

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Miss Marianne Walker spent Sunday with friends in Strasburg. D. E. Copp, of New Market, was a Manassas visitor last Saturday.

Miss Thedia Waters, of Washington, was a guest at the home of R. M. Waters. Miss Nicol, of Washington, is a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Meredith.

J. L. Harrell made a business trip to Bristol, Va.-Tenn., this week. Mrs. D. O'Neil spent a short time this week in Warrenton with friends and relatives.

Miss Ella Garrison is the guest of Miss, Elizabeth Buck at her home near Bristol. Mr. and Mrs. Otto, Gathmann, of Washington, were Sunday visitors in Manassas.

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W. Payne made a business trip to Culpeper county one day last week. James E. Birkett of Alexandria, formerly of Manassas, was visiting over Sunday.

Editor DEMOCRAT: The writer has known few gentlemen in business, or as a friend, who so endeared himself to another as did the late Newland T. DePaw.

F. C. Graffam and son, Cyrus, spent Saturday in Alexandria. Miss Hattie McInteer left last week for a visit in Washington.

The Schools of Brentsville District will open on Wednesday October 1st, 1913 at 9 a. m. J. R. Cook, Clerk of Board.

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Male and Female Humorists at Work, and Also in Their Less Harmful Moments of Leisure.

Humorists are people who cut, fit and finish jokes, jests and light verse and do plain and fancy writing which is not serious.

Male humorists do this by lighting a pipe or a cigar, sticking a sheet of paper into a typewriter and wishing they had adopted a mercantile career. Female humorists accomplish the feat by twisting their back hair into a knot, nibbling chocolate creams or chewing some gum, and manipulating the typewriter in the customary manner.

As a general thing nowadays, humorists are very human. There are more of them than there used to be. The women dress like their sisters, and the men are perfectly conventional in their attire.

Occasionally you come across an old-school humorist, or a modern one who clings to the old-school traditions. He imagines that he has to wear a most solemn face, never smiles, and looks pained when you laugh at what he says. This variety goes great on the rural hyacinth-crook.

Humorists are always introduced as such. Plumbers, housebreakers, bankers, dry goods men and wholesale grocers are never classified when introduced, but humorists are always specified. Immediately the persons to whom they are introduced wait expectantly for them to say something wittily witty. Immediately, also, they are disappointed, unless they are of the class who strike with joy when the humorist politely says: "It is a nice day."

Humorists always have to explain why they are humorists instead of following some more laborious occupation. Also they are expected to deliver after-dinner speeches for nothing, because being funny is second nature to them, and they are not supposed to have any remunerative way of spending their odd moments.

The difference between a humorist and a comedian is that a comedian uses the humorist's humor. If the humorist used the comedian's humor he would starve to death. Another difference is that the comedian makes from three hundred to five hundred dollars a week.—Lila.

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Nearly every woman needs a good laxative. Dr. King's New Life Pills are good because they are prompt, safe and do not cause pain. Mrs. M. C. Dunlap of Leadville, Tex., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills helped her troubles greatly." Get a box to-day. Price, 25c. Recommended by all druggists.

Salad Francois.

Chop fine a bunch of parsley, two shallots and half a dozen anchovies. Lay them in a bowl and mix with them salt and mustard to taste, two table-spoonfuls of salad oil, and a gill of vinegar. Stir all well together and then add, two or three at a time, some very thin slices of cold roasted or broiled meat; not more than three or four inches long. Drain the slices well as they are put in the dressing. Cover the bowl closely and let it stand for three hours before serving. Served garnished with parsley and some slices of the meat, with a little fat on them.

Rhubarb Cobbler.

Butter a deep earthenware pie dish and fill with rhubarb, unpeeled, but thoroughly washed and cut into pieces half an inch long. Add sugar to sweeten, then cover with a rich puff paste, or, if preferred a fritter-batter of eggs, flour, milk and salt, allowing a large tablespoonful of flour to each egg, a teaspoonful of baking powder to each cup of flour used, and milk to make the right consistency. Pour over the rhubarb, which should be slightly heaped in the center, and bake until light and brown.

Lemon Toast.

Take the yolks of three eggs, beat them well and add one and one-half cup sweet milk; take baker's bread (not too stale), and cut into slices; dip them into the milk and eggs and lay the slices in a spider with sufficient melted butter, hot, to fry a nice, delicate brown; take the whites of the three eggs and beat them to a froth, adding a half cup of white sugar; add the juice of one lemon, beating well, and serve over the toast on a saucer and you will find it a very delicious dish.

Vent Hearts.

