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The Teacher.

One cause of the low standing of the teacher's calling is lack of extended professional training. Professions easily entered are not usually highly respected. The medical profession has been cited as an illustration. Not long ago, when one could be a physician without special training, the profession was not very highly esteemed. Now, when extended training is demanded both by public opinion and by law, the profession is respected as one of the highest. In like manner the teaching profession would undoubtedly increase in favor were training of a high order demanded. In fact, we find the respect for the profession varying in different countries and in different grades of the school system almost in direct ratio to the education and professional training required of candidates.—Forum.

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A VISIT TO THE MAGDALENS

Their Population, Industries and Requirements

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—Description of the Isles.

Just at this season of the year, no more enjoyable outing could be planned than a trip to the Islands to the north of us known as The Magdalens. Many a time have we heard of those Islands when a youngster in the East as about the last place on earth to be selected for a summer resort. Cold, bleak, barren, impoverished rocks they were designated, upon which a certain class of human beings dragged out a miserable existence simply because they could get off them;—or because there a favorable situation was afforded for the prosecution fishing operations to which some must certainly devote their lives. To the young Catholic clerics too, they have been held up as a terrible place of exile, well calculated to bring out the most Apostolic virtues or serve as a sort of limbo for the expiation of almost any ecclesiastical indiscretion. Occasionally some stray votary of pleasure has come back to the world out of this out-of-the-way Canadian archipelago and raved about its beauty and the real pleasures there to be enjoyed in summer; but few there were to give the story credence. The victim of such false impressions, and how many of them always beset us, what was our surprise and delight, then, when business and a needed change of air conspired to bring us to the Magdalens, a few weeks ago, to find a place of such beauty and charm and repose as would defy the pen of a poet or the brush of a painter to accurately depict. Here we have everything that goes to make the perfect scene,—blue sky, green bounding wave, high, grey, blue and red cliffs laved by white breakers interchanging regularly, verdant meadows and gently ascending mountains, equally verdant to the very summits and dotted over with nerds of sleek kine; cosy, comfortable and always well-lit cottages, surrounded by gardens, stretching in an almost unbroken line from end to end of the Islands. Great and small factories perched upon some convenient cliff or grouped systematically upon the great fishing outposts of Entry, Grand Entry, Byron Island, or the further North Bird Rocks; countless white-winged clipper fishing smacks careering away into the distance until they are no larger to the eye than the milk-white gannet with sable tipped wings and eagle men, which ever bears them company; the almost extinct pinky, which to the uninitiated is represented as reversible, the more pretentious coaster; the graceful, fleet and well-manned "Cape Anner" bearing away seaward after securing the season's bait or riding at anchor in Pleasant Bay; the countless sea birds circling in the circumambient air gathered in myriads upon the numerous sand bars, swimming stately in the great lagoons or splitting the wave in search of their prey; the round towered lighthouse standing sentinel on every promontory or the more majestic church with its tall, cross-crowned spire, ever pointing poor exiled man to his home in Heaven, and holding out to him the blessings of the Redemption all go to make a picture well calculated to charm the eye, and satiate, in so far as natural beauty can, the human soul itself.

As it is true that the most beautiful flowers often bloom on the most barren places of the earth, so it is also true that a kind Providence generally bestows more real and satisfying natural charms and purer joys upon an isolated people than upon those whose lot, according to the world, is cast in pleasanter lines. Our own somewhat secluded Island Province is beautiful and fertile; the Magdalens are more beautiful and still more fertile. Many would not supply us with a more perfect connecting link with the mainland than the rather broken and necessarily unsatisfactory line of the daily steamer, alleging the physical and moral superiority of our people as a result of our splendid isolation. There may be something in this contention, too; and if anything in it as to us, certainly much more as to the people of the Magdalens. Whether true or not, however, we must not fail to declare here that the inhabitants of these northern islands are a fine-looking, well-developed, and robust race, thoroughly God-fearing, moral and contented—just one unmistakable proof, *en passant*. We have the authority of the Cure of La Magdalen for the statement that such a thing as an illegitimate birth has not occurred in his parish within the memory of living man.

The average Magdalener is born, lives out a lengthy existence, and sinks into an honored and hallowed grave, without seeing any more than the outlines of the great world about him in a dim glimpse of Cape Breton or Prince Edward Island, taken from the highest peak of his native hills, or nearer, from the deck of his staunch fishing smack as he tempts farther and farther the wave in pursuit of his finny plunder. The stately steamer comes and goes on her weekly visitation, is perfected from the old Albert to the Beaver, and from the Beaver to the St.

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LIFE IN A WARDROOM.

The Officers Quarters on Board a Man-of-war.

WHERE ALL HAVE THEIR SOCIAL BEING.

