

FOR WORK AND REST

The Sunday Surprise SERVICE

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Limitations Everywhere.

A person who inherits fifteen million dollars may have requests for a million dollars a week and that would be more than the interest on the inheritance. This is also true of muscle and mind as well as of money.

How First Things First.

Make a list of things not done which should have been done and another list of things done which were not worth doing, then re-read the list on each legal holiday and Sunday.

The Handling of Help.

We should know more about disposition for this subject, as every person in the world is an employer in some way at some times. The little girl customer is the employer of the big merchant when she hands over her money for merchandise. No one is independent.

LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Veteran River Man Tells of the Days That Are Departed.

"Rafting and lumbering on the upper Mississippi has passed away with the disappearance of the great forest along the father of waters and its tributaries," said Capt. Peter Conley of Winona, Minn. Mr. Conley is one of the pioneer river men of the Mississippi and has been connected with rafting on the river for twenty-five years.

"Five and ten years ago there were at least fifty boats plying the upper river engaged in towing rafts to the mills. This year there will be not more than ten. Packet lines afforded employment to some of the old pilots, but many have passed away and others have gone to Alaska, while some are now piloting boats on southern waters.

"The transfer of the lumbering industry from the northern waters of the Mississippi to southern has afforded the steamboat man a chance for employment far from his home. Many accumulated fortunes while working for the great lumbermen of the river and have built homes and settled down to staid occupation. Traveling on the river during the summer months is a pursuit which gives one a nomadic disposition hard to lose.

"Some of the pilots and captains I know have become owners of tow lines and some of packet lines. Others are now engaged in general business, but they always desire to get back on the river and feel the tremble of the boat when under full steam."—Milwaukee Free Press.

A Very Brave Man.

Mrs. Emma E. Porter, of Marysville, sister of Congressman Calderhead, tells a good henpecked husband story. Evelyn is the little daughter of a Marshal county family. She is very cowardly. Her father, finding that sympathy only increased this unfortunate tendency, decided to have a serious talk with his little daughter on the subject of her foolish fears.

"Papa," she said at the close of his lecture, "when you see a cow ain't you 'fraid'?"

"No; certainly not, Evelyn."

"When you see a horse ain't you 'fraid'?"

"No, of course not."

"When you see a dog ain't you 'fraid'?"

"No!"—with emphasis.

"When you see a bumblebee ain't you 'fraid'?"

"No!"—with scorn.

"Ain't you 'fraid' when it thunders?"

"No!" with loud laughter. "Oh, you silly, silly child!"

"Papa," said Evelyn, solemnly, "ain't you 'fraid of nothin' in the world but mamma?"—Kansas City Journal.

At Last.

The mother of the small boy had been trying to instill within him an idea of conscience. She described it as a little voice which whispered inside one when he was doing wrong.

"I never heard it," said the small boy, cynically, and in the tone of one who abhors his shoulders.

A little later the small boy did something he had been told not to do, and was sent to sit on a chair, and ordered not to get off until the powers that be gave him leave.

Ten minutes later he came into the room where his mother was sitting, flushed.

"I've heard it, mother," he exclaimed.

"Heard what?" asked his perplexed parent.

"Heard the little voice. It said, 'San Smith, you get off that chair. Don't you care what your mother says!'"

"Russian Lion" a Wonder.

George Hackenschmidt, commonly called the "Russian Lion," is Russian only by the accident of birth. By blood he is part German and part Swede. He is described as a man "with a student's face and a gladiator's body, massive of torso, catlike in quickness and as kind of disposition as sound in wind and limb." He has long been famous abroad, but seems unappreciated by admiration. His extraordinary qualities as a wrestler are explained as due to a combination of muscular strength, common enough in men of bulk, and that nervous strength which in the bodies of slender men makes them so formidable.

Compeers on Long Workday.

Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, says the bakers are so short of sleep from long hours at work that they lie down on their dough and rise with it.

Gets News Second Hand.

Tolson has given up reading the newspapers, but his friends tell him the news. He spends much time roaming in the woods.

PAID PENALTY FOR HASTE.

Messenger Boy's Speed Resulted in Spectacular Tumble.

A district messenger boy emerged from a big office building on Nassau street and to the amazement of passers-by, began to run. He had not gone far when his foot caught in some obstruction and he fell. It was not the ordinary fall. It was a picturesque, acrobatic performance. He landed on his stomach with hands and legs outstretched.

