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DEBT.

Debt is the one thing which goes contrary to the laws of nature, because you can contract and expand it at the same time. Nothing exceeds like debt. Every one is always in debt to some one else. Every debtor is a creditor, every creditor is a debtor. There being no clearing house of humanity the thing goes on from day to day, getting more complicated. Everybody starts by owing the government his part of the interest on the national debt. As this is increasing all the time, the fatal habit some people have of putting off the day of their birth counts against them. Debt is a poor sleeping companion. He won't stay hitched. If you put him off in a room by himself and draw down the blinds he always breaks loose and interrupts you just when you are beginning to enjoy yourself. If you fail to pay his board and lodging he grows larger and eats more. And what a witless companion he is!—Life.

OUT OF HIS WAY.

Mrs. Long—You're going out, are you not? Mr. Long—Yes, my dear. Mrs. L.—Well, I wish you'd drop into Brown & Co.'s on your way and match the Mr. L. (happily) —I've got to see Jones, and that will take me some distance from Brown & Co.'s. Mrs. L.—Well, Mr. Jones' office is only a short distance from the Flery Bazaar, and that will do just as well. Take this and ask— Mr. L. (happily) —After leaving Jones I must see Smith, who lives in the opposite direction to the Bazaar, you know. Mrs. L.—No matter! Green's will do. They are near Smith's. Mr. L.—But I've got to take a roundabout way to Smith's in order to see Brown, my dear. Mrs. L. (impatiently) —H'm! Where are you going after you leave Smith's? Mr. L. (helplessly) —I'm going up in an airplane!

PECULIARITY OF THE ACE OF SPADES

When a duty was first placed on playing cards in England the exact provision that no pack should be sold unless marked by the stamp office to show that the duty had been paid, one stamp being placed on the wrapper and another on the face of "one of the cards." A good deal of confusion arose, and as the law was often evaded, a later regulation laid it down that the ace of spades should be duty card and that it should be printed by the authorities themselves, the makers supplying the paper. Sheets of twenty aces of spades used to be issued by the stamp office to the manufacturers for a sovereign. A century later an act lowered the duty to threepence, and this was laid on the wrapper supplied by the stamp office. The manufacturers, then, of course, printed their own aces of spades, but the custom of having the card different from the rest still prevailed, and the ace was, and is, generally utilized as an advertisement for the maker—a kind of title page, as it were, to the pack.

THE FOLLOWUP METHOD.

"Why do you get the pretty girls jobs first? Is that fair?" "Best for all concerned," declared the head of the school of stenography. "The pretty girls secure their employment, and then there's a permanent job for one of the plainer young ladies."—Pittsburgh Post.

A PERSON TO BE AVOIDED

"Palaquin is certainly a man to avoid. People have told me a great many stories about him which are not edifying." "Really? You do well to tell me, for I need not now give him back the money he loaned me."—Paris Figaro.

BRIDGING A DIFFICULTY.

Paying Teller (to women with check)—I'm sorry, madam, but you'll have to be identified by some one I know. "Oh, very well. I have a friend who is waiting outside in the machine. I'll bring her in and introduce her to you."—Life.

Flattery is the worst and falsest way of showing our esteem.—Dean Swift.

Western Guardian

SHOP from Holman's Catalog.—THE POSTPONED Annual Meeting of the Kensington Dairying Association takes place Tuesday Feb. 6th. —Mr. Clifford Thompson spent the week end in Clemont as the guest of Mr. John Mill. DIAMONDS IN THE ANTARCTIC

Stories of a wonderful diamond mine discovered in the antarctic regions, are told by members of the Shackleton-Rowett expedition. On a small island near South Georgia, on the fringe of the great ice fields which guard the south pole, soil was discovered which the Quest mineralogist declared to be the type that carries diamonds. The expedition also discovered yellow quartz, and it is expected that an attempt will be made by a South African company to locate the diamonds. This is only one of the many discoveries made by members of the expedition. Gigantic forests were discovered under the sea, and vast new fishing grounds were located. The antarctic waters are swarming with edible fish, and present a new field for the fishing industry. In fact, the fish are so plentiful that the expedition never needed to use bait of any description! Extensive soundings were taken and the greatest depth recorded was 2,700 fathoms.

AUSTRALIA'S PEST OF RABBITS

A vote of thanks was recently extended to a man in Australia, for his patriotic work in trying to rid the country of the pest of rabbits. Strangely enough it was this man's brother who first introduced rabbits into Australia. His brother, he said, took the rabbit out from England as a present to an uncle, who had said he would like to have some. They increased and multiplied at such a rate that they got out of control and escaped. In a wild condition they spread all over the surrounding country, then made their way into other parts, and became, in the course of a few years, such a disaster that every-thing possible had to be done to keep their numbers down. They were one of the greatest curses with which Australia had ever been afflicted.

TRACKING A DOLLAR BILL.

