

GROWTH OF SWEARING HABIT

Striking Phenomenon of the English Life of To-Day - Is Steadily Becoming More Pronounced

One of the most striking phenomena of English life at the present day is the habitual use of bad language by many workmen... It is a habit which is daily becoming more pronounced...

NEW POWERFUL ANESTHETIC

Eucaine Renders Patient Unconscious to Pain, But Leaves Him Conscious During Its Use

The recent discovery of eucaine, a powerful anesthetic, is looked upon as another scientific triumph... It will make possible operations which might not otherwise take place...

PEARL-FISHING IN SOUTH

Amateur Divers Reap Rich Rewards in Tennessee River by Simple Method

Fishing for pearls in Clinch river in Tennessee, has begun... The river has been low, but the rains have caused the stream to swell and made fishing more difficult...

Better Be Blind

The Chicago minister who felt it was his bounden Christian duty to speak to the ladies of his congregation in a most confidential, heart-to-heart manner concerning their petty faults and foibles has now had it made clear to him that he had better be listening for a call to some other pulp...

Tibbles in the Wrong Camp

We learn from the Indianapolis Sun that Tom Watson has been nominated for president by the populists. All a man named Tibbles goes along with him. Tibbles ought, in the eternal fires of things to be on the ticket with...

WHOLESALE TELEPHONING

Costly Conversations Held by American Business Men Across the Country

Everyone accustomed to using the telephone to any extent has experienced the annoyance of being kept waiting by the long-winded conversationalist, but the limit in this way was reached the other day when a gentleman in Washington held the long-distance wire between that city and New York upwards of three hours...

GOVERNMENT BUILDS OASES

Bureau of Plant Industry Starts Propagating Gardens in California Sands

Wherever there is a large area of land offering unusual difficulties in the way of cultivation, particularly semi arid lands that possess possibilities in the way of irrigation, there the problem is being studied by the bureau of plant industry... The country is being dotted with propagating and testing gardens...

Uncalled For

A Philadelphia commercial traveler, who was more or less acquainted with the fare at country inns of small towns in the south, was stranded in a Georgia town... He was patiently awaiting the dinner announcement...

Done to Death

"Pa, what's a dead language?" "Any old language after your ma goes through with it." - Chicago Record-Herald.

ABYSSINIAN TELEPHONES

Even Inanimate Nature is Constantly at Work to Obstruct Communication

At the present time there are nearly 500 miles of telephone wires in Abyssinia, and enough more are being stretched to bring the total length to nearly 1,500 miles by the end of the year... An American engineer, who laid out many of the routes, and helped to install the first few hundred miles of wire, under contract with the Abyssinian minister, Jig, who initiated most of these improvements, says:

THE STORY OF AN IDIOM

How "Would Better" Came to the Fore and Its Effect Upon the Average Reader

In every period to be found persons who can never be sincerely happy unless they can parse every word of every expression they use... The idiom "would better" is a case in point...

His Suggestion

"The wax of sin," said the speaker, "is death." "I'm in favor of starting a strike to have 'em raised," said the walking delegate, suddenly waking up. - Chicago Record-Herald.

Long Term for Small Theft

At New York the other day Judge Goff gave two ex-convicts nine years and six months each in prison for having held up and robbed a woman of 30 cents.

The Main Question

First Artist - We must go to nature for our subjects. Second Artist - Oh, that's easy, but where in thunder are we to go for our customers? - Brooklyn Life.

OYSTER MAIDS OF ZEALAND

From Their Peculiar Garb They Seem to Be Half Man and Half Woman

On the island of South Beveland, a portion of the province of Zealand lying between the east and west mouths of the river Scheidt, many of the women are employed in an occupation which hardly seems a woman's to the American... They are oyster maids...

Pertinacious

Junior Clerk - Please, sir, there's a gentleman outside wishes to see you. Employer - Didn't you tell him I was not in? "Yes, sir; but he says he doesn't mind that if you can give him three minutes." - London Tit-Bits.

Mistook the Motive

An old man was sitting in the street-car. In the aisle near him stood a young woman. He made a movement to rise as if to give her his seat. "Never mind, sir," said the young woman, imperatively. "Just keep your seat!" She smiled patronizingly at the old man, who stared and looked dazed. After two blocks more he again attempted to rise, but the young woman pushed him back, explaining politely: "I've stood so long now I don't mind it. Please keep your seat!" "I'm a young lady," cried the old man, in shrill irritation. "I want to get off! You've made me go half a mile past my street already." - Detroit News.

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CONCERNING BABY'S FOOD

Suggestions for Young Mothers Who Are Not Well Informed as to Requirements

Many of the young mothers of the present day grievously err in not persevering in nursing their babies, writes Marianna Wheeler, superintendent of Babies' Hospital, New York, in Harper's Bazar... It is thus a great mistake for a young mother not to make a conscientious attempt to nurse her baby...

BOASTED STRENGTH OF MAN

What Happened When This One Tried to Compete with the Weaker Sex

They were out together for the evening. The weak woman and her strong protector... She was a slight, fragile thing that would weigh less than a feathered bird... He was a big, bulky creature that tipped the beam at twice as much...

HOME HAT FOR SUMMER

May Be Fashioned from Materials at Hand and at Small Expense

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SOME FANCIES IN WOOD

Artistic Articles Intended for Ornament as Well as Utility in the Home

As a souvenir for a wooden wedding anniversary a salt cellar of wood with topographic decoration is novel and acceptable... Wood cutlery, the handle carved in fanciful imitation of fruits, bird, or animal, are utilized for wooden wedding gifts, says the Brooklyn Eagle... The latest in souvenirs for wooden weddings is a wooden shoe, or, preferably, a pair of them. As a matter of fact, wooden shoes are acceptable gifts for den or bachelor apartment decorations at any time, and are used as washroom holders. They are ornamented with prophagetic work, and their air of solidity appeals to the marvellous sense of fitness. Whiskbrooms or flat-headed clothes brushes slip neatly into the recess, for large-sized shoes are employed in this way, and such holders are a welcome relief from the shooe-docked contrivances that are more of a success as dust catchers than brush holders.

Knockdown Furniture

"Knockdown" furniture is called by the trade. Its most general manifestation is in the form of cranes in various sizes and of weathered oak. Chains of different lengths depend from the arm of the crane and in these are attached steels, wooden keys and coffee cups, and jugs.

These mottoes are inscribed on large-inked mottoes, on pipe racks and pipe racks, as well as on cranes. For the Dutch room is a novelty in the form of book rack of weathered oak, surmounted by a windmill. An appropriate inscription is placed with the prophagetic needle decorative one side.

Bluebirds have the huge wooden door openers are termed, and a motto or phrase appears on some. The wooden shoes are likewise decorated. One pair bears the inscription: "No Steps Backward." Another inscription reads: "Don't Delay!"

Plate racks of weathered oak are to be had in fourier effects, with hooks below for cups and pitchers.

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