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And, lo! in a corner dark and dim

"Do you think I've come for you? Never

You can't be spared for a long while

There are hearts to break, there are

From the ways of peace to the paths of

There is trusting love to be turned to

There are hands that murder must crim-

There are hopes to be crushed by the

"This is the work you have done so well,

Ere the night of death shall close your

With choking sob and a half-formed

The grog-seller waked; it was all a

-Unknown.

Cursing the earth and peopling hell.

Long will it be, if I have my way,

There are homes to render desolate,

grim.

wan,

man.

fear.

hate.

day.

scream.

son red.

fiend Despair.

souls to win

he said.

Why Girls Often Say "No" the First Time

By Edith Joscelyn.

T has been remarked that when a woman says "No" it should notby the man who loves her-be taken for a negative. There may be an element of truth in this statement, or there may be not, I, as a girl, who thinks that she knows what she is writing about, would cococo say that it all depends upon the character of the woman who utters

the little word. If she is a poor, weak sort of creature who is certain of nothing, and who likes to hear the same thing over and over again, much after the fashion of a young mother listening to her first baby's initial utterances, she will undoubtedly say "No" when she all the time really means the very opposite.

I have known a few instances, however, in which women who knew their own minds perfectly have been impelled to say an emphatic negative when receiving an offer of marriage from a man whom they loved passionately, while conscious all the time that they would eventually say a cooing affirmative. It was this way: The men proposing were, so to speak, on trial at the bar. They were suspected of offering marriage out of pity, or out of pique, or from a sense of justice.

A woman is frequently made the recipient of an offer on these grounds, and the trick of saying "No" when the question is first put is the one and only way of discovering whether the man sincerely means what he says.

The instinct of many of us women will clearly tell us when a man is making an offer that is not genuine, but sometimes we dare not trust to our instinct; we hope against hope, and we play our fish with evasive answers until we see that he really means what he says from the bottom of his heart.

It is not long since that I met a man who told me of a friend of his who had suddenly discovered that he would be better off in many respects were he to marry. He straightaway went the round of a number of girl friends and proposed to four of them in one day! They each rejected him, as he thought, by saying "No" on the putting of the great question. But two out of the four wrote to him on the day following, accepting! In the meantime he had made a fifth proposal and had been accepted.

When a girl has been courted for an unusually long period and has at last received the long-expected proposal she will feign astonishment and will give a qualified "No." This is only her banter, and she will follow it up by laughingly explaining that she punished him because-by his delay-he punished her! Shyness or a different position in life are common causes for such delays on the part of many men.

As a rule, it may be taken for granted that no woman says "No" without reason for doing so.

One more instance: Two sisters recently fell in love with the same man, who was a close friend of their brother's. The man proposed to the younger sister, and she said "No" because she knew that her sister wanted him. Yet when, in course of time, the man made the offer of marriage to the elder sister she likewise said "No" for the identical reason-that she knew her sister wanted him. The girls' love for each other has up to the present kept the man a bachelor.



The grog-seller sat by his bar-room fire,

With his feet as high as his head or higher. To their drunken slumbers, one by one, Foolish and fuddled his friends were gone

"Ho, ho!" said he with a chuckling tone, I know the way the thing is done.

"The fools have guzzled my brandy and Much good may it do them, the cash is mine. "There's Brown, what a jolly dog is he! And he swills the way I like to see.

"Let him dash for a while at this reckless rate, And his farm is mine as sure as fate,

"I've a mortgage now on Thompson's

What a fool he was to become a sot! "Zounds! won't his wife have a taking on

When she learns that his house and lot are gone? "And Gibson has murdered his child,

they say. He was drunk as a fool here yesterday.

And the folks blame me! Why, bless their gizzards, If I don't sell he'll go to Izzard's,

"Let the Hussies mind their own affairs, For never have I interfered with theirs.

"Many a lark have I caught in my net; I have them safe and I'll fleece them yet."

