

FIRST STEP DOWN IS FATAL

Will Irwin's Little Sermon Teaches That Hotels and Newspapers Must Remain Respectable.

Suppose you are an innkeeper, with a fine, respectable establishment. To stimulate profits you take down a few bars...

CALHOUN AT THE OCULISTS

La Follette's Story of the Darky Walker Applauds Those Who Fear Respectability.

United States Senator La Follette, discussing respectability, said with a smile: "That's the way."

HIS REASON IS RETURNING

Innans Guard, Formerly Member of National Guard, Drills Other Inmates of Asylum.

A Chicago man with a large acquaintance among inmates within the asylum and now an inmate at a state asylum. One of his friends telephoned the hospital the other day to find out about him.

GILBERT HAD GOOD MEMORY

He Never Forgot That at Harrow One of His Lines Was Considered Improper.

This Gilbert story reached me from an old Harrowian, says a writer in the Manchester Guardian in 1873. He tells of the town got into the hands of a householder named Gilbert Butler...

HANDLING LONDON'S LETTERS

Some Idea of the Big Force Required in the Great Post Office.

Sir Henry Tanner, principal architect in his masterly office of works, gave an address before the Royal Institute of British Architects in London recently, describing in detail the new general post office to be known as King Edward's building.

WAR SHOULD BE MADE FAIR

Writer Thinks Civilization Might Invent Code Something Like That of the Duello.

War is now carried on in an uncivilized fashion. It is fought as if all participants were savages. What is politely called strategy is taking the enemy unawares and not giving him a fair show.

RUSE OF CHICKEN THIEVES

In New Jersey They Have Been Bleeding White Leghorns and Dying Them Black.

Chicken thieves in New Jersey have adopted an astonishing ruse to baffie owners of the fowls they steal. In several poultry farmers discovered that valuable white leghorns were missing.

WHY CELEBRITIES ARE FEW

Their Absence Permits the Imitation Swells to Shake Hands in a Safe Manner.

"Even if I didn't read the newspapers I would know that there are not many strange celebrities in town today," said the young man with strong social instincts.

TAKING A LOOK BACKWARD

Picture of Life Upon Our Atlantic Shore as It Was Two Centuries Ago.

Brush away the fog of a couple of centuries, and take a look at this, our native land, as it then appeared. Here upon the Atlantic shore, the scream of the panther arose on the midnight air with the savage war whoop, and the palefaced pliant trembled for the safety of his defenseless home.

TALES OF KINGS' CROWNS

Alfred the First English Monarch to Wear One—Richard II. Once Paved His.

The first English king who wore a crown was Alfred, A. D. 871. Long prior to that date we know that a crown was worn by the Roman king, Tarquin, and in the Bible it is told how the Amalekites brought Saul's crown to David.

Gentle Sarcasm

She felt quite enthusiastic in a downtown cafe, this young woman.

"Walter," she said, "call me a taxicab."

A few minutes later the waiter came and said: "Your taxicab is here."

Her escort, meanwhile, wondered why the taxi had been ordered.

"We're going to the —" she named another cafe, which happened to be right across the street—and it still there.

"All right," he said, "and they rode across the street in the taxicab."

Once within the other cafe, she looked about and saw her mother and several friends at another table.

"We can't sit at this table," she said.

"All right," acquiesced her escort, with a sarcastic and well got another table."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Kissed a Dead Cow.

Told that her pet cow had been struck by a train was so badly injured that the animal would have to be killed. Mrs. Max Johnson, of the foot of Jaeger street, Camden, kissed the cow several times and they walked away.

Sounds Warning.

If the duties of lawmaking and interpreting the laws are pushed upon the people of this country, one-man rule will inevitably result. The community is bound to center its confidence in certain men who represent their sentiments at the time. The government will eventually become an one-man system, and the man will have behind him the power of the people he is able to interest. This system created Julius Caesar. It is the very reverse of the representative government upon which this republic is built."—Jacob G. Schurman.

A Clever Transition.

An angry colored man was engaged in burning the grass of the lawn of a young broker when the latter returned to his home and, thinking to have some fun with the old man, said: "Samba, if you burn this grass, the entire lawn will be as black as you are."

Just Why.

"Do you find the cost of living any higher than it was, say five years ago?" "Yes, sir. Two of my daughters have got married since."—Washington Herald.

Cops in Fields for Babies.

That necessity is the mother of invention is shown by the hundreds of little buildings resembling chicken coops, which are scattered over the fields of Weld county to provide day-time homes for the babies of the Russians who work in the fields.

Use for Cotton Waste.

Wichita man facing the problem of sewage, with his money and doing an unflattering remedy—cotton waste. If the machine needs cleaning, he produces his bunch of waste; if the oil is dripping to the floor, a handful of waste remains. If his hands are greasy, he doesn't use a good towel, and then try to wash it; he uses cotton waste and burns it when it will absorb no more.

Financial Genius.

"Do you think there is any such thing as financial genius?" "I am sure there is. I know a young man who has it in a marked degree. After he had persuaded the beautiful daughter of one of our most prominent jewelers to become his wife, he was actually hired by the old man to let him have an engagement ring at the cost price."

Good Snake Story.

This story is told of the late Dr. Emil Reich. One day while traveling he lay down to rest in the shadow of a bush and fell fast asleep. He awoke with a start to find that night was coming on and that rain had begun to fall. Quickly snatching up his umbrella, he tried to open it, and, finding it worked stiffly, he pressed the spring. To his surprise there was a sound of ripping and tearing and a snake fell to the ground split in two. The reptile had apparently swallowed the umbrella, so far as it could—Exchange.

Cook Without Plans.

A missionary in an account of his life in the South Pacific says: "The problem of cooking without pots or pans is already solved. The natives of the South Pacific cook their food in a hole in the ground, a wood fire being made at the bottom and covered with stones. On these the food placed in a woven basket; and the whole covered with earth. The result is delicious. When cooked the food is served on leaves, thus doing away with the necessity of crockery."—Herald in the States.

Common Sense and Science.

It can now be seen how little truth there is in Huxley's much quoted dictum that science is organized common sense. That is precisely what science is not. Science is a wholly different kind of knowledge from common sense, and almost every portion of common sense, the man really knows about the earth; to science, the contrary is established fact. To common sense, a plant is still and stationary; to science it is a group of rapidly revolving centers of energy. To common sense water is a true element; to science, it is a compound of atoms of the familiar hydrogen and oxygen.

As the Boy Had Suggested.

"Do you remember my boy," asked the father, kindly but firmly, "that in your studies you suggested that actions spoke louder than words?" "Yes, sir," said the boy with a grin that he did not feel.

Woman's Culture.

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What He Was Doing.

As the Wellman family was returning from a trip a dre but and something went wrong with the car. Of course, Papa Wellman had to fix it. He said a few things and the car moved on. He proceeded to crawl under the machine. As he was tinkering with it a man, evidently from Egg Harbor, walked by and, of course, stopped to find out the trouble.

Chicken Bones for Children.

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The Big Catch of Swordfish.

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HE LET FORTUNE SLIP AWAY

Bookseller's Son Sold for \$2 a Volume That Not Long After Brought \$20,000.

Charles K. Pottle, son of Earl K. Pottle, a veteran bookseller, let a book of great value go out of his hands for \$2 when he sold an ancient volume of "The Colonial Laws of Massachusetts" to a stranger.

MUST WEAR DARK CLOTHES

An Absolute Requirement in Factories Where Work Is Done With Gold.

Light suits of clothes are not favored in factories where work is done on gold. In fact, in many such factories a dark suit of clothes is absolutely required and even a light waistcoat may lose a man a job.

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