It had just stopped raining and the asphalt was slippery. In addition, there is quite a down grade at Cedar street, where the sudden drop of mercury took place. So when he struck the roadway he kept on going toboggan-fashion, for a foot or two, his hands and feet being used as brakes.

When the headway finally was checked, the messenger boy arose, slowly and sadly. His once natty blue uniform was a finished study black from collar to the ends of his trousers. There was some bark out of his hands and a gasp in one knee of his trousers seemed to open its dumb mouth to protest against such treatment.

"That's what I get fer runnin'," said the boy sadly, as he entered a convenient hallway to cleanse himself with a "latest edition" handed to him by a sympathetic observer.

POINTS HE HAD TO LEARN.

They Were Considered Important in the Gas Business.

"Well, my son," said the venerable gas magnate, beaming benevolence on his young protege, "how are you getting along. Do you think you are learning the business?"

"I am working hard at it, sir," said the youth. "I flatter myself I have picked up quite a little information since you were kind enough to get me my position with the company. I have learned the exact cost per cubic foot of making gas; the exact amount of water in the stock; how to get a franchise, and how to get along without one if you don't happen to have one; that fits; how to make gas bills go up while gas rates go down; how to make a gas meter travel like an automobile with a policeman after it; how to handle customers who kick, and—well, quite a number of things."

"You are doing well, my son," said the old gentleman. "But I trust you will not neglect two of the most important features of the gas business—how to prepare a statement which nobody can make head or tail of, and how to talk to an investigating committee, without telling them anything everybody doesn't already know."

Making the Garden Pay.

"This garden has a southeast exposure," said Uncle Bob, "which is the best. I shall have all of the rows of vegetables running north and south so that they will get the full benefit of the sun. I am going to divide it with a path running each way for convenience, and I shall cultivate entirely with hand tools. I rely particularly upon my combined double and single wheel hoe, bill and drill seeder, which saves me many an hour of back-breaking, hard and uncomfortable work during the summer.

"Lettuce and radishes may be sowed in many odd corners of the garden, without interfering with other crops. Oftentimes crops fail to come up in various places in the garden, and these vacancies may be filled with beets, carrots and turnips. The latter may be planted as late as the first of September, and carrots up to the first of August. My early lettuce is followed by cabbages or excelsior peas. I often put turnips in the ground which has just grown a crop of peas. You will be able to find pretty nearly all kinds of common vegetables in this garden. I don't always succeed with everything, and if I had only a very small garden, I should confine myself, I think, to a smaller list."—Suburban Life.

A Memorial Day Memory.

The sentry challenged at the open grave. He passed him by, because the hour was late.

"Hail! Who goes there?" "A friend."

"A friend, old mate?" "A friend's farewell."

And I had passed the gate; And then the long last notes were shed. And shrilly clarion's echoes died; And sound sadly as I stood without Those last sad notes of all: "Lights out!"

"Lights out!"

Farewell, companions. We have side by side Watched the history's lengthened shadows last us glide. And worn the blue, and laughed at pain, And many a year has died. And toil and hardship have we borne, And followed where the flag has gone; But all the echoes answering round about Have hidden you to sleep: "Lights out!"

"Lights out!"

And never more for me the bayonet's flash. The trumpet's summons. Oh, the crumpling ash. Of life's brief fruition; fall The withered friendship, and they all Are sleeping. Lay by day! Like martial warriors from Life's grim redoubt. Like those last notes of all: "Lights out!"

"Lights out!"

—John R. Rathom.

Asparagus and Radishes in Same Row.

Asparagus is one of the best vegetables for the amateur's home garden. It is perfectly hardy, never fails to produce a crop, is one of the very first vegetables ready for spring and yields until June.

It grows on any ordinary garden soil, but is surprisingly improved by high cultivation and heavy dressings of rich manure. It is a seed of slow germination, so it is well to plant radish seed in the same row—they will mark the row so that weeding can be done, break the surface of the soil to prevent baking, and give you a crop of radishes as a sort of extra dividend.—Garden Magazine.

Fire Building With Salute.

When the Italian cruiser Umbria entered the harbor of San Jose de Guatemala she fired a salute. A burning wad from one of her guns dropped on the roof of the government building and set fire to it. The crew was ordered ashore and assisted in a hard fight, which resulted in saving most of the building.

Museum Memorial for Donizetti.

In honor of the great composer Donizetti, a museum is to be erected at Bergamo, his native place. Relatives of the late composer have agreed to furnish the material. Baroness Bassi-Scott will supply the furniture of the room in which Donizetti died.

