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First University in Japan.

As early as the eighth century a university had already been established in Japan that included such modern divisions as schools of medicine, ethics, mathematics, history; and some of the text books employed at that remote period dealt with such subjects as the diseases of women, materia medica, and veterinary surgery—types of text books which appear to have been unknown in European countries until about 1,000 years later.

Forces Vagrants to Work.

There are few able-bodied paupers in Holland. A tract of public land containing 5,000 acres in divided into six model farms, to one of which the person applying for public relief is sent. Here he is taught agriculture, and is subsequently permitted to rent a small farm for himself. Holland also has a forced labor colony, to which other vagrants are sent to do farm and other work, whether they like it or not.

Cedars of Lebanon.

The cedars of Lebanon are not yet entirely exterminated, but for many years most European lead pencils were made of cedar imported from America. The largest German manufacture now has a cedar forest of his own at home. In the United States alone about 125,000 cedars are annually converted into pencils.

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The true sermon cannot be a sole.

Old English Custom.

In certain districts of England formerly when an owner parted almost entirely with other rights to a house he would reserve the right of boiling his pot on the fire. This secured to him the right of voting, and, what was of more importance, the position of being a freeholder. At Taunton, for example, the voters were called "pot wallopers," because they had the rights to "wallop" or boil their pots at the fire in their freehold houses. Sometimes when a person parted with a long lease, but not with the freehold of a house, it was expressly stipulated that he should keep the right to boil his pot on the fire.

True Economy.

In order to practice true economy it is necessary to distinguish between necessities and luxuries. Economy consists in getting the thing needed at the right time. One luckless man tells of having spoiled a $4 set of knives while economizing in the matter of purchasing a can-opener. After the destruction of the last knife he bought the much-needed article. He is not alone in such experiences. We can all plead guilty.

For a Helpful Day.

The man who helps the stumbler across a street, or rings a bell for a small child who cannot reach it, has done his duty and his part in the world's work far better that day than any philosopher who thinks a great deal and does nothing, indeed. I doubt not that a man who makes a friend smile at some idiotic remark has better earned his daily bread than a man who has given rise to a profound thought, if thought is only to end in thought.—Beason's Book of Months.

Hint to Housekeepers.

An Atchison woman recently served seven mushrooms to a guest and her family of six, and had enough and to spare. How did she do it? She could not afford any more mushrooms, so she stewed sponges and put them on the steak. The guest was given the genuine and the family got the sponges and managed to avoid eating them without exciting the guest's suspicions.—Atchison Globe.

New York City's Budget.

The city budget of New York is greater than the combined budgets of any five other cities in the country. New York pays salaries to more than 46,000 persons, amounting to about $55,000,000 a year.

Chinese Are Lightly Taxed.

The Chinese are perhaps the most lightly taxed people in the world. In China all the land belongs to the State, and a trifling sum per acre is paid as rent. This is the only tax in the country, and it amounts to about 60 cents per head yearly.

A MOTHER'S THOUGHTS

Ere last year's moon had left the sky
A birdling sought my Indian nest,
And folded, oh, so lovingly,
Her tiny wings upon my breast.

From morn till evening's purple tinge,
In winsome helplessness she lies;
Two fringe leaves with a silken fringe
Shut softly on her starry eyes.

There's not in God a lovelier bird;
Broad earth owns not a happier nest;
Oh, God! Thou hast a fountain stirred,
Whose waters never more shall rest.

This beautiful, mysterious thing—
This seeming visitant from heaven;
This bird with the immortal wing,
To me, to me, thy hand has given.

The pulse first caught its tiny stroke,
The blood its crimson hue from mine;
This life which I have dared invoke
Henceforth is parallel with Thine.

A silent awe is in my room;
I tremble with delicious fear.
The future, with its light and gloom,
Time and eternity are here.

Doubts, hopes in eager tumult rise;
Hear Oh, my God, one earnest prayer:
Room for my bird in Paradise,
And give her Angel plumage there.
—Emily C. Jackson.

