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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

IF you are a citizen of North Carolina and wish to vote in the next election you must pay your poll tax before the first of May. And the law does not mean that if you prefer to lose your vote by failing to pay poll tax by the first of May, you will be excused from the tax because you lost your vote. You will have to pay the tax anyway; and so it would be better to pay in time to save your privilege to vote. Casting a free ballot is one of the glories of American citizenship, and the good citizens of North Carolina ought not to forfeit this privilege by failing to pay poll tax in time.

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THE frequency of divorces and the ease with which they may be obtained are attracting attention of people all over the country. Rev. Dr. McKim, rector of an Episcopal church in Washington, D. C., recently said in a sermon:

"Progressive Polygamy." "In nothing has American life suffered such serious damage as in the lowering of the ideal of marriage which has been seen during the last two generations. We shudder at the revelations unblushingly given in our national capital here recently of Mormonism, the plague spot in the body politic, but it is humiliating to reflect on the frightful relaxation of the bonds of matrimony all over the land. Our courts are grinding out divorces every day in such a manner as to build up practically a system of progressive polygamy."

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THIS is the way Farmer H. M. Daniel, of Madison county, thinks of God, who sends the heavy and frequent rains which have so hindered farm labor this season. In a letter to the Progressive Farmer he speaks of the disappointments which have so often come this spring to the farmers when they were about ready to start their plows, but have been hindered again by the rains. He says philosophically: "We farmers cannot afford to complain of the decisions of our Divine partner. Without him we indeed can do nothing." And this is a most wise and sensible view to take of the weather. It is a wonder that God lets some people prosper at all—they grumble so much about weather, heat and cold, and whatever does not suit them exactly.

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THE COMMONWEALTH has so often insisted on farmers raising all home supplies that it is possible some may think that we are making it a hobby, and we said as much two weeks ago. One of the oldest and clearest headed men in this community said to us a few days ago that if we have made the subject of home supplies for farmers a hobby, it is a proper one. He advised us to continue the admonition to farmers, and agrees with us that there is no truly successful farming without it. And so if we had not intended to do it before we should feel inclined to keep insisting on this system. We have been insisting on it for several years, and we propose to keep on insisting. It is the only wise course for farmers. As we have said time and time again before, it matters not what is the price of the farmer's money crop it is a losing business to buy home supplies with money he makes from cotton or tobacco.

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SOMETIMES items of news or editorial items are taken from one newspaper by another and used without credit. This is either the result of carelessness or a disposition to plagiarism; either of which is a bad example and bad practice by an editor. Occasionally when an editor's news item or editorial is used by another editor without credit, the editor whose work is thus used refers to it in a pointed way, but winds up the paragraph by saying that he doesn't care anything about having credit for anything clipped from his paper, but just thought he would call the other fellow's attention to it. Well, such an editor has a bigger bump for patience than we have. It makes us a little puffier—yes, quite so—for another paper to clip any original item from these columns, news or editorial, and not give credit for it. Now, this is the truth all over and the most of the other editors just about as well say so too. Of course, now and then a slip occurs, and the failure to give credit is an oversight. In such case, however, it does not cost much to make the correction in the next issue. The practice of clipping from other papers without giving credit looks bad in any editor—and the whole truth is, it is bad treatment, and men ought not to be expected to like it.

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SOME weeks ago THE COMMONWEALTH said in this column that there is just as much reason for Congress to make appropriations for the improvement of public roadways as for public waterways. No one questions the principle of making appropriations for our streams of commerce, although the amount of some appropriations may be questioned. Neither do we believe that there is any room to question the principle of national appropriations for the improvement of our roads. Here is what Congressman Poon, of the Fourth district, thinks of it as quoted in the Progressive Farmer:

"Senators and Members of Congress may as well make up their minds to deal with the good roads question at an early day. The people are demanding better roads all over the country. I do not believe there is any constitutional obstacle in the way of government aid. Congress appropriates millions for rivers and harbors and for rural delivery routes. Certainly Congress has the power to appropriate money to improve the roads over which mail is carried, and in a few years mail will be carried over every important road in the country."

"Most of our rural communities are too poor to raise money sufficient to build good and enduring roads, but if the government would pay one-half as provided by the Brownlow bill, the county or community might be able to raise the other half."

