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ASSERTED HERSELF.

The Young Woman Also Had a Few Questions to Ask.

The young woman was being interviewed by her prospective employer. The man bit off his words and hurled them at her in a way to frighten an ordinary girl out of her wits.

"Chew gum?" he asked.

"No, sir."

"Talk slang?"

"No, sir."

"Know how to spell correctly?"

"Yes, sir."

"Use the telephone every other minute?"

"No, sir."

"Usually tell the office force how much the firm owes and all the rest of the private business you learn?"

"No, sir."

He was thinking of something else to ask her when she took a hand in the matter and put a few questions.

"Smoke cigars when you're dictating?"

"Why—er—no!" he gasped in astonishment.

"Slam things around when business is bad?"

"No."

"Lay for your employees when they get caught in a block some morning?"

"No, indeed."

"Think you know enough about grammar and punctuation to appreciate a good stenographer when you get one?"

"I—I think so."

"Want me to go to work, or is your time worth so little that"—

He interrupted her enthusiastically:

"Kindly hang up your things and let's get at these letters."—Judge.

WOOD LOTS OF JAPAN.

Example Furnished of Tree Growing on Small Plots.

In these times of great drains on the timber supplies, caused by the heavy demand for forest products of all kinds, Americans may see in Japan an example of what can be done in growing wood on small plots.

That country contains 21,000,000 wood lots, about three-fourths of which belong to private persons and one fourth to communes. The average size of the plot is less than nine-tenths of an acre. They usually occupy the steepest, roughest, poorest ground. In this way land is put to use which would otherwise go to waste and if unwooded would lose its soil by the wash of the dashing rains.

From Japan's wood lots the yearly yield of lumber is about eighty-eight feet, board measure, an acre and three-fourths of a cord of firewood. In many cases the yield is much higher. More than 500,000,000 trees are planted yearly to make up what is cut for lumber and fuel.

With all the care in cutting and the industry in replanting it is by no means certain that Japan's forests are holding their own. If the preservation of the forests is doubtful there, it is evident that depletion must be alarmingly rapid in other countries which cut unsparingly and plant very little. On the other hand, it is encouraging to see what can be done with rough, steep and poor land. The United States has enough of that kind to grow billions of feet of lumber.—Pathfinder.

"Drunk With Thy Beauty."

Charles Dickens once had an argument with a friend about Byron's expression, "Drunk with thy beauty," to which he made great objection. During the discussion the novelist gazed as if enraptured at his host's fair haired daughter, who was in the room. At last he sprang to his feet, struck a dramatic attitude, clasped his heart with his hands and stalked to the window, where he wrote on the white woodwork:

O maiden of the amber dropping hair
Would I, Byronically, thy praise might utter!
Drunk with thy beauty, would that I might dare
To breathe out paeans, borne upon a shutter!

Voted Twice.

Sir Gavan Duffy, formerly speaker of the legislative assembly of Victoria, was once returned to his seat by a single vote majority. On visiting his constituents subsequently, he was received with a special warmth by an Irish fellow countryman.

"And so," said Sir Gavan Duffy to his friend, "you were one of my supporters."

"No, sir," was the reply. "I was two of them."

WARM AND DRY TO STAY WELL.

Advice of Noted Authority, Also Gives a Simple Prescription.

Now is the time when the doctors get busy, and the patent medicine manufacturers reap the harvest, unless great care is taken to dress warmly and keep the feet dry. This is the advice of an old eminent authority, who says that Rheumatism weather is here, and also tells what to do in case of an attack.

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JUGGLERS OF INDIA.

One of the Wonderful Feats They Are Said to Perform.

Two men—one old and emaciated, carrying a native drum; the other young and well fed, fantastically gowned with an overskirt of colored handkerchiefs and a multitude of bells which jangle noisily at his slightest movement, long, ragged hair, altogether a hideous figure.