MR. DOG

By OPIE READ

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It was said, and not without reason, that Grubbs had no friends. He was surely an uninviting old fellow, as those upon whose property he held mortgages were well aware, but persons better acquainted with him, that is to say, those who had glimpses of his inner nature, declared that there was good in him. He used to come down town every morning on the electric road, and at a station he began to look for the face of a small boy at a window. It was but a brief satisfaction, for of course the train halted only a moment, but he appeared to look forward to it, and would squeeze himself, though a large man, into a seat between two other large men in order to be on the side nearest the window in which the boy's face appeared. Once he was late and missed the face and the next morning he made it a point to be on time again. The face was not there in the afternoon when the old man returned home, at least he had not been able to see it, though he never failed to look at the window. He had been talking to an acquaintance, but broke off short to look. Then he began to grumble.

"What's the trouble?" the acquaintance asked.

"Oh, nothing much." But he shut up and held himself in moody silence. The next morning the face was not there; the curtain was down. And thus it went on for a week, Grubbs fretting all the time. He spoke to some one. "That face was the only bright thing I was permitted to see, and now it is gone." At night he dreamed of the face, so expressive and full of wonder, and he swore that it was a shame thus to be deprived of it; so one morning he got off the train to look for the face. Up a dark stairway he groped, knocked at a door, was scolded when he explained in a stammering manner that he was looking for a face, went to another door and knocked. A tired woman presented herself. She appeared to be of gentle bearing and Grubbs, usually gruff, spoke to her with unwonted kindness. In a few words he told of the face. "It was a flower to me, madam." The woman opened wide the door and invited him to enter, and there on a bed he saw the face, pale with sickness. He sat down and the little fellow, who had passed the dangerous point and was recovering, was amused to see so big and shaggy a man. In his own way he remarked that Grubbs reminded him of a great dog, and he asked Grubbs to bark for him, which he did, the woman smiling at him; and after this Grubbs was known as "the dog." One morning he said to the woman:

"You don't seem to have the means to keep yourself properly. How do you support yourself?"

"I work at the theater whenever I can get an engagement."

"What sort of work?"

"Oh, I help fill out the ballet."

The old man frowned, but she did not notice it. "Well," said he, "you must let me do something for you. I am much attached to this little fellow."

He bowed over the boy, and the little fellow, reaching up and patting the grizzled head, remarked that he was a good dog, and then requested the music of a growl. Often he would stay late—did not seem to care for time. Several days passed, and he remembered that the woman had not accepted his offer of help, neither had she encouraged him in the belief that she would accept. He renewed it. "I tell you that this little fellow is about all I care for. Listen. I was coming down town one morning after a wrangle at my house with men who were trying to beat me out of what belonged to me, and suddenly it flashed across me that there was nothing true and beautiful in this miserable old world, and then at that very moment I first caught sight of this little fellow and—"

"And you've been good ever since," the boy broke in.

"Yes, or at least better than I was. Madam, you must let me help you. I believe you said your name is Marley."

She nodded. "But my name ain't that," the boy cried out, and she bade him hush.

"Madam, will you do me a great favor?" he asked.

"I don't know, sir. But you have been kind enough to warrant it."

"Thank you. It has been a good while since any one called me kind. Now listen to me. This little fellow is getting along all right, but with better attention of course he would improve faster. Suppose you let me move him out to my house. I have an immense place and it will delight him, and when he gets able to roam about he can find no end of amusement in odd corners and strange places, for my house was built to my notion and is not like any other house. What do you say?"

"That I can't let him go."

"Oh, I mean that you must come, too. Perfectly welcome, I assure you." She shook her head. He argued against her decision, but she would not yield.

"Go to your house," she exclaimed. "Why, I do not even know your name. I have asked you and you have told me to call you dog, after the manner of the little boy."

And after this she called him Mr. Dog.

Grubbs did not care to be known, in some sort of a deal with an alderman he had afforded a scandal for the newspapers, and he was still the subject of an occasional fling from the men who wrote short paragraphs. His kindness, however, was such as to awaken gratitude in the heart of the mother. He would bring articles of diet and leave them without a word. Once he gave the child a piece of yellow money.

"You must give it back," said the woman.

"Madam," replied Grubbs, "would you deny an old man all pleasure? He must keep the money."

