"Intellectuals" Think Dirt Is Mark of Genius

The evolution of the "Intellectual enius" can best be studied at close range in Greenwich Village, New York city, the congregating point for the sex-stuff writers and their friends. In one of the cross streets off the

lower end of Washington square is a "coffee house" equipped with low dicarpet, and chairs and benches cut down to bring their users close to the floor. The lighting is subdued, the air heavy with cigarette smoke, and an open fireplace cheats in warmth, for its log is painted red, and the flame an effect in color from a concealed elec-

"They come in here, many of them," remarked the proprietor, who has kept at close grips with his sense of humor, "and I have often revolted at their dirty collars, unwashed vecks, long, streaky hair and generally untidy appearance. But it is not because of the scarcity of soap or the lack of baths. To be unclean, shiftless and conspicuous through that pose is as studied a part as taken by the Broadway actor who makes up for a character in a play.

"Johnson, Swift and others of their period set a precedent for literary men by arraying themselves in simple clothing which they wore out. But they kept clean. They did not carry their contempt of the mob to the extent of going about unwashed. Down here in village the imitators of the Mid-Vic-torian and earlier intellectual giants decided that if they would go about in dirty linen and clothing they might attract attention."-Philadelphia Public

Member of Lily Family Grows in Arizona Desert

Arizona deserts have their own flowers, in places the supply is abundant, the growth large, the flowers when in bloom of marked beauty, the big yucca and the sotol, both members of the lily family, showing beautiful bloom on tall and stately stalks.

One of the interesting desert growths is the water cactus, so named because of its great stalk, from five to ten feet high and as large in circumference as a barrel. It has a heavy pulpy cov-ering from which it is possible to squeeze goodly amounts of water, and Indians and travelers are quick to turn to the cactus when water supplies are short.—Columbus Dispatch.

Business Is Business

A recently printed story about stenographer who said she didn't care to work any longer for a boss who was so stupid as not to notice that she was dressed for the matinee, reminded us of an anecdote of Henry Irving and Jessie Millward. Miss Millward appeared at rehearsal one day in a new and dainty dress. Irving noticed it. "Very pretty frock—very pretty indeed," he said. "What is it for?" "I'm going to join a luncheon party

as soon as rehearsal is over," she an-

swered proudly.

"Go at once, my dear; go at once," was the disconcerting reply. "Don't let the rehearsal detain you. But" tomorrow—come in your working clothes tomorrow—with your mind full of work."—Boston Transcript.

Airway 7,000 Miles Long

The French air ministry has promised financial support for what experts declare will be the world's richest airway from the point of view of the vol-time of express, mails and freight car-

Promoted by the Societe Aeronautique du Sud-Ouest this airway covers total distance of nearly 7.000 miles. starting from Paris and going via Bor deaux, Lisbon, Casablanca and Dakar across the Atlantic to Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires in South America, says the London Mail.

In the initial working of the scheme, mails and goods will be carried be-tween Dakar and Pernambuco in the 25-knot steamers of the Compagnie Sud-Atlantique, but designs are already in hand for huge multiengined sea planes which will make the ocean crossing and enable loads to borne right from Paris to Business

Quiet Nights in Paris

Outside of certain strips and centers where arteries of travel cross, Paris has no night life, says Scribner's. In a good 2,500 of her 2,722 streets one gets the impression that everybody has gone to bed, and, at 10, that all the inhabitants have either moved to the country or died. In the little cates and restaurants of my quarter, as it draws toward 10 the waiters begin to egard you with an evil eye, and at 10 they pile up the chairs on the empty begin to sweep the floor. Even in the larger ones which keep open an hour or two longer you ex-perience, at 11 o'clock, the very disence, at 11 o'clock, the very dis-cable sensation of the man in the song who felt "like one who treads me banquet hall deserted."

leff Davis' Tribute to President Grant

From the new ten-volume edition of the letters and papers of Jefferson Davis, lately issued by the Mississippi department of archives and history, the Review of Reviews reprints the following letter written in 1885: "Dear Sir: Your request in behalf of a Boston journalist for me to pre-

pare a criticism of General Grant's military career cannot be complied

with for the following reasons:

"1. General Grant is dying.

"2. Though he invaded our country ruthlessly, it was with open hand, and, as far as I know, he abetted neither arson nor pillage, and has, since the war I believe, shown no malignity to Confederates, either of the military or

"Therefore, instead of seeking to disturb the quiet of his closing hours, I would, if it were in my power, con-tribute to the peace of his mind and the comfort of his body.
"JEFFERSON DAVIS."

