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WHAT ONE WOMAN DID

Down in Scott County, Missouri, people tell each other of the woman who did a man's as well as a woman's work.

Mrs. Emma Kelly was left a widow three years ago. Bad management had placed a debt of \$5,000 on the 350-acre farm which her husband had rented. She persuaded the landowner to rent her the land, and she paid off all claims before her death last December. She had no other means than the farm which she worked.

Uneducated, she yet lived a successful life. Her kindness was a by-word. She found time to help her neighbors, even in the last years of busy farming. Thirteen orphan children were cared for by her.

She left the world better.

The observing man, though compelled by ice and snow to keep his eyes near the sidewalk plane lest he upset, comes now with the comment that though fashion's edict calls for very high boots and very high heels, a good proportion of Columbia's damsels, with more thought for comfort than for style, are wearing the English walking shoes.

TO HONOR ST. VALENTINE

When you buy a gaudy valentine, a fantastic bit of paper lace and ribbon and sentimental verses, or perhaps a book or flower or box of candy for your best girl or for some young friend, did you ever wonder how the custom originated?

The day was named for St. Valentine, to whom February 14 is sacred. There is an old legend that the birds begin to mate on this day. In some rural parts of Europe it is customary for a young man to make his choice of a sweetheart on this day, and the man or woman so betrothed is called a valentine, and the betrothal is annulled if the young man fails to send his sweetheart a present or give her an entertainment within a specified time.

Shakespeare refers to the legend in some of his plays. For instance, in Hamlet, he says:

"Tomorrow is St. Valentine's day,
All in the morning betime,
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine."

No better proof that the United States is strictly neutral in this war is needed than the fact that both Great Britain and Germany are claiming that the other is being favored, thinks the Sedalia Democrat.

THE NEW EDUCATION

To understand the conditions existing in any given age, it is necessary to have a historical background. Things are not thus and so today because we live in this age and because we are far wiser than all those who have gone before but because of the evolutionary processes of the ages which have preceded us.

Those who have glimpsed the pathway of humanity down the ages, who read its records transcribed in evolutionary circles from the time when anthropoidal life became the first rude variety of man, have learned that for its correct interpretation one must gaze critically through the eyes of artist, historian and poet, as well as through the eyes of biologist and sociologist.

Each period gives to the race following the requirements of the times. Every age produces its own peculiar type of genius, and the needs of the age determine what the character of that genius will be. Because we are producing better plumbers today than were produced in the time of Aristotle is no reason whatever why we should discard either Aristotle or the plumbers. We need not another golden age of Greece but sufficient knowledge of the laws of hygiene to enable us to

live to a "ripe old age" and enjoy the fruits of that far distant golden time. If we discard all the fruits of that age and the esthetic fruits of ages following it—why should we care to live to a ripe old age? If we do not observe the hygienic laws of this age of science, we probably won't live to enjoy it, whether we will or no.

Too often the price paid for high specialization is being blinded to all outside the magic circle of our own bright rays.

STRENGTH WITH WISDOM

What a mighty power this nation of 100,000,000 is. It is well that the people of the United States are peace loving. For the war-making possibilities of this country are evident, although we have never had a real test of strength with any nation.

The Revolutionary War was a skirmish on a large scale, with an occasional battle. Luckily for the infant nation, the English people were not in sympathy with the effort to subdue it. In 1812 England was so occupied with the Napoleonic struggle that she could give us only slight attention. The Mexican war was like taking jam from a small boy.

Four years of fierce fighting during the Civil War showed the resources of the country at that time. Today they are infinitely increased. The Spanish-American War gave no opportunity to show this, for it was the one-fingered exertion of a giant.

Our nation should temper strength with wisdom. Let us beware of international complications. And let us watch lest preparedness lead to gigantic armaments and their consequent temptations.

Looking Backward

Seventy-Four Years Ago.

"The weather has been exceedingly fine; more like April than February. No winter within the memory of our oldest inhabitants has been so fair as the present. It is entirely without example in the history of Missouri."

Fifty Years Ago.

"We are advised by many of our farmers that the wheat crop in this region has suffered severely from the excessive drought which has prevailed nearly all winter and in no event can we calculate on more than half a crop."

The Hannibal Courier congratulated James S. Rollins on his late speech in Congress on the subject of slavery.

Thirty Years Ago.

Under the heading, "A Favorite Lady From Missouri," the following appeared in a Washington paper: "Mrs. Cockrell had a large reception on Thursday assisted by Mrs. Vest, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. More and other ladies from her own state. The newspapers have made frequent mention of Senator Cockrell as one of the possibilities of the Cleveland cabinet, and society would be pleased to have Mrs. Cockrell among those ladies who are to lead and to receive on future Wednesdays."

Twenty Years Ago.

"J. West Goodwin, editor of the Sedalia Bazaar, delivered an address on Eugene Field before the Union Literary Society of the University in the chapel last Saturday."

Ten Years Ago.

"Secretary Babb today gave out figures showing the total enrollment of the University including the School of Mines at Rolla to be 1,867. The total enrollment of the University at Columbia is 1,535. It is claimed by President Jesse that within five years the attendance will be more than 3,000."

Five Years Ago.

"President A. Ross Hill announced at the opening convocation of the sec-

ond semester this morning that the proposed stadium on Rollins field has been approved by the Board of Curators of the University. Work on it will be begun as soon as possible."

"Captain David Guitart, who has been in Columbia more than 82 years, came here when the town's population was 200."

"The Tigers won, 39 to 26, in the basketball game last night with Nebraska."

The Open Column

Who Objects to Brandeis?

Editor the Missourian: Brandeis? Yes, Louis D. Brandeis, the "people's lawyer" of Boston, was nominated by President Wilson for the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench.

But the opponents of the antitrust lawyer are trying to defeat the nomination by digging up ridiculous reasons which might terrify some people who let others do their thinking.

A recent charge against Brandeis is that he is an apostate to his faith. What inference can the Senate committee draw if it sustains the charges? Is religion a personal belief, or is it the right of the Senate to determine what each person should believe?

Is he radical? Is he a Socialist? Do such contentions disqualify a man for the bench?

Why echo such narrow-minded, privileged mouths like Wadsworth, Weeks, Lodge and Reed, who do not represent the real people of this democratic country? They oppose him because he knows his economics and contemporary industrial conditions.

The real question is whether Brandeis understands law. If the Interstate Commerce Commission thought him fit to be its counsel, there is no doubt that he is fit for the Supreme Court bench. M. F.

About Book Agents.

Editor the Missourian: Is there not some protection to our families against book agents and agents generally? Last fall when I was not at home an agent sold my wife a 75-cent door-mat for \$1.25. Yesterday, while I was at my work trying to make an honest living, a book agent sold my wife a set of books for \$26. The books are worth probably \$10.

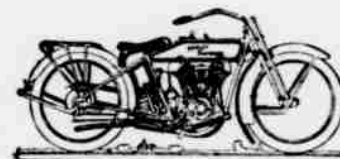
While women are credulous and one can sell them anything from aluminum to cheap jewelry, men are vain. If a publisher goes to a man and says to him: "Mr. So-and-so, owing to the high place which you hold in your community and in the world of letters, I should like to have your expert opinion on this work which we are putting out, and in return for your most valuable time in examining the work, we will be only too glad to present you with a set bound in full Morocco," well, there is only one man in ten thousand that says, "No". Practically all of them give the recommendation and take the set in full Morocco. Recommendations, therefore, are often of little or no significance. MERE MAN.

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