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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Past, Present and Future.

That awful tragedy on the Seaboard Air Line railway near Henderson a few days ago, was about one of the most heart-rending occurrences known in the State for quite a time.

Persons in conversation are apt to make mistakes in the use of "set" and "sit," oftener perhaps, than in the use of any other small words in the English language.

We print the following for whomever it may benefit:

Some one who believes in teaching by example has concocted a lesson in the use of two little words which have been a source of mortification and trouble to many well meaning persons.

A man or woman can set a hen, although they cannot set her; neither can they set on her, although she might sit on them by the hour if they would allow it.

A man cannot set on the wash bench, but he could set the basin on it, and neither the basin nor the grammarians would object.

He could sit on the dog's tail if the dog were willing or he might set his foot on it. But if he should set the dog's tail or sit his foot there the grammarians as well as the dog would howl, metaphorically at least.

And yet the man might set the tail aside and then sit down and be assailed neither by the dog nor by the grammarians.

The advantage which the rural districts derive from the telephone service is very great. Farmers all through the country in many States are coming more and more in touch with the world through the telephone.

The Atlanta Journal says that North Carolina is moving in the front in the matter of telephone service. Our Home, of Marshall, N. C., makes the following observation for Union county:

"Union county's telephone system probably surpasses that of any other county in the state, especially in the rural districts. There are in the county ten telephone exchanges and six of these are in the country. The total number of phones in the county is 542, and 295 of these are in towns and 247 in the country; and the system is yet in its infancy in the rural districts. At the present rate of increase the number of phones in the county will probably be increased 100 per cent. within the next twelve months and it is only a question of short time before this county will be a network of wires and almost every farmer will have a phone in his house. The telephone system, together with rural free delivery of mails, will revolutionize things in favor of country life, rendering it less isolated and more attractive. Even now all important news is transmitted to every part of the county as soon as it occurs. Two hours after President McKinley was shot at Buffalo, the affair was being talked about by our farmers through their neighborhood exchanges. During the recent congressional convention at Monroe farmers sat in their homes and received the ballots as they were cast for the various candidates and many of them knew who the nominee was before the first applause from the friends of the successful candidate had subsided."

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GRAINS OF GOLD.

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

Some Very Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago Daily News.

No woman is a heroine to her dress-maker.

It takes the divorce judges to unman a woman.

Most women are afraid of a loose dog or a tight man.

A fat man always has more troubles than he has sympathizers.

Any woman with a continuous smile usually has new store teeth.

In trying to get his rights many a man goes at it the wrong way.

Jumping a summer resort board bill is one way to beat a retreat.

One active cause of a shrinkage in value is the assessor's visit.

If there is anything ridiculous about a wig it is the head it covers.

Fortunate is the young man who possesses a full set of good habits.

Most men would rather borrow than be caught begging or stealing.

Be sure your sins will find you out if you are ever a candidate for office.

Milk of human kindness is usually of a poor quality and little in the can.

The poor girl thinks it's positively wicked for a man to marry for money.

When a man goes at things head first he often gets there with both feet.

Wise is the man who can give a woman advice without incurring her enmity.

Talk is cheap; yet some people will give up a dollar to hear a tiresome lecture.

According to the small boy's version a thin slice of cake is better than no bread.

A true Christian is a man who loves his neighbor's small boy as he does himself.

Many a young man has been cured of pationation of the heart by marrying the girl.

Religion as a rule flourishes better in connection with adversity than with prosperity.

When two men are unable to agree they usually leave it to the man behind the bar.

Many a man makes a fool of himself because he hasn't the moral courage to do otherwise.

In England gentlemen often ride to hounds; in this country they frequently go to the dogs.

If poverty is ever abolished every bachelor will either have to marry or act as his own servant.

A Kentucky paper mentions a "yawning oil well" in that state. Somebody must have been boring it.

If some people did nothing but mind their own business they would soon become rather narrow-minded.

It is but natural that the boarding school girl would rather board than keep house after she is married.

Probably a married man shows his years more than a bachelor because he has to carry a few of his wife's.

It isn't until after a boy has celebrated his 8th birthday anniversary that he begins to notice his father's ignorance.

Many a man would be happy if he could only get a divorce from his mother-in-law without severing his other domestic ties.

A woman seldom believes anything her husband says about her, but she believes every word he says about other women.

Job evidently had no desire for fickle fame. He was in a position to win out as a manufacturer of profane history—but he didn't.

It is just like a woman to be mad with her husband for wanting to smoke in a room with lace curtains and yet to be proud of him for being able to do what it would nearly kill her to try.

The Rule of Three.

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to live—courage, gentleness and affection.

Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and affectation.

