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THE TOO-CLEVER WOMAN.

Man unjustly accuses woman of enjoying a monopoly of vanity, when, as a matter of fact, no woman is any more vain than most men, and in some respects mere man is so much more vain than woman that comparison is ridiculous. A good many men spend as much time as any belle over their attire and the manner of its assumption on state occasions, but the real vanity of man concerns his brains. He likes a clever woman, but the very instant he suspects she is cleverer than he, he takes fright. His vanity is hurt. Inasmuch as awe and love are not given to rambling leafy lanes hand in hand, and man in his superiority likes to believe woman dependent upon him mentally as well as for creature needs, the woman who is really clever will never allow her cleverness to obtrude itself too strongly upon men. Wit is a good servant, but a bad master. The girl who acquires a reputation for putting on airs, or being "smart," is never popular among men. The too-clever woman is handicapped by her cleverness. It sometimes pays to pamper foolish, egotistic man, and use wit with discretion.

This country that laid the rails for the great railroads of Russia, that has bestowed upon the czar's realm many of the implements of its industrial promotion is being looked to by the douma for other assistance of the same nature. A bill has passed the parliament providing for the establishment at Washington of a Russian agricultural agency for the purpose of introducing American methods and machinery. This is but another evidence that America leads the world, and the nations are sitting at her feet seeking instruction in the modern art of getging to the goal without going in a circle. The American methods and machinery in agriculture account for much of the prosperity of the American people. Russia is doing good work in seeking to introduce them for the benefit of the vast rural population of the empire.

There can be no long felt or deeply serious depression from financial panic in a country whose agricultural production is increasing at the rate of $300,000,000 a year. Nearly $8,000,000,000 of new wealth was brought up out of the ground in the year just coming to a close, or $80 per capita on a basis of 100,000,000 population—an increase of more than a third of a billion over the the soil production of 1907. These are farm values based on prices paid the producer, and the increase has come despite the fact that cotton and hay, the second and third crops in importance, measured by aggregate value, have experienced a heavy slump in price as compared with the prices prevalent a year ago.

The sad plight of an old couple driven from the home they had given to their daughter is pitiful testimony to the heartlessness of children who are humored, petted and pampered into selfishness by indulgent parents. The daughter who turns her aged parents into the street is like the husband who borrows his wife's girlhood savings and spends them on other women. In each case the fault is in fathers and mothers who permit their children to grow up selfish. Parents and wives who are tempted to sacrifice the little substance which guarantees their independence should beware. Love is blind, and there is danger in intrusting common sense to a blind guide.

The latest London health fad is drinking hot milk. It was started by the prince of Wales when he drank a large quantity of hot milk at a dinner of the Savage club. The statement is made that one glass of hot milk at bedtime will insure pleasant dreams, while a glass every half hour through the day has been known to put physical wrecks upon their feet. It will be generally conceded that there might be worse fads than that of drinking hot milk.

A Mexican who was a member of the firing squad that killed Emperor Maximilian has just died at the age of 104 years. He was an unknown man yet he helped to make history. His shot helped to the undoing of Napoleon III. and the remaking of the map of Europe—for the Mexican adventure ruined Napoleon's fame and prestige.

The robin is here Navigation has opened and the Easter hats range from a nightmare to an effulgent sunset illuminating a brilliant flower garden. It is spring, but don't let the flirtatious season fool you. Cling to your underclothing and overcoat.

The proposition for a closed season for minnows may have a bearing on the supply of sardines. As "almost anything" is colfish that is marketed in dry salt, all small fish that are sold in cans pass as sardines.

NO LEGAL HOLIDAY

Is the Opinion of Attorney General Byers

IULY 5 ALSO APPLICABLE

It Is Suggested That if the Saloons Consult Their Own Interests They Will Not Open May 31.

Des Moines, Ia., May 10.—While not handing in an official opinion on the subject, Attorney General Byers in a letter written to City Solicitor Joseph R. Frailey of Ft. Madison, says that May 31, although it may be observed as Memorial day, is not a legal holiday as designated by the statute and therefore saloons cannot be compelled to remain closed on that day. The attorney general suggests that if the saloons consult their own best interests, however, there will be nothing doing in the alcoholic beverage line on May 31.

