

DON'T BE A KNOCKER.

The American Printer.

"If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long face. Hope a bit. Get a smile on you. Hold up your head. Get a hold with both hands. Then pull. Bury your hatchet. Drop your tomahawk. Hide your little hammer. When a stranger drops in tell him this is the best town on earth. It is. Don't get mulish. Don't roast. Be jolly. Get popular. It's dead easy. Help yourself along. Push your friend with you. Soon you'll have a whole procession. Be a good fellow.

No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down. No man ever gets rich trying to make people believe that he was the only good man on earth. You can't climb the ladder of fame by stepping on other people's corns.

All men are not alike. Once in a while you may find one who is very much alike. But some are different. You're not the only shirt in the wash. If you don't like their style let them alone. Don't knock. You'll get used to it. There's no end of fun minding your own business. And it makes other people like you better. Better have others get stuck on yourself. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker. Don't be one. Be good.

Wherc Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at Freeman Drug Store.

Stop Swearing.

Washington Post.

"Don't swear or you'll catch no fish," was the remark made the other day by a venerable inhabitant to a much younger man who was emphasizing his talk by the use of some rather strong expletives. No one was engaged in fishing at the time, nor was a piscatorial excursion being thought of. The suggestion was made in the back room of cigar store, where three or four men were talking over current events, and the utterance made by the aged citizen was intended as he afterward said, to show his abhorrence of the nonsensical use of "cuss words." Then he felt called upon to deliver a little homily to his companions, all of whom, like himself, are well known residents of Washington.

"Men incur habits," he said, "that are really useless, and, in my opinion, swearing is one of the worst of them. One can see why, in moments of passion or great excitement, a person may indulge in swearing, but that some men, and I know several of them, should break out with a series of oaths in ordinary everyday conversation strikes me as beyond reason.

"I presume we have all met men who regard themselves and are so considered as gentlemen who rarely express a sentence without swearing. More than that, they seem rather proud of their proficiency in this direction. I tell you that swearing is a habit that a little determination will easily overcome."

The sermon, coming from the lips of a man whose hair and long beard were as white as snow, had a good effect. The cigar merchant was so impressed that he declared he would hang up a sign in his back room which should read, "Gentlemen are Requested Not to Swear on These Premises." Whether they allowed themselves the privilege of "cussing" elsewhere, he said, was no affair of his.

President-elect Wm. H. Taft and family arrived at Augusta, Ga. Friday, and are spending the time at the home on the hill of Mr. and Mrs. Lando A. Thomas. Mr. Taft will leave Charleston January 25th, for his last trip to the Panama Canal before entering upon his duties as President.

Has Woman Deteriorated?

New York World.

It is after-dinner speech opinion of the Rev. Dr. Leavitt that "modern influences have had a deteriorating effect on woman." He has said so to the Society of Colonial Wars at St. Louis.

"Few women of today," he believes, "would leave their homes, their friends and all the attractions of life to follow their husbands into a foreign land, as did the woman of colonial days."

But if the spirit of pioneering is to be the test, why continue the case to women? Do men abound in great numbers who would start off with cheerful alacrity on the business of penetrating uncharted wilderness and of battling with wild beasts and indians for the meager pleasure of clearing up a farm? Is the average New York or Chicago or St. Louis man awaiting eagerly a call to yoke up the oxen and steer a prairie schooner across an unsurveyed continent? In the exceptional case a modern man does go exploring—as Peary seeks the pole. In the exceptional case woman follows loyally—as Mrs. Peary has loyally followed her aspiring husband.

Measured by the standard of her grandmothers it is possible that the modern woman shows signs of deterioration, but it would be difficult nevertheless to prove that she has deteriorated more than the modern man.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at Freeman Drug Co. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The peanut growers of Eastern Virginia are demanding a protective tariff to save them from the injuries done their business by peanuts imported from Japan and Spain. It seems like that the Southern producer is at last fast learning the immortal lesson that a protective tariff is an absolute essential to make paying industries to American citizens.

When Lindsay Named a Party.

Kansas City Star.

"It was R. H. Lindsay," a former Kansan said this morning, "who first gave the Populist party in Kansas its name. The party had grown out of the Farmers' Alliance, and gave itself the name of the People's party when it organized in 1890 to become a political organization."

"Lindsay was at that time the Topeka correspondent of the Kansas City Star. He thought a shorter term than People's party was desirable, so he began to refer to the party as a whole as Populists. Other correspondents and the Topeka papers adopted the same word, and Populists became the generally accepted name of the party, although it still uses the title of People's party when it places the names of candidates on the official ballot."

At Concord on last Friday Will Graham was hanged by Sheriff Honeycutt in the presence of forty-eight people. It appears that he had no hesitancy in meeting death as he stated he was receiving his just reward. He was convicted sometime ago for assault on a white girl.

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