

PEOPLE'S WAYS ON STAIRS.

The Thoughtless Man Who Monopolizes Narrow Stairway.

"It disturbs me always," said a quick-moving man, "when I'm climbing a pair of stairs just wide enough for two to find ahead of me a man walking up squarely in the middle, where nobody can pass him on either side, thus practically monopolizing the whole stairway. I am not disturbed primarily because his walking thus keeps me from going ahead past him, though that does disturb me some, but because of the evident thoughtlessness of others that his walking so reveals. I hate to see thoughtless people. This man sees ahead of him nobody coming down, the stairway there is clear, and that's as far as he thinks. The ostrich buries its head in the sand, and thinks that thereby it wholly conceals itself—the man going up the middle of the stairs sees the way clear ahead and never thinks that somebody may be coming up behind. "I dodge to one side, thinking that perhaps I can get past him there, but only to find him, quite by chance, of course, swaying to that side and so blocking me there; and then I try the other side, there to be blocked in the same way and to become, I confess, by this time somewhat irritated. But there is nothing for me to do then but to keep my temper and follow the man in the middle until he steps clear of the stairs on the platform, where there is room to pass him.

"The fact is that the man mounting the stairs in this way in the middle may be worse than thoughtless, he may be doing this from innate pigishness; he may be one of those men who naturally pig everything in sight. But the very best that can be said for him is that he is a thoughtless man, a man who habitually thinks only of himself; and for such a man I have no use. I wouldn't hire him for any sort of a job, for the man thoughtless of other people could certainly never get anything out of them and so would not be profitable."

No Need for a Poor Farm.

Carver's town farm is now no more, says the Boston Journal. Not because the town cannot afford to support a retreat for the needy, but for the very good reason that there are no needy cases to be supported or cared for. This was not always the case, for only a few years ago the town had as well populated a poor farm as any town of its size in the state, but one by one the venerable inhabitants have passed away, and to-day the body of Mrs. Rebecca Churchill, the last survivor, was laid away with due ceremony in the little burying ground. For years she had been the only dependent occupant of the farm.

Now that there are no poor to be housed and fed, the farm will be closed and the occupants of the little town believe that the closing will be for good and all.

Lost All Interest.

As if animated by a common impulse, the crowd watching the amateur baseball game began to melt away.

"What's the matter?" asked the man who had just arrived. "Is the game over?"

"No," said one of the others. "A batter sent a ball just now through a plate glass window in that apartment house on the other side of the street, and one of the fellows is starting around with a hat to take up a collection to pay for the damage."

Another Fake.

A Connecticut hen helped a thief to conceal a watch. When the police found the watch the hen was setting on it.

During its absence from the owner the timepiece had lost its usual regularity, and when picked up was an hour slow.

This shows that nature occasionally fails to make preparation for emergencies.

Although the hen was a setting hen she failed to set the watch.

Just the Other Way.

Miss Minny Somers — By the way, you are not the boy I have always had before?

Caddie—No'm; you see, we tossed to see who'd caddie for you.

Miss Minny Somers (awfully pleased)—Oh, tut, tut, you bad boys—and you won?

Caddie—No, I lost!

Sole Survivor of Harvard '36.

Israel Munson Spelman, who died recently at his home in Marblehead, at the age of ninety years, was the last surviving member of the class of 1836, Harvard university, and the oldest alumnus. He was president of the Boston & Maine railroad during the civil war.

Oldest Church in Use.

Hingham, Mass., has the oldest church edifice now in use in America—the First Unitarian church. The building is 225 years old. John B. Lewis has been sexton and bell ringer at the church for more than fifty years.

Horse Sense.

"I want men with horse sense."

"Didn't he have horse sense?"

"No; he wasn't content to plod along working for me for his feed; wanted to do something for himself."

Her Occupation.

"That pretty little manœuvre maid is a hard one to get in with."

"Yes; as hard as nails."

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