Four slices bacon, one sliced onion, four vent hearts, one cup stock, one-half minced pimento, one teaspoon salt, one-half bay leaf. Fry bacon crisp, remove from the spider and crisp the sliced onion in the hot fat. Trim and wash hearts, slice them, roll in flour and fry in hot fat. Add to the hot in the pan the stock, pimento, salt and bay leaf. Pour the mixture over the hearts and cook two hours. Add the bacon five minutes before serving.

Cheese Cakes.

Take two quarts sour milk, pour into a cheesecloth bag and let drip 24 hours, after which time turn it into a dish and season with salt, adding one cup thick cream. Then add one cup sugar, four eggs, one tablespoon melted butter, one-half cup cream or milk and currants. Mix ingredients well and bake in a deep pie plate lined with stiff puff paste.

Fared the Other.

The man of great financial prominence had met with an accident. "We'll have to probe," said the doctor. Just at that moment the man recovered consciousness and exclaimed: "If it's a surgical operation go ahead; but if it's another investigation, give me an anesthetic."—Washington Star.

Do You Fear Consumption?

No matter how chronic your cough or how severe your throat or lung ailment is, Dr. King's New Discovery will surely help you: it may save your life. Stillman Green, of Malichite, Col., writes: "Two doctors said I had consumption and could not live two years. I used Dr. King's New Discovery and am alive and well." Your money refunded if it fails to benefit you. The best home remedy for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Clean Up the Bowels and Keep Them Clean

There are many remedies to be had for constipation, but the difficulty is to procure one that acts without violence. A remedy that does not perform by force what should be accomplished by persuasion is Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets. After using them, Mr. N. A. Waddell, 315 Washington St., Waco, Tex., says: "Almost all my life I have been troubled with constipation, and have tried many remedies, all of which seemed to cause pain without giving much relief. I finally tried Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets and found them excellent. Their action is pleasant and mild, and their chocolate taste makes them easy to take. I can more than give my recommendation."

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Worshiper or Supplanted?

An amusing case of hero worship, or something opposite, on the part of a humble admirer of the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, has just been reported from Wales. When visiting Crickieth recently a pedlar called at the chancellor's residence and begged a pair of Mr. Lloyd George's cast-off shoes. On getting them he had them repaired, and now proudly boasts that "indeed he is in Lloyd George's shoes."

Diarrhea Quickly Cured

"I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gobhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers.

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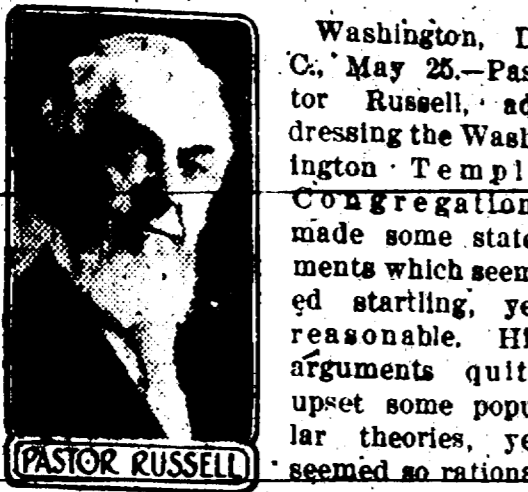
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PEACE DESIRABLE, WAR A NECESSITY

A Vexed Question Viewed From a New Angle by Pastor Russell.

Peace impossible except upon certain conditions—if war has brought dire evil, it should be credited also as the basis of the world's progress...



Washington, D. C., May 25.—Pastor Russell, addressing the Washington Temple congregation...

When Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," He was addressing a special class of individuals...

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THE GOLDEN CALF

Exodus 32:15-20, 35-35—Sept. 21. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.—1 John 5:21.

The Israelites experienced a severe trial of faith and obedience soon after entering into covenant relationship with God.

The circumstances of this testing are part of this lesson.

The Israelites were behind them; the Amalekites might renew their attack.

They do without Moses; whose upheld hands brought them God's favor and victory?

Here worldly wisdom came in. Aaron was perplexed as to how some Christians are to keep the people crucified to assist faith.

They were unable to trust the God whom they could not see.

The leaders took counsel together and determined to make a representative of Jehovah—an image which the people could use as an instrument of worship.

We are not to suppose that the Israelites recognized the golden calf as their God Jehovah, but used it merely as a symbol.

Today's lesson seems clearly to indicate that God was greatly displeased with their symbolic representation of Himself.

Our Master was not addressing nations, but individuals, when He directed that whoever is smitten on one cheek should turn the other.