This view of the attorney general will not only affect the Monday after Memorial day, but likewise the Monday following July 4, which also falls on Sunday. Interest in the question has been intense in all sections of the state.

The attorney general quotes from a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska, which says that where statutes designated certain days as legal holidays and prohibited the courts from transacting business on such days, the restriction is confined to the days named in the statutes and where any such days falls on Sunday the succeeding Monday is not to be observed as such holidays, as far as it may affect the presentment and demand of commercial paper.

The Iowa statute designates May 30 as a legal holiday. Hence under the Nebraska decision that date and day is a legal holiday and May 31 is not.

ELECT FINANCE COMMITTEE

W. R. Boyd of Cedar Rapids, President, D. A. Emery of Ottumwa, Secretary, and Thos. Lambert.

Iowa City, Ia., May 7.—The state board of education met at Iowa City and elected the finance committee as follows:

W. R. Boyd of Cedar Rapids, president; D. A. Emery of Ottumwa, secretary, and Thomas Lambert of Sabula. Mr. Emery is also secretary of the board of nine. Offices will be at the state capitol.

This committee will assume their duties July 1. The committee will have virtually powers under the state board as an executive committee and has charge of the state university at Iowa City, the agricultural college at Ames and the state normal at Cedar Falls.

Body is Still in the River.

Iowa Falls.—Many people in this part of the state are taking much interest in the case of Chris Anderson, who was drowned in the Cedar river at Waterloo several weeks ago and whose body has not been recovered. Anderson formerly resided at Popejoy and Dows and was well known in the country north of here. It now develops that he carried a policy of $6,000 on his life, but the insurance company refuses to pay the widow the insurance money unless the body is produced. After many efforts to recover the body hope of doing so seems about abandoned, and in hopes of adding an incentive to another effort to find the body the widow has offered a reward of $1,000. Two other men lost their lives at the time Anderson was drowned.

Oats Crop a Failure.

Fort Dodge.—It is believed that practically the entire oats crop of Webster county will be a failure this season owing to the fact that the seed already in the ground is rotting and farmers have begun to plow up their oats and small grain fields in preparation for the planting of corn. The cold and damp condition of the ground is believed to be responsible for the situation.

Producing Sugar in Iowa.

Waverly.—That the sugar beet industry in Iowa is making headway is shown by the fact that the Iowa Sugar company has placed at different stations tributary to Waverly on the Rock Island and the Great Western railways sixty families of beet workers numbering about 300 people.

Kicked to Death by Horse.

Oskaloosa.—A fatal accident occurred at the Temple home, five miles south of Keota, when Clifford, was killed. He was currying a horse which backed him into a corner. He struck the animal with the currycomb to make it move out of the corner, and it kicked him in the abdomen.

Iowa Fourth at Cedar Falls.

Cedar Falls.—In the interstate oratorical contest which took place at the State Teachers' college in this city, the judges gave first place to Illinois, second to Wisconsin, third to Kansas and fourth to Iowa. Missouri is the other state in the league.

Wolves Are Shot.

Sidney.—Two old wolves and fourteen young ones were brought to the office of the county auditor by farmers from the northern part of the county.

VIOLATED ORDER OF COURT

MEMBERS OF THE FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD HELD GUILTY.

Must Answer to the Grand Jury for the Payment of Alleged Illegal Warrants.

Fairfield, Ia., May 10.—The Farmington school board, consisting of B. F. Ketchman, treasurer, George C. Junkins, H. F. Barton, Joseph Steinmeyer, M. L. Barger and Fred Venkfall, arrested on a bench warrant for violating an injunction of the court restraining them from paying or attempting to pay certain warrants to the amount of $11,044.40, which had been declared by both the district court of Van Buren county and the supreme court of Iowa to be void and worthless, were convicted of the charge by Judge Eichelberger and bound over to the Van Buren county district court in bonds of $200 each, which through the courtesy of counsel for the prosecution, William Walker of Keosauqua, were reduced to $100 each. Mr. Walker also dismissed the complaint as to Henry Mulvihill on account of being confined to his bed by illness.