Three things to delight in—frankness, freedom and beauty.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and a cheerful spirit.

Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting.

Three things to fight for—honor, home and country.

Three things to admire—power, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to think about—Life, death and eternity.

Words Came by Accident

Selected. "Hurrah!" It used to be "Hurray!" and the cry is as old as England, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. It is the battle cry of the old Norse vikings as they swept down to burn and murder among the peaceful English.

"It's all humbug!" Perhaps it is. Humbug is the Irish "um bog," pronounced humbug, meaning bogus money. King James II coined worthless money from his mint at Dublin, his 20 shilling piece being worth two pence. The people called it "um bog."

It was a Roman gentleman of 2,000 years ago who first asked "where the shoe pinches." He had just divorced his wife and his friends wanted to know what was the matter with the woman. She declared she was good and pretty "Now," said the husband taking off his shoe, "isn't that a nice shoe? It's a good shoe, eh? A pretty shoe, eh? A new shoe, eh? And none of you can tell where it pinches me."

"Before you can say Jack Robinson" arose from the behavior of one John Robinson. He was a fool. He was in such a hurry when he called on his friends that he would be off before he had well knocked at the door.

"There they go, helter skelter!" That phrase was coined at the defeat of the Spanish armada. The great fleet of the Spanish invasion was driven by storm and stress of the English at tack north to the Helder River and south to the Skelder River—the Scheldt.

Do you know why a hare is called "pus?" This is not a riddle, but just an example of how words get twisted. The ancient Latin for a hare was "le pus." The Norman knights who came over with William the Conqueror pronounced the "word" "le pus." The pus he remains today.

"Go to Halifax!" That town was a place of special terror for rogues, because of the first ruse guillotine invented there by Mannysay for chopping off felons' heads. Halifax law was that the criminal "should be condemned first and inquired upon after." Conventry had a queer law in old times by which none but freemen of the city could practice a trade there. Strangers were starved out. Hence the phrase for shutting a man out of human company "sent to conventry."

"Spick and span" comes from the "spikes" and "spanners"—the hooks and stretchers for stretching cloth new from the loom.

To "dun a man for debt" comes from memory of Joe Dun, bailiff of Lincoln, who was so keen a collector that his name has become a proverb.

"News" is a queer word—the initials of North, East, West, South, which appeared on the earliest journals as a sign that information was to be had here from the four quarters of the world. The sign was N E W S and gave us our word "news."

The Mother's Loving Eyes.

One of the greatest artists tells a story of his school days. He was the son of a widow and he was sent to a grammar school and only once a month could he see and speak to his mother. But she loved him so dearly and so desired to be near him that she took a house which overlooked the school playground and every day, when the boys were at their games, she was watching at the window. He soon found it out and from that time he was ashamed to do anything wrong or mean. He always thought of those loving eyes; they seemed to be watching him even in his chamber and it helped to keep him straight and true.

Boys, God's love is stronger than a mother's, and if we were to go to Africa or China His love would still follow us. He is always watching us. Let us not do anything that we can not ask His blessing on. It seems a wonderful power, does it not, to know and see all and hear all? One of the grand attributes of our heavenly Father is His omniscience; that is, knowing all things. Another is His omnipresence; that is, present in all places. Another is His omnipotence; that is, possessing unlimited power.—National Advertiser.

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"What was the baby crying about just now? Did he want the moon again?" "No, Freddie was trying to make him smile with the glove stretchers."—Tit-Bits.

TRUE POLITENESS.

A THING TO BE CULTIVATED.

All May Practice It.

A few days since I was present at a small luncheon party of ladies, and I noticed with some surprise the scant courtesy they showed one another during conversation. One of the party would start to say something, and before she had finished another would break in with another topic, only to be interrupted in turn. I must confess that I was a bit surprised, for all these women were supposed to be well-bred, and yet they were disregarding one of the simplest rules of polite behavior.

A little later, I was calling on some friends, and I noticed the same thing. Each member of the family would interrupt the others, and the conversation was considered quite as a matter of course. Then I understood the situation better, and put the blame just where it belonged—on the lack of home training. If the mother grows careless and allows her children to contract the habit of interrupting one another constantly, she must not be surprised if this habit is carried beyond the home circle, and her children show in society the result of indulgence of thoughtlessness.

The habit is one of the most unpleasant that can be contracted, and the fact that it is such a common one does not make it less bit the better or the more excusable. It is a habit that grows on one unconsciously, if one does not keep close watch. It should be the care of the mother in the home to teach her children respect for one another, and insist upon that courtesy of treatment which she expects them to give to strangers. Unless politeness is a habit, it will never be a grace. It must be ingrained, and the teaching cannot be begun too early.

