

GRAFT AND GRAFTER

ONE LITTLE HOMELY WORD THAT CONVEYS MUCH.

MANY HUMBUGS IN DISGUISE

Human Nature Much the Same in All Ages—People Easily Deluded Into Making Poor Investments.

Cant phrases have been invented, and words more noted for their force than elegance, have become popular as expressive of common things. In all that is slang, it is doubtful if there is any better word than "graft." Long before Chaucer indited what would now be called "pigeon English," witty Greeks and Romans indulged in their aesthetic forms of vulgar expression, and there can be little doubt that good old Socrates impressed Plato and some of his other pupils with pungent idioms, and in turn was called by Aristophanes an impious old grafter.

It is quite evident that "graft" has a place among euphonious words, and conveys an idea plainly and tersely. The famous Barnum, who said something about the people anxious to be humbugged had a pretty good idea of human nature, and made the most judicious use of his knowledge. The business man of to-day does not ignore the gullibility of the masses, and yearly millions of dollars are spent in printers' ink to convey to the people various kinds of information that will stimulate the letting go of dollars for the benefit of the grafter.

Pick up a copy of any current Sunday newspaper, farm journal, religious publication, magazine or other periodical and look over its pages! Graft is evident in each and every one. It is covered under the guise of artistic advertising. Thousands of cure-alls, wonderful discoveries, great bargains from bankrupt sales, exceptional chances for investment and Lord knows what-not, beams from the pages to catch the eyes of the person who has not received sufficient lessons in the "school of graft." The people like to be fooled. There seems to be more or less avarice in the makeup of most men, and women, too. The getting of something of value for little or nothing is a common offer to gather in the dollars for the benefit of the grafter.

For a few years a young man with ambition and a liking for work struggled along in the mercantile line in a large central western city. He decided to enlarge. He needed money. A splendid scheme presented itself. Why not get dollars needed to carry on a big business from the people? They needed a chance for investment. He was just the fellow to help 'em out. He organized a big cooperative concern. He advertised broadcast. Told of the wonderful possibilities of his business, and lo! the dollars rolled his way by the hundreds of thousands. Soon the government ended his game. He was charged with using the mails to defraud. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost by those who invested in his "cooperative society." Many similar schemes are up for consideration day after day. The people never tire of them. Just like buying a lottery ticket. There is a chance to win, and as long as the proposition looks good, the grafter flourishes.

The wise man, be he farmer or doctor, stockman or storekeeper, will avoid jumping at such chances for investment. Look out for the cooperative organizer. Beware of the grafters who want to interest you in their business affairs, and at the same time hold the combination to the safe.

D. M. CARR.

Millions for Dwellings. Bronx borough in New York city has expended \$9,000,000 in dwellings of all kinds in the last year.

AGAINST PREMIUM GRAFT.

Laws Passed by Some States Prohibiting Prizes in Packages of Foodstuffs.

Some classes of people when they wish to purchase goods, look more after so-called bargains than quality, and quite often the bargains prove expensive. It seems that the getting of something for nothing is attractive to the average person. Of late years there has grown up a practice among manufacturers of staple articles, particularly in the food line, of giving a prize with each package of their goods. It is apparent that there is an inclination towards gambling in the make-up of most people, and this spirit is appealed to largely by the giver of prizes. The purchaser seems to overlook the fact that he receives nothing other than he pays for. Whatever article is given as a premium represents so much money value and certainly the manufacturer does not lose by the operation. The value of what is given must be made up by either the retailer or the consumer, and it is generally the consumer who pays the cost.

WEALTH CONCENTRATION EVIL.

Operation of Injurious Trusts Can Be Curtailed by Efforts of the Masses.

An evil that at present is receiving more than ordinary attention in the press is the concentration of vast amounts of money in the hands of corporations. The accumulation of wealth by individuals when controlled by natural law, will inevitably become divided. The millionaire who has a family, at his death will apportion to each member a share of his wealth. Even though these divisions may be increased by work and by speculation and investment by the children, they in return will divide the accumulations among their offspring and eventually, it matters not how great the fortunes of any one of the family may become, it is only a matter of time until there is a scattering of the money, and a great portion of it will pass from the members of the family. On the other hand, corporation methods mean the building of a system that prevents the operation of the natural law. In other words corporations are machines that work continuously, and when one part is broken it is replaced by a new one. Thus the accumulation goes on. The death of Rockefeller will not result in a discontinuance of the Standard Oil company; the death of the present stockholders of any of the large trust companies, banks or insurance companies will make little difference in their existence. All will go ahead.

The safeguards of corporations in many cases are excellent. But the inclination to control trade by the crushing out of smaller concerns and the destruction of legitimate competition and the controlling of prices, seems against public policy. All classes are compelled to pay prices dictated by these trusts for the goods produced. Each year finds new combinations to control trade. It is the centralization of capital that makes such operations possible. The person who assists in concentrating money in large financial centers does his part toward helping along such combines. It is only by individual action on the part of every small producer and laborer in the country that conditions can be changed. Stand by every home industry and do your part toward keeping money in circulation at home, and thus bring about conditions that will make the operations of trusts and combinations impossible.

Support Home Newspapers.