We do not know the identity of the "Boston journalist," says the Boston Herald. The request for the criticism represented no doubt the enterprise of an ingenious and enterprising newspaper publisher. But of the quality of this letter, written by the former president of the Confederacy four years be fore his death, there can be no doubt. Reading it today stirs agreeable emo-

First U. S. Currency Easily Counterfeited

So easily counterfeited were the first lots of paper money issued by the United States government in the sixtles that spurious bills flooded the country, and countless astute business men were victimized. Finally, to balk the criminals, a book called "Heath's Infallible Government Counterfelt Detector at Sight" was published in 1870.

In those old days money was printed on ordinary paper, which counterfeiters could easily obtain or imitate and, consequently, such a book as "Heath's which concentrated on the designs on the bills, was needed. Now, however, a special brand of paper with special water marks, whorls and embedded tiny silk threads, is used. This paper cannot be imitated by the counterfeiter and such a book as the "Detec

tor" is not now needed.

The book, published by Laban Heath & Co. of Boston and Washington, claimed to be "the only infallible method" of detecting counterfeit notes and bonds with "genuine designs (which were mutilated) from original government plates by authority from the United States Treasury department and the American, National and Continental Bank Note companies, New York and Boston."—Detroit News.

One Kind Act

Little Willie was so depressed one night at bed-time that his father asked him what the trouble was. Willie answered sadly that he had failed to perform a single kind action that day, thus going counter to the boy scout ritual.

"Well, cheer up," said his father "You can perform two kind action

But Wille doubted if he could make up for his fault in that way, and he turned in very low-spirited indeed. In the morning, however, he was himself

"Yes, sir," said little Willie. "I lay tossing and worrying till 2 o'clock, and then I couldn't stand it no longer, so I sneaked downstairs and gave the canary to the cat."

A Vivacious Engine

An engineer was giving evidence is a case in which a farmer was suing s railway company for damages result ing from the death of a cow which had been run into by a train.

The farmer's lawyer was heckling the engineer, and kept reverting to his pet question, which was: "Now, tell me, was the cow on the

At last the engineer became angry

and answered the question: "Well, if you want me to tell the real truth, the cow was bathing in the stream the other side of the track, But the engine saw her, leaped off the rails, dashed over the bank and, landing right on top of the cow, strangled her to death without a word."—Milwaukee Journal.

Both Guessing

A well-known artist whose picture of a group of angels had created a sensaion came across a pavement artist.

"I am So-and-so," he said. "I painted the picture of the angels of which everyone is talking. Your work shows promise; but what is that fish you are

"A sturgeon, sir," replied the man.
"But have you ever seen a stur

geon?"
"Have you ever seen an angel, zir?"

Steel Buildings Are Electrostatic Shields

York skyscrapers are the safest places in all the world during thunderstorms, says a man who knows a good deal about lightning. Tall build-ings are electrostatic shields, he explains, because the steel used in their construction absorbs the electricity. Comforting word that to city dwellers, but, even so, a problem of transporta-tion must be solved. When the thunder lets go its opening salvo, and the fightning begins to rip, how should the storm-ridden reach the refuge of a big building with the promise of safe-

What a racing and chasing there would be to towering temples of business should the good man's pronounce-ment have wide acceptance. Folks afoot might lose ground in the middle distances, but on form they should hold the advantage at the finish, as the off-chance of finding a place to park raises the odds against the motorists.

It's all well enough to point out safe-ty in skyscrapers, but the attainment of that security seems rather difficult and doubtful. Whatever became of that fellow Ajax? He is reported to have had a speaking acquaintance with lightning. True, he was rather reckless with his talk, and probably a bad risk, but he did have faith in his immunity to shock. An arresting figure, Ajax—perhaps the very first of the irreconcilables to stand up for splendid insulation.—The Nation's Business.

Slight Jar Will Ruin

Your Aneroid Barometer That seemingly irresistible longing to sap the barometer is responsible for the ruining of something like ninety-five out of every one hundred of the instruments. Many people give their barometer a friendly tap to send it on a bit in the direction of "Fair"—every time they glance at it. This tapping leads to the instrument losing much of its sensitiveness and a great deal

of its accuracy. The anerold barometer, which is the type most generally in use, is, by its construction, a delicate instrument. In essence it consists of a cylindrical metal box, from which all air has been extracted, fitted with a thin lid of corrugated metal. It is the pressure on this lid, giving it a certain degree of concavity, which is reflected, by a deli-

concavity, which is renected, by a defi-cate system of levers, by the pointer on the dial read by the observer.