The news of the decision of Judge Eichelberger was sent to Farmington by telephone, where it was said to meet with the joyful approval of citizens.

IN PRISON SINCE YEAR 1878

He Awaits With Childish Joy His First Glimpse of Modern Cities

Des Moines, Ia., May 7.—By an unanimous vote the state board of parole went on record favoring a pardon for William B. Glyndon, who has served thirty-one years in the Fort Madison state prison for a crime, which members of the board say there is grave doubt of his having committed. The recommendation has been submitted to Governor Carroll.

Only a stroke of the governor's pen now stands between the old man whose strength and hope and soul have all but died within the walls of an Iowa prison and freedom. That stroke will be backed by the united conviction of three men appointed as a competent advisory tribunal, that Glyndon has suffered long enough, that he not improbably is the victim of an appalling miscarriage of justice and that he should be allowed to pass his twilight days a free man.

Glyndon is 70 years old, and since 1878 he has breathed prison air, worn convict's clothes, and passed his days with the companionship of criminals within the four walls of the Fort Madison penitentiary. He has been in prison longer than any other man, living or dead, in the United States.

WOULD KNOW REALTY VALUE

Secretary Davison is Sending a Circular Letter to the Auditor of Each County in the State.

Des Moines, Ia., May 5.—Secretary A. H. Davison of the executive council is mailing a circular letter to the county auditor of every county in Iowa asking for a comparative statement of the real and assessed valuation of lands within the county. The information will be used in determining the assessments of Iowa railroads next summer.

Six years ago a similar canvass was made by the council and the result was a 10 per cent boost in the railroad assessment. It was found in 1903 that the average rate of assessment of land was 80 per cent of the real value, and this percentage was applied with some modification to the assessment of railroad property.

In 1902 the total assessed valuation of railroads in Iowa was $51,307,950. After a canvass ordered by Governor Cummins had shown that farm lands were paying taxes on 80 per cent of their real value, the total assessed valuation jumped to $56,541,513, or about 10 per cent. Increases in earnings since 1903 have increased the assessed valuation until last year it was $63,457,616.

No attempt will be made by the council to ascertain the comparative valuations of personal property or of city real estate.

Attempt to Extort $500.

Centerville.—Nathan Chapman, a prosperous merchant in South Centerville, received a "black hand" letter in which he was told to deposit $500 under the doorstep of his place of business or his life would pay the forfeit. Arming himself, Mr. Chapman and son sat up all night guarding their place of business and watching for someone to come and get the $500 which had been placed under the step. No one appeared and it is thought that persons making the threats knew that the place was watched. As yet no attempt has been made on Mr. Chapman's life.

To Vote Bonds for Water Works.

Leon.—The city council has decided to call an election to occur on June 10 to give the people of this city the opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of $35,000, for the purpose of installing a water works system in this city.

Inherits German Estate.

Waterloo.—Will Withoff, who has been a day laborer in Grundy county for the past twenty years, has fallen heir to an estate valued at about $30,000.

WRIGHTS WELCOMED

DISTINGUISHED AVIATORS ARE GREETED BY HOME-FOLK AT DAYTON.

HEAR THE OLD BAND PLAY

City in Which the Men Who Achieved Aerial Success in Europe, to Have Great Public Reception — Will Make Flight.

Dayton, O., May 14.—The Wright brothers and Miss Katherine Wright, are at home in this city after their long voyage and subsequent railroad trip. The reception tendered them was by their old friends and neighbors of the west division of the city. The elaborate ceremonies are to take place June 17 and 18. They were met at the station by a committee headed by their cousin, A. L. Shearer, a merchant of this city.

Outside the station, in an open carriage, their aged father, Bishop Milton Wright, was waiting to greet his sons and his only daughter. Beside him sat his pet grandchild, little Leontine Wright, daughter of Lorin Wright, an older brother. In another carriage were Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Wright and their two remaining children.