In order to trace the adventure of a dollar bill, in the course of a two week's circulation, the Chicago Chambers of Commerce recently put into circulation a new bill, with a circular attached, asking every person into whose hand it came to make a note of the use he had made of it. By the end of the fortnight it had been spent thirty-one times! Five times it had gone in payment of salaries of wages, five times for tobacco, five times for cigarettes, three times for meats, three times for candy, twice for shaves, twice for "men's furnishings," and once for collar buttons, automobile accessories, soap, washing powder, garters, and tooth paste respectively. It had never found its way into a church collection or a theatre!

HATS SHOULD BE INDIVIDUAL

The hat should be constructed to suit the individual head which is to wear it, says a milliner who works on her own original lines—Miss Mary Gladys Ogilvie, New York, who builds a hat on her customer's head.

When a customer wants a hat Miss Ogilvie studies her as for a portrait, then assembles her material and gives her subject a sitting, "building" the hat then and there.

"Clothes should be self-expression, not fashion advertisements or a disguise," says the artist milliner.

"A woman's hat not only should bring out the beauty of her features, it should hint also at her character, her inner self. "I pay most attention to line and color. The color must blend with the skin and hair, and the gown with which it is to be worn. It should not be so brilliant or extreme as to overpower the individual."

"A small woman never should try to build up the size of her head, but rather emphasize its smallness. She should keep to the natural lines of the head and depend upon a snappy bow, a graceful feather, or some bright bit of trimming for her effect. "The tall woman should not feel called in to combat her inches by a flat or too large hat. The Russian turban, the full draped, Oriental turban, or the cloche shape with the full crown that extends beyond the features is the best choice for the tall woman."

NEW STANDARD ADOPTED

The British Black Leghorn Club has recently adopted a new standard for the variety, which differs considerably from the American standard. The English weights are heavier for cock, hen and pullet by 1.2, 1 and 1.4 pounds respectively, but are the same for cockerel. The shape of the bird is more wedge shaped than here, and the tail is held five degrees higher. The following differences in color are made: Beak—English, yellow or brown American, yellow or dusky. Eyes—English, bright red; American, reddish bay. Face—English, red; American, bright red. Comb and wattles—English, red American, bright red. Lobes—English, white or cream American, white. Legs—English, yellow or orange; American, yellow or dusky. Plumage—English, black, with rich sheen; American Greenish black. Judges are permitted to use discretion in allowing a certain small amount of white in the tail of the male in the English standard. Some white will be allowed in the tail under the revised American standard.

BRIGANDS OF SMYRNA.

Smyrna, until the recent Turkish trouble, was chiefly connected in the public mind with figs. It is one of the seven reputed birthplaces of Homer. But the modern Smyrniote seldom read Homer, or any literature except the periodicals that voice their political views. Nor do they often eat their famous figs, preferring, like most Levantine Greeks, to feast upon vast quantities of cuttlefish. Some years ago Smyrna won additional fame, or notoriety, by breeding numerous bands of brigands. Legend relates that at a cricket match, got up by the British Colony, long on, while fighting a big hit into some bushes, brigands had to be ransomed at the close of play.

A FLYING BISHOP

The Bishop of Bangor, Wales, has created a record by flying to Cologne to deliver a sermon at the age of 78 years. He is the Right Rev. Watkin Williams, member of an ancient Welsh family, the Williams of Rodelwyddan, descended from Sir William Williams, Speaker of the House of Commons. He began his clerical career with a curacy which few Englishmen would care to pronounce; that of Rhos-laner-chrugog, and was for many years Rector of Bodelwyddan before becoming Archdeacon of St. Asaph and then Dean. He became Bishop of Bangor nearly 24 years ago.

COLOR QUESTIONS.

Nature is full of puzzles, and not the least of them is that of color. Why is it, for instance, that nearly all the birds with beautiful voices are so dull in plumage? The nightingale is the most insignificant looking creature imaginable; the thrush's plumage is quiet and the skylark has no bright coloring. The parrots and cockatoos which are tinted like the rainbow, have harsh and discordant voices.

Many seagulls are white, or nearly so; yet white is the rarest color in land birds. Why is this? Usually the very light-colored birds are the owls, which move by night and not by day.

There are plenty of blue butterflies, but I do not think that there is a single blue moth—at least, not among the British species. True, some of the hawk moths have blue markings, but nevertheless, blue is a very rare color among moths. It is difficult to see why this should be so.

Some people seem to think that the intensity of color in nature is due to sunshine. If this be so, why is it that the most glorious colors in the world, those of the ruby, sapphire, and other gems, are found buried deep in the earth?

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

All my own experience of life teaches me the contempt of cunning, not the fear. The phrase, "profound cunning," has always seemed to me a contradiction in terms. I never knew a cunning mind which was not either shallow, or, on some points, diseased.—Mrs. Jameson.

With stupidity and sound digestion man may frout much; but what in these dull unimaginative days are the terrors of conscience to the diseases of the liver.—Carlyle.

"Take my word for it, it is not prudent to trust yourself to any man who does not believe in a God or in a future after death.—Sir Robert Peel.

Nothing gives such a blow to friendship as detecting another in an untruth.—It strikes at the root of our confidence ever after.—Hazlitt.

