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## OLIVER CROMWELL.

**The Greatest Error of His Career Was Charles' Execution.**

The greatest error of Cromwell's life was the execution of the king. Not that in this he showed himself a man of blood. There was in him not a particle of the terrorist or of the passion for regicide which slew the helpless king of France. He had been provoked no doubt by Charles' double dealing, but he did not hate him; on the contrary, he was inclined to him and had wished to come to terms with him. Himself brimming with family affection, he had been touched by the sight of Charles with his children. He was impelled to the fatal act by what seemed to him fell necessity and by the uncontrollable wrath of the army against the king, whose perfidious machinations, while he was treating with the parliament for a settlement, had kindled the second civil war, with the Scotch invasion, and brought them and their cause once more into the extremity of peril. It was at the prayer meeting of the soldiers at Windsor, before they marched against Hamilton, that the king's doom was really pronounced. The secret treaty with the Scotch for the invasion of England brought Charles to the block, and his offense surely was capital, though its punishment was most ill advised. The death of the captive king set the king free and absolved the monarchy; it put inexpiable blood between the regicides and a great part of the nation, and flunkyism, far from being sickened, as Carlyle says it was, flourished on the martyrdom and has continued to flourish on it ever since. The success of Ikon Basilike was the proof.—Goldwin Smith in Atlantic.

## WAIFS IN AUSTRALIA.

**The State Finds Them Good Homes and Has No Orphanage.**

Australia is a continent without an orphanage, a country without an orphan. Each waif is taken to a receiving house where it is cared for till a country home is found. The local volunteer societies canvass their neighborhoods and send to the children's committee of the destitute board the names of any families they have found where children may be placed. The children's committee selects the home which it judges is best adapted to the development of the child in question.

No child is placed in a family so poor that the child might suffer. The foster parent receives a sum averaging $1.25 per week for the care of the child and for proper clothing. When of school age the child must be sent to school. The local volunteer committee looks after its care and culture, and zealous neighbors often assist in watching the growth and education of these happy children.

When the child is fourteen years old he begins to work. His earnings are placed in the Postal Savings bank, and at the age of seventeen or eighteen he goes out into the world an independent man. The state, at an expense of less than $70 a year, has raised a man or woman to contribute to its wealth and prevented the manufacture of a criminal and the expense of courts, prisons and reformatories.

**Carry Your Own Pillow.**

Many people when away from home find it difficult to sleep well in a strange bed and arise in the morning with a sense of having passed a decidedly unsatisfactory night. An old railway official, who ought to know, says the trouble is all in the pillow. It's the pillow first, last and always. He has slept in many lands and under all imaginable conditions and years ago came to the conclusion that with one's own pillow at hand it mattered little about the bed. On an extended tour he always takes his pillow with him, stowing it carefully at the bottom of the trunk for future reference. "If I could start life over again," he says, "I would learn to sleep without a pillow (the only proper way), but the art must be acquired during childhood. The next best thing is your own pillow wherever possible. Try it and be convinced.—Philadelphia Record.

**Wouldn't Eat Eels.**

A well known naturalist tells of an experience in the Hebrides last summer. "We saw great numbers of eels actually leaving the sea and ascending a small clear stream which formed the outlet to a shallow loch," he writes. "They varied in size from mere threads to specimens weighing two to three pounds each. The migration continued for a whole week, and one day we succeeded in capturing half a score about fifty yards away from high tide mark. These were offered to a highland shepherd, who, with a shrug and a grimace, said, 'Och, sir, I would liefer eat snakes.' "

**Such a Nice Riddle.**

"Did you ever hear the alphabetical conundrum, Angelina?"

"No, Augustus. What is it?"

"It is, When will there be only twenty-five letters in the alphabet?"

"Oh, I never could guess that!"

"It's when U and I are made one, my darling."

"What a nice conundrum it is, Augustus!"

**Youthful Aspirations.**

Holden—Both of your children are getting along. They'll soon have to decide upon their careers. Belden—Oh, that's all settled long ago. Tom has made up his mind to be a retired millionaire, and Henrietta thinks she is cut out for a rich widow.—Boston Transcript.

**Courting Peace.**

"Smith never quarrels with his wife. She spends nearly all her time abroad."

"Yes, they get along together by living apart."—Houston Post.

