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Education After Daylight

Since learning one's A B C's at the age of twenty or more is usually less fascinating than at the age of five, the editors of the Eccentric are not surprised as rapidly as it might have. Nevertheless the United States can congratulate itself on the growing popularity of its night schools for mature men and women. The enrollment in this country reached 1,122,410 in 1928, according to the federal Office of Education. It is an increase of 25 percent over 1926. It is thought the figures for 1929, when compiled, will show even more progress.

Politics And Business

It requires a tremendous amount of sincere and honest work for a private business concern to remain in business profitably during these days of human activity. Even then, when business executives try to "cut corners" in measures of economy, many businesses fail because they cannot meet the severe demands of the shifting times. How, then, can you expect a group of public officials, who handle other people's finances, and who too often are not fitted for the work of their office, to obtain great efficiency in matters of government? In view of this, a public official who reveals real ability to make your tax dollars go farthest ought to be an object of public gratitude—don't you think?

Automobile Deaths

As mankind creates various comforts and conveniences for its use, including such mechanical success as automobiles and airplanes, there comes with the far-spread marketing of these things a menace to public safety. For instance, consider the annual automobile fatality toll in the United States, which last year reached the amazing total of 31,000 lives, and hundreds of thousands of injuries, some of them permanent—and top this off with the tremendous property damage that attends such fatalities and accidents.

Be A Practical Dreamer

It generally pays to keep one's feet close to the ground—especially when seeking substantial support for the erection of solid buildings. Even air castles—those airy, fairy, dreamy flights of the imagination—should be constructed upon sound thoughts, or even as dreams they do not bring the solace and comfort that they can.

Poverty Or Riches?

Will the average human being exert or extend himself (or herself) unnecessarily; do we do just about what we are required to do in order to obtain what we desire? The price is appealing, the work hard, would we all be content to remain doing nothing? Or, to put it in more familiar words, who would go the farthest in life, the rich boy or the poor boy?

Famous Finales

HIGH TIDE, Scotland.—After an absence of fifty years, Mrs. Daniels McGraw Wallace Koss, 76, returned to her native town from her last voyage. Attempting to dance a Highland Fling at a fellow's house, she lost her balance and fell from the dancing floor into a battery of drums, breaking her legs and putting four trunks completely on the Fritz.

WAR DECLARED!

The war is on! And thru the chilling Mists of morn'g I heard the rumbles of guns. Brave men endure The weather's curse, And stand in wait For the sudden rush Of the enemy. Their rifles are set Their camouflage. Inevitably, the enemy Is startled into flight. As they flee Shiny guns belch forth vivid tongues of flame. But many of the enemy Escape, unharmed, Because the penetrating Chill of morning Haas made the attackers Snore. And their buckshot Haas gone astray!

Get Well And How

Dear Doctor: My oldest son is 18 years old, has been in school, and we have been trying to get him to get up in the morning and look for a job. Instead of doing that he sleeps until 10 a. m. every day. He says he does so well. My husband and I have tried everything but nothing has except a streak of laziness. Both my husband's people and mine have always been hard workers. We can't understand why he "takes after" his father and has no ideas on that subject? We want to treat right, but we both feel that it's long time for him to do something except shove his feet under his dad's table three times a day. Will you please answer my questions as soon as possible, as we are anxious to take action.

Zoning Gains Ground

Will Birmingham ever adopt a Zoning Ordinance? It looks that way—if the trend in the United States means anything. Already 35 states have used the Zoning Act issued in 1923 by an advisory committee of planning and zoning of the Bureau of Standards at Washington. On January 1, zoning ordinances were in effect in 836 cities and towns in this country, in which more than 19,000,000 people lived.

What May You Become?

About all that anyone may boast of as a lasting possession upon this planet earth is this: that he has been endowed with an ability to learn something, and a span of time in which to apply it. To show the growth of this movement, 183 municipalities adopted zoning ordinances during the past two years, including Cleveland, Dallas, New Orleans, Spokane, and Youngstown, each having over 100,000 population, making a total of sixty at the very least. The eighty-eight largest cities having zoning ordinances.

Vox Polly

"What the dowager (Queen Marie of Rumania) remembers most of her life is the American ex-travagance with electricity that lights the swimming pool on the sixteenth floor of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, WILHELM, HIGH LUCK, HADGAS, WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE A SUICIDE WITH HER."—MILK LUCK, a Chicago columnist, on his way home from Bucharest.

CUTE AND CHARMING

... was the PRETTY little PRINCESS... who lived in Paris... who was VAIN and CLOSED the door... whether her voice CAME from under the CORNER... STRAIGHT from the SHOULDERS.

Dinner Stories

"Has your wife made home happier since she went to cooking school for her mother?" "My wife thought it was 17 1/2 times as happy." "Mich happier," declared Mr. Meekton. "We have both learned to appreciate plain, simple restaurant food."

Notion

"Notion that Judge Edward J. Jeffries of Detroit has quit the gubernatorial campaign for a return to work on the bench again, we suppose that he'll continue to draw his salary with as much regularity as he had his breath during the heat of the fracas."

Do You Suppose

that former Judge Frank Murphy, Detroit's new Mayor, can say with any degree of assurance, "the times are in my hands?"

GOING OUT TO TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS!



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

Does Your Ability to Stand Alone Justify Stealing Another Man's Credit? There are many of a little learning who are so stubborn and ruthless in support of their own opinion and so selfishly indifferent to the welfare of mankind that they will do the cost to others and without thought of personal gain.

Who's Who and Timely Views

Future Of Liberalism, Communism Discussed By NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, President, Columbia University. (Nicholas Murray Butler was born at Elizabeth, N. J., April 2, 1862. He is a graduate of Columbia, later studying in Berlin and Paris. He holds honorary degrees from more than twenty universities in this country and abroad. He began teaching philosophy at Columbia, being, to wit, professor, dean and finally president of the university in 1902. He has been a member of many commissions, principally in the interests of international peace, has been decorated by several foreign countries and is a member of a score of organizations. He is the author of a number of books, most of which are philosophical. A delegate to the League of Nations conference in 1919, he was chairman of the New York Republican convention in 1912.)

They Have Murred

To be firm, steadfast, unshakable in purpose—providing our purpose be true and good—is a characteristic of the man of many parts. He is a man who has been possessed by the gods. Many of the things that he has done will be long remembered. He has many who are not firm in retaining in their minds, and therefore their actions are forgotten. He is a man who is not a man of many parts. He is a man who is not a man of many parts. He is a man who is not a man of many parts.

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