"He, ho! he, ho!" 'Twas an echoed dream. ------******

DRINK AND HEREDITY

Dr. A. MacNicholl of New York has | She became a drunkard and an opium recently published in the Quarterly eater, and ended her days in poverty. Journal of Inebriety an account of a Of this last union seventeen chilfamily in which the results of degen- dren were born, constituting the fourth ing. eracy and disease, arising mainly from generation. Ten died from phthisis

to \$5,246.950. William H. Theobald asked Secretary Shaw's permission to resign, and made charges against Colonel Storey, Amazed, the grog-seller looked around. of the Customs Service at New York City. Controller Ridgeley's report suggests Stood an uncouth form with an aspect as a solution of the currency question a bill permitting the banks to issue a Like a gaivanized corpse, so pale and limited amount of uncovered notes, on which there shall be a tax ranging ac-Up started, instanter, the horrorstruck cording to the size of the issue. Admiral Dewey sailed from Wash-'Why, what do you fear, my friend?" ington on the Mayflower to take command of the combined fleet in the Ca-And he nodded the horns of his grizzly ribbean Ssea maneuvres.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

States' mints in November amounted

The coinage executed by the United

point William J. Youngs, of Oyster Bay, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Brigadier-General Charles C. Hood was transferred to the retired list of the Army at his own request after forty years of service. OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

completed a march across the island of Mindanao, P. I., the first time such a thing had ever been done by white men. The natives were all found sinners. friendly. The agricultural conditions in the archipelago are serious from the lack, of farm animals. The editor of Libertas, the friars' organ in Manila, was convicted of libeling General Bell. The Sultan of Bacolod, P. I., wrote to Captain Pershing, at Camp Vicars, Mindanao, calling the Americans "hogs who eat hogs," and challenging them to a fight.

In Samar, P. I., Inspector Hendryx of the constabulary, was killed by ladrones. The reported eruption of the volcano

Kilauea, in Hawaii, amounted to noth-

The big sword does not make the prave soldier. The salvation of this world waits for

Right ends are never furnished by rong agencies.

ise of harvest. The worker's pay may be the shirk-

receive great joys.

News.

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BURNING COLORADO FORESTS

Suggestion That the Fires May Have Been Caused by Meteors.

den key to the gate Scientists are having their attention called to the coincidence in the prevalence of so many forest fires in the Rocky Mountains and the scientific fact that a great number of meteors have been tearing up the earth in this quarter of the globe.

It has been suggested that these meteors dropping in various mountain districts, in heavy pine forests, have exploded and thus started the big forest fires that are doing so much damage. This is a new theory in the scientific world, but it is not without Feeling is like smoke, indicative not the range of possibilities and seems the only explanation of the mysterious origin of these fires. These fires have originated apparently without human agency and there has not been any theory of lightning origin.

Denver scientists are now making a study of this theory and in a few days will doubtless express their opinions. It certainly seems a satisfactory explanation of how fires originate in sections far from the roads of travel and the habitation of men. Word has just been received in Denver of a fire that is raging near Grand Lake, Col., and which is threatening much property. This fire, it is supposed, originated from the bursting of a meteor on a hay ranch near Grand Lake. Another disastrous fire, with mysterious origin, is raging near Georgetown, Col.-Denver (Col.)

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe hing affection, and that dread disease **Consumption**, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for **Consumption**, Astima, **Catarrh**, **Bronchitis** and all throat and lung **Maladies**. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York.

Science may open up man's past, but the Savior shows His future. The best prayer for more power is President Roosevelt decided to apthe practice of that you have. How can we claim access to His throne who deny Him-our throne? Our gifts to Him will depend on our understanding of His gift to us. It is no harder to believe in another world than it is to believe in any world. Men will not be kept from the love of the world by making the world un-Captain Pershing, with sixty men,

lovely. The preacher's mission is not that of amusing the saints by abusing the

to His children.

of heat but of the fuel.

The sense of guilt adds stings to our

griefs. One man's dollar is not nearly as big as another man's dime.

Keep the World in your heart and you can keep the world out of your life.

The fairest without may be the foulest within.

the surrender of our wills to God's.

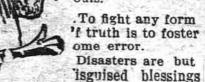
God's plough of sorrow is His prom-

er's punishment

A clean youth makes a clear old age. .You cannot save society apart from ouls. .To fight any form

of heaven.

HERE is no gol-



RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Girl and Her Reading. The

By W. D. Howells.