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SHAFT TO MAINE'S DEAD

Meat of Ill-Fated Battleship Will Be Principal Feature of Arlington Monument.

Unless something unexpected intervenes, a handsome monument in memory of the dead of the battleship Maine will be erected in the Arlington national cemetery before the close of the coming summer.

In accordance with the provisions of the act of congress, the mainmast of the Maine will form the principal feature of the memorial.

The sum of \$300 was allotted for the transportation of the mast from the local navy yard to its chosen site in the Arlington cemetery.

The latter route probably will involve the removal of a small section of the cemetery wall near the gateway, as in that case the passage would have to be at an angle with the gate.

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A CONFUSION OF IDEAS

There seems to be a tendency in the literature and on the stage of these times to vulgarity. From a study of eugenics and a fight against the white slave traffic there seems to have risen a demand for stories and plays dealing with the sex problem. Writers and publishers, these are in plenty, that will deal in this sort of literature because there is a market for it. They may be better than owners of houses of ill-fame but they are in the same infamous business. Many stories dealing frankly with the sins of passion and the punishment of such sins have been banished from respectable libraries for years and cast aside by good women who must know something of life, but these same libraries and good women will read and sanction novels that are rotten to the core so long as they are written in respectable language.

The viciousness of these stories lies not in the fact that they deal with sex relations—many of the finest words in the world deal with these relations and will deal with them so long as the awful tragedies that fill the newspapers grow out of them; it lies in the fact that they deal with these tremendous forces of human nature for the purpose of trade. The talk about "truth to life," "art for art's sake," "daring to face the facts" is pure hypocrisy in the case of men and women who exploit passion for business purposes. The difference between the art that deals boldly and nobly with the sins of passion and that which exploits passion is distinct and not misleading, the mischief lies in interposing a veil that confuses but does not conceal; that heightens the immorality by substituting suggestion for revelation.

The fashion in women's dress that constantly reveals a little more of their anatomy each year is a menace to one of the safe guards of society. It cheapens women and anything that tends to lower the respect of society for women strikes at the foundation of respectability. If our boys grow up with no respect for wifehood or motherhood there is little to keep them from living like the beast of the field.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

THE DEMOCRAT, at the danger of being accused of butting in, has taken the privilege from time to time of suggesting improvements, etc., that the town is in need of and has at this time a few things in its system that will at least look well on paper.

First. The town needs a dumping ground and needs it bad. It is getting increasingly difficult and expensive to get a barrel of tin cans, broken bottles and china hauled away and will soon become prohibitive unless a place is provided for the disposal of such refuse. A monthly collection of such rubbish at the town's expense might be arranged.

Second. A pair of hay scales located on a prominent and easily accessible corner would be a great convenience to merchants and farmers and would easily pay a good rate of interest on the investment.

Thirdly. The town ought to own a team of mules, wagon and mower. Nearly every town in the state owns one or more teams and finds them a great saving in expense. With our own team the dirt could be hauled out of the streets more promptly and the weeds could be cut from the highways often enough to keep them neat and trim.

Fourthly. We would suggest that so long as a tax has been laid for a new town hall, one year's assessment collected and the second year nearly due, that the council make its arrangements to build next summer so we can be getting the use of the beauty and usefulness of the structure as soon as possible.

Fifthly. The most important step in installing water, lights and sewerage is the hiring of an engineer. Get one that is of unquestioned integrity and pay him enough so the contractors can't easily tempt him. He will have seven or eight months' work with an assistant most of the time and his time is worth more than common labor.

SMALL FARMS DESIRABLE

Taking the country as a whole bountiful crops have been raised and prices are good, far above the average. There will soon be plenty of cash in circulation, and as usual thousands will be seeking new homes. Land prices continue to advance with a prospect that they will go still higher. This causes a hejira from the states and communities of high-priced land to other sections of the country. The average young American is land hungry, and is anxious to secure a home. In former days it was the ambition of all young farmers to own a large body of land. Nowadays the young farmer is willing to settle down upon a small tract and cultivate it intensively. The boy's corn clubs have demonstrated the value of intelligent and intensive cultivation. The taxes on small farms are not as great as on large ones and as labor is scarce it pays the young farmer to buy a small piece of land which he and his family can easily cultivate. The five and ten-acre tracts are the ideal ones, when properly located. They furnish a sure income for any one willing to work. Of course, they offer no chance of becoming a millionaire. Neither do the large farms. Even if one does not intend to immediately settle on a tract of land the small farm is a good investment for the future, particularly if the land can be bought at a reasonable price and on easy terms. Land hunters should be cautious and not invest in strange countries without making thorough investigation beforehand, because there are too many land sharks ready to swindle the unwary. However, there is no better investment than the small farm. It assures a home in the future as well as at present. —National Weekly.