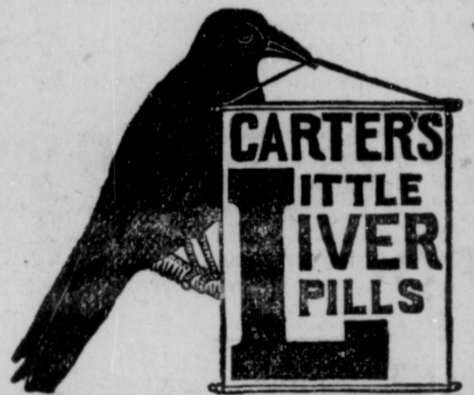
Naval Etiquette on Board a Fighting Ship.

The wardroom on a man-of-war is the living place of all the older officers of the ship, with one exception, the commanding officer. He lives by himself, has his own cabins, his own mess, his own servants. Naval etiquette and custom have established this habit of isolation for the man on the ship who has command of all the rest. The reason is undoubtedly to be found in the very fact that he represents extraordinary power. Under these circumstances any attempt to forget the superiority of his rank by means of a common cabin or messroom for him and his subordinates would only result in embarrassment on both sides.

This does not mean that he may not be sociable, for much depends upon the man. But it is safe to say that any show of effusiveness among those who live about the mast must come from his side, if he wishes it to be general. The situation is a delicate one.

In the freer air of the wardroom we find from 10 to 20 officers living together, the number varying with the size of the ship. Their ages may range from 25 to 50, and they are of all ranks above that of naval cadet, and of all corps. Engineer officers, line officers, medical officers, marine officers, one pay officer and one chaplain, may all be included in the wardroom of a large ship. These men live in staterooms arranged about a common space, which is known as the "wardroom country." This assumption of a space of prairie-like dimensions is comparatively truthful in the cramped quarters of a ship. In this "country" exists the social life of the wardroom. Here these men of varied callings, yet all of the sea's following, live, move and have their social being.

A day spent in a wardroom by a land-lubber would reveal many interesting differences between naval officers and their brethren on shore. To begin with, they are more cosmopolitan in their speech. The men in our wardrooms are gathered together from all parts of the Union. Local discussions find but an uninterested audience, or even a derisive one, so that a naval officer gets accustomed to speak and think of all the 45 states as belonging equally to him. Outside of his own country he is so great a traveler that very few civilians can keep up with the way he skips in conversation from China to Peru or to Tasmania. Other characteristics that are



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quickly noticeable are his simplicity, his cheerfulness and his heartiness. The wardroom is constantly resounding with laughter. The men in it are healthier than men who live in houses. They get up earlier in the morning and go to bed earlier at night. Most of our wardrooms are bustling with officers at 7 o'clock in the morning.

A glance at the breakfast table shows the senior line officer presiding, and the other officers placed near him according to rank. At the other end of the table is the man who has been elected by his messmates to direct the catering of the mess. Between this early meal and the breakfast proper, which comes at half past 11 or 12 o'clock, there is not much life in the wardroom, for the daily military routine is full of drills and exercises which keep most of the officers on deck. There are drills with great guns and with small arms, drills in clearing ship for action, drills in handling ammunition and many others—all of them rooted in the one idea that you must preserve your own life by destroying that of your enemy.

As soon as an officer returns to the wardroom from one drill and begins a conversation or perhaps hums a song he is interrupted by the bugles on deck and must buckle on his sword and return to another drill.

At every call to quarters all officers must report themselves ready for duty. The chaplain and paymaster, having much less to do with drills than the other officers, are usually the first to be back in the wardroom, where there is other work for them. The medical officer has gone forward to the sick bay to look after his patients.

When the midday breakfast comes, there is the first breathing space for a little leisure and relaxation. But the drills for the day are not yet over, and at 1 o'clock the bustle is resumed throughout the ship. A sudden call may come for collision drill, or fire drill, or battalion drill. If at sea, a floating target may be dropped overboard, and for an hour the ship be shaken from stem to stern by the discharge of guns. From 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon there is generally a respite from work, and the wardroom begins to show signs of being a home. Some in it are reading or writing, others are smoking or playing games or loafing. Still others are in their rooms taking the seaman's afternoon nap. But at 5 o'clock the drills and exercises come again.

By 6:30 o'clock there is a feeling that one can sit down and dine without fear of interruption. The mess as a whole is now gathered together, and the meal is generally a thoroughly enjoyable and delightful affair. After it is over there are cigars, games, music, or the right to withdraw within oneself without exciting remark. By 10 o'clock most of these sailors are in bed, but even now the drills may not be over. At midnight the bugles may sound, and in two minutes all the ship's company be rapidly making ready for an enemy.—New York Post.

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