

Weekly Lesson In English

Words Often Misused
Do not say, "Where are you going to?" Omit "to."
Do not write, "I hereby agree to accept your offer." Omit "hereby."
Do not say, "Is your work most finished?" Say, "almost finished."
Use almost to express nearly.
Do not say, "He turned down my offer." Say, "He rejected my offer."
We see things, we witness events. Say, "I saw the soldiers; I witnessed the battle."
Do not say, "What has transpired in our absence?" Say, "What has occurred?"
Words Often Mispronounced
Grocery. Pronounce gro-ser-i, three syllables, and not gro-ri.
Chloride. Pronounce klo-ri-d, o as in "no," i as in "ride" or as in "rid," accent first syllable.
Hostelry. Pronounce hos-tel-ri, o as in "of," not as in "no," accent first syllable.
Au fait (French, meaning expert, skillful). Pronounce o-fe, o as in "no," e as in "bet," accent last syllable.
Mignonette. Pronounce min-yun-et, i as in "minute," u as in "run" (unstressed), e as in "bet," accent last syllable.
Note Bene (Latin phrase meaning take notice). Pronounce no-ta-be-ni, o as in "no," a as in "ask," e as in "be," i as in "it," accents on first and third syllables.
Words Often Misspelled
Cooperate. Observe the oo. Skein; no skane as it is pronounced. Comed; only one m. Balloon; two l's. Freinet; two c's, no s. Complete; ate, not eat.

Synonyms
Frugal, economical, provident, saving, sparing.
Throw, hurl, toss, cast, fling.
Refresh, renovate, revive, recreate, invigorate.
Worth (noun), value, usefulness, merit.
Innate, inborn, inherent, inbred, native, natural, congenital.
Timid, timorous, fearful, cowardly, faint-hearted.
Word Study
"Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.
Words for this lesson:
Sanguine; confident. "We were sanguine of success."
Divers; several; sundry; various. "We have the divers statements of St. Paul and St. James."
Permeate; to pass through the pores or interstices of. "Water permeates the ground."
Relevant; bearing upon the case in hand. "We should be willing to face honestly all of the relevant facts."
Unprejudiced; impartial; unbiased. "Every person who with unprejudiced eyes looks about him knows that this is true."
Modify; to change somewhat in form or qualities. "We wish to modify the contract."

DISARMAMENT TO FOLLOW GREAT PLAN

One of the most interesting reactions of the Hoover plan for a debt holiday has been the impetus it undeniably has given to the world disarmament movement. The disarmament conference which more than a year ago was called to meet next February under the auspices of the League of Nations has heretofore been looked forward to with little hope that anything effective would be accomplished. That sentiment, however, has obviously changed in a very material way. From every part of Europe, even from Italy, where it was least expected, there have come from leading statesmen, since the President's proposal was made the most optimistic predictions of practical results that many now expect from the Geneva conference. Our own government has wholeheartedly and formally accepted an invitation to attend this conference and has promised full participation and complete cooperation in it. Three times within as many months the President of the United States has called attention in the most striking way to the heavy burden imposed upon the world by the present armaments and has not hesitated to suggest to European powers that relief from this burden is in their own hands and that to diminish it would go far to restore their own prosperity and the return of the whole world to normal conditions. Germany has solemnly promised that the money which she will be relieved from paying this year in the way of reparations shall not be used in any other way than for economic relief, giving the most earnest assurance that not a dollar shall be expended for military purposes. It is hoped and expected that France and other European powers will respond in the spirit of these German promises, so that when the great conference assembles in Geneva next February an advance toward general disarmament may be expected. If this should follow as a by-product of the Hoover debt holiday plan the far-reaching importance of this statesmanlike stroke will be more than ever realized.

