchase because he had found that his bank account was overdrawn and he must send his salary to make it balance. It was just after he had buried his wife. He left a small legacy in worldly goods, but the nation has seldom had a richer heritage in character.

That he should have been maligned and misunderstood was inevitable. He gave hard blows and took them freely. He asked no consideration of any one. He stood on his own feet. He feared no man, besought none and believed in others as he believed in himself. This does not mean that he was austere; on the contrary, he was one of the kindest of men. He was not ambitious in the ordinary sense of the word; he cared little for the things which most men look upon as prizes. Had he so desired he might have made a fortune at the bar and retired with dignity to the beach, whose highest honors he frequently refused.

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There are two ways of paralyzing your neighbors: one is to get a divorce and the other is to go abroad.

A new syrup is known as "Banquet table syrup." Syrup at a banquet is a new idea.

## Found at Last.

Hensley, Ark., Dec. 26.—(Special)—That a sure cure for backache would be a priceless boon to the people, and especially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. Sue Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-sought-for cure. "I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and have suffered with the backache very much for the last three or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, but thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

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A man was arrested at Baltimore election day because he insisted on telling people that it would take only fifteen million horses, twelve thousand derricks and eight hundred miles of ropes and chains to move the world.

Venezuela is in search of alligator hunters. The Venezuelan waters are full of these reptiles, and good money can be made by killing them, as the skins are valuable and the oil, which can be abstracted, also brings good prices.

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In captivity elephants always stand up when they sleep, but when in the jungle, in their own land and home, they lie down. The reason given for the difference between the elephant in captivity and in freedom is that the animal never acquires complete confidence in his keepers and always longs for liberty.

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## A Little Lesson In Patriotism

At Bennington, Vt., on the 14th of August, 1777, John Stark, general of the American forces, won a victory over the British so decided that it determined the war of the revolution in that part of the colonies. By his personal impetuosity, by his confidence in his men, by his daring bravery in action, was the victory won.

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As a representative of the faithful mountaineers who came at his call and who never faltered under his guidance and who followed into the cannon's mouth, he will ever be remembered by a country that his battles helped to make. His very eccentricities only have added to his reputation; for fame loves the strong characteristics that marked John Stark.

Vermont has done well to honor the memory of the man who was as rugged as are her own mountains.

Beatrice (aged 6, after remaining in deep thought for quite two minutes, addresses her mother, who has been choosing frocks for her)—Mummy dear, before you buy the frocks, I've thought it all over, and I think I'd rather be a boy.—Punch.

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