## TOO RAPID EATING.

**It Is One of the Most Fruitful Causes of Ill Health.**

One of the most fruitful causes of ill health and bad complexions is the habit of rapid eating. It is growing more and more prevalent in this country. We really haven't time to eat properly, and we have very little time to sleep, yet we hope to retain youth and beauty.

A woman may work ever so hard and be under a great tension while working, but if she will take time enough to eat (a half hour at the least, with a half hour rest at noon), and will sleep seven or eight hours of the twenty-four she will greatly increase her usefulness.

With the habit of rapid eating comes an increase in the amount of liquids taken during the meals. Food properly masticated can be easily swallowed, but if ill chewed it must be washed down with liquid. This, of course, lessens the flow of saliva, dilutes the gastric juices and interferes greatly with the process of digestion.

Those who have tried thorough mastication of their food with no liquid, unless at the end or a half hour after the meal, have learned that the food tastes better, the meal is more satisfactory and the appetite is appeased with less food, the digestion is aided, leaving one much more comfortable than the hasty meal. A few days' trial will convince the most skeptical, for the stomach responds promptly to decent treatment. It expects it. It deserves it.

One of the greatest mistakes of the age is rapid eating, and one of the greatest curses is the nervous dyspepsia caused by it.

## A MIGHTY PREACHER.

**John Ross Was Strong of Arm and a Good Fisher.**

John Ross was a Scotch minister who flourished in the early part of the seventeenth century. Tales of his wonderful deeds are told to this day in his former parish of Blair. At one time the reverend gentleman walked to Mause, a distance of about three miles, for the purpose of seeing a certain farmer and if possible inducing him to come to church, where he had never been. He found him fishing in the river and asked to be allowed to have a cast. "I never lend my rod to anybody," said the farmer. "But," replied the minister, "I have come all the way expressly to see you, and I must have a cast." The farmer, who was a very strong man and had never been beaten in a fist fight, offered to fight for it.

"All right," said the minister, and he gave the farmer such a mauling that he was glad to give up his rod. But it was a different kind of fishing that the minister had come for. He asked the farmer to keep the rod and conduct him to his house at Mause. When they arrived the minister said, "Now, you go on your knees and pray," telling him that he would not leave till he did so.

So the farmer fell on his knees and cried, "Oh, Lord, deliver me from this man." "Stop!" said the minister. "That is very good. I hope you may always be able to do as well. Now, you have to promise to come to the kirk next Sunday." This the farmer did. Not long afterward he became a leading elder.

**Icebergs as Indicators.**

In the investigation of the currents round the coast of Newfoundland it has been observed that there is at times a wide difference in the direction of the drift of icebergs and that of the flat or pan ice, which, having no great depth, is governed in its motions by the surface currents and the winds, whereas the icebergs, the larger part of which is submerged to a great depth, follow only the movement of the ocean water as a whole and are uninfluenced by the winds. In consequence a huge berg may often be seen majestically maintaining its slow advance in opposition to the wind and across the general motion of the fields of flat ice surrounding it. The sealers often take advantage of this fact by mooring their vessels to an iceberg in order to prevent a drift to leeward.—Youth's Companion.

**While You Wait.**

She had taken her umbrella into one of those places where they offer to recover them "while you wait." "It will take two days," said the man. "But I can't possibly wait two days in here," she remonstrated. "It's so very stuffy, isn't it?" The umbrella mender, without a smile, said he would send it around in a couple of days. She pointed out to him that there was still a big difference between what he advertised and what he could accomplish. Then he explained. "It will be done while you wait," said he, "but you needn't begin to wait until day after tomorrow."—Chicago News.

**Too Much Athletics.**

Many physicians now claim that the general health is hurt rather than benefited by athletics, that muscle building is not necessary to good health, that to bring about a perfectly trained condition has a severe effect on the nerves, that a built up muscle has a tendency to degenerate and that the heart, being a muscular organ, shares in this danger.

**Just as With Her Father.**

"Your daughter's music is improving," said the professor, "but when she runs the scales I have to watch her pretty closely."

"Just like her father," said Mrs. Nuritch. "He made his money in the grocery business."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It is not the intelligent man who rules, but intelligence; not the wise man, but wisdom.—Goethe.

