

ARGUS THE DAILY UNION... SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1920

Popocatepetl is on the rampage in Mexico. There's one insurgent they can't deport.

Flammarton, the astronomer, is devoting his attention to the honeymoon.

This fall's cider crop may help the back-to-the-farm movement, next spring.

It didn't take a monkey to prove 'fit kings are but human after all.

Heavy gambling is going on at Deauville. Returned soldiers call it Doughville.

French hatmakers are trimming the newest mod with bits of sponge instead of plumes. It's easier to soak up with a sponge.

Fourteen million families in the United States own their own homes. But that's not enough to eliminate the landlord.

Cotton planters complain that they face a \$200,000,000 loss. They were more tactful when they faced an equivalent gain.

If you happen to be one of those who don't believe a woman can keep a secret ask the last one of your acquaintances for whom she intends voting for president.

Politics is clearing. Cox says that Harding hasn't a chance to be elected. Harding says that Cox can't be elected. In other words, the best prediction would be to say that the candidate receiving the most votes will be elected the next president of the United States.

Postal Savings. Preliminary to his plan to introduce a bill to reform the postal savings banks, Congressman Clyde Kelly points out that the taxpayers gave the national banks \$5,250,000 the last year, in the difference in interest paid on money loaned and borrowed by the government.

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Kelly's plan would put poor men in the borrowing class. At the present time the poor people borrow the money in many small amounts and the rich men borrow it from the banks in a few large.

In a word, Kelly's plan will make the postal savings banks valuable instruments for the benefit of the people. Why not adopt it?

Man's Land. Backward fellows who can't reconcile themselves to the new political order of equal suffrage may find some consolation in the thought that America is the only continent not named after a woman.

Until the discovery of continental America by Amerigo Vesputius all the honors in the Christianizing of continents had gone to woman. Wherefore it occurred to Waldseemüller, a 16th century stenographer, to demand that mere man be given a show in the naming of the newest continent.

How Do You Do? By their handshakes ye shall know them is the gist of pointers given to salesmen of a large concern by Dr. Charles F. Boger, director of its personnel. That seems to be something new under the sun.

Boger classifies his idea into five ways of shaking hands, each of which conveys to his mind something different. The first he characterizes as the friendly handshake and he says that the man who gives a full hand and presses his thumb against the back of your hand is social, liberal and a congenial companion.

The secretive handshake is contributed by the man who offers the tips of the fingers—sly, secretive, cunning. Then he says the "indifferent handshake" is that of the party "who gives you his hand as though he were laying a piece of wood or brick in it."

Grandma's Beau. When I was a girl, says grandmother, "the men folk used to call on me right after the supper hour—and when the hall clock struck nine-thirty it was a gentleman's time to depart."

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HERE LIES MAN'S ANCIENT ENEMY, WHO DISINTERS THE UNLOVED CUSSES.

RETROSPECT. I bow before a shrine of memory; My lost beloved, queen of yesterday, I see again and echoes of that melody I hear that sang when life was at its may.

THE Tri-City Railway company, you may or may not recall, recently ran a series of interesting advertisements in this sheet under the caption, "Street Car Facts."

OUR Obliging Mayor. (From The Argus). Miss Naomi Murphy attended the bride and groom and Mayor Harry M. Schriver served as bridegroom and best man.

"S Blood! S Death!" (From The Peoria Star). Chief of Police Palmer wants the yegmen who read about Canton investing in a bunch of riot guns and think of visiting this city before they come that we have saved off shotgun capable of making their kind exceedingly sick at the stomach and several other places.

A HEAD writer on the Davenport Democrat asks nothing of a word save the requisite number of letters to fit the headline. Here, frantically, are two samples: "Burgle Two Residences and Get \$37"; "Kick in the Face May Prove Mortal."

GOV. COX, facetious as ever, wires Democratic headquarters, "we have the enemy on the run and it now looks like a sweeping victory."

JUVENILE poets needs must be up and doing to surpass these eight lines, written by Carol McNeely, 8 1/2 years old, of Dubuque: "The Magic of the Frost. I saw them turn from green to gold And flutter merrily about; It was the doing of the frost, Who let the happy summer out."

SHAKESPEARE, y'know, said something about all the world being a stage and all the people in it players who "strut for their brief hour."

BILL should have been a Longfellow school last night to see some high class "strutting."

HEALTH TALKS BY WILLIAM BRADY M.D.

