

### Be Decided.

Exchange.  
A person of indecision is a reed shaken by every little breeze that blows and endangered by every strong wind. The one with a fixed purpose in mind and a steady decision to carry that purpose to the desired end is like a strong oak tree to which all wind-shaken creepers may cling in time of disaster. The uncertain, wavering creature who is never of the same mind two minutes at a stretch and who never is quite sure which way he intends to jump, is a weakling who is of slight value to a community or in a family. We all admire and respect strength, deplore and despise weakness—it is a human trait. And admirable indeed is the splendid ability possessed of some to see into a proposition, measure up the value and the worthlessness, and be ready to give opinion at the proper time. Yet such men and women are altogether rare. People in the main are vacillating and too ready to fall in line and meekly follow a fascinating leader. We are like the silly sheep who go through the gap, not because we think the other pasture more inviting, but because some woolly leader made the opening and set the example. Often we find ourselves feeling foolish and we sneak back where we belong and wish that we had acted with better victions. It is the people who can make up their own minds, make up the minds of others and decide for the world.

Someone has said that the most important offering that anybody can make to his Creator or to his fellow-men is a personality. He must not be an imitation, but must be somewhat in himself before he can be anything for God or for people. Truly the penalty of leaning this way and that, of absorbing every passing opinion and never standing for any, is failure in any walk of life. Study a subject or a question well, form an opinion, be sure you are right, and then stick to it. That is character. And let me say that there is all the difference in the world between firmness of character and stubbornness. Character adheres to a course because it appears to be the right way, and mere stubbornness holds to a thing because it is his own way.

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### Negro Girl Kills Sister With a Rifle.

The accidental discharge of a gun is again responsible for a death in this vicinity. The time a young girl, a negress, shot and instantly killed her sister, the affair happening in the basement.

Sam Mock sent his stepdaughter, Ella Clapp, to the house to get and bring to him a rifle left in the kitchen. Ella is fourteen years old. She entered the kitchen, took up the rifle and was about to leave when Louvenia, a sister, sixteen years of age, spoke to her. As Ella turned around, the rifle was discharged, the ball striking the older girl and producing instant death. Coroner Turner took charge of the case, but decided that the death was caused by accident, and that an inquest was not necessary.

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### Noise Not Eloquence.

Charity Children.

It is strange how many people mistake noise for eloquence. Did you ever know a man with a stentorian voice to lack for hearers? Too much lung power is a hindrance rather than a help to a speaker. He learns to rely on the thunder of his tones rather than on the richness of his thought. We have noticed young lawyers pleading the cause of a colored client for an assault on another gentleman of color, before a poor helpless magistrate, in tones that on a damp day might be heard for a quarter of a mile. Experience teaches an attorney the folly of so needless a waste of wind, and he softens his voice with age. But the average audience will enthuse under the crashing appeals of a fog-horn voice, no matter at all whether there is a ray of sense in what is said. We have often been grieved at the load and deafening tones the preacher sometimes employs. Clear enunciation and proper emphasis are always necessary in a public speaker, but the strident and outrageous roar of a man in a small room is enough to produce the headache in people who are accustomed to live quiet lives. Furthermore, folks who think themselves are after the real thing and not the vehicle that conveys the thought. What matters it whether grapes be borne in an earthen vessel, so the grapes are there? The style and delivery of an address or sermon may be pleasing enough, but if the substance itself be lacking, what doth it profit? Again: Unless a speaker is very careful the very force he employs will advertise his weakness. It is bad enough for grammar to be trampled in the dust in a low and modest voice, but it is deplorable to hear it mutilated and dishonored in a voice that was made for calling hogs! We speak only for one when we say that of the two extremes give us forever the speaker who can not always be heard than the one who can be heard a mile. There must be some powder in a cartridge, to be sure, but too much is worse than none. The man with the harsh and strident voice should strive to restrain himself rather than to glory in his sham.

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### Violin as a Hair Restorer.

It is now a scientifically proved fact that music exercises a great influence on the growth of the hair. It is with good reason that great musicians, such as Paganini, Liszt and Paderewski, are represented with a growth of hair which Absalom might have envied.

Science has proved that stringed instruments have a favorite influence on the growth of the hair, while brass instruments act in the opposite direction. Everybody has probably observed that a bald violinist is as rare as a bald horn-player is common. Wood instruments, such as the flute, seem to have no pronounced influence either way.

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### Tennessee Roads Will make Fight.

Industrial News.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—On reliable information, it is ascertained that the railroads of Tennessee will fight yesterday's order of the Tennessee railroad commission reducing passenger fares in the state from 3 cents to 2 1/2 cents per mile, effective, April 1, 1908. Railroad officials generally attribute the cause of the order and the agitation of the rate reduction to politics, and claim that as a result of politicians making an effort to come into public favor their interests are being made to suffer.