## A BRONZE FLOWER.

**Prettiest Morning Glory That Ever Bloomed In a Tomato Can.**

While I devoured my sandwiches, finger marks and all, with a mighty appetite at noontime of my first day at work with the iron molders Mike reached over into a neighboring yard and plucked a crisp climbing morning glory. Holding the delicate blossom up for my inspection, he said, "Young feller, kin you make me one just like that in bronze?" I was quite sure I could not. "But," said he, "you needn't think it can't be done. First you get an old can, punch a hole through the bottom of it with a nail and stick the stem of the flower through the hole, leaving the blossom inside. See?" I saw. "Next you fill the can with water and drop into the water bit by bit nice fine sand. Mind you, go slow. After a long time the water will leak out, leaving the blossom buried in the sand, but still in good shape. Now you'll dry the whole thing in the core oven and bake it. That will burn the blossom to ashes. Then if you have the patience to shake it and shake it till all the ashes drop out through the stem you'll be ready to pour in your metal, and if you do as I tell you and make no mistake and try about six times you'll have in the end the prettiest morning glory that ever bloomed in a tomato can."—Scribner's.

## FRIENDSHIP.

**It Imposes Serious Duties Upon Those Who Court It.**

"When acquaintanceship ripens into friendship, something serious has come into one's life," writes Mrs. Henry Graham in the Onlooker. "I don't think that any one can or ought to afford to have more than one or two really intimate friends. If love has gone with friendship—that is, if the gates of paradise have been opened to you, and the guardian angel has sheathed his flaming sword and admitted you through the portals—then you must have given everything, and you have very little left to give. A man can have a man friend and a woman a woman, because there are places where men meet men and women meet women alone, neutral ground where the other sex cannot enter because of its limitations, and there real friendship may live and thrive on the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table.

"For friendship implies something serious. You must give of yourself, your real self, and once given it cannot be taken back. One has no right to give up a friendship unless the other person agrees or unless it has become an absolute impossibility, and even then all the obligations of it may survive, while the delights of it die."

## THE "I" AND THE "J."

**Why They are Dotted and How the Practice Originated.**

The dot over the "i" originated in an accent which was put over the letter when doubled or placed next a "u," a practice traced back to the eleventh century. In the twelfth century the accent occurs in the combination of "i" with other letters, and in the fourteenth century the accent was changed to a dot—first instance in MSS. 1327—which became universal when printing made it inconvenient to retain both forms.

Originally "i" and "j" were modified forms of the same letter. In the fifteenth century the "i" at the beginning of a word was lengthened and ornamentally turned to the left, while in the middle of a word it was unaltered. Both forms were dotted, and after the initial "i" became "j," a separate letter and a consonant, it still retained its dot. This is limited usually to the small "j," but abroad it may be seen also over the capital letter.—London Telegraph.

**King Alfonso's Bet.**

When the king of Spain was at Xeres he greatly admired a horse belonging to Senor Rivero, one of the notables of the town, who at once presented him with the animal. The king refused the gift, but the other day at the pigeon shooting at the Casa de Campo, near Madrid, a match was arranged between the king and Senor Rivero. The stakes were, on the king's side, a gold piece of 100 pesetas, and on Senor Rivero's a souvenir of Xeres.

Like a skillful courtier Senor Rivero lost and sent the king the horse which he had so much admired as a souvenir of Xeres. The king could not refuse to accept, but he at once sent the senor one of the best horses in the royal stable in exchange.—London Sketch.

**A Mare's Nest.**

A "nightmare" was supposed by our ancestors to be the Saxon demon Mara, or Mare, a vampire which sat upon the sleeper's chest and was regarded as the guardian of hid treasure, over which it brooded, as a hen over her eggs, and the place where it sat was termed the nidus, or nest. When any one claims he has made a great discovery which is really no discovery at all we say he has discovered a "mare's nest," a place where an imaginary treasure lies.

**Sure of Himself.**

"I'll give you a position as clerk to start with," said the merchant, "and pay you what you are worth. Is that satisfactory?"

"Oh, perfectly," replied the college graduate, "but—er—do you think the firm can afford it?"—Philadelphia Press.

**Hard to Approach.**

Lady (looking for an apartment)—I'd like to see the janitor, please. Assistant—Did yez have an appointment wid him?—Brooklyn Life.

Tact comes as much from goodness of heart as from fineness.—Endymion.

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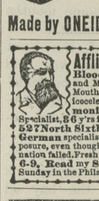

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