Fashion in Tonic Flavors

Being a man of excellent wisdom, the doctor seldom makes remarks about his patients, but that day he was so mad he couldn't help himself.

"That woman," said he, "is a dashed fool."

"What has she done?" asked a listener.

"She has insisted upon my flavoring the medicine for which I just wrote out a prescription with Swiss Lilac, because that is her favorite perfume."

"Did you do it?" asked the listener.

"Yes, I had to. I won't take the stuff if you don't," said she. "You won't take it if I do," I said. "You won't be able to. It will be so nasty you can't swallow it."

"But that argument never feazed the woman. 'It is lilacs or nothing,' she said. 'I'd rather die than be inconsistent.'"

"So I gave her lilacs."

"It is queer, anyway," proceeded the doctor, "about the flavoring of medicine. I don't know whether you know it or not, but styles in flavoring extracts used by druggists change with the seasons, the same as hats and coats and dinner table decorations. Last spring the majority of prescriptions compounded tasted like sweet peas. Before that peppermint was the favorite, now it is lavender. Peppermint, by the way, has its linings most frequently as a popular essence. There are a good many people who don't like peppermint, but there are more who do, and it comes into favor about three times as often as any other essence. For one thing, it mixes with other ingredients more harmoniously than other extracts, and there are some doctors who are old-fashioned enough to stick to it year in and year out, no matter what their more up-to-date brethren may be using for a time. Fortunately, the flavor of a prescription has nothing to do with its efficacy, so if a doctor feels like it he can make a fool of himself, as I did just now, and satisfy the whim of a fashionable patient by flavoring her tonics with an essence that matches her perfumes without endangering her life. However, freak flavors are not calculated to make a disagreeable drug more pleasant to the taste, and after a few experiments of that kind most doctors, at the request of the patients themselves, go back to lavender and sweet peas, and the ever reliable peppermint."—New York Herald.

His Guests Were Gentlemen

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has just appointed a young man to a position in the Bureau of Forestry who can tell some stories which shed a light on the finer character of northern Tennessee. This young man, who is a beardless youth, is the son of a lumberman, and he was selected to keep camp through the winter when the men were home resting from their hard work of the summer and autumn.

One day in the dead of winter eight horsemen drew up before his hut and asked if they could stay all night. He assented, and not only sheltered them, but the next morning he got ready a fine breakfast of corn pone and bacon, with coffee, seasoned with condensed milk and sugar.

The men were very grateful, but they showed no signs of moving off, and their host got uneasy as night came on. The visitors were all heavily armed with Winchesters, and he had nothing but a pistol, so he allowed them to stay for the night and again gave them breakfast. Then he told them bluntly that he could give them nothing more to eat, as the stores belonged to the company and he was held accountable for them.

"But," he pleaded, "I did the square thing by you and I know you will not get me into trouble."

The men heartily assured him that they would not, and they sat around all day without a bite to eat. They were preparing to sleep on the ground outside his hut that night, when he relented and invited them in. In the morning they prepared to depart without food, and the boy was grieved. Finally, he told them to take all he had, but when they could, to replace it. In less than a week one of them returned with a full supply of everything they had consumed, even to the sugar and condensed milk.

The young man afterward learned that they were moonshiners, hiding from a government inspecting party. Naturally, the officers did not think it worth while to inspect the lumber camp.

"Jap" Soldiers Live Simply

Foreign attaches with Kuroki's army suffered a good deal because of the food supplied them by the Japanese government. A correspondent writes: "I shall never forget the contempt shown by a certain Japanese officer for a meal I was eating. We had just entered Antung and I had established myself in the courtyard of a temple. I made ready the first good meal I had had for some days. My number one boy baked some bread in a frying pan, we opened a tin of meat and a tin of butter, then we made some tea—milkless and sugarless—and we were happy. A Japanese officer, a friend of my own, looked on me and I invited him to share my meal. 'How can you take all that trouble over food?' he asked, wondering. 'Come and look at my meal.' He took me to a room nearby and showed me the dish of rice, the portion of seaweed and the little kettle of boiling water for tea, which his servant had prepared. He did not understand that what rice was to him bread was to me."

Avoidance of luxury is a point of honor among these fighters. "All know the story about Gen. Nogi, the same writer continues, 'who when during the China war was presented with a costly cloak sold it for the benefit of the sick, declaring that he had one cloak already and there were many soldiers without any. An officer would consider himself disgraced if he took into the field elaborate food or overabundant clothing.

"Japanese soldiers are the cleanest-living and the most sober of any I have known. They have no camp followers, they take very little drink, their diet is simplicity itself; their one luxury is the incessant smoking of cheap cigarettes."

