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OVEREDUCATED.

Cultivated Greeks Compelled to Work at Uncongenial Tasks.

It is one of the curious apparent contradictions of the country and the people that whereas a large percentage of the population can neither read nor write, the bane of the nation is over education, says the London Journal, in an article upon the Greeks. The university and high schools act as magnets, attracting all the clever or ambitious youth of the country, large numbers of whom are duly stamped every year with the academic seal and turned adrift with larger demands on society than their fathers ever had and less means of satisfying them. Hence a considerable number of young men throughout the country who can speak several languages and have acquired large stores of general or technical knowledge are forced to earn their bread by means of uncongenial work. These individuals are dissatisfied with the established order of things, which makes no special provision for them, and they gladly lend their aid to social reformers or political agitators of all parties and professions.

Not that there are any political parties in Greece in the sense in which these exist in most constitutional countries. Men, not measures, is the universal cry; individual interest is the line of cleavage. The crowd follows one of the two men whose heads are above those of their fellows. The successful leader then provides places for the few who are chosen as well as called, and high sounding rhetoric for the many. People change sides from time to time according to the outlook, and nobody accuses them of being renegades. In no case is there any principle at stake. The members of the little parliament at Athens receive but a couple of thousand drachmas a year (roughly speaking, £50) from the state, but in some cases this constitutes the sole support of the legislator's family.

A Cough Remedy.

A troublesome throat irritation or cough, the result of a cold, is most annoying, but a home remedy will relieve and oftentimes cure it without the aid of other medicines. The following formula was given by a physician many years ago and has been found to be of great value: Take a quarter of a pound of the best gum arabic and pour over it half a pint of hot water. Cover and leave it until the gum is dissolved. Then add a quarter of a pound of pure white sugar and a generous half gill of strained lemon juice. Place these ingredients over the fire and let them simmer about ten minutes. Then pour the mixture into a bottle and cork. When taking this sirup, a little water may be added.

Patriotism and Ignorance.

Tommy—Isn't it funny, ma, how ignorant it makes a man when he gets to be a patriot?

Ma—Why, Tommy, what gave you that idea?

Tommy—Why, ma, didn't the lecturer say last night that the man who is a patriot should know no north nor south nor east nor west?—Richmond Dispatch.

A Failure.

A certain professor in one of the leading schools of this city was not long since desirous of incorporating some negro dialect in a story he was preparing. Not being very well versed in their manner of speech, he bethought him that it would be a good idea to study the language in its purity undefiled. With this end in view he betook himself to the vicinity of the Union depot, near which representatives of the ebony race are always to be found.

One effort was enough. Meeting a coal black negro driving a wagon rather well loaded and accosting him as "Uncle John," the following brief dialogue ensued:

"Pretty heavy load, uncle. Can you get up the hill with it?"

"I do not know, sir, but I presume so."

Such an example of pure and undefiled English coming from such an unexpected source almost paralyzed the professor, who muttered something about the "degeneracy of the modern negro," and, mentally deciding to consult the works of "Uncle Remus," he retraced his steps to his apartments.—Nashville American.

Photographing the Arteries.

After much study and painstaking an artery in the arm of an adult has been photographed. The patient had been suffering from some trouble in the arm which the physicians were unable to correctly diagnose. By means of the X rays deposits of lime salts in the blood were clearly shown, and the case was treated in accordance with the facts elicited by the photographing as described.—New York Ledger.

Clothes and Credit.

When a man realizes that he can't pay his debts and has got to ask for an extension of time, the first thing for him to do is to go to a fashionable tailor and get him a new suit of clothes. Creditors are seldom lenient with a seedy man.—Somerville Journal.

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