Broncho-Pneumonia. The name applied to broncho-pneumonia by the older doctors was better than the modern name. They called it capillary bronchitis, meaning that it is essentially an inflammation of the smallest bronchial tubes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. When is a Woman Old? Myself and wife, aged 42 and 34, respectively, have been married 12 years, without children. Would it be safe for a woman of her age to bear her first child?

A Sudden Taking Off. My husband contends that consumption or some other functional disease such as heart disease may take a person off suddenly. My contention is that all disease is of long standing and could be recognized if we had the intelligence to see a physician in the incipient stage or when we merely feel a trifle below par perhaps.

Answer—You are right. Salt in the Food. Is it possible for a person to have the best of health without ever using any salt in his diet?

Answer—If the diet were chiefly or entirely food of animal origin no addition of salt would be required. But if the diet were largely of vegetable origin, some salt addition would be needed to supply the parts of the world, for such foods are apt to be low in salt.

Went to four different doctors—two refused to give him medicine, saying it would drive it to a different place. The boy, aged 4, is troubled with a weak bladder.

Answer—You must have misunderstood what the doctors said, for no intelligent physician would make such an absurd assertion. Medicines do not drive disease, poisons or weaknesses out or in or about the system.

What's In A Name? (Copyright, 1919, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.) Agnes. The Greek word agos, signifying a matter of religious awe, gave the adjective agnos, meaning sacred.

Incidentally, the Latin word for lamb is agnus, and since this animal was used for the sacred purpose of sacrifice, Agnes comes by her heritage of purity and sanctity long ago.

One of the first women to bear the name of Agnes was the gentle Roman maiden whose martyrdom named the Church of St. Agnes. It is said to have been built by Constantine on the spot where she was put to the utmost proof and retains an old mosaic picturing her clad only in her flowing hair, being dragged along by brutal soldiers.

The gospel for St. Agnes' day was the parable of the virgins, and since she was accused of magic arts, English superstition arose that by watching and fasting on St. Agnes' eve, maidens could discover their fate in marriage, by praying nine times to the moon and fasting three eves in succession.

Young virgins might have visions of delight. If ceremonies due they did aright: As, suppers, to bed they must retire, And couch supine their beauties, lily white; Nor look behind, nor sideways, but requir'd Of Heaven with upward eyes for all that they desire!"

Agnes is popular in England, Scotland, and as a royal name in France and Germany. France calls her Agnès; Agneta is an English form; Agnese, Agnesa and Agnetta are Italian. The Welsh form is Nest. The jewel assigned to Agnes is the agate, which gives courage and guards its wearer from danger.

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Frederic Haskin's Letter

The Ancestor Industry. Boston, Mass., Oct. 20.—After every war there is a gain in the popular interest in ancestors and family trees. Genealogists here in the greatest forest of family trees in America, object to the idea that there is a revival in genealogy now going on, because they say that a revival implies a lull in the interest, and there has been no lull.

Some Pilgrims Unknown. Proving fitness to become one of the Mayflower elect is not always a simple procedure, even if your family tree has been carefully preserved. Genealogists, professional as well as amateur, are sometimes led astray by incorrect records, or else they take the word of an unknown historian without verifying it by consulting an authority.

A Library of the eBad. Because its library is so widely and steadily used, the society considers it a reliable place to take statistics on genealogy. Every person who visits the room is required to register at each visit, and every half-hour a count is taken of the readers. These records are kept year after year. They prove, what is known in a general way, that ever since about 1845, when Americans began to acquire wealth, popular interest in genealogy has been growing steadily.

Improving Tombstones. "In a few years," said Mr. Bowman, "that lettering will look like the rest, and people will think those words were put there originally. And worst of all, the date is wrong, for while we do not know exactly when Richard More died, I have proof that he was alive at least two years after the date carved on his stone."

Pilgrims Were Few. There were 104 passengers on the famous ship, Mr. Bowman says, and descent can be traced from 40 of them, or really from 22 distinct families, as the other 27 persons were related by birth or marriage to the 22. Thus, in the result of vicious habits, is estimated to a pension of from \$12 to \$30 per month, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support by manual labor.

Q. How can the difference between wood alcohol and grain alcohol be told by a simple method? A. J. H. If burned in an alcohol lamp wood alcohol will burn with a yellow flame, while pure grain alcohol produces a blue flame.

Q. Does a certain salary go with certain posts in the consular service? A. The appointment division of the state department says that the fact that a man is consul general in London does not give him a specified salary, as the salary is given the individual man when he may be, in accordance with his ability and value to the service, and is not given in accordance with the particular post which he occupies.