Aviators Ride with Father.

Wilbur and Orville took seats in the first carriage with their father, and Katherine joined her brother and sister-in-law in the second carriage.

A great throng was cheering and creating a volume of sound that could be heard several blocks away, but above the vocal noise the blowing of whistles and the booming of cannon could be heard. All the steam whistles west of the Miami river were bellowing a welcome, and on the bank of Wolf creek, about one-fourth of a mile from the Wright home, a cannon belched at frequent intervals.

Band Plays "Home, Sweet Home."

The procession moved toward the home of the Wright family by way of Fifth street, one of the great arteries of the city. At the further end of the bridge over the Miami a band was stationed and from that point to the home it headed the procession, playing "Home, Sweet Home." At the house the aviators were presented with a laurel wreath executed in India ink. The design shows Mercury flying above the world holding his caduceus aloft. At the top of the design appears Caesar's famous message: "Veni Vidi Vici."

The presentation was made by their cousin, Mr. Shearer. The returned voyagers were greeted by a few intimate friends and the crowd slowly dispersed. Last evening there was an informal reception at the Wright home, when all their old friends and neighbors greeted them and congratulated them on their great achievements and their safe return.

Plan Flight at Dayton.

Orville Wright said they would give a flight in Dayton if it could be arranged. Considerable open space is necessary for the rise from the ground, and they seem to doubt that a proper place can be found within a reasonable distance of the city. Huffman's prairie, where early flights were made, is six miles east, with only one traction line poorly equipped.

Mr. Wright said they would make the flight if it could be arranged.

The reception had been announced as an informal affair in a telegram to the brothers. They were greeted by a multitude, and as they passed through the streets they were cheered by throngs on either side. Through their habitual reserve it was plain to see that they were deeply moved and gratified.

ARREST IOWA TEACHERS.

Des Moines School Ma'ams Held to Answer Charge of Cruelty to a Boy.

Des Moines, Ia., May 14.—Miss Maud Ewing and Miss Ida May Tilden, teachers in the Longfellow school here, were arrested charged with having beaten nine-year-old David Kaplain until he was black and blue.

At a trial before Police Judge Stewart behind closed doors the teachers pleaded not guilty. Their trial was set for May 22.

The teachers accused the little boy of stealing a five-dollar bill from Miss Tilden. When he denied the charge, he says they laid him over a chair and beat him with switches and pinched his cheeks and body.

Try Alleged Revolutionists.

Tombstone, Ariz., May 14.—The trial of Magon, Villareal and Rivera, the alleged revolutionists, started after securing a jury. The first witness for the prosecution was Ansel T. Samuels, who was employed as advertising solicitor on the Regenacion, the official paper of the Junta at St. Louis. His evidence was used to identify signatures of the accused to documents issued in the interest of the revolution.

Baby's Blow Kills Boy.

Dubuque, Ia., May 14.—Clarence Griggs, aged nine years, died of lockjaw as the result of a blow on the neck by a ball in the hands of Milton Metcalf, aged six years, during a fight between Griggs and Albert Metcalf, aged ten years, a week ago.

King James Wins Metropolitan.

Belmont Park, N. Y., May 14.—King James, carrying 125 pounds and favorite in the betting, easily won the Metropolitan handicap. Fayette was second and Juggler third.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Judge G. H. Cabaniss of the superior court of San Francisco granted divorces to seven women in 28 minutes.

C. L. Hutchinson of Chicago was elected president of the American Federation of Arts at the Washington meeting.

The twenty-fifth world-wide quadrennial conference of the United Brethren church began a 12 days' session at Canton, O.

Geraldine Farrar, prima donna, will be wedded in June to Antonio Scotti, Italian barytone. The ceremony will take place in Paris.

H. R. Brasfield of Unionville, Mo., a state representative, who in 1902 set a record by fasting 60 days, is said to be dying in Jefferson City, Mo.

William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, sailed from New York for Europe. He said an early tariff adjustment meant prosperity.

