

WANT NO CLERICAL CLOTHES

Dereclits Refuse to Accept Parson's Coats, Fearing the Taunts of Their Fellows.

A bundle of clothes from the mission lay on the tailor's table. "What did you send these things around to me for?" he asked. "They seem to be in pretty good condition."

"They are in good enough condition," said the missionary, "but they will never be acceptable to the dereclits we expect to distribute them among until the ministerial cut is modified. Every coat in the lot has belonged to a preacher, and its style betrays its ownership."

"Most of the men who apply at the mission for hand-me-downs haven't much pride left, but they balk at a parson's coat. Unless actually driven to it, they will not wear one."

"Clothes twice as badly worn but of a business cut are chosen instead. Most ministers have hard work disposing of their clerical clothes. Conscientious scruples against masquerading in religious garb have nothing to do with these men refusing the ministers' coats. They simply don't want them because they dread the taunts the coats are likely to provoke among their fellows."

Innocence is lovely in the child, because in harmony with its nature; but our path in life is not backward but onward, and virtue can never be the offspring of mere innocence. If we are to progress in the knowledge of good, we must also progress in the knowledge of evil.

Innocence may be beautiful, but can never be strong, while the whole essence of virtue lies in its strength to resist and power to endure. If the innocence of childhood be replaced by the firm principles of integrity and honor, the loss will be really a great gain. It is only where the knowledge of evil is unattained by appreciation of its nature, where temptations are yielded to and not resisted, that we are induced to grieve over the departure of that innocence which was so beautiful in earlier years.

Undoubtedly Genuine. The mistress observed one morning that her dusky butler was wearing a ring with a setting almost large enough for a beacon light, if it had possessed the proper brilliancy.

"Am dat a genuine dimont yo' is sportin', Jake?" the maid asked, suspicion and hope about equally balanced in her tone. "Am dis a dimont?" reproachfully. "Does yo' spouse id by anything else fo' a 'gagement ring'?"

Benevolent Mule. A farmer once bought a mule at the market and named it Tough Hide, for it looked as if it had been accustomed to more blows than food.

Place of the Fireless Cooker. Even in this rich country, only one family in ten can afford to hire a cook, and in the far west such a person is seldom obtainable at any price.

Exceptions. "The pass system has been generally abolished, hasn't it?" "Not so generally. The corporation I've invested in has not abolished it about their dividends."

WHERE RELIGION IS OPEN

Its Observance in Public Is Common Among Eastern Christians, as Among Mohammedans.

The Bishop of London has been praising the openness with which Mohammedans practice their religion. He would like to have mats in the cathedral for bishops to kneel on to say their prayers in public.

How Insects Walk on Water. Even a solid rod of iron may be made to float provided it is small enough. Take a fine needle, wipe it with an oily rag, but do not leave any visible trace of oil on it, and then lay it gently on the surface of water in a basin.

For Children to Know. Just as soon as he can toddle out of doors teach your little boy his name and address. If he can say "I'm Johnnie Jones, 1378 Amsterdam avenue," it may save you hours of nervous agitation when searching for a lost Johnnie one of these days.

Flowers Have Eyes. Many common garden and wild flowers—the nasturtium, begonia, clover, wood sorrel and bluebell among others—possess eyes on their leaves.

Puget Sound Seal Herd. The raising of seals for their fur is to become one of the profitable industries of the northwest, for experiments made last summer on Puget sound have proved that the seal will flourish and increase with great success.

"Nervy" Woman. A prominent citizen says the "nervy" woman he ever saw was one who, instead of boarding the car promptly, inquired for the conductor. The conductor was inside the car collecting fares, but hurried to the rear platform.

She Was Stylish. "Maggie," said the mistress to the new girl, "don't you know better than to throw the slops out at the back door?" "Ax'n' yer pardon, ma'am," replied Maggie, "but I reckon as I knows me bizness. I ain't never worked for a family wot had no more self-respect than t' throw 'em out at the front door, ma'am."

PARADISE FOR THE ACTOR

Australia Is the Place Where the People Make Real Gifts to Stage Favorites.

The actor, bronzed from a long sea voyage, was praising Australia, whence he had just returned. "Australia, the place!" he cried enthusiastically. "If a pretty actress makes a hit over there, the warm-hearted Australians aren't content with passing flowers over the footlights to her. No, no. They pass her a box of gloves, a dozen pairs of silk stockings, a turkey, a fur muff, or a case of wine."

Strange Spread of Rumor. It is so mysterious that Greeks and Romans made of it a deity. The phenomena of Rumor—its mysterious origin and marvelous spread—so impressed the ancient Greeks that they made of it a deity, Pheme, to whom altars were raised.

Wife Who Nags. The worst thing that the bad fairy could wish upon a man is a nagging, fault-finding wife. The most savory of the dishes prepared by her hand tastes flat and stale if served up with the sauce of her complaints.

Better Keep the Boy. At nightfall the junior partner's exultation of the day changed to chagrin and he clamored noisily for the errand boy's dismissal.

In Praise of Courage. Certain virtues are divided from vices by so narrow a line that we must discern very clearly to see the difference. Few men can distinguish pride from vanity; perseverance from stubbornness; economy from avarice.

Two Pickered on One Line. A humble and honest fisherman was at his traps for pickered on a Maine pond the other day is ready to make a caveat as follows: "I hereby declare on oath that I did catch two pickered on one hook. The first pickered swal lowed the bait and didn't like it. Apparently he tried to cough it up. At any rate he spewed the hook out under his gills and it floated off in the water to be grabbed by a second pickered. Thus there came up two pickered, all strung on a line—Lewiston Journal.

Part Played by Heredity. Heredity plays an important part not only in tuberculosis and cancerous affection, but in many other diseases. We do not inherit tuberculosis, but a lessened vitality, a contract tuberculosis, or a tendency to tuberculosis infection. I have inherited usually people who are lessened vitality, and they run the further risk of tuberculosis infection from others or sisters who are apt to be infected.

RIGHT CHILDHOOD IS MODEST

Well-Bred Youngster Does Not Think That It Knows Everything, Says Ruskin.

The first character of right childhood is that it is modest. A well-bred child does not think it can teach its parents, or that it knows everything. It may think its father and mother know everything—perhaps that all grown-up people know everything; very certainly it is sure that it does not.

Think Too Much of Money. Many persons lose chance of happy marriage by exaggerating the value of wealth. Scores of people lose their chances of being happily married through making an unnecessary obstacle of money. The importance of it is often exaggerated. Many a man hesitates to propose to a girl because of his small income.

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LITTLE NELL WAS ORIGINAL

DeQuincey's "Our Lady of Tears" Did Not Suggest the Character to Dickens.

It is remarked of Charles Dickens that no modern writer was less open to the charge of having received suggestions from the characters and plots of his novels from others than was he, and this for the reason that his plots and characters were chosen, not from books, but from people and incidents in the living world about him.

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