Q. What was "The Battle of the Books"? A. "The Battle of the Books" is the title of a famous book by Jonathan Swift, which grew out of a controversy over the comparative merits of ancient and modern literature. The dispute began among French scholars, but was taken up in England. Swift's book was a burlesque of the whole affair.

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

A PINK CARNATION. By Rebecca T. Farham. (Copyright, 1920, by Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.) Eleanor was very young and very unsophisticated.

How lovely of Ralph! she murmured, caring one of the pink beauties. "My favorite flower! I must thank him right away."

She was soon carrying on an animated conversation at the phone, had summoned the most delighted woman possible to express her undying gratitude for his gift. "I shall keep them always," she asserted, "in memory of my 21st birthday."

"All of them?" "All. I shall not throw one away."

Ralph was entranced by her words. Thoughtless creature that she was to think of his dropping his work! Suddenly possessed with a mad desire to see Eleanor again after 24 hours' absence, he answered, the coldness almost gone from his voice: "All right, I'll come out at once."

She went up to her own room and flung herself upon the bed. Why should he come to the very door and then turn away? If it was something he really had to attend to, why hadn't he come in and told first or telephoned afterwards? The questions kept running through her head until she finally dropped into a troubled sleep.

The following afternoon Eleanor went out on the piazza to feel the cool breeze on her hot, aching forehead. As she stood there a faint odor was wafted up to her, and looking down she saw a wilted carnation lying at her feet.

"Why, the flower I had on last night!" she murmured, and then there came a gasp. Ralph had not felt very well that morning. His pride was deeply wounded. That "she" should promise to do something and then deliberately not do it! An awful realization—his loved one false. In the afternoon came a telephone call.

"Hello." "Is that you, Ralph?" Those honeyed tones were only too familiar. "Yes," he said, feebly. "You didn't come last night?" Silence. Then, finally—"Why not?"

"Business at the last minute," said Ralph, coldly. There was something like a gasp at the other end of the wire, and then the answer: "Oh, Ralph, I know that wasn't it! Tell me why you went away after you had come as far as the steps."

Ralph resolved on the way out to Eleanor's to be very stern and cold after all. For a moment a strong emotion had almost prevailed upon him to forgive and forget her unfaithfulness. Now his pride had again gained the upper hand. To throw away one of his flowers on the very day that he had given them to her and that she had promised to keep them always—impossible to forgive. He would explain to her his attitude and say goodbye—forever.

Eleanor, dressed as she had been the night before, was quietly waiting for him. "Look," she said, and showed him a wilted, stemless flower which she held in her hand. "See, I had it in my hair last night, like this," she indicated a fresh flower resting in her hair. "It fell out as I was watching for you. I shouldn't throw any away, and I shall keep this one, and this in my hair, and all the others which you see in the vase there. I always keep my word," she added, and rose proudly.

"Eleanor!" cried Ralph. She spoke with a new light in his eyes. She was true, she was faithful. Eleanor, I have wronged you. Will you forgive me?"

"I can't explain fully here. Then come out here now. Never mind your work."

Heart Home Problems

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Argus Information Bureau

Q. What should be served with a salad? F. V. A. Cheese straws, crisp crackers, small sandwiches or nut bread, may be served with meat and vegetable salads, while sponge cake or angel food spread with preserves may be substituted with a fruit salad.

Q. Is the fact that furniture is veneered, a sign of poor workmanship? F. D. A. Much of the finest furniture is veneered in special parts. It is necessary to use veneer in order to get the beautiful grains that are seen in drawer fronts, for instance. The test of good furniture is the care and precision with which veneering is done rather than the lack of it.

Q. Why are the little white soap beans called navy beans? W. P. Q. The department of agriculture says that the small white soap beans were called navy beans because of the enormous quantities purchased by the navy department for use on ships.

Q. Is a veteran of the Spanish-American war eligible for a pension? A. E. R. A. The pension bureau states that a former answer to this question should have been that the act of June 5, 1920, provides that any soldier or sailor who served 90 days during the war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection or the China Relief expedition, and who was honorably discharged, who is suffering from any disability not

the result of vicious habits, is estimated to a pension of from \$12 to \$30 per month, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support by manual labor. The act also allows pension to such soldiers and sailors on account of age as follows: Sixty-two years, \$12 per month; 68 years, \$18; 72 years, \$24; and 75 years, \$30.