

Between Right and Wrong.
When you are in doubt as to what is good or bad, don't make a snap judgment. If you are in a line of distinction between right and wrong, till you find out better, look up to it as bad, says the Ohio State Journal. Whatever is good is plainly good, and it happens not to be plain as it raises a question, regard it as bad, and turn from it. The work of the scientist in this world is an effort not to say black is white but to say gray. There is such harm done by straddling as wrong. It is a favorite recourse in society and politics and it is going much to destroy the consciences of people. You may depend upon it—if the heart is right it is always easy to choose the right way from the wrong way. The mind cannot do it. If we depended upon the intellect to keep men in the right way they would land in perdition. A scholar has as poor judgment as a greenhorn if he doesn't consult his soul. It is not a truth if a person cannot feel it in his heart. So, trust double to the heart where love and good will live, and one will not go far astray.

Capt. Gladstone Happing.
An interesting story is told of Frank O'Donnell, the Irish nationalist. Arabi Pasha had been captured, and Mr. Gladstone, arguing against a commutation of capital punishment, declared that the Egyptian insurrectionist had made use of the white flag to withdraw his forces and artillery from Alexandria. This was, of course, a practice generally accepted as legitimate, and O'Donnell saw his opportunity. He bought a copy of Lord Wolsey's "Soldier's Pocketbook," and within a few hours had given notice of a question, asking if Mr. Gladstone would not take steps to prohibit the citation of Lord Wolsey's book, in which "the deplorable practice portrayed by Arabi Pasha was recommended for use of British soldiers." The question was postponed on request, and within two days Arabi Pasha's sentence was commuted.

Seaweed Beds of White Sea.
Scientists never have been able to estimate the extent of the seaweed beds in the White sea. Why scientists should wish to make this estimate is something for which we cannot answer, but these gentlemen have devoted many precious hours, even days, to the attempt. As the weed is cut up by the storms, it is expected that the industry will be a stable and permanent one. Deep seaweed is the most rich in iodine. Iodine also may be made from Chile sulphate as a base but seaweed is the cheapest thing from which it can be manufactured.

The Girl That Counts.
There are cloudy days and days of sunshine. The cloudy days have their limitations; for certain conditions they are acceptable and we welcome the gray sky, the heavy rains. But the day of sunshine has no limitations; it is always welcome, always joy-bearing. The sick, the helpless, the laborer, the weary, all hail the day of sunshine, and this is just what happens to the girl who statters sundries. The gloomy girl is given standing room, but the girl who leaves a ray of sunshine to everybody is the girl that everyone welcomes. The girl who works with a smile, the girl who looks on the bright side, who always has a cheery word, who can find time to take a bunch of flowers to a friend, or write a word of sympathy to the one in need—in short, the girl who can transform sadness into gladness, by the force of her own presence, is the girl that counts wherever she may be found.—Exchange.

More Necessary.
Miss Lena Ashwell loved to tell a story against herself. "Often," she once said, "I do not make myself clearly heard by players in the more remote parts of the theater. One night I seem to have been more than usually indistinct, for at the first interval, when an attendant walked up one of the gangways on the stalls bawling 'Opera glasses, opera glasses,' a big man started from the back of the pit. 'Opera glasses be hanged! Bring us some ear trumpets!'"

Another Use for Straws.
A father was explaining to his oldest son the meaning of a straw vote and said the expression probably originated from the old saying "that straws show which way the wind blows." The youngest son, not being as much interested in presidential candidates as in culinary matters, said: "Yes, and straws show whether the cake is done or not, too."

Storage House Peculiar to Maine.
The Aroostook type of storage house, with concrete or masonry basement walls and wooden superstructure, seems to be distinctively a product of Maine, and so far as has been observed is not found to any extent outside of the state. It is an extensively constructed house and is at most always located on a sidewalk or boll in order that advantage may be taken of a ground-level entrance. That such houses have proved satisfactory to the potato grower in Maine is evident from the fact that locally no other style of potato storage house is in vogue.

Identifying Us.
We travel but seldom. When we do adventure out of our beaten path we love to go in style. Just before we made a recent trip we discovered that our faithful gripack presented an appearance of premature senility. An obliging relative, who is a retired farmer, volunteered to refurbish it with an embonchure which he had evolved for use as a harness dressing or hair restorer, we have forgotten which. When applied the preparation smelted somewhat obtrusively, but our kinsman assured us that the odor would soon pass away. With our reticence glossily belabored we took our seat in the train. By this time we had become used to the scent, and ceased to notice it. Presently a venerable citizen of Twooppy seated himself beside us. We gave him our views of the weather, the war and sundry other subjects. "It wouldn't surprise me if you was a mighty smart man," our acquaintance eventually observed. "You're a horse doctor, ain't ye? You shure smell like one."—Kansas City Star.

Lines to Be Remembered.
But the finest music in the room is that which streams into the ear of the spirit in many an exquisite strain from the hanging shelf of books on the opposite wall. Every volume there is an instrument which some melodist of the mind has used to set vibrating with music as a flower shakes out its perfume or a star shakes out its light: Only listen, and they soothe all care, as though the silver-soft lexicon of popples had been made vocal and poured into the ear.—James Lane Allen.

Singing Contests in Norway.
Some of the songs of Norway consist of halakids of four-line verses, which necessarily be a hard test to the memory of the singers. Sometimes two singers will have a duel in such a song, singing verse after verse alternately. He whose memory, or in default of memory, invention, fails him first is loser.—From Norway, by Nils Jangman.

