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The man with whom she was talking followed the direction of her glance and saw a group of half a dozen fashionably dressed young women talking with a single naval officer, whom they had got all to themselves.

"You mean"——

"The attitudes, of course. Don't you see that every one of those girls is standing with her arms akimbo?"

"Why, so they are."

"Well, that is the very newest thing. In order to make the balloon sleeves look as big as possible the proper fashion is to put the hands on the hips. Observe the effect now when I do it!"

"I shouldn't think that was necessary."

"Oh, that is because you don't understand. Everything is necessary that is the fashion. It is even done at meals."

"I don't think I've observed it."

"Of course not. Men have no eyes. But when you go into dinner presently take notice, and you will see that the accepted form is for a woman to hold her left arm akimbo, the hand on the hip, while she eats with her right hand. All the swellest girls do it."

"You don't, I suppose?"

"I haven't adopted it at meals just yet, but I am trying to learn. You see, it is rather uncomfortable at first. But I dare say it comes easy after awhile."

"I never heard of anything more absurd."

"Every new fashion is absurd until one gets used to it. I have been practicing lately at standing with my arms akimbo. The first time mamma saw me do it she was startled. She called me to her and asked me if I was trying to look like a milkmaid."

"The attitude is certainly not a graceful one."

"That doesn't make the slightest difference so long as it is the accepted form. If you possessed any powers of observation, you would have noticed long ago that attitudes for women alter from time to time, like any other style. Mamma says that when she was a girl she was taught that the only correct way for a lady to sit was with her knees and feet close together. Such a thing as crossing the legs was considered altogether impossible. Even the gentlemen avoided that position because it was too dégagé."

"Certainly no such ideas govern now."

"They are out of date, of course. I can myself remember when divans came into fashion, and I suppose that it was on account of them to some extent that women got into the way of lolling when they sat. At all events, of late years it has been considered entirely proper for ladies to cross their knees in public, and when I was in Boston two or three years ago I came across something quite new to me then in the way of a fad. It was practiced extensively by the women who thought they had pretty ankles."

"What was it?"

"Why, it was simply to cross the legs and lift the skirt in such a manner when sitting down as to display a liberal bit of ankle. Could anything be more absurd?"

"I should think not, considering the fact that they were Boston ankles," said the young man.

"You are a horrid, sarcastic creature," responded the girl with the blue eyes.—Old Point Comfort Cor. Washington Star.

The Point of View In Education.

The old education takes the standpoint of the adult; the new, that of the child. From the former the whole mass of heterogeneous facts composing the knowledge to be acquired is viewed as having been classified, labeled and stored in books. From this conception, what method of acquiring knowledge can be more direct than the memorizing of books? By a cheerful optimism this system crams the child with words and trusts that somehow he will grasp the ideas for himself and will have his powers cultivated in the process.

In exceptional cases these objects are accomplished. But the average child is left in a condition of permanent mental dyspepsia and torpor. The new education conceives the child as looking forward into the phenomena of nature and life, curious and eager to know realities first, then to express his knowledge, and delighted with the exercise of his powers.—Professor W. M. Aber in Popular Science Monthly.

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Bills are never supposed to run over, and as everybody in town knows when "planing day" comes around, and the people are all honest and well to do, this remarkable system seldom results in complications.

One day, however, a citizen who had been away for a few weeks walked into the little country store and offered to settle his account.

"I reckon 'twas abaout a dollar, but I ain't plumb sure," remarked the man, fingering a bill.

The storekeeper took out his pine board and consulted its surface carefully through his spectacles.

"I cal'late you don't owe me anythin," he said at last, putting the board back under the counter.

"Why, yes, I do," persisted the man. "I bought a whole mess o' sugar an m'lasses an so on three months or so back, an there was a pair o' rubbers fer m' wife, too, if I rec'llect rightly."

"Oh, three months back," said the storekeeper thoughtfully. "Well, naow, I can't say as t' that, fer you see I've planed her off sence then an started aout agin, an your reck'nin was shaved off'n the board along with the rest. You ain't obleeged to pay me nothin, 's fur's I ken see. But you ken make it a leetle somethin if you're so minded, or you ken pay what you rec'llect, or let the hull thing go—jest as you feel."

There was a little hesitation on the part of the former customer, but to his credit be it said he at last handed over the $1 bill, said he wanted no change and departed with a proud consciousness of virtue.—Youth's Companion.

Among the Office Seekers.

It is a queer lot of humanity that is filling the streets and hotels of Washington and daily invading the White House and the departments. There is the smooth man of fashion who whispers confidentially to the heeler who is supposed to have a "pull" and for the sake of an office is on familiar terms with a man to whom he will hardly speak if he is successful. There is the struggling lawyer who wants an office with its income in the line of his profession, but who is willing to throw his professional future to the winds if he can only draw a salary from the government. He who wants to be a district attorney becomes a treasury official; he who would go on the bench accepts a foreign mission, fondly hoping that he can do what no one of his predecessors has been able to do and save money out of the inadequate salary.

There are politicians of local fame who find how attenuated their reputation is when they undertake to spread it out over the whole country and how much more serious is a national than a county competition. There are nervous, anxious men who have not got on in the world and whose comfort depends upon securing something from the government. Occasionally there is a man whose past has been shady, but who has prospered and grown rich and who wants to gild his damaged reputation with a small foreign mission. Then there is the great horde of active political workers whose whole existence is in politics, who are efficient lieutenants of congressmen whose standing at home depends largely upon the successive "placing" of their henchmen. The change that comes over the spirits of most of the office seekers is the most pathetic thing about this sad