Then thousand tickets were issued for the funeral service over the body of Heinrich Conried, which were held in the Metropolitan opera house in New York.

John W. Herron of Cincinnati, father of Mrs. William H. Taft, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Louis More, has gone to the White House for a visit.

Wireless telephone between Chicago and Milwaukee was put in operation, the first wireless telephone message received in Wisconsin being picked up at the office of the Milwaukee Journal.

Mrs. Dora Richardson Thomas, who, when 13 years old was married to Gen. Cassius M. Clay, in Lexington, Ky., obtained a divorce from her third husband, Samuel Thomas. She is 25 years old.

Both Henry T. Huntington, nephew of the late Collins P. Huntington, and the latter's widow, Mrs. Arabella D. Huntington, denied the dispatches from Los Angeles that they are to be married.

Because she wore high-heeled shoes when she was injured by a fall from a street car, Mrs. Anna Peterson of Oakland, Cal., has lost her suit for damages against the Oakland Traction Company.

W. M. Stone, joint ticket agent of the Wichita Valley & Texas Central railways, was found dead in his room in Stanford, Tex., with a bullet hole in his head. It is supposed that he committed suicide.

F. J. Walz, district forecaster of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed to assume charge of the new topographical division of the United States for the collection of climatology data. Eastern Illinois is in the division.

Claiming complete lapse of memory, a mysterious stranger has arrived at McNeil, Ark., with the only means of identification being the letters "H. A. W." on his linen. He says he remembers he was a professor at a university in Texas.

Chicago is seeking the next convention of the National Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which is meeting in Columbus, O., and which is expected to vote money for completing the home for aged and disabled trainmen at Highland Park, Ill.

GARY SEES GOOD TIMES.

Head of Steel Trust Says Country Is Recovering from Panic and Predicts Prosperity.

Gary, Ind., May 14.—In a speech at a luncheon tendered him by the Gary Commercial club, Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, voiced his belief that the country is now recovering fully from the effects of panic, and that the return of prosperity is now in sight.

Judge Gary with George W. Perkins, President E. J. Buffington of the Indiana Steel Company, and a number of prominent steel officials, will spend the rest of the week in an inspection of the western plant of the corporation.

Penny May Cause Death.

Springfield, Ill., May 14.—Mrs. Georgia Benning is in a critical condition from swallowing a penny five weeks ago.

THE MARKETS.

	New York, May 14.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	$6 25	@ 7 90
Hogs	7 25	@ 7 50
Sheep	4 50	@ 6 00
FLOUR—Winter Straights	5 90	@ 6 20
WHEAT—May	1 34	@ 1 34½
July	1 18⅞	@ 1 19½
CORN—July	77	@ 77½
RYE—No. 2 Western	92	@ 94
BUTTER—Creamery	21	@ 28½
EGGS	19	@ 20
CHEESE	12	@ 17
	CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Fancy Steers	$6 20	@ 7 30
Medium to Good Steers	5 50	@ 6 20
Cows, Plain to Fancy	3 60	@ 5 85
Choice Feeders	3 75	@ 5 50
Calves	4 00	@ 7 00
HOGS—Packers	7 25	@ 7 35
Heavy Butchers	7 35	@ 7 50
Pigs	4 50	@ 7 10
BUTTER—Creamery	20½	@ 27
Dairy	18	@ 24
LIVE POULTRY	8	@ 15
EGGS	19	@ 23
POTATOES (per bu.)	82	@ 90
FLOUR—Spring Wheat, Sp'l	6 80	@ 6 90
WHEAT—May	1 25¾	@ 1 27¼
July	1 11⅞	@ 1 13¼
Corn, May	72⅝	@ 73½
Oats, May	58¾	@ 58⅞
Rye, May	76	@ 79
	MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Nor'n	$1 30	@ 1 31
May	1 07	@ 1 10
Corn, May	68⅛	@ 69⅛
Oats, Standard	59	@ 59½
Rye	87½	@ 88
	KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 Hard	$1 29	@ 1 33
No. 2 Red	1 50	@ 1 55
Corn, No. 2 Mixed	74	@ 74¼
Oats, No. 2 White	57	@ 59
	ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$4 25	@ 7 10
Texas Steers	4 25	@ 6 50
HOGS—Packers	7 00	@ 7 30
Butchers	7 10	@ 7 40
SHEEP—Natives	4 50	@ 6 25
	OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$5 00	@ 7 00
Stockers and Feeders	3 00	@ 5 40
Cows and Heifers	2 75	@ 5 50
HOGS—Heavy	7 10	@ 7 30
SHEEP—Wethers	5 50	@ 6 40