THE PRAYER CORNER

YOU!
"Why are you here? To work and to love. TO WORK—that is the putting of what energies you find in your bodily and mental machine. In proportion as you express yourself, and learn what forms of activity are good and what are harmful. You receive the wage of existence, which is HAPPINESS.
"TO LOVE—that is the normal action of the pure you. You are not alone. All about you are similar You's. Your happiness is not drawn from yourself alone. You are inextricably tangled in the web of souls. When you love, the stars in their courses fight for you. You taste cosmic (universe) joy. You are introduced unto the secret of the universe.
"When you do not love you are but a derelict.
"All I can do is to read your signs interpreting them as best I can. I look not at your eyes, but through them to you."
"I clasp not your hand, but you, somewhere warming within the palm.
"I hear your words but listen even to you, behind the words seeking me.
"I love you, not your body, not your mind, not your clothes, not your virtues, not your possessions, or position, or name.
"An when your vestments all shall have been laid away under the sod that you that I love shall live on, and somewhere, some day, meet this me, that found his argument for immortality in Love.
A PRAYER FOR LOVE
O God of Love, who hast given to us a new commandment through Thine only-begotten Son that we should love one another even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy Beloved Son for our life and salvation. We pray Thee, Lord, give to us, Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren.
O God, dearest Friend, who hast so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet, and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; then Thou wilt keep watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies.
Give us Love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts, pure love, born of Thy love to us, that we may love others as Thou lovest us. O most Loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom floweth all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to Thee, and cold to others, be warmed by this Divine Fire.
O Almighty God, help us to put away all bitterness and wrath, and evil speaking with all malice. May we possess our souls in patience, however we are tempted and provoked, and not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Enable us, O God of Patience, to bear one another's burdens, and to forbear one another in love. Oh teach us and help us all to live in peace, and to love in truth, following peace with all men, and walking in love, as Christ loved us, of whom let us learn such meekness and lowliness of heart that in Him we may find rest for our souls.
Subdue all bitter resentments in our minds and let the law of kindness be in our tongues, and a meek and quiet spirit in all our lives. Make us so gentle and peaceable that we may be followers of Thee as dear children that Thou, the God of Peace, mayest dwell with us forevermore. So keep and bless us in Thy Son. Amen.
—C. D. C.

MR. GRIST, DOG-CATCHING, AND MILITARY SERVICE

(Chapel Hill Weekly)
Frank D. Grist, candidate for United States senator, has threatened suit against the Greensboro News because that paper said he would make "an elegant dog-catcher." Under the libel laws of this state a newspaper may clear itself of liability if it retracts offending words within a certain time, and retraction is demanded in the candidate's letter to the News. "Unless you modify your statement," it writes, "I will consider bringing court action against you for damages."
But, replies the News, "it is hardly seen how the statement could be modified in any material way without the introduction of a negation." That is, having said that Mr. Grist would make an elegant dog-catcher, the News, if it retracted would be put in the position of declaring or suggesting that Mr. Grist would not be an elegant dog-catcher, "and here is nothing whatever in the public record of this distinguished citizen that would warrant such a conclusion; for this newspaper to declare that in its opinion Commissioner Grist would not be a good selection for dog-catcher would be tantamount to declaring that he is not fit for dog-catcher. This we respectfully but firmly refuse to do. So doing, the News would stultify itself; it will stand a lawsuit first."
We think Mr. Grist is in error in taking exception to a tribute to his potential talents as a dog-catcher. Skill in dog-catching is no mean accomplishment. We recall that once when we were about to partake of an outdoor meal a dog ran away with the best part of it, and we tried our best, in vain, to catch the thief. We would have been much more proud of catching that dog than of being elected to the United States senate, and, had we succeeded, we would have given him punishment pretty nearly as severe as a United States Senator inflicts when he makes a speech. In plain truth, a capable dog-catcher in the pursuance of his art often has to exhibit more ingenuity, tact, judgment, and all-around ability than many a senator exhibits either during his campaign or after he gets upon the floor.
But let us have done with talk of dog-catching. We do not care whether or not Mr. Grist would make an elegant dog-catcher. At the outset of his campaign, we find ourselves prejudiced against him on another score.
In his letter to the News he asks: "Do you think a man who suffered loss of his own blood in defense of his country in France is going to stand by and let such people as you belittle him in his desire to serve the public?"
If a man has lost blood in the service of his country, he should not proclaim it himself—he should leave that for other people to do. It is in order here to quote the Biblical injunction: "Let another praise thee, and not the words of thine own mouth."
One of our pet hates is the seeking of political office on the ground of military service. There are many things disgusting about war, and one of them is the readiness of soldiers and sailors to glorify themselves, and demand rewards in the way of money and office, after a war is over. Veterans' organizations become instruments to promote the selfish purposes of their members, and thus they make a farce of all their protestations of patriotism. It is only a few months since the American Legion appeared in this ignoble role, trading upon the servility of the senators and representatives in Washington in order to engineer a raid upon the treasury. Whenever we hear a man citing the fact that he has served his country on the battlefield as a reason why he should be elected to office, we begin to look around for somebody else to vote for.
We should be far less inclined to oppose Mr. Grist because of any speculations upon his dog-catching