VEGETARIANISM GONE WRONG

The members of the United States biological survey who framed the regulations for the control of birdlife had, among their difficulties, the case of the bob-o-link.

When this bird comes to us in the spring and puts on his nuptial dress, he is a meat-eater, hunting insects as if he were carrying on a feud, informing the farmer, with every note in the musical scale, that his crops are going to be protected if the tribe of bob-o-links holds out. But in the late summer, the bob-o-link puts on his migrating clothes and turns vegetarian. The seeds he eats in the north can be spared, being mostly weed seeds. It is in the south where the bob-o-link does the mischief. He descends on the rice fields and what he does there plays havoc with the planter's income.

The government officers have declared the bob-o-link protected in the north and a game bird in the south. Considering the dual nature of the bird's habits, it is hard to see what else the government officers could have done.

A WOMAN'S A WOMAN FOR A' THAT

Endowing woman with the ballot does not detract from her womanly instincts. It does not lower her in any way. She is still a woman and entitled to every consideration and courtesy she possesses without the right to vote. Men who are true gentlemen will always accord to woman her right to be respected, and the little civilities and amenities will always be observed by well-bred persons. There are some who imagine that as soon as suffrage is given a woman becomes masculine in the affairs of life. This is a mistake. The ballot simply gives to woman what is hers by right, it does not take from nor add to the charms of her womanly disposition. Only the boor will think of not being gentlemanly to all women.—Ex.

PARAGRAPHS

The clean conscience is never besmirched.

Sometimes the height of fashion is too low in the neck.

Opinions, like visits, should never be forced upon people.

He is an agile politician who can successfully dodge an issue.

Adversity flatters no man, but it often makes a man of him.

Wisdom is merely what other people don't know and we do.

The tallest shaft in the cemetery doesn't always reach nearest heaven.

If you would be popular, make others believe they know more than you.

People often say: "I can never forgive myself." But they usually do.

Nothing will clabber the milk of human kindness quicker than ingratitude.

The young man who declines to flirt with a pretty blonde lets a golden opportunity pass.

If the true story of your life appeared in book form, would you want your children to read it?

Now is the time to thoroughly clean up your premises and have them in order before cold weather.

Some people never realize how little they know until their children are old enough to ask questions.

When a standard-gauge train of thought tries to run on a narrow-gauge mind a wreck is the inevitable result.

Love must have a firm grip on the soul of the woman who waits two hours for a loafer husband to come home for supper.

A medical journal has an article on "How to Lie When Asleep."

Of more value would be an article on how to induce people to tell the truth when awake.

One good pastor says there will be no split skirts in heaven. And we feel like adding that there will be no hobbles, either, if the girls have to climb the golden stairs to get there.

Tabulated results of the hookworm campaign in Virginia since January first show that during the last eight months 30,580 persons have been examined for hookworm disease and 6,153 have been given treatment.

Migratory birds are under the protection of the government, according to a copy of the fish and game laws recently enacted by Congress. The United States department of agriculture has the power to make regulations governing the hunting of migratory birds, classified as wild geese, wild ducks, etc., that pass through and do not remain permanently within the borders of any state or territory during the year.

All kissing performers of record were eclipsed at Salem, O., when a pretty girl, member of a prominent family, was kissed 1,666 2-3 times—and not by one man either. At the same time five other girls, equally pretty and prominent, received the same number of kisses on the average. The girls disposed of 10,000 kisses at \$1 each to aid the endowment of Salem hospital, which has just been completed. The osculatory bombardment lasted two hours, and at times there was a line of men, young and old, a block long, waiting to fire salutes. Some elderly gentlemen with bald heads would invest \$5 when they reached the head of the line and then sneak around and get in line again. Several of the gentlemen were marched home by their wives.

Democratic nominees for the House of Delegates who have been in Richmond the past week or ten days lean largely to the view outlined by former Speaker Richard Evelyn Bird that there should be a special session for the consideration of tax reform. If tentative plans now taking shape are fully matured, a Democratic caucus of the two houses of the General Assembly will determine in advance of the coming regular session to defer all matters relating to tax reform to a special session to be held in November, 1914, to appoint a joint committee from the Senate and House to sit in the interim and prepare bills for consideration of the members, and to ask Henry C. Stuart, who will then be Governor of Virginia, to call the special session for the purpose of considering tax reform.

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