Swallows Easily Fatigued.
The mechanism of flight in the swallow is carried through an ascending scale, until in the swift it reaches its highest degree, both in endurance and facility of evolution. Although there are birds which may, and probably do, attain to the speed of 150 miles per hour, this remarkable rate is not to be looked for in any of the birds of the swallow kind. In their migrations swallows sit close to land, and never leave it unless compelled. They cross straits at the narrowest part, and are the most easily fatigued of all birds. Apparently, they have no reserves of sustained flight.

When You Begin to Worry, Start Working Hard

By HANIE CULVER

Would like to fall asleep some night and wake up next morning to find, either that the war clouds have lifted, or that we've merely awakened from a horrible nightmare and again have free use of our limbs and our faculties.

Scarcely a woman does one meet nowadays who does not seem to fear she is walking in her sleep and rapidly nearing a precipice over which she is soon to go hurtling to destruction, for war, its horrors, and its nearness now to us all, is something the senses seem not able to comprehend in full entirety.

And it's for this very reason that women must occasionally pinch themselves and wake to the fact that, no matter how dazed they feel, nor how hopeless everything seems, the ordinary day's activities must go on just as though nothing untoward was happening afar off on the smoke-wreathed continent overseas.

There's never been invented a better panacea for all the morbid fears that beset womankind than good, wholesome work that must be done 'er the heavens fall, for no one but a woman fully understands how easy it is to settle down into a state of hopeless apathy the moment something comes to sap one's nervous energy beyond a certain safe degree.

But work cannot be done unless one keeps in proper physical condition, and this point is most insistent this time of year when summer heat brings with it summer lassitude.

"I just haven't been able to eat a thing since John went away," a frantic mother was telling a sympathizing friend. "Every mouthful I take just chokes me."

Of course it does, but eating good food is just as important to the preservation of sanity these trying days as the selection of a good, hard job that must be filled and filled acceptably.

Beefsteak is an expensive luxury, to be sure, but the heartening effect of the consumption of a good juicy beefsteak with a side dish of mashed potatoes and a vegetable or two, topped off with a cup of fragrant coffee and a delectable dessert, can never be fully appreciated until one has been away down in the dumps and wanted something good and tonicity all in a hurry. Just try it and see. Even the war clouds lift a bit to show the clear blue sky above and beyond.

No woman who wants to do her best bit for her country can afford to sit down and mope and fret and grow thin and anemic in the bargain. Try the tonic effects of work and good food and see how much brighter the world becomes right away.

Falsehoods About the Red Cross Hurt America and Help Enemy

By STUART H. PERRY

Is it not suspicious the number of false reports, unfounded rumors, misunderstandings and falsehoods that spring up with regard to the Red Cross? It keeps the officers and workers busy denying them and explaining them away.

There was a story that enormous sums of money were to be given away to foreign countries, and that a great marble palace was to be erected in Washington, both equally false.

Some start from a misunderstanding, or are mere distortions of harmless facts. Some are known to have started from disloyal sources with the deliberate purpose of crippling the work of the Red Cross.

The malicious sort will be dealt with in due time in the proper way. It will not be long before it will be unsafe for any disloyal person to start such a story or pass it along. But in the meantime the Red Cross members themselves can do a great deal toward stopping all false reports.

When you hear a harmful rumor about the Red Cross, remember:

1. It is a lie. There is nothing wrong about the Red Cross. It is admirably organized, efficiently managed; it is doing exactly what is best and wisest, in the light of the most far-reaching experience. It has been free from all serious blunders, incompetency, unfairness or scandal.
2. It is your duty to stop it. It is not enough to keep still. Speak out instantly, telling your auditors that the rumor is false, showing them why it must be so, and warning them not to play the enemy's game by spreading it.
3. Report the matter at once to Red Cross headquarters. If the story was an innocent misunderstanding, steps will at once be taken to correct it. If it bears earmarks of malice, it will be dealt with in another way.

If it hurts the Red Cross, it hurts America and helps Germany.

Don't Send Medical Students to the War

By Dr. HEARY A. CHRISTIAN

The government must not send the nation's medical students to war as ordinary soldiers—or in any capacity, for that matter. France and England now realize their mistake of two and three years ago in taking the students from schools and putting them into the armies.

The medical students of today are the physicians of the future. As the students are reduced in number, so will the supply of physicians shrink. War demands many medical men. Seven to ten doctors per 1,000 soldiers is stated as the requirement of our army. With an army in the field no fewer medical men are needed at home, for the soldier as the healthy young man in the community makes but little demand for medical service so long as he is a civilian. Hence the present would seem a poor time to reduce the supply of physicians.

The medical student following graduation spends one or two years as an interne or house officer in the hospitals of the country. Large hospitals must have house officers or close their doors. Already men for such positions are scarce, owing to the demands made by the war and navy department for such men. If the supply is further reduced by drafting medical students, hospitals must curtail their work and treat fewer patients in the near future. Furthermore, medical students, while still undergraduates, as part of their medical instruction, do much work in the hospitals under the supervision of the house officers and their teachers on the visiting staff. To decrease by draft the number of medical students would hamper directly hospital work by decreasing the number of available student assistants and this would be serious to hospitals.

London has cut the height of silk hats 50 per cent and may yet get them down so governors in some of our Western states will wear them on state occasions.

The reason why potatoes aren't any cheaper than they are is that there are so many of them this season that it costs more to dig 'em.

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