PUBLIC STATEMENT

By a Public Official—County Treasurer of Granbury, Texas.

A. A. Perkins, County Treasurer of Granbury, Hood Co., Texas, says:

"Years ago a severe fall injured my kidneys. From that time I was bothered with a chronic lame back and disordered action of the kidneys helped to make life miserable for me. A friend suggested my using Doan's Kidney Pills, which I did, with the most gratifying results. I made a public statement at the time, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, and am glad to confirm that statement now."

Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

VARIETY.

Hewitt—I've been pinched for money lately.

Jewitt—Well, women have different ways of getting it. My wife kisses me when she wants any.

ECZEMA COVERED HIM.

Itching Torture Was Beyond Words—Slept Only from Sheer Exhaustion—Relieved in 24 Hours and

Cured by Cuticura in a Month.

"I am seventy-seven years old, and some years ago I was taken with eczema from head to foot. I was sick for six months and what I suffered tongue could not tell. I could not sleep day or night because of that dreadful itching; when I did sleep it was from sheer exhaustion. I was one mass of irritation; it was even in my scalp. The doctor's medicine seemed to make me worse and I was almost out of my mind. I got a set of the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent. I used them persistently for twenty-four hours. That night I slept like an infant, the first solid night's sleep I had had for six months. In a month I was cured. W. Harrison Smith, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

To Help Him Save.

H. H. Rogers plunged into the politics of Fairhaven last month in order to secure prohibition for the beautiful Massachusetts town that is his birthplace.

"Mr. Rogers is against drinking," said a Fairhaven man. "He thinks, for one thing, that drinking brings on extravagance and thriftlessness.

"Mr. Rogers stopped and shook hands with me on the street the other morning.

"'Glad to see you out again,' he said. 'Hope you'll vote the right ticket. You've been sick, haven't you?'

"'Yes,' said I. 'Stomach trouble. I guess I won't get to the Easter blowout. The doctor has ordered me to give up champagne.'

"'You haven't paid his bill, yet, eh?' said Mr. Rogers, and he walked off chuckling."

An Error.

He had dined exceedingly well and was standing in the hotel lobby, hatless, and looking exactly as if he were quite at home there. It was no wonder that the hotel guest walked up to him and inquired imperiously:

"Where's the news stand?"

"Dunno."

The guest glared.

"I'll report you for insolence," he hissed.

"Huh?" inquired he who had dined well. "R'port m'?"

"Say, what are you? A bellboy or a detective or—what?"

"I'm a haberdasher," answered the other, with a pleasant smile.

The other snorted and withdrew.

NOT DRUGS

Food Did It.

After using laxative and cathartic medicines from childhood a case of chronic and apparently incurable constipation yielded to the scientific food, Grape-Nuts, in a few days.

"From early childhood I suffered with such terrible constipation that I had to use laxatives continuously going from one drug to another and suffering more or less all the time.

"A prominent physician whom I consulted told me the muscles of the digestive organs were partially paralyzed and could not perform their work without help of some kind, so I have tried at different times about every laxative and cathartic known, but found no help that was at all permanent. I had finally become discouraged and had given my case up as hopeless when I began to use the predigested food, Grape-Nuts.

"Although I had not expected this food to help my trouble, to my great surprise Grape-Nuts digested immediately from the first and in a few days I was convinced that this was just what my system needed.

"The bowels performed their functions regularly and I am now completely and permanently cured of this awful trouble.

"Truly the power of scientific food must be unlimited." "There's a Reason."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.