The boy continued to improve, and it was not long before he could run about the house, but Grubbs came every day, waving at him of a morning and holding him upon his knee in the afternoon.

"I dislike so much to call you Mr. Dog," said the woman. "Won't you select some other name?"

"No!" the boy cried. "He is my good dog." And so it went from day to day. One afternoon as Grubbs was about to take his leave, he looked at the boy and said:

"Madam, I don't see why I cannot adopt him."

"But you could not adopt me, Mr. Dog."

"Why, yes I can. You are young enough to be my daughter, I am sure."

"But my husband might not like it. I have written to him concerning you, but it is not yet time to receive an answer."

"What, is he so far away?"

"Yes. He is serving his country in the Philippines. His father would never consent to see me—I was an actress, and—"

"Madam, you must tell me your husband's name."

"His name is Grubbs."

The old man turned to the little boy. "Come, my son. You and your mother are going home with your grandfather."

Fighting and Morals.

Objection is made in England to the requirement that army recruits shall have good characters. "What," writes an officer, "has character to do with shooting and drill? Under the old system the rogue and the ne'er-do-well were drawn into the army, and became accepted citizens and fighters. Men leaving prison joined the ranks as their only chance of earning an honest living and placing themselves beyond further temptation. Perhaps it had a bad effect on the morals and behavior of a corps, but they invariably reformed when the trial came better fighters."

Prussian State Railways.

During the twenty-five years of the existence of the state railway system of Prussia the gross earnings increased from $141,000,000 to $361,000,000, the operating expenses from $24,500,000 to $221,000,000, and the net earnings from $14,500,000 to $140,000,000 a year. The mileage increased from 3,815 miles to 21,104 miles. The capital invested yields 7 per cent, according to the official statements, against 4.3 per cent twenty-five years ago.

American Wheat Exports.

The export of American wheat to Great Britain last year, as compared with 1902 fell from 68,000,000 to 44,660,000 hundredweights, while that of Russia increased from 6,500,000 to 17,000,00; that of Canada from 12,000,000 to 14,000,000; that of India, from 9,000,000 to 17,000,000, and that of Argentina from 4,000,000 to 14,000,000. Argentina had a great excess of wheat last year, but Russia had not.

To Raise Large Fund.

The Rev. Dr. James Boyd Brady, former pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Worcester, Mass., who has been commissioned by the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to raise a fund of $250,000 for the relief of superannuated preachers of the conference, wants permission to raise the fund to $4,000,000, the benefits to include widows and orphans.

History's Narrow Page.

An exchange says the names of the fill-fated Russian ships Petropavlovsk and Benzthrushny will go down to history side by side, but it is questionable if the avenue of fame is wide enough to admit of this. They may have to be driven down tandem.—Denver Post.

HAVE GIFT OF IMITATION.

Many Animals Seem to Adopt the Habits of Other Species.

Some animals have wonderful powers of imitation. Dogs brought up in the company of cats have been known to acquire the trick of licking the paws and then washing the face. When a cat has been taught to sit up for her food her kittens have been known to imitate her action. Darwin tells of a cat that was in the habit of putting her paw into the mouth of a narrow milk pitcher every time she got the chance and then licking the cream off her paw. Her kitten soon learned the same trick. A lady tells of a rabbit that she keeps in a cage with a monkey and says that Bunnie has caught many of the monkey's ways. It is said that starving pigeons that have been brought up on grain will not eat peas to save their lives, but that if pea-eating pigeons are put with them they follow their example and eat peas.

Valuable Manuscripts in America.

In the year 1900 two famous collections of Oriental, chiefly Arabic, manuscripts, were brought to this country; one, the private collection of a well-known Arabic scholar, Count Landberg, was secured for Yale university; the other, which originally had been in the library of a Mohammedan scholar at Medina, and then had been purchased by the publishing house of E. J. Brill at Leyden, through Count Land, was acquired and deposited in the library of their alma mater (Princeton). A third collection was acquired by Mr. Robert Garrett, also from the Brill house, and is at present in Princeton. As to numbers, there are between 800 and 900 manuscripts at Yale, and 1,678 at Princeton.

Men and Their Mistakes.

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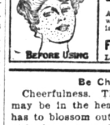
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