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ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION.

The Vack contest has reached a stage now that it is a hand to hand fight, so to speak, and all long distance firing is at an end. Senator Pritchard has carried the war into Africa and there seems to be some mighty good fighting material there too. The senator is fully determined to oust Vack and the President seems fully in earnest about retaining him, or at least some of his very close friends and advisers are marshalling their forces for a contest that looks now as if it would be a great fight.

Overtures have been hinted to Pritchard in the way of a judgment, but the indications are that he will not be swayed from his determination by such bait.

This is apparently the Senator's position, but will he stand the strain? Will he give up the long cherished hope of a seat on the Federal bench to satisfy a few recently made friends? Or will he yield to the temptation, pocket the apple and keep his hands off and let Roosevelt go on with his appointment of negroes to office in the south? The Senator is a great bluffer sometimes and it may be that he is getting in one now, but he is evidently up against a strong thing in Washington, for Vack seems to have a number of friends at court himself, and it is hard to tell what will be the outcome.

FRILLS OF FASHION.

Smooth materials of a dull finish are made in coat and skirt fashion and are worn all the year round by women who are in mourning.

The princess styles for afternoon and evening gowns have, if possible, gained in favor, and the fabrics employed are reproductions from the period of Louis XIII.

Most of the new Russian blouses and coats are made with medium short skirts, but a few have merely tabs at the back. The sleeves are invariably full and banded at the wrist.

Among the materials popular for street costumes is a new basket cheviot of rather coarse weave, with small white dots scattered over it. It is shown in oxford gray, black, sable, brown, red and moss green, the dots being invariably white.

Russian and gulfure laces in rich applique designs wrought on creamy net meshes, the patterns outlined with a tiny line of black chenille, are used by French tailors and dressmakers for parts of handsome cloth costumes, evening gowns and dress wraps.

Skirts of sacre silk mohair plaited all around and worn under French redingotes of gray, fawn color, sable, brown or rusian green cloth, with bishop sleeves and wide revers of cloth and velvet cutwork edged with fur, are among the semidress styles for matrons for the early winter.—New York Post.

The Dust Nuisance in England.

Great hopes are being raised, says the London World, by some recent experiments concerning the cure of the dust nuisance. Already in America and in the neighborhood of Paris prolonged trials have been made of crude petroleum instead of water for sprinkling country roads, the effect, after sufficient and careful application, being to consolidate and bind the surface. In this country some tests of a similar nature are about to be undertaken, and an even more promising scheme has been proposed by the surveyor of the county of Nottingham. He has found that by saturating furnace slag with gas tar before it is rolled into the road the surface so formed is waterproof and dustproof and much more durable. It therefore seems most likely that a cheaper as well as a better road will be made from slag thus treated than from the crude material. Some cure must be found for the increasing evil, as the cloud of dust which arises behind even a moderately driven motor car is defiling to every user of the road and a menace to health and safety.

Rural Delivery and Good Roads.

In regard to the free rural delivery Postmaster General Payne said recently that the system "in years to come will be extended all over the entire country. At present we are only installing the system in the most available places. When application is made for rural free delivery, we send an inspector to look the territory over. Particular attention is paid to the roads. If they are good, the chances are just as much in favor of the system, but if the roads are of clay, wet and muddy most of the time, then that settles it right there. We have got to have good roads for the system at the present time."

The Work of Man and The Work of Woman

By Count LEO TOLSTOI, the Intellectual Czar of All the Russians



THE CALLING OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL, MAN OR WOMAN, CONSISTS IN SERVING MANKIND. The service of mankind resolves itself into two parts:

First.—The improvement of the lot of living men and women.

Second.—The perpetuation of mankind itself.

To the former men are chiefly called, since the possibility of the latter service is denied them. To the second women are called, as they are exclusively capacitated therefor.

However zealously man may occupy himself by increasing his pleasures, by idle musings and by social activity, his work will not be fruitful. It will be fruitful only when it is directed toward lessening the evils of mankind originating in want, ignorance and false social institutions.

SO IT IS WITH THE CALLING OF WOMAN. THE BEARING, NURSING AND REARING OF CHILDREN WILL BE USEFUL TO MANKIND ONLY WHEN SHE SHALL SO EDUCATE HER CHILDREN THAT THEY WILL BECOME THE BEST TYPE OF MEN AND WOMEN AND WORKERS FOR MANKIND.

According to my view, she will be the ideal woman who, after having assimilated the highest view of life of the age in which she lives, shall devote herself to her service as woman, to her inexorably appointed calling of bearing, nursing and educating the greatest possible number of children, who will be capable of serving mankind according to the view of life imbibed from her.

But how about those who have no children; who do not enter the married state, or who are widows? They will do well to take part in the manifold labors of men.

TO SEE A YOUNG WOMAN CAPABLE OF BEARING CHILDREN EMPLOYED AT MEN'S WORK WILL EVER BE DEPLORABLE.

To see such a woman is like the sight of rich loam that is covered with gravel for a place of promenade. It is still more deplorable, as this soil could have produced only grain, while the woman could have produced that which is priceless and than which there is nothing higher—man.