A barometer of the aneroid type tells the truth, by its reflection of changes in the air pressure, to the best of its ability.—London Mail.

Hut of Beer Bottles

Far out on the Mojave desert, be-tween Searchlight and Silver City, Cal., is a house that revives memories of days gone by. It is constructed to a great extent of beer bottles, the Los Angeles Times relates.

Light ones and dark ones, many of them bearing labels of former wellknown brewers, are pressed into the walls of the adobe structure. Twenty layers of bottles line each wall, making a total of some three hundred dozen bottles that attest the mighty thirst of the unknown "desert rat" w structed the unique habitation,

His Question

"Well, suzz!" remarked Mrs. John-on, in the midst of her reading, "I never knowed that before!"

"Never knowed that before!"
"Never knowed what?" asked Gap
Johnson of Rumpus Ridge.
"Why, it says here in the paper:
'Beans and other small objects can be
removed from a child's nose by rubbing red pepper on his upper flp."
"Hain't he got to poke some beans
up his nose first?"

Passing the Buck

The new cook gave some pork chops to a relative who called while the lady of the house was out paying a few "The missus will miss them," warned

the parlor maid.
"Oh, I'll blame that on the cat."

"We have no cat."

"Then be a good girl," urged the new cook earnestly, "and let the canary out of its cage."

Real Inducement

Widows find it very hard to remarry nowadays. German widows find it es petially hard. Is a German newspa-

per last summer there was an adver-tisement that read like this:

"Matrimonial—A war widow, Berlin born, under thirty-five, blond, healthy, attractive, who possesses the entire born, under thirty-five, blond, healthy, attractive, who possesses the entire wardrobe of her late husband (height five feet eight inches, weight 167 pounds) consisting of three good business suits, two overcoats and five complete uniforms which would dye well, together with hats, shoes, linens, etc., to correspond, desires to meet gentleman under sixty with view to matrimony. Address Love and Falth."—Los Angeles Times.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS -

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The state of Sonora is the world's largest producer of "garbanzos," or

chick-peas, according to P. L. Bell's "Handbook of the Mexican West Coast and Southern California," issued by the Department of Com-merce. The bulk of the garbanzos are exported to Spain or to the West In-dian islands. Garbanzos are grown something like rice, in fields, with raised borders, which are flooded with water, in August and September, when the rains are heavy, but plowing is not done in the water, as with rice; the plowman waits until the water has soaked into the ground, then he plows, and the seedsman plants the garbanzo. Little irrigation is done during the growing season, the moisture retained by the soil being as a rule sufficient to are pulled up by hand and laid out on the fields to dry, after which they are carried to a threshing floor, where the pealike contents of the pods are knocked out on the ground, and after-ward packed into 220-pound sacks.

All From a Tooth.

If you ever go to the Metropolitza museum in New York you will see some specimens of "prehistoric men," men who have lived before we had any history. The question is, how do we know they existed? Nobody has even seen a living man like the ones they have modeled there.

Some of these strange specimens are built up and written about when all

we actually have seen or found out about them is one tooth. Imagine building a man and telling his life story from a tooth!

From the tooth, scientists tell what he ate and the size of his jaw and what sort of a head he must have had, and then go on and guess all sorts of interesting things about him until they have built up enough infor-mation to model a man who will fit the single tooth they have found.

The Faith of Woman

praising the faith and trust of woman. "A young woman," he said, "said me the other day with a laugh:
"Isn't it simply incredible

careless the post-office people are?"
"'Careless?' said I. 'How so?' "'Why,' she said, 'take, for example, the case of Pete.' Pete was her rich and profligate young husband. 'Here's

Pete,' she went on, 'being kept in that nasty, dirty city of Altoona, hard at work in the rolling mills for the past month, and every blessed letter I get from him is postmarked Palm Beach."

While the Band Played On Mr. Blink-That was a howlin'

time the baby had last night, Doctor Soother-Yes, but did the baby get a good pight's rest after I sent that sleeping powder wes? Mr. Blink—We don't know. My wife

and I took the powder between us and we want straight off to sleep. Willing to Be Tempted

Little Alec's parents are confident he is going to grow up to be a great statesman. They are proudly telling of a little scene one of them overheard the other day.

Alec and his little sister were playing. Their mother had given them apples. Alec had eaten his; little Cynthia was saving hers for a while. Let's play Adam and Eve," Alec suggested to her.