HAT, then, is a good rule for a girl in her reading? Pleasure in it, as I have already said; pleasure, first, last and all the time. But as one star differs from another, so the pleasures differ. With the high natures they will be fine, and with the low natures they will be coarse. It is idle to commend a fine pleasure to the low natures, for to these it will be a disgust, as surely as a coarse pleasure to the high. But without pleasure in a thing read it will not nourish, or even fill, the mind; it will be worse provender than the husks which the

swine did eat, and which the prodigal found so unpalatable.

Thence follows a conclusion that I am not going to blink. It may be asked, then, if we are to purvey a coarse literary pleasure to the low natures, seeing that they have no relish for a fine one. I should say yes, so long as it is not a vicious one. But here I should distinguish, and say farther that I think there is no special merit in reading as an occupation, or even as a pastime. I should very much doubt whether a low nature would get any good of its pleasure in reading; and without going back to the old question whether women should be taught the alphabet. I should feel sure that some girls could be better employed in cooking, sewing, knitting, rowing, fishing, playing basket ball or ping-pong than in reading the kind of books they like; just as some men could be better employed in the toils and sports that befit their sex.

I am aware that this is not quite continuing to answer the cuestion as to what girls should read; and I will revert to that for a moment without relinquishing my position that the cult of reading is largely a superstition, more or less baleful. The common notion is that books are the right sort of reading for girls, who are allowed also the modified form of books which we know as magazines, but are not expected to read newspapers. This notion is so prevalent and so penetrant that I detected it in my own moral and mental substance, the other day, when I saw a pretty and prettily dressed girl in the elevated train, reading a daily newspaper quite as if she were a man. It gave me a little shock which I was promptly ashamed of; for when I considered, I realized that she was possibly employed as usefully and nobly as if she were reading a book, certainly the sort of book she might have chosen. -Harper's Bazar.

Three Requisites of an Orator

By Henry M. Dowling.



HREE great requisites are demanded of everyone who would speak well. He must be clear, he must be forceful, and he must please. Clearness will be secured by translation and composition. How can we speak forcibly and in a-manner to excite pleasure? Anyone may avoid egregious blunders; it is the able orator who makes his speech sinewy in its strength. charming in its beauty. "Bold propositions, boldly and briefly expressed-pithy sentences, nervous common sense, strong phrases, well-compacted periods, sudden and strong masses of

light, an apt adage, a keen sarcasm, a merciless personality, a mortal thrustthese are the beauties and deformities that now make a speaker most interesting." Nothing is more artificial than the adornments in a spoken discourse. They do not necessarily arise from the peculiar attractiveness of the subject. Erskine could throw a charm about the most repulsive causes; and there may be speakers who, without strenuous effort, could render sterile and disgusting a subject boundless in suggestiveness and luxuriant in beauty. In all your compositions, oral and written, first outline the general plan of your matter, and then select portions to be embellished by chaste adornment, not in the spirit of the pulpit orator who annotated his sermon manuscript with stage directions such as, "Here weep!" but with a rational sense of the places where ornament may appropriately be inserted to clarify the thought, vitalize the argument, or arouse new interest on the part of an audience. At one point, you will decide to use a bit of vivid description of men or scenes: at another, you will mark, as a proper place to thrust forward a pungent antithesis, a picturesque metaphor; at another, you will select, as affording an opportunity, a supposed speech of your adversary or of a third person, or pretend to read from an imaginary document; at a fourth, you will see to it that you express indignation and apologies to the audience for being overborne by your feelings .- Success.