And she alone can accomplish that.

Declining Influence of the Church

By President CHARLES W. ELIOT of Harvard



WE AMERICANS ARE FACE TO FACE WITH THE LAMENTABLE AND EXTRAORDINARY FACT THAT THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH HAS VISIBLY DECLINED IN OUR GENERATION.

The Protestant churches are too intellectual and too emotional on the part of the teacher or preacher, and call for too little of personal exertion on the part of the recipient of the inspiration.

The emotional side of religious teaching is highly developed, and this is especially true of the Methodist denomination. IT DOES NOT DO ME ANY GOOD TO HAVE MY FEELINGS AROUSED BY EXCITING MY PITY OR AROUSING MY ANGER OR STIRRING MY INDIGNATION UNLESS I CAN GO AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THE KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CHINESE PROBLEM

By Professor T. IYENAGA, Resident Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin



ALMOST the whole of China is mapped out in the "spheres of influence" of the western nations. Manchuria and Mongolia were Russia's prize. France took Kwangsi, Hainan and part of Yunnan, England the fertile valley of the Yangtsi-kiang, and Shantung went to Germany.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN BY THESE "SPHERES OF INFLUENCE" OR LEASES?

Lease in its simple meaning is nothing but a letting of land to another for a term of years on certain conditions of compensation. The lease of Port Arthur means little when read in the cold Russian blue book, but its significance becomes somewhat apparent when seen in the light of such memorable utterances of Czar Nicholas at the occupation of the mouth of the Arthur as "WHERE THE RUSSIAN FLAG HAS ONCE BEEN RAISED IT MUST NOT BE LOWERED."

However well intentioned Japan may be to reorganize China, it is a foregone conclusion that she cannot do so alone. DOES NOT THEN THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FAR EAST LIE HERE? Is it not a plain truth that the United States, whose ambitions are not territorial, whose interests are not political, but commercial, is among the best friends of China? And that China, on the other hand, is one of her best customers? And will Uncle Sam look on calmly and coolly while the other powers close China's doors to his merchants and bar her gate with preferential duties?

THE KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CHINESE PROBLEM LIES IN A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE UNITED STATES, ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

Whether the Amieco-Anglo-Japanese understanding now in existence will continue it is hard to say, but on it depends the ultimate destiny of the Celestial empire. THE UNITED STATES, ENGLAND AND JAPAN—THESE THREE POWERS UNITED, CHINA STANDS; DIVIDED, CHINA FALLS.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned from the Teachings of All Religions.

The grandest opportunities of Christian service demand the complete and voluntary surrender of our whole lives to Jesus Christ.—Rev. Dr. Frank De Witt Talmage, Presbyterian, Chicago.

The Spirit of Forgiveness.

The nearer our lives approach to Christ the nearer we come to perfection. Jesus Christ both by precept and example endeavored to instill in us the spirit of forgiveness.—Rev. A. C. Dixon, Baptist, Boston.

The Deeper Reality.

It is a matter of the greatest importance that every one should begin a Christian life, but a matter of serious concern that it should begin in the deepest reality.—Rev. Dr. William J. Holtzclaw, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Opportunities of Life.

The devil would steal away your life's opportunities as a Christian by simply having you put off becoming a Christian just now. He is stealing away your life—yourself he is stealing away.—Rev. N. H. Lee, Methodist, Denver.

Most Persevering Influence.

A bad man can do an immense amount of harm by simply doing bad things. A bad man, with bad motives doing what seems to be good, is the most perilous and degrading influence that I know of.—Rev. R. L. Pad dock, Episcopalian, New York.

The Value of Character.

Nothing is more highly valuable since God is righteous, than character in his creature. And the wondrous development of our late president's hold upon us is not to be explained in any other way. The riddle of this life is not hard to read. He saw that badness was weakness and goodness was strength.—Rev. Dr. Cadman, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Need of Our Time.

The need of our time is independent co-operation in our church work as illustrated by the Christian Endeavor movement, the interdenominationalism of which movement says, "Let sects live, but let sectarianism die." Let us have a healthy criticism, but above all else let us have an enthusiastic consecration which will cement in spirit the whole church.—Rev. C. J. Hall, Denver.

Right to Possessions.

The use and not the amount of our possessions is the important thing. It is by using what we have that we earn a right to have more, and it all should be employed to gain that wealth of character which is the end for which all that we have is given. In love, in unselfishness, in sympathy, in charity, in tolerance, in these things should the soul of man grow rich by putting into use the ability and time and advantages which have come to him by inheritance or by effort.—Rev. Percy Olton, Episcopalian, Brooklyn.

The Breadth of Religion.

Religion means more than a hobby. It is not a social reform alone, and yet it includes all reforms. Neither a prohibitionist nor an equal suffragist nor a preacher of this or that single idea comes up to the great broad freedom and sweep of the wide truth the Master announces. The quibbles and non-essentials, the frills, furbelows and phylacteries are relegated to their proper place in the presence of the greater truths of God. If one love God as the Master bids, he can grasp every hand offered in the same love. Heresies disappear and old discussions vanish before this wondrous power of religion that is broad enough to take in the whole man.—Rev. Dr. Charles W. Byrd, Methodist, Chicago.