capacities than because of his claim to credit on the score of military service.
The Gagger
His Girl Friend (admirably)—"How in the world do you make up your jokes, Mark?"
Mark Twain—"I sit down and laugh, and then think backwards."—Virginia Reel.
Hold Everything
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wade are the parents of an 8 1-2 per cent baby boy. They have named him Marvin Bernard. Miss Cecile Studer is caring for them.—The Whitehouse (Ohio) Standard.
Climb Down Our Ladder
Solution to Town-Ship: 1, town; 2, mown; 3, moon; 4, coon; 5, coin; 6, chin; 7, chip; 8, ship.

Modern Etiquette

- 1—When walking with two women, should a man walk between them or at one side, leaving them together?
 - 2—When an invitation is extended verbally or by phone, is it proper to say, "I'll let you know later"?
 - 3—Is it permissible to take up food on the fork and divide it into two mouthfuls?
 - 4—What sequence of pages should be followed in writing a very long letter?
 - 5—When is the meat plate taken from the dinner table?
 - 6—Whom does one tip when summing in a hotel?
 - 7—When setting the table, where is the monogram of the cloth placed?
 - 8—When horseback riding, who sets the pace, the man or the woman?
 - 9—What is a good rule to follow at a social gathering?
 - 10—What word should be avoided in the making of introductions?
 - 11—Are dishes passed from hand to hand at a formal dinner?
 - 12—When a woman is traveling alone, is it best for her to resent any polite remarks or attentions from a man?
 - 13—Is it proper to fan oneself in a theatre?
 - 14—In the modern table service, who does all the carving?
 - 15—What are the two most important requisites of visiting etiquette?
 - 16—When only should the postal card be used?
 - 17—Is there any certain hour that a wedding should take place?
 - 18—What kind of table centerpiece should be avoided?
- ANSWERS**
1—He should walk at one side, leaving the women together.
2—Never. A verbal or phone invitation should be accepted or declined immediately without a half minute's hesitation.
3—No, it is regarded as very poor table manners.
4—First, second, third, and fourth, in the regular order, and never first, third, or first and fourth, as is often seen.
5—When the salad plate is put down to take its place.
6—Practically every employee who serves him.
7—To the right of the hostess cover.
8—The woman.
9—That "haste is undignified." Perfect poise should be cultivated.
10—No well-bred person uses the word "meet" in making introductions.
11—No, only nuts or candy may be passed by the diners themselves.
12—No; they should be met with equal politeness.
13—It is permissible, but one should not fan so vigorously as to cause others to feel the air current.
14—The cook.

JONAS, THE OBSERVER AND MORRISON.

(Charlotte Observer)
Editorializing on the possibility of failure of confirmation of the Jonas appointment as district attorney, The Concord Tribune submits: "Senator Morrison caused the Senate Committee to withhold a report on the Jonas nomination in the last Congress. He is reported to have declared that he will never favor confirming Jonas or any other man who has said 'as mean things about the Democrats' as Morrison says Jonas said about them. It is believed that Senator Bailey will back up Morrison in opposing Jonas' confirmation. If both senators do oppose it, he will not likely hold the job."
Then The Tribune adverts to the circumstance that The Observer "a strong supporter of Morrison," makes call for confirmation of Jonas. The Concord paper is curious to know "if this can be interpreted as a rebuke for Morrison?" "The Observer," it continues, "more than any other agency in the State, perhaps, was responsible for Senator Morrison's first political success and it is unusual, at least, to see it taking issue with him. It has stood by the Senator on most occasions and certainly there has been the time when it was recognized as a sort of spokesman for him, so its difference with his as to Mr. Jonas finds the public wondering what it's all about."
It simply means that it is advising Senator Morrison and other members of the Senate, in the line of a righteous action, a privilege it has exercised during the whole of Morrison's public career and a privilege it has not hesitated to exercise with other public officials on any occasion when its exercise seems desirable. Senator Morrison has never been free from criticism by this paper, and we do not believe he would want to be free from a criticism that is never directed in malice. So, there is nothing to wonder about in the course of The Observer in advising the Senator as to what it believes to be public sentiment in the case of Jonas. And we are not so certain, after all, that it is "differing" from Morrison in the present instance.
Hot Dogs
Ted—"My feet burn like the dickens; do you think a mustard bath would help?"
Ned—"Sure! There's nothing better than mustard for hot dogs!"

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