alcoholism, have been traced and below the age of five years. Of the recrudescence of cholera at Manila has studied for four generations. The first | seven surviving, the eldest, a female, | subsided. generation comprised a married couple became a concert-singer and female of good social position in the United prize-fighter, and led a drunken and States. Both indulged in social gaie- immoral life. The second, a male, beties, lived well and took wine habitucame a moderate drinker and showed ally and daily. They had two daughters, each of whom developed in early last seen, at the age of 45 years., The third, a male, was a moderate drinker life a fondness for wine and spirits. The elder of the two gave herself up and showed suicidal tendencies on to excesses of the wildest description, more than one occasion. The fourth, and died a raving alcoholic maniac at a male, became a habitual drinker and the age of 40. The second daughter morphia-eater, had delirium tremens married a wealthy banker and lived a several times, and ended his life at the life of excess, which led to tempoage of 35 years by an overdose of rary mental breakdown at the age of morphia taken while drunk. The fifth, 35. She bore eight children, two male a female, married early, took to drink and six females. The two males grew and developed suicidal mania. The up to be drunkards. Of the six daugh- sixth, a male, at 23 was a confirmed ters five died from phthisis between the drunkard; at 24 he abandoned his ages of 20 and 35 years. The surviv- wife and two children, and at 28 he ing daughter married a man of good committed suicide by drinking carposition, who was healthy and a mod- bolic acid. The seventh, at the age of gally erected. erate drinker. They led a fashionable | 21, was the subject of moral perverlife, observing few social restraints. sion and suicidal impulses.

THE DESTROYER

Intemperance creates in a man an of conflagration through all the tisungovernable appetite. Men who sues; it saps the recuperative energies of man's body, that oftentimes a have fallen have told us it is not a delittle scratch upon a drunkard's skin sire, not an appetite, not a passion. is a greater injury than a bayonet-These ordinary words fail to express thrust through and through the body the thing. It is more like a raging of a temperate man. It not only does storm that pervades the entire being; it is a madness that paralyzes the the nervous system often culminates brain; it is a corrosion that gnaws in delirium tremens. Have you ever the stomach, it is a storm-fire that seen a man under its influence? courses through the veins; it trans-Have you heard him mutter and jabgresses every boundary,-it fiercely ber, and leer and rave like an idiot?

casts aside every barrier, it regards no motive, it silences reason, it stifles conscience, it tramples upon prudence, it overleaps everything that you choose to put in its way, and eternal life and the claims of God are as feathers, which it blows out of its path.

with tempest? Have you seen him What does it do to man's body? It heave on his bed, as though his body diseases it; it crazes his brain, it was undulating upon the rolling blasts his nerves, it consumes his waves like a fire? If you have, then liver, it destroyes his stomach, it in- you know what it does to the body .-flames his heart, it sends a flery flood | Rev. H. M. Scudder:

TYPICAL OF INEBRIATES

Did you ever see a pig in an or-, mind is never raised above the ground chard, with his whole intellect bent on which he walks. The apples on on getting another apple into his the low-hanging boughs almost brush against his bristles, but his eyes do stomach? not see them.

His round, shrewd, greedy little eyes scrutinize the earth in all directions. His ear twitches quickly to catch the sound of an apple as it falls, and his fat body with amazing speed obeys the message of the ear and rushes to get the apple. .

cree, is typical of the man whom But in all his wanderings through whisky is gradually depriving of his the orchard that pig never looks upmanhood, changing him into a swine ward, never thinks of the source of | or a swine's brother .- New York Jourthe apples that fall near him. His nal.

Concerning Sleep. Justice Gray and the Lawyers. The scholar and professional man, Judge Gray sought to continue what he called "the old regime," the solemn like the anxious housewife, is apt to state of his court. Now and then he carry his cares to bed, and insomnia

The flurry caused by the

DOMESTIC.

Statistics show that thirty-three persons have been killed in the anthracite signs of phthisis, but was alive when mines since the strike was declared off.

head on the giddy heights. Huntsville, the county seat of Madison County, Arkansas, a town of 600 flower bloom from a weed. inhabitants, was almost wholly destroyed by fire.

William E. Leland, forty-one years old, committed suicide at Grafton, Mass., putting the muzzle of a pistol in his mouth and firing. He had been depressed for several weeks.

It is on exhibition in London. The The inheritance tax law of Minnestatue is more than life size. It represota was declared unconstitutional by sents Mr. Rhodes in the act of makthe Supreme Court of that State.

Sixty days were given cattlemen in and firmly planted, his hands clasped Nebraska to remove fences which the behind his back and his fine, uncov-Government claimed had been ille-

side in a characteristic pose. He In a pistol duel at Kansas City, Mo., stands, too, in a tweed suit and closefought over a waitress, Ernest Damns ly buttoned jacket he always affected, and Charles W. Tucker killed each and, "though baggy trouser knees other.

Mad with jealousy Henry Crotchford, colored, killed Elsie Lewis and Mabel Nixon, and then shot himself fatally at Providence, R. I.

