

WHY WE DO SOME THINGS

It is Certainly Not Because We Appear to Advantage When Doing Them.

A man does not take off his hat to a lady because he looks nice without it, declares Gilbert Chesterton, in the Illustrated London News.

He does it because you must positively do something when you meet a lady or your whole civilization goes to pieces; and taking off your hat is easier than taking off your necktie or lying face downward on the pavement.

The primary point is that you must do something not that you must do something beautiful. And as long as cultivated people cannot grasp this fact they will find their efforts quite futile in dealing with what they often consider the dullness of the middle classes, or the vulgarity and morbidity of the poor.

In so far as the bourgeoisie think it more important to wear a Sunday hat than a becoming hat, he is perfectly right. It is more important; the religion of the tribe is more important than the pretty appearance of Mr. Jones.

In so far as the charwoman thinks it more important that her husband should have a "proper" funeral than a pretty funeral, she is perfectly right. It is more important; decorum is as permanent a human sentiment as art, and a much more pressing one.

He would also understand perfectly the sentiment of a Sunday hat. I believe in savages myself; I think that in a great many matters they represent the enduring common sense and moral minimum of humanity.

SIMPLE CURE FOR NEURALGIA.

If on Left Side of Face Put Right Hand in Hot Water and Vice Versa.

A simple method of curing facial neuralgia is given in the Indian Review. If the neuralgia is in the right side of the face the left hand should be placed in a basin of water as hot as can be borne.

The explanation is that the two nerves which have the greatest number of tactile nerve endings are the fifth and the median nerve. As the fibres of these two nerves cross, any impulse conveyed to the left hand will affect the right side of the face, or if applied to the right hand will affect the left side of the face.

HUNT MAN-EATING TIGERS.

Dangers Encountered by Sportsmen Who Go Out After the Feroceous Beast.

Men who have shot "big cats of the Indian jungle" all emphasize the difference between an "ordinary tiger" and a "man eater." One varies from the other as much as a domestic pussy from a wildcat.

When the Britisher or Indian goes tiger hunting, therefore, he looks first of all to his own safety. Having learned that a tiger rarely looks upward, he seeks a position at some distance from the ground, as, for instance, the howdah of an elephant, or a sedan or leaf-covered box pitched in a tree.

The tiger usually keeps its eyes on the ground, because it finds its prey there and its enemies also. The natural inhabitants of the trees, the birds and the monkeys, it holds in contempt. But on the ground, besides the sweet-fleshed man, lives the water buffalo, its most formidable foe.

The peculiar sagacity of the elephant is of great assistance to the man who hunts tigers from the howdah. At the approach of the big cat the pachyderm trumpets an alarm, and if properly trained it will snatch its master with its trunk, above he on the ground, and lift him into the howdah on its back.

When one shoots tigers from the machan or tree ambush he usually picks a place where the beast is wont to retreat when alarmed. With a companion he hides himself in his nest. In his hand he holds a magazine rifle loaded and cocked, while in his belt he carries a half dozen pistols for instant use should the gun fail him.

THE MEN RESPONSIBLE.

The late Alexander Muir of Toronto, author of "The Maple Leaf," Canada's national anthem, was inspired in his lyrics by the discovery of laws which were too often, he claimed, unfair to women.

"The trouble with many husbands," he once said, "is that they treat their wives as a Toronto newspaper editor. This man, sitting in his drawing room on a cool evening, cried out fiercely: 'Shut that door, confound it! What's the matter with you, anyway? Do you want to freeze me?' The cook appeared calmly in the open doorway.

"Do you know who you are speaking to, sir?" she said in a stern voice. "The man, taken aback, stammered: 'Oh, excuse me. I thought it was my wife.'"

VAIN OF THEIR PETTICOATS.

Garments Most Prized Possession of Indian Women.

The prized possession of the Polynesian Indian woman and her chief wife is, whether she is pure Indian or chola, is her petticoat. Her dowry is in this garment. Like the Dutch woman of tradition, she carries her wealth about with her. These petticoats are of all colors of the rainbow and divers other hues not found therein.

These women have a habit which the helpful traveler does not at first understand. When he sees one of those calmly removing a petticoat he is apt to turn away, but he need not do so.

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Most Wonderful Discovery DR. MUD'S SOUR LAKE MINERAL SOAP AND Mineral Salve. For Eczema and all skin and scalp diseases it is a positive cure. For beautifying the complexion every lady should use the soap, and for the bath and as a toilet soap it is without an equal.

Sour Lake Chemical Co. HOUSTON, TEXAS. The Influence of a Woman. The fearful and wonderful story of the high-handed and unblushing crookedness, rascality and perverseness of the Standard Oil Company were first told by Miss Ida M. Tarbell, a magazine writer, a few years ago.

of his life, and the fight for its life, before the courts of State and Nation. All this and more has come to pass since Miss Tarbell, the Joan of Arc of our day, first began the fight against the trust monster. She is still bravely and wisely leading, and more than one trust barge, prince and king hath reason as he beholds her old to call out on his armor-bearer to slay him rather than die by the hand of a woman.—Texas Farmer.