Lovemaking the World Over

M. Hugues le Roux, lecturing on "Love and Lovers," went on to contrast the modes of expressing love in various countries. In Spain the woman fluttered her fan of peacock feathers from the balcony and "acted the peacock" while the man "acted the bear" in the calle. Their only means of communication were popular songs, not a word being spoken between them. Common to Spaniards and to Arabs was the impression that woman's love was a stone—a ruby. It endured longer than man's, which was of a roving character. In Italy it was "passion" that ruled, even to the extent of ruling politics, and its expression found vent in violent form. In the north love was made in silence; no words were spoken among the Scandinavian races. He had spent some time in America and had brought back the impression that American women did not allow their husbands even to speak, notwithstanding which the American husband was found of his wife and his love for her found expression in the constant "tearing of checks out of his check-book" for her benefit until he sank exhausted. In France the expression of love was speech, from the highest to the lowliest. French lovers enjoyed the exchange of ideas, and more especially when man and wife, and this perhaps explained why clubs were neglected in France. French lovers wished forever to be together. He would not be ungallant enough to comment on English methods, but it seemed to him that in England it was not "the man who speaks to me," but "the man who walks out with me," who was considered the lover.—London Post.

Scarcity of Friendly Talk

It is one of the curious things about American life, where individuals stand upon a plane more nearly equal than in any other land, says the Chicago Journal, that our street cars and other public conveyances, crowded as they are with men and women of almost similar station, going to and returning from work of the same nature, should be so devoid of conversation that the sound of a human voice among the passengers is really unusual. Car after car freighted with humanity passes to and from the residence and business districts day by day with never a friendly word from one of its inmates to another.

As a matter of course, speech between men and women is practically impossible, owing to the nature of our conventions. Owing, too, to the mutual distrust women feel for one another and to the tradition essential to respectability, it is not easy for one woman to engage in friendly speech with another. But there is no reason why men, their duty to their morning and evening newspaper done, should ride side by side and continue to glare into uninteresting space when rational human intercourse is in waiting. What we all really need is something different. Life runs too readily into a rut. We see the same things day after day, talk with the same people, do our daily tasks in the same way—until it is possible for thousands of us to foretell whole years, entire decades in advance, just where we shall be at any given hour in any given day, assuming our lives are spared.

"Thinkin' Back"

I've been thinkin' back of late, Squam. And I'm here to state I'm suspicious it a sign of age, maybe, or decline of me, I think it is. I'm not feelin' did a bit—Any more than sixty-four—Am't no young man any more!

Thinkin' back's a thing at grows on a fellow, I suppose. Older at he gets, I jock. More he keeps a thinkin' back! He'll get old, and he'll be, like me, I think, as I'm. I'll find my eye and mind fixed on what we've left behind—

Bob-Billatin—like Them old times we used to hike Out-lar-footed for the creek. Long bout April first to pick Out some "garment" place to go in a swimmin'—Oh!

I wonder now we hadn't died, Crete, how good on my hule. Jus' a thinkin' how cold then! That ere water must a ben!

Thinkin' back—w'y, goodness me! I kin see their names and see every little and I played With 'er foot, et was afraid of, and so made him the best friend I had of all the rest!

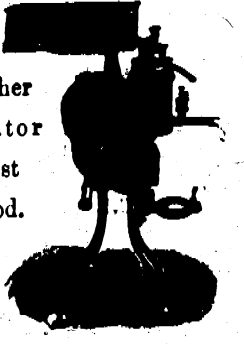
Thinkin' back, I even hegt Them a-collin' high and clear. On the creek banks when they seem Still hid in their—like a dream— And me still a-bantin on The green pathways they had gone! Still they hid, but thank the Lord I hear laughin' on ahead!

—James Whitecomb Riley, in Reader Magazine.

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Vicksburg to Vote on Bonding.

A special election will be held at Vicksburg June 5, to vote on bonding for \$3,500 to extend the fire protection of the village, \$545 for lighting, plant extension, and \$4,000 for reducing the floating indebtedness.

Seventh Infantry Reunion.

The nineteenth annual reunion of the Seventh Michigan Infantry will be held at Saginaw on June 13. J. W. Holmes, member of the legislature from Gratiot county, was a member of this regiment, and is president of the regimental organization at present.

Sunday School Convention.

The dates of the state Sunday school convention, which will be held at Traverse City this year, have been set as November 14, 15 and 16. Seven hundred delegates are expected.