The drummer begins a weird tom-toming and the other man an incantation. Then he extends a "supra," a bamboo tray used by all natives, on which any one who pleases places a large handful of rice and the same quantity of grain. The two ingredients are thoroughly amalgamated, so that it would in the ordinary way take hours to separate them.

Now the fantastic man with his tray begins. He turns round slowly, gradually quickening his pace (the drummer also keeping time), faster and faster in a giddy vortex, the tray at times almost out of his hands, yet so cleverly handled that not a grain falls out. It is very trying to watch, but in a couple of minutes both stop simultaneously, and the man shows to the wondering spectators two little heaps, one of rice and the other grain, at different ends of the tray, which in his sickening gyrations he has been able to separate by some extraordinary manipulation.—Pearson's Weekly.

THE SWISS PENSION.

Peculiar Manners at the Boarding House Table d'Hote.

The distinctive thing about a Swiss pension is the table d'hote. The table d'hote has its own set of conventions. You can always tell an old pensionnaire by the way he sputters when he eats his soup, by the way he stabs a piece of bread from the bread basket with his knife and by the keen eye he has for picking out the best piece of meat. By some mysterious system, known only to the maid, she always offers you the platter with the fork seductively placed in the smallest, poorest portion. Your skilled pensionnaire is never caught by this trick. He always removes the fork from the piece indicated and rakes over everything till he finds the best. This is not impolite—in a pension. It is the conventional thing.

In order to prevent any undue advantage the maid has a system of rotation. First she begins at the head of the table and works down the right side. With the next course she begins at the foot and works up the left side. If she forgets where she stopped and begins wrong there is an immediate howl from those who are getting cheated. This causes many bitter and stormy arguments.—Albert Edwards in Outlook.

Equal to the Occasion.

Michelot, the famous comedian, suffered a great deal from the spite of his colleagues and found it necessary to be on the alert at every performance. On a certain occasion he had to scold a servant in one of Moliere's plays, when the "claque," which had been bribed by his rivals, began to hiss.

Michelot was by no means disconcerted. Giving the servant a couple of blows on the ear, not included in the part, he extemporized as follows:

"You vile scamp of a varlet, there is nothing you think of! There you stand quietly listening to the vermin squeaking in the house and never troubleyourself to get the rat poison!"

The effect of this sally was striking. The audience broke out in loud applause, and no subsequent attempt was made to hiss the actor.

Helping Him On.

The somewhat elderly but still handsome and well preserved bachelor had long been an admirer of the young lady, but never had dared to tell her so. At last, however, he mustered courage to say:

"Miss Jessie, I wish I were twenty years younger."

"Why so?" she asked.

"Because then I should be bold enough perhaps to ask you to marry me."

With a charming smile she shook her head.

"I should have to tell you no, Mr. Baxter," she said. "If you were twenty years younger you would be—er—a great deal too young for me."

He took the hint—and a little while later the young lady too.

Missed the Combination.

He is one of those gushing old beaus who think flattery the key to favor with the gentler sex. The other evening he was at a reception with his wife, and they met the handsome Miss Blank, at whom he fired a whole battery of compliments. Then, turning to his wife, he said, "It's a good thing I didn't meet her before I married you, my dear."

"Indeed it is," she smiled sweetly—"for her. I congratulate Miss Blank."—Exchange.

Art of "Dressing."

The art of consummate dress is not the gift of all or even the majority of mankind. One who possesses this gift knows all the subtle effects on angles, from the style and tilt of his hat to the exact width of the point of his shoe.—Outfitter.

At the Foot.

Pater (sadly)—I don't know what to do with that boy of mine. He's been two years at the medical school and still keeps at the foot of his class. Perrins (promptly)—Make a chiropodist of him.

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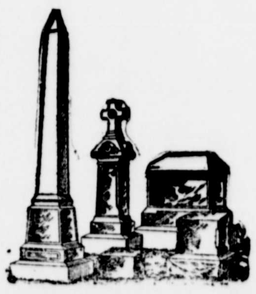

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