The country newspaper is a power in the land. Its place can never be filled by the big daily papers or the bulky magazines or agricultural journals. It fills a field entirely its own. It is the barometer of the place in which it is published. Its news pages represent the life of the people, and its advertising pages should reflect the business activity of the town. It is the duty of every good citizen to give his support to the local press. Particularly the business men should patronize it with a view of bettering his trade. It is not money wasted to use advertising space in it. One good merchant in the town who understands how to advertise rightly, can bring trade to the town that will help every other business man in it. But all should do their part, and the storekeeper who does not give his home paper the support it merits is not the wisest kind of a business man.

Time to Awaken.

Any plan devised that tends toward greater business centralization makes easier the building up of harmful combinations. During the past ten years billions of dollars have been sent to the large cities by the resident of rural communities, and these billions have been used in building up trusts that work against the best interests of the masses who reside in agricultural sections. Is it not time to awaken to the dangers of sending money away from the home town?

Protecting His Magazine. "While waiting at the doctor's the other day, I picked up a magazine from his table to pass the time," said the man who observes things. "All through the book, on nearly every other page was stamped his name, and it so irritated me that I spoke to him about it."

"If I didn't fill that magazine up with my name," he said, "it wouldn't last ten minutes in this place. Somebody would be sure to carry it away. Even as it is, I lose one every little while."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

An Ambition.

"So you want to become an ambassador," exclaimed the man of power.

"Yes," replied the opulent person.

"I thought you were devoted to your automobile. When did you become interested in diplomacy?"

"I'm not especially interested in diplomacy. What I want is to get some position where I'll have government protection against arrest for violating the speed regulation."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. J. C. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

How It Happened.

Gyer—I was in a railway wreck seven years ago, and I never got over it.

Myer—You must have been badly hurt.

Gyer—I wasn't hurt at all. I didn't get over it because I crawled from under. See?—Chicago Daily News.

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Whitney* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Precise Degree of Intimacy.

Nan—Young Mr. Ketchley is away on his vacation, isn't he? Are you and he on corresponding terms?

Fan—Not quite—but we're on picture postcard terms.

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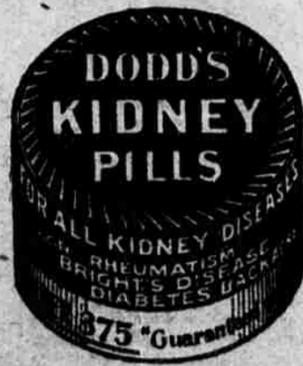
No man is as dangerous as he thinks some woman thinks he is.

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GIRLHOOD TO WOMANHOOD

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



ELLEN M. OLSON

CLARA E. DARMSTADTER

The responsibility for a daughter's future largely rests with the mother. The right influence and the information which is of vital interest to the daughter imparted at the proper time has not only saved the life but insured the success of many a beautiful girl.

When a girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness or a disposition to sleep, pains in back or lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude; when she is a mystery to herself and friends, her mother should come to her aid, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, will at this time prepare the system for the coming change, and start this trying period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities. It has been thus depended upon for two generations. Hundreds of letters from young girls and their mothers, expressing gratitude for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for them, are constantly being received.

Miss Ellen M. Olson, of 417 N. East St., Kewanee, Ill. writes:—

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I have had the best doctors in our town for my sickness and they all thought that an operation was necessary. I had headache,

sideache, and my feet were so sore I could hardly stand. I took two bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound when my periods were established and now I am perfectly well. Mama says she won't be without your medicine in the house. I have told one girl what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me and she is taking it now."

Miss Clara E. Darmstadter, of 453 Breckenridge St., Buffalo, N.Y., writes: Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"For about a year, except during the past few months, I suffered with severe pains every month, with backaches and headaches. I had the blues so bad that I was in despair. It is a pleasure to tell you that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me. The change in my appearance is wonderful and I desire that this good may come to every sufferer. Any one desiring to know further details may write to me and I shall be glad to give them."

If you know of any young girl who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and tell her every detail of her symptoms, and to keep nothing back. She will receive advice absolutely free, from a source that has no rival in the experience of woman's ills, and it will, if followed, put her on the right road to a strong, healthy and happy womanhood.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs cures where others fail.

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Orange, Cal., March 1, 1907.

Dr. C. F. Simmons, San Antonio, Texas:

Dear Sir—Yours at hand. I would like to have called at the office when I came back, but it was Sunday and I took the train for home. I was on your 95,000-acre ranch three days. I found it much better than I expected. I am satisfied in my own mind that with proper wind breaks, as we have in this country, oranges, lemons, apricots, figs, olives and almonds can be successfully grown there.

I am sure that south of San Antonio is the natural home of the English walnut.

The soil on your land is much better for fruit raising than it is in this country, because you have a good red clay subsoil, while in Southern California we have gravel and rock that does not hold moisture.

We have to irrigate here at least ten times a year and continually work the orchards, but I don't think this would be necessary on your land in South Texas, at least not so much of it, because the red clay will hold moisture and will give the fruit a better flavor.

Orange orchards in this country are worth from \$500 to \$1,000, and walnuts from \$200 to \$500 per acre.

I think south of San Antonio to the Gulf is a better country than from Los Angeles, Cal., to San Diego, Cal., because the soil is better, there is more water, and the climate is just as good so far as I could see and hear by talking to old settlers, and the land is so cheap that every workman should have a home.

I am sure that in the near future South Texas will be a prosperous fruit growing country and will be as valuable as Southern California, and the man who will lose money in South Texas is the man that does not get in on this cheap land of yours before it is all gone. A man that has lived in Southern California as long as I have can see the future of South Texas.

Respectfully A. J. WILSON

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