I wish the girls would keep a little watch upon themselves to see whether they have fallen into the pernicious habit, and, if they have, just go to work to break themselves of it at once. It may seem a little thing, but it is one of the indications of fine breeding to treat every one with the respect due to him as an individual.—Golden Rule.

The Effect of the Newspaper.

Concord Standard. An observant mind and student of human nature has no little trouble to formulate rules and discover the principles underlying the apparently capricious results of newspaper discussion of individuals.

It would seem that some think an attack on the record of a candidate for public office tends to secure his election. In a recent instance conspicuous before the State a number of able assailants are accredited with securing a nomination. The discussion was fairly free from appearance of persecution and certainly seemed well calculated to effect the purpose, yet they did not.

Now some will say the attacks through the newspapers effected the end they were intended to defeat. Others however may be more logical in the claim that the results were in spite of and not on account of these efforts.

It is strangely true that there is in many human beings a tendency, when injustice is done one on one hand, to fly to him and do the rest of humanity an injustice in partiality to him. This reflects very unfavorably on the specimens of such mental build. But to say that straight forward and fair exposure in the newspapers of one's record, for the purpose of showing his unfitness for office, effects him favorably seems to repudiate all influences of a newspaper save possibly for purposes of taffying. It places the mind of men outside of the pale of reasoning beings and ranks them as machines of passion and impulse.

We hope we are not mistaken in the belief that the press is a power that makes men fear to act badly and that helps the public to know the men for whom they vote and that they are not instruments of opposite effects to that which is sought.

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The Fride of the Family.

Washington Star.

Never seen in fashion's glare; Never asks who else was there; Doesn't know and doesn't care; Uncle Jim; That's him.

Eats his berries with a knife; Holds his fork as though in strife; Couldn't quit to save his life; Uncle Jim; That's him.

Likes to wear his last year's clothes; Necktie never in repose; High above his collar goes; Uncle Jim; That's him.

Likes a corncob pipe to smoke; Whiskers long ell tight to stroke; While he tells the same old joke; Uncle Jim; That's him.

But when trouble comes along Some one always fights the wrong; Pays the bill's that come too strong; Uncle Jim; That's him.

"That Silence Saved Me."

Here is a suggestive incident related illustrating how at times silence may be a greater power for good than any other agency:

A young man sat chatting with some giddy girls. Among them was a sweet, quiet young woman known as a Christian. The young man, thinking to tease her, bantered her about her religion. The silly girls uttered, but the object of his mirth remained silent. Then with the folly of youth, and recklessness of impiety, he uttered many infidel objections to Christianity. She did not smile, nor look at him, nor seem to notice him. Then he continued his harangue, hoping to force her to refute something. But she maintained the same sweet, dignified silence. A vision of his own stupidity broke over the young man and convicted him of sin. He said afterwards, telling the story, "That silence saved me."

Round Pegs in Square Holes.

A great deal of misdirected effort in this blundering world is due to the fact that people are compelled to engage in work which they dislike, when just around the corner so to speak, is work which they might love. Ambitious parents decree that the lad who would make a painter, whose eye for color and form is true or whose soul responds and fingers thrill to the vibrating chords of melody, and shall instead enter a counting room and be apprenticed to a business for which he has no aptitude.

Similarly, a boy who would succeed at farming or in the carpenter's shop is destined to a liberal profession and compelled to undergo a long course of training for this, which, owing to his lack of fitness, is almost abortive in its results. Half the failures and defeat in life may be attributed to the placing of the round peg in the square hole. Men and women are forced to work at that which they dislike and which does not enlist their highest powers.—Harper's Bazar.

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Lonely.

He was so proud to sleep last night— My lad of three— In his new crib of gold and white, Away from me.

"I is not scared a bit," he said, Then kissed goodnight, And let me tuck him in his bed— Of gold and white.

The bright lamp light was shining then As clear as day, Which when I heard his voice again, Shed not a ray.

For he awoke at dark midnight, And called to me; He mused being smuggled close and tight— This lad of three.

"I is so lonesome over here, Mamma," he said; "There's room for lots o' people there. In your big bed!" —Margaret A. Richard.

Pat's Confidence.

A physician describes a remarkable case of a patient's confidence in his medical adviser:

"While I was a student in the medical college, I had a patient, an Irishman, with a broken leg. When the plaster bandage was removed, I noticed that one of the pins went in with great difficulty and I could not understand it. A week afterwards on removing this pin I found it had stuck hard and fast and I was forced to remove it with the forceps. What was my astonishment to find that the pin had been run through the skin twice, instead of through the cloth.

"What, Pat," said I, "didn't you know that pin was sticking in you?"

"To be sure I did," replied Pat, "but I thought you knowed your business; I hit me tongue."