Folk Denounces Mail-Order Idea. Addressing a meeting of retail merchants in Jefferson city recently, Governor Folk of Missouri, said: "We are proud of our splendid cities, and we want to increase wealth and population, and we also want our country towns to grow. We wish the city merchants to build up, but we also desire the country merchants to prosper. I do not believe in the mail-order citizen. If a place is good enough for a man to live in and to make his money in, it's good enough for him to spend his money in."

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Buy your Groceries at Mooney's and you are sure to be pleased. Don't send money to mail order houses to deposit. Your home bank is the only safe place to keep it and will pay you as good interest as can be had, and you run no risk as in such cases as the "Cash Buyer's Union" failure. The home bank will grant you favors and mail order houses never do.

Why Not Call It Treason? Senator Bailey's friends ask for specific charges. Who wants more specific charges than in Duncan's resolutions? The press of Texas and the people proffered them—Duncan drafted them from their paragraphs. The senator has been seized with notice of what he is to meet—even with some detailed talking of testimony—quite an advantage over the usual form of indictment. The charges are in the form of a demand for full investigation, questioning the character and integrity of Senator Bailey and signed by a multitude of stalwart democratic members of the house who never scratched a democratic ticket.

Read here one of the Duncan charges: "Joseph W. Bailey, while United States senator, accepted money and favors from the Waters-Pierce Oil company and H. Clay Pierce, as a consideration for his advice and political and official influence in securing the re-admission of said Waters-Pierce Oil company to do business in the state. After its permit to do so had been forfeited under the anti-trust laws of the state, he advised and procured the re-admission of said company and final judgment therein in the supreme court of the United States, thus rendering fruitless and null said proceedings and judgment."

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Is it immaterial, irrelevant, glittering generality? Yes, to Bailey men. But is clear, definite, material and relevant, and specific to the sterling democracy of the state.

Here the issue is clearly drawn. And so are the other charges. How can you make it stronger? Only by adding epithet. Treason is either in making open battle against the state, or in secretly giving aid and comfort to its enemies. If you want more specific charges, why not call it treason?

Senator Bailey's friends are good lawyers. Now, it is not the time to speak of generalities in pleading. Is it not better practice to wait on that score till after the arraignment of the defendant before the tribunal of the house and senate, and then upon faculty pleadings let the client go free? No they are trifling with the subject and with the people, whom they misrepresent.

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Skeletons of Giants. What archaeologists declare will solve the mystery surrounding the ancient mound builders discovered recently in one of a series of hills along the Illinois river, in that state. The "find" shows traces of handicraft of past ages, and the bones of those who made it. Several skeletons were exhumed more than eight feet long, also pieces of remarkable pottery, beads and curious implements. Under the bones of the ancient dead were found vases, the largest of which are capable of holding more than two gallons, while under a skull was unearthed a bowl in the center of which is a well fashioned figure of a king seated upon a crude throne. It is believed by scientists that these bones may be those of a great leader of the race that once ruled this portion of the country. Strangest of all were implements that are apparently made of bamboo, some of them evidently shaped for purposes of wearing, countless beads were found in a mound of a strange material almost white, and possibly made from the best potter's clay. Another interesting and curious "find" is a shell-shaped dish with a wolf's head, the work which leaves, no doubt, that it was carved, even the teeth of the wolf gleaming from it and as exquisitely executed as some of the ivory carving of the Japanese. Thousands of persons are being attracted to the scene of excavation by the news of the wonderful discoveries. The soil of the mound has never been disturbed and to this fact is attributed the marvelous preservation of things taken from it.—Ex.

A Shame of Texas. It is said that there are not exceeding twenty or twenty-five strictly American voters residing in Rio Grande City; that the public schools are largely used for political purposes. From a statement furnished by prominent citizens of Rio Grande City these interesting facts are obtained: That only seven out of twenty-four school trustees read, write and speak the English language. Out of twenty-nine teachers, nineteen do not speak, write or read the English language. The same statement alleges: "Of all the teachers they are diligent political workers for the party in power, or in the case of women, are backed by male workers who are active workers. Public school teachers not able to read, write or speak the language of their own government! The above needs a comment.—Seguin Enterprise.

The Puzzle Solved. Some time ago a merchant in Marblehead, Mass., was discovered in his store at a very late hour, and in replying to inquiries, he said: "My confidential clerk is missing." "And what of it?" "Why I'm looking over the books, but they seem to be all right." "Have you counted your cash?" "Yes; and it is correct to a dollar." "Looked over your bank book?" "I have, and it is satisfactory. That's the puzzle, you see. He's skipped, and I can't make out what for." "Been home since noon?" "No." "Perhaps he's eloped with your wife?" "He hurried home, and found this to be the case."

The Montgomery Advertiser discredits the theory that Adam was a negro, on the ground that Eve tempted him with an apple instead of a watermelon.

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