The Massachusetts' agricultural authorities began an investigation of the hoof and mouth disease among catle.

Fire Chief Edward F. Croker, at New York City, was removed by Comthis, but the ruin that it brings into missioner Sturgis, with the full approval of Mayor Low.

Two men, supposed to be E. W. Pollock and Marion Pierson, of Bridgeport, Ind., were asphyziated in a hotel at Annapolis, Md.

The First National Bank at Morgan, Have you heard him moan, cry, shriek, curse and rave as he tried to by robbers, and \$5000 in gold, silver skulk under the bedclothes? Have you and currency secured.

looked into his eyes and seen the Despondent because he had nothing horrors of the damned there? Have to do, having retired from business, you seen the scowl on his face, so David Loch, of New Y-rk City, killed that the whole atmosphere was filled himself.

> Nothing was learned of the steamer Bannoekburn, supposed to be lost on Lake Superior, and tug: went in search of her.

> > While on trial for murder at Marshalltown, Iowa, Joseph Kiskuba swallowed morphine, but failed to kill him-

> > For an assault upon Mrs. Caleb Brown, at Lincolnton, N. C., Calvin Elliott was hanged.

FOREIGN.

The sending of German warships to Venezuela is causing consternation in the latter country.

A' supposed Anarchist was arrested at Sofia on suspicion that he intended making an attempt to assassinate Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

The German painter, Christian Allers, a resident of Capri Island, who. it is alleged, was responsible for the charges brought against Herr Krupp, was arrested at the Swiss frontier.

Owing to the adverse results of the general elections, at which several of the Greek Ministers failed to be reelected, the whole Cabinet has resigned.

The Mad Mullah of Somaliland sent

To pray for rest may be to postpone your reward. The devil's ornaments soon become the man's harness.

To return good for evil is to make a

Statue of Cecil Rhodes.

John Tweed, the sculptor, has fin-

ished his statue of Cecil Rhodes,

which is to be erected in Kimberley.

ing a speech, his right foot advanced

ered head thrown somewhat on one

is a virile and striking statue of Mr.

Chowra Maha Vajiravudh, Crown

Prince of Siam. says the Americans

are "easy to get acquainted with." The

Prince also seems easy enough-ex-

Rhodes," says a London critic.

cept his name.

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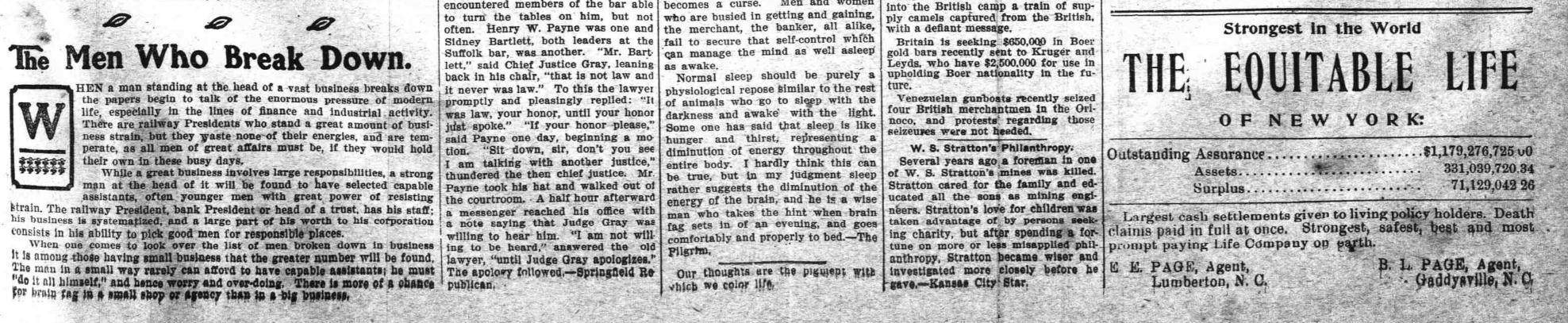


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The pig's sight and mind and con-

centrated attention are all turned

downward. He is incapable of so

And the pig, voted the lowest of the

animals by public opinion's just de-

much as an upward glance.