Then I saw in my dream that it is much easier going out of our way when we are in it than getting into it when we are out of it.—Bunyan.

High office is like a pyramid; only two kinds of animals reach the summit, reptiles and eagles.—D'Alembert.

With all its gayety, Vanity Fair has more unhappiness to the square foot than any other spot on earth. He had yet to learn how hard a man can be and still have a great "gift in prayer."—Ralph Connor.

We hope to grow old, yet we fear old age; that is, we are willing that, and afraid to die.—Bryere.

Every base occupation makes one sharp in its practice, and dull in every other.—Sir P. Sidney.

Educate men without religion, and you make them but clever devils.—Wellington.

In persons grafted in a serious trust, negligence is a crime.—Shakespeare.

The secret of success is constancy of purpose.—Disraeli.

Each one sees what he carries in his heart.—Goethe.

THORNTON'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS

The great problems and the great dangers that will face Sir Henry Thornton when he takes over Canada's Government Railway System, are outlined by Samuel O. Dunn, in the current issue of MacLean's Magazine.

"The most important question that remains to be settled regarding Sir Henry Thornton's work as chairman of the Canadian Government Railways is whether he will or even can, be given freedom and authority to manage them in practically the same way that he would manage them if they were owned by a private company, and he were its president. If he is given this measure of freedom of action and authority he may succeed in time in accomplishing some such improvement in their physical condition, operating efficiency and financial results as was achieved in past years by Harriman, Ripley and Hill on the Union Pacific, the Atchafson, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Northern Pacific and other Western Railways in the United States. If he does succeed in doing this he will confer benefits upon the people of Canada which the imagination cannot now even estimate. On the other hand if a short-sighted and mistaken public sentiment causes political influences to interfere with what he tries to do to effect economies, maintain rates and carry out other policies essential to establishing a businesslike relationship between the expenses and the earning of the Government railways, his work will not be successful; and the responsibility for its failure, as well as the losses which will have to be paid because of its failure, will fall upon the people of Canada."

ACTRESS' EXPENSIVE HAT. Husbands who grumble at the cost of their wives hats will perhaps become more reconciled when they know that the hat of Mme. Coelle Sorel, the famous French actress is worth nearly £18,000. It has been insured for a million francs, and the company consented to issue a policy only on condition that the hat is guarded by a private detective whenever it is not actually on the actress' head. This remarkable "bonnet" is made of gold lace, and its brim is decorated with diamonds and small emeralds. Mme. Sorel arrived on this side not long ago, and in addition to the wonderful hat she brought with her forth-right costly dresses. The wardrobe was packed in thirty-four large trunks and the whole was issued for three million francs.

FELL IN LOVE WITH PORTRAIT. The late G. F. Watts, R. A. before his death removed his collection of pictures from his Kensington house to his picture gallery at L'Amier's Lease, a beautiful country house at Compton, Guildford.

Professor:—"Name some production in which the supply exceeds the demand." Student:—"Troutie."

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SOME SOUTH AMERICAN ANTS

One of the most disagreeable pests of the Bolivian jungle is the palo santo (holy stick). This is the tree the bark of which is perforated with numerous small holes. It needs but the slightest tap on the stem, and from every hole issues scores of little red ants, furious and eager to attack. Whenever it is desired to descend a steep bank, almost invariably it is a palo santo that offers the most convenient means of lowering oneself. If the nature of the proffered support is unnoticed till one grasped it, the pain—as of a hundred red hot pinners on hands and arms—brought instantaneous realization of one's error; and long after the treacherous plant's ferocious inhabitants had been brushed off, the burning of their stings remained. There were savage tribes further down the river where the penalty of unfaithfulness on the part of a wife was to tie her to a palo santo—a torture which, I was told, usually produced madness in the victim. This torture was also inflicted on prisoners of war, says A. V. L. G. Genise, in her new book, "Six Years in Bolivia."

There were of course, hundreds of species of less objectionable insects, marvellous in construction and strange of habit, fascinating to watch and study, even to one who was no entomologist. There was the soldier ant, whose legions, marshalled by big headed generals and captains, took hours to pass a given point. From

CRETONNES ARE BEING USED

For living-room dining-room and bedroom, cretonnes and light velours will continue to be used, the heavier and glazed chintzes being especially popular for dining-rooms and the more formal of living-rooms. Silks are in demand for drawing-rooms, the weight of the texture varying in accordance with the formality of the setting and the size of the room. Fine silks are also used for lining velour hangings, the silk used for this purpose being of self-color.

Whether silks or velours, or even moquette, is used for draperies

Overworked Runabout.

A writer for a farm magazine says an ordinary runabout can be made to run a circular saw, pump water, haul freight, drive dairy machinery, fill the silo, shred the fodder and crush grain feed. Possibly but it would have little time in which to run about.

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BRINGING UP FATHER

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OH! THERE IS ONE OF ARABS OF THE DESERT ISN'T HE STAYING LOOKING TAKE A PICTURE OF HIM. DINTY MOORE! YEP! I GOT A JOB I'M TAKIN' CARE OF SOME CAMELS!