Officials of the railroads claim, further, that the enforcement of the order will have a very dangerous effect upon the railroad interests of the south, and that the cry for more roads to undeveloped communities will be strangled by the politicians in their effort to carry public favor and be ushered into office.

An effort to enforce the recent order of the railroad commission will be contested in the courts, they state, and it will be shown that one of the railroads operating in Tennessee will be seriously handicapped by the enforcement of such an order.

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### Ex-Trainman Sues Southern Officials.

Industrial News.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 18.—W. G. Fortune, trainmaster on the on the Asheville division of the Southern railway, today instituted suit against the Southern's assistant general manager, George R. Loyall, and former Superintendent A. Ramsey, for \$50,000.

The suit grew out of the discharge of Fortune at the time Ramsey and Ramsey were let down a short while ago, and the alleged slanderous statements or reason given for the discharge.

### How is Your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market to-day." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c. at J. E. Shell's drug store.

The ingredients of any of the so-called poisons to destroy cabbage worms or other insects is a secret that the inventor keeps to himself to make money. The Agriculturist cannot undertake to recommend any such so-called bug-killers, but gives its own remedies that the editor knows to be successful. If Mrs. Coker will take paris green, half pound, and mix with five pounds of common flour, and sprinkle over her cabbage early in the spring, and repeat every fifteen days, she will kill all the green worms on her cabbage. One pound of paris green is sufficient, with ten pounds of flour, to an acre of cabbage. There will be no one poisoned and the cabbage will thrive.

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### A DOUBLE SURPRISE.

Caused by a Little Prayer Book in a New York Car.

Granted that a person wishes to do well whatever he sets out to do, no matter what the nature of the undertaking, there must have been two chagrined young men on an Eighth avenue car the other evening. Crowded upon the rear platform where they stood were several men and one woman. The woman was old fashioned enough to wear a dress with a pocket in it. Some time during the trip from Thirty-fourth to Fifty-ninth street one of the men found the pocket and extracted its contents.

At Columbus circle the woman, unaware of her loss, pushed into the car and found a seat. Presently the solemnity of the tired throng was disturbed by a burst of hilarity on the platform. The two young fellows were chaffing each other in boisterous tones.

"You're a jay, you are," said one. "A body'd think you had spent all your life rolling over plowed ground. What you goin' to do? Keep it?"

"No," was the reply. "What's the use. It ain't no good."

The woman listened inattentively to the loud remarks and wondered in a vague way what they had reference to. She nearly collapsed when she found out. At Seventy-sixth street the conductor came through the car holding out a small leather bound prayer book which, when folded, might have been easily mistaken for a pocketbook.

"This belong to anybody in this car?" he asked.

Several passengers appealed to shook their heads. Presently he stopped before the woman.

"This yours?" he asked.

Hastily the woman felt in her pocket.

"Yes, it is," she said. "Where in the world?"

"Guess you must have dropped it," suggested the conductor. "Some fellows out there picked it up and handed it over to me."

The woman turned cold all over. "Give it here, quick," she said. "I want to see."

Words were not required to tell what it was she wanted to see. The pause was filled up eloquently by her actions. Rapidly she turned the leaves till she came to a kind of pocket fastened between the pages at the back. From this she drew two ten dollar bills.

"I declare if I didn't forget all about leaving them there," she said. "Thank goodness, they didn't get lost!"

The two hoodlums on the platform eyed the bills greedily.

"Jay," said one of them in tones of disgust, "is no name for us fellows."—New York Times.

### Dry Rot in Men.

The first strong external revelation of the dry rot in men is a tendency to lurk and lounge, to be at street corners without intelligible reason, to be going anywhere when met, to be about many places rather than at any, to do nothing tangible, but to have an intention of performing a variety of intangible duties tomorrow or the day after. When the manifestation of the disease is observed the observer will usually connect it with a vague impression once formed or received that the patient was living a little too hard. He will scarcely have had leisure to turn it over in his mind and form the terrible suspicion "dry rot" when he will notice a change for the worse in the patient's appearance—a certain sallowness and deterioration which is not poverty nor dirt nor intoxication nor ill health, but simply "dry rot."—Roanoke Times.

### His English.

He was a Frenchman, dining with an English family. He was anxious to make a good impression, but had little "of the English." So he beamed politely on his neighbors, and even the attendant servants basked in the general radiance.

"You will have some more?" entreated his hostess.

"Please, non," he answered.

"Let me press you," the lady returned, making allowance for the shyness of a stranger in a strange land.

"Non, madame," he insisted cordially. "I have already made ze beast of myself."—London Express.

One of the ambitions of the average man is to do those he has been done by.



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