"How do you play it?" asked Cyn-

"You tempt me to eat your apple and I give way," he explained.—Der

Fragrant Musk Plant

Is Losing Its Scent Why has the fragrant musk lost its cent? This is the question which many English florists and gardeners have been asking and wondering for 30 years. Formerly this little flower was among the most fragrant in the botanical records. It was originally found by David Douglas in 1826 growing on the margins of the Columbia tiver, and was exported to various parts of the world from there. When discovered it was sweetly scented. In 1877 the musk was hybridized in Eng-land, and although much larger flow-ers were produced by this artificial method of culture, the flower was often devoid of fragrance. One theory is that the loss of scent dates from this

Only in one instance has an odor been recently ascribed to the English musk, and that was in 1917, when the earl of Waldegrave sent a few rare specimens to the Royal Horticultural society in London. Although only seven years have elapsed since the earl made his report, the same plants, unmolested and untransplanted, have already lost their scent.

In addition to the hybridization theory of the loss of the musk's fra-grance other ideas have been advanced to account for the discrepancy. that the human sense of smell is no longer so acute as formerly and cannot register the flower's odor. Another theory is that the leaves of the musk 50 years ago were very hairy, but, after transplantation in alien countries the hairs were lost and with them the scent.

The idea most endorsed by the English botanists, however, is that es-sential oils, conducing to the flower's fragrance, have been lost in the proc-ess of acclimatization.

Old French Wedding Custom Is Revived An odd old custom was revived last

October in the Flemish village of Comines, tucked away in the north of France. About 1454 the Seigneur Jean de

Comines, having been imprisoned after the good old custom by a neighboring prince, managed to reveal his where abouts by throwing the wooden uten-sils given him for table use out of the dungeon where he was confined.

When his faithful subjects came to rescue him, he established a fair at which the ceremonial of throwing these "louches"—as the country people still end them—among the crowd was al-ways carried out.

But after a few hundred years of throwing louches the people of Com-ines got tired of it, and the custom was abandoned. This year, however, some enterprising member of the Comines Rotary club thought it high time to disinter the old tradition, and the white bearded father of the municipalite solemnly mounted a platform guarded by two huge and z-ing wooden dolls, and hurled the wooden louches into the

assembled throng. Not everyone in the crowd escape injury, but, according to a French ac-count, "You could see people boasting of the fact that they carried on their heads the marks of the blows received in this rough distribution."—Living

Employment Aids Ignored

Juvenile unemployment centers, es-tablished in England by the co-operaon of the ministeries of education and labor to assist and protect school boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, seeking work, have not been entirely successful in Middlesex, England. The object was to enable the youths to better themselves while accepting the "dole" and were compelled to attend classes. The "dole" is the government unemployment stipelled to attend classes. pend, but many of the younger gener- and complete conviction: "Teeth will ation, especially the girls, surrendered the "dole" rather than attend classes.

His Lesson Went Wrong The teacher was trying to impress

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on

The inevitable small boy replied: "Yes, miss, an' if he had been sittin' in school lookin' at his books he wouldn't never have discovered neth-

Wasted Effort

Baby was going on at a great rate and the father of the family finally demanded to know what the youngster was crying about.

"He wants his own way," responded the child's mother.

"And he can't have it."

"Yes, he might as well get that idea at of his head at the start," said the man, grimis,

Mystery in Letter "O"

Found in Windsor Castle High up on the wall, near the Norman gate, at Windsor castle, is a stone upon which is engraved the letter "O." The letter is about five inches in diameter, and deeply cut in the hard stone. How did it come there and for what does it stand?

Tradition says that it records the

height of Oliver Cromwell's giant porter, who was stationed at the gatehouse to keep away intruders. Seeing that the letter is eleven feet from the ground, this was a "tall" statement and even when it is explained that the roadway has been lowered, it leaves one with the impression that this "Round-head" must have been a giant, indeed. The probable explanation is that this huge-fellow, having little else to do but parade up and down, passed his spare time in carving the initial letter

This gigantic porter was a great character, and frequently preached in the parish church of Windsor, much to the annoyance of the incumbent, who, in those days, had to keep a still tongue in his head. The strange thing is that this servant of Cromwell kept his position at the Restoration and curiously enough for a man of his feligious scruples, treated as one of his most treasured possessions a large Bi-ble given to him by "Sweet Nell of Old Drury."-Lendon Tit-Bits.