"The last river and harbor bill carried an appropriation of over six millions of dollars. Large cities received the benefit of nearly all the vast sum. Now let Congress appropriate an equal amount of money to aid the States in building good, hard, dry roads, and the farmers of the country, for whom both political parties profess such great solicitude, will feel that they are not entirely neglected."

APPROPRIATENESS IN DRESS.

PART I.

Choosing Suitable Dress for Different Occasions.

How the Woman Who Has Modest Means Must Plan to Make One Costume do for Various Occasions and Must Arrange This Accordingly.

Correct Out-Door Dress for Exercise of Different Kinds.—Suitable Dress for Social Functions.

BY CHRISTINE TEBHUNE HERRICK, Author of "Cradle and Nursery," "First Aid to the Young Housekeeper," "Housekeeping Made Easy," "What to Eat," "In City Tents," Etc.

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NEVER yet was there a normal woman who did not wish to dress well. What dressing well means is determined by each one for herself. In the early stages it probably meant unlimited fig leaves, and a little later a new pet from this or that animal or a new style in a garment worn of the bark of trees.

Such simplicity has unfortunately come to an end. The point has been reached where a woman cannot dress as she pleases, but must please to dress like the majority of women. It is a blessed dispensation that she usually likes to be in the fashion, or somewhere near it, and feels it no hardship to conform to prevailing modes. In fact, she usually likes it. Her chief difficulty is how to manage to conform when she has not enough money to do it on.

Appropriate dressing should be an easy matter for the woman who has a generous allowance for her wardrobe. Then it is her own fault if she does not have suitable costumes for every emergency. Appropriate dressing is also without complications for the woman who never goes anywhere except to church, and whose needs are supplied by working frocks and one gown for best. Even such an one doubtless thinks she has her troubles, but they are as nothing to those of the woman who must, so to speak, serve two masters,—or who, in other words, must fill more functions than those of the housekeeper and church goer, and must dress for these other things without exceeding a comparatively small sum. Such a woman finds dressing well more or less of a problem—usually more rather than less.

To women like this the fashion of separate skirts and waists has come as a positive boon. In the days when one must have a whole gown of one material, dressing was more complex even than it is now. Every one whose memory goes back to those times can recall how the waists gave out before the skirts and left one with a supply of the latter in tolerable order and a painful dearth of the former. Now, when one has a skirt of which the body part is past worthy, a shirt waist can be made to take the place of the outworn garment.

Even with this expedient it is still possible for women to make mistakes in their dressing. One of the chief of these they commit when they buy conspicuous clothing. (I am speaking now of the woman who must wear one gown a long time). The striking effect may be charming at first, but before the frock or the hat or the coat is half worn out the woman who wears it and the friends who see her wear it are tired to death of it.

Another blunder that women make sometimes is in buying articles of apparel which will not go together well. We all know the woman who has bought a snuff colored gown and a drab jacket, or a dark green gown and a hat trimmed with a blue that makes

a discord of tints that set the teeth on edge. The woman who must economize on her clothing must buy things that go together well and every piece of her attire must be selected, not for its beauty alone, but because it will harmonize with the rest of her costume.

Simple styles should also be chosen by the woman who can have only a limited wardrobe. Extremes in fashion should be avoided. There is the same objection to these that there is to the startling effects to which I referred a moment ago. More than this, such a woman should study what suits her. Because a certain garment looks well in a fashion plate or on a figure in a show window, it does not follow that it will do as much on every woman. One would not believe the blunders which women will make, did not one see illustrations of such "breaks" on every side. The stout women who wear light fabrics of large and flaring patterns, the slim "slanky" women who adopt styles with long, severe lines, the short dumpy figures that cut themselves in two in the middle by conspicuous belts or by a glaring contrast between the hues of the

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THE POPULAR COUNTY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.



HON. WILLIAM A. DEANE, OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Hon. Wm. A. Deane, Clerk of the city and county of San Francisco, was Chief Deputy in the office of his predecessor during the latter part of his term. He is a Native Son, having been born and raised in the city of San Francisco, and has for many years been prominently identified with the Order of Native Sons of the Golden West, as well as other fraternal organizations. He is an exceptionally popular young man, socially and politically also, as evidenced by the ballots cast at the late election, he having defeated his opponent for the office of County Clerk by nearly 2,000 votes.

