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AT HOME AND ABROAD

No one does just as he pleases—much as he may say he does.

To the married man the bachelor is a man of singular ideas.

Some folks are lucky not to be paid for what they know.

Somehow it seems as if things never turn out as bad as we wish.

Pure air makes pure blood; pure blood makes you disease-resisting.

It is quite often the case that there is more to a slender girl than a plump one.

There is not such a cry for higher education as there is for just common, ordinary sense.

A number of law-abiding citizens will soon become solons for a few months.

The bachelor who enjoys being free often wishes he didn't enjoy it quite so much.

Some men would never amount to anything anyway—and others marry illustrious women.

A girl loses half the pleasure of married life when she has to keep her engagement to herself.

About the worst old woman on the face of the earth is an old bachelor.

Why a woman has any trouble in picking a hat is a mystery to us. One seems to be just as bad as another.

Women don't make historians. Their memory of dates reaching back more than 25 years is too treacherous.

When speaking of sound political timber most candidates seem to think the noisy kind is referred to.

Business Conditions.

A recent issue of the Merchant Trade Journal, contains an able and sensible article on business conditions in this country, particularly effecting retail merchants. The writer points out that the local retail merchants of the country are perhaps liberal contributors to all philanthropic, charitable and betterment movements of the communities in which they live. If new roads, bridges, churches, school houses, or other public conveniences are to be established or built, the merchants are usually the first called upon. If county fairs, stock or poultry shows, or exhibitions are to be held, they contribute liberally. If persons in the community meet with misfortune, are burned out have protracted sickness and are reduced to want or needy circumstances, the merchants are the first persons usually appealed to. If factories, or railroads or any new enterprises are to be started, the merchants are expected to take stock liberally and in this way to help along any and all things and movements looking to the betterment of conditions and to improving the community. They do these things in addition to paying their share of the general taxes.

The writer goes on to show that while this is true of the merchants, they are at the same time forced to come in direct competition, in the selling of their goods, with the big city mail order department stores who do not in any way contribute a penny towards the community. These big department stores through their catalogues and other advertising, reach nearly every household in the country and through the medium of the express companies and now the parcels post, deliver their wares at the doors of almost everybody who deals with them. They reap the benefits of the business that the local merchant by his liberality in helping the community, has made possible. This makes the business conditions for the retail merchant hard and it is growing more exacting all the time. The only remedy seems to be for the retail merchant, by careful and systematic work in his field of trade to hold that trade it possible. This can only be done by showing to his customers that it is best for them to continue to do business with the local merchants. A liberal and systematic campaign of advertising is the only way to do this and the merchants may be assured that that if they do not "cultivate" their territory, the big mail order houses will.

The local newspapers are practically in the same condition as the retail merchants and have been ever since the establishment of the rural free delivery system. Just as soon as that was established the territory of the local papers was invaded by solicitors offering large weekly and semi-weekly papers made up of the forms from the dailies, at prices often below that the local papers could meet. It is a condition the present day business methods brings. The local paper could not exist if it did not give its readers something the big sheets do not give and keep everlastingly at work in its limited territory. The fact that

it has done more for the betterment and upbuilding of the community, without charge, than any other institution in it, the retail merchant not excepted, makes no difference. It must fight its own battles against all comers and often see the people of its community sending their money away for papers and printing, while they do not patronize the home enterprise. Yet the local paper often strains its conscience and veracity bragging about the philanthropy liberality and broad business capacity of these same home people.—Lenoir News.

Fit His Case Exactly.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

A Federal Job.

The position of crop reporter for the Federal census bureau for Iredell and Alexander counties seems to be considerable sought for. Mr. J. A. W. Barkley now holds this position. His specific duties are to report to the bureau the amount of cotton ginned each month for the ginning season. The place carries a remuneration per diem and expenses for a limited time and the total sum is estimated at from \$300 to \$400 a year. It is generally stated that numerous persons are seeking the place, among them are mentioned, E. A. Morrison and Neal Summers of Shiloh township. Some petitions are being circulated. Mr. J. A. W. Barkley, whose job so many patriots are seeking tells the Landmark that no allowance is made by the government for expenses, and that on a part of the trips made the per diem allowance is not sufficient to cover expenses. On the whole though, the job is worth while as a side line. —Statesville Sentinel.

It is said that fully twenty-five per cent of all the school children in the United States have defective eyesight. Don't neglect your children's eyes. Eyesight is precious to every human being. Impaired vision is a serious handicap in any calling. Consult your family doctor about your children's eyes. If he recommends an oculist, see him without delay.

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