Export Figures Show Origin of Shipments

To serve shippers in the interior, particularly in the Middle Western states, the Department of Commerce is compiling statistics of exports by states of original shipments. The depart-ment's statistical reports have previously shown only the exterior ports from which expert freight cleared for foreign countries.

Under the new arrangem goods shipped on through bills of lading, for which the declarations are prepared by the shipper in the interior, will be credited to the interior state of shipment. Goods consigned from in-terior places to seaboard ports, to be there consolidated or reconsigned for export, will also be credited to the state of original shipment if an ex-port declaration prepared by the interior shipper, showing the place of original shipment, is filed at the cus-

tom house.

Merchandise forwarded from the ir terior to the seaboard for export by commission merchants, forwarding, or other export agents, and the export declaration prepared by them will in most cases be shown as exported from the port of final shipment, and will so appear in the statistical reports.

Not Old Age, Surely

A minister mes a par'shioner and sked him the usual question: "Weel, John, how are you today?" "Gey weel, sir; gey weel," replied John, cautiously, "if it wasna for the

rheumatism in my right leg."

"Ah, weel, John, be thankful; for there is no mistake you are getting old like the rest of us, and old age

does not come alone."
"Auld age, sir," said John. "I wonder to hear ye. Auld age has naething to do with it. Here's my ither leg just as auld, and it's quite sound and sople yet."

Everything Provided

An old Highland clergyman was turing a group of his people in the village hall, and again and again repeated the words: "There will be weeping wailing, and gnashing of teeth. A would-be wit at the back of the hall called out: "What about those that have naced that have

be provided."

The Diva

The poster advertised the world's greatest diva and depicted a very coron the children how important had pulent lady. Members of a crowd as been the discovery of the law of grav-sembled were discussing it.

"Queer spelling," ventured "Don't they mean diver?" the ground looking at the tree. An apple fell on his head, and from that he discovered gravitation. Just think, something or other. She's too fat for children," she added, "isn't that won-

Mongols Were Suspicious

It took some persuasion to convince the Mongolian government that the purposes of the Andrews third Asiatic expedition were purely scientific. An elaborate expedition of 26 men, 75 camels and motor cars was not believed to be looking for old bones. A quest for gold and oil was thought more likely.

Embarrassing Prize

Curate-We are getting up a raffle

Lady Mary; for a poor old fisherman.
Would you like a ticket?
Lady Mary—Rather! But do tell
me, what does one do with him if one

Maya's Calendar Dates Back to Aug. 6, 613 B. C

The earliest dates in New World tory are August 6, 613 B. C., and cember 10, 580 B. C., by the pressystem of marking time, the Peab museum of Harvard university nounces in making public the final lution of the chronology of Madates.

dates.

The formal New Year had ori The formal New Year had originally stood at the winter solatice just days after the recorded date, December 10, 580 B. C., when the calem was inaugurated. Other dates strolly emphasized in Mayan records March 21 and September 23, the point of the equinoxes, and December and June 23, the points of the stices, says the Detroit News. The famous tablets at Paneman comment. famous tablets at Papenque carry the calculation backward from Septembe 23, 430 A. D., the day of the autumna equinox, to 8878 B. C. in an effort to reconstruct the conditions of the natural year at the epoch of the Mayar

Fortune in Graveyard Ivory is one of the most valuable products of animal life, used for inproducts of animal life, used for innumerable necessary articles by both
civilized and uncivilized peoples, but
only a small part of it is ever turned
to use. Few of the elephants that
have the best ivory tusks are ever
killed or taken. And there are laws
now that prohibit the slaying of these
beasts merely for their ivory. But
where do all the dead elephants go?
Very few are found who died a intural death, and the reason for this is
that whenever an elephant feels old
age and death coming upon him he
starts on a trip to the "burying
ground" of his species. He usually
leaves in plenty of time to live until
he arrives there. And there, surrounded by the countless skeletons of elephants before him, he lies down to die.
It is asserted by scientists and hunters that the man who comes across
this cemetery of elephants will find
much wealth in the tusks that lie
with the beauce of the service in the serv much wealth in the tusks that lies with the bones of ages of elephants.

Green Stuff

"Are the hens laying any better to-day?" queried Mr. Subbubs upon re-turning from a hard day at the office. "Not a bit," answered bis wife. "I consulted a poultry specialist this sternoon."

"What did he say to do?"
"Feed 'em green stuff."
"What kind?" "He didn't specify."
"Well. let's feed 'em egg-plant."

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