In a letter written January 28, 1899, from San Francisco, to Dr. Hartman, Mr. Deane has the following to say of Peruna: "The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio."

Gentlemen:—"I would not be without Peruna, as I have found it to be the best remedy for catarrhal complaints that I have ever used. I have tried most all of the so-called catarrh remedies advertised, and can conscientiously say that of all the remedies for catarrhal complaints recommended to me none have been so beneficial as Peruna."—WILLIAM A. DEANE.

CATARRH assumes different phases in different seasons of the year. There is, therefore, four quite well-marked varieties of catarrh. Winter catarrh, spring catarrh, summer catarrh, and autumn catarrh. In each of these varieties different organs seem to be the principal seat of the catarrh. In the winter the catarrh is more frequent in the head, throat and respiratory

organs. In the spring the catarrh seems to chiefly affect the stomach and nervous system. In the summer the bowels suffer the most; while in the autumn the liver and kidneys seem to be particularly subject to the ravages of catarrh. Of course it is not meant by this that catarrh is absolutely confined to these parts of the body during the season to which we have assigned them. Catarrh may attack any organ in any season of the year, but the liabilities are so much greater for catarrh to attack particular organs in certain seasons that these four distinct varieties have become recognized.

Mr. Robert Douglas, Homeopathic Specialist, cor. 6th and F Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C., in a recent letter to the Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, O., has the following to say concerning their noted catarrh remedy, Peruna: "I have been a practicing physician for some years, during which time I have administered Peruna to a number of my patients for colds, catarrh and general debility with great benefit to them. I have paid particular attention to its effects, and I have absolute confidence in its curative power, and have no hesitation in giving it a most emphatic endorsement."

Hon. Clement M. Hammond is one of the best known newspaper men in New York City. He was for years editor of one of the principal papers in Hartford, Conn., later was a prominently connected with the New York Recorder and New York World. He has traveled extensively and is known all over the United States for his talent as a newspaper man. Writing to The Peruna Medicine Co., he says: "For about six years I have had trouble every fall and winter with my voice. At times it has extended to my bronchial tubes and lungs. I think all this trouble came from whooping cough, which I had when I was about twelve years old, and which left me with a catarrh. Since I have taken Peruna, my voice has been clearer than in over two years, all of which I am willing to testify to." Mr. Hammond's address is "The Arlington," 64 Montague street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Some Good Rules.

Here are some rules that are worth keeping. Cut them out. Put them up where you can see them. Look at them every day. They are written by Burgess Charles H. Pennypacker, of West Chester, Pa., and published in the Philadelphia Ledger:

First. Don't get mad. Leave that to the dogs.

Second. Walk a mile a day.

Third. Abstain from pork. Few Jews have cancer, tuberculosis or small-pox.

Fourth. Be clean—in person, abode and conversation.

Fifth. Eat moderately of good food. Get bread baked at home. Get butter from some honest farmer. Eat all the apples you can.

Sixth. Don't forget to speak to everybody. The salutation of a good remembrance is joy to the soul.

Seventh. Stand up straight; look people in the eye while conversing and speak the truth.

Eighth. Respect age, honor age; treat older people courteously. Their hearts are tender and true, and they wish you well. Seek the advice of old people.

Ninth. Get to heaven by staying at home and making your heaven there. Make comrades of your children. You don't need to go from home to get good fellowship. No club, no society can supply the place of the fireside, by the evening lamp at home.

Tenth. Sleep in a well ventilated room, doors and windows wide open.

"Wouldn't hurt a baby." Rheumatism is entirely vegetable, and instead of hurting the digestion, tones up the entire system.

Patience—I always think of all the mean things I have said during the day, before I fall asleep at night. Patience—Gracious! Do you stay awake as long as that?—Yonkers Statesman.

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William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to work, as happy as a clam." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

New York dogs without collars are to be exterminated. Why not? Most of the men here wear them—linen or political.—New York Herald.

PROPER TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA.

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be warded off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy any prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

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