The Question of Ownership.

There is not a word more difficult to define than the word "ownership." We own a thing only up to that point where it appears that some one else owns it more than we do—that is to say, has a larger claim upon it than we have. * * * About human ownership there is something very indeterminate, something slightly visionary. It denotes something relative, not something absolute. * * * God owns, and owns absolutely; no one else does. All ownership but God's ownership is an attempt to translate a divine prerogative on to human ground and to work it simply so far as it is workable. Any human ownership is eternally invalid if maintained in disregard of the authority, law and holy will of him who owns absolutely.—Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Presbyterian, New York.

Spirit of the Gospel.

The New Testament in its presentation of the teaching of Christ is characterized by nothing so clearly and absolutely as those qualities which we in our day call the scientific spirit. Tolerance, readiness to give full value to actual truth, steadiness to the verifiable and the real, adaptation to increasing knowledge and, most of all, completeness of understanding of man everywhere are the visible elements of the method of Jesus Christ. There is today no saner or more scientific or human interpretation of life and conduct than that of Jesus, and yet it is centuries old. There is no finer insight into the moods of the heart than that which flows from the mind of Christ, and yet it was old before psychology was dreamed of. There is no theory of social life that is more inclusive or just than that of Jesus, and yet it was formulated before there was in any proper sense a social consciousness. The spirit of Christ's teaching is in the fullest sense the scientific spirit. But in contrast with much that is called the scientific attitude, it begins to its source interpretation of those basal elements of human life and conduct which are not subject to variation, but are always explicable of the life problems of the world.—Rev. Dr. A. A. Bushy, Congregationalist, Chicago.

All kinds of remedies are used by the Chinese to cure cholera, but the strangest which has come under notice so far is this: The patient attacked with cholera chews up a number of large "cash," the old ones of better days, when they were made large and of copper.

Pasqua's famous Palace library now belongs to Italy by an arrangement with the former ducal family. The latter gives up all claims in consideration of the Italian government paying the debts of Duke Charles III, who was assassinated in 1854, amounting to 1,300,000 lire.

"Beans are the soldiers' mainstay," says Thomas P. Dillon, a retired United States cavalry officer. "The American at a pinch can equal the performance of an Arab on a handful of dried dates—he can ride and fight all day on a mere handful of beans, properly prepared. There is nothing to equal his army baked bean."

Tammerfors, a town of 50,000 inhabitants, known as the "Manchester of Finland," was founded about a century ago by a Scotchman named Finlayson. Its mills are driven by water, and the town, under an imperial decree, has the right to import all its machinery and raw materials duty-free until Jan. 1, 1906.

Among the recent patent office grants is a patent for a combination tent and garment for soldiers' use. It is designed for service in the tropics or wherever they may experience the downpours of a rainy season, and a capelle shield is made for each soldier by the folding of half a tent. Two of these pieces put together make a comfortable shelter of sufficient size to accommodate two men.

One of the great centers of chemical industry is Hamburg. The census of 1900 showed 148 establishments and a total of 4,660 persons employed, a gain in 11 years of 22 establishments and 1,253 employees. Including the factories of several adjoining towns, the district has a total of 256 chemical establishments, employing 9,636 hands. There are 8 factories for refining nitrate, 2 for making borax and 8 for making sulphuric hydrogen.

CURTAIN CALLS.

The latest London melodrama, "The Best of Friends," lasted five hours the first night.

Edward Richards, a Washington boy, is meeting with success in the vaudeville houses.

A dramatization of F. Antony's "Lyra and Lances" is to have an early production in London.

Chloe de Wolfe has secured the American rights to "Mrs. Wrentham's Kiss," a London success.

Charles Frohman has secured from Clyde Fitch a new play for Jessie Busby and James Lee Finney.

Charles Frohman announces that this is positively William Gillette's farewell season in "Sherlock Holmes."

Miss Henrietta Crossman has arranged her tour to extend to the Pacific coast before the end of the present season.

Captain Marshall, who wrote "The Royal Family," has just completed another play entitled "The Unforeseen."

Madge Loring and Marie George are down for prominent parts in the Drury Lane (London) Christmas pantomime called "Mother Goose."

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL.

Professor E. G. Smith has been elected acting dean of Beloit college, Beloit, Wis.

Chile intends to spend about \$4,000,000 in gold on her public schools next year.

Dr. Jacques Loeb of Chicago will go to the University of California and take the new chair of physiology.

George Foster Penbody has endowed a permanent scholarship in the graduate school of Harvard university for the benefit of some graduate each year of the University of Georgia.

President Schurman contemplates the erection of a new hall of the liberal arts at Cornell and suggests that it be named after Goldwin Smith, whom he calls "the most illustrious exponent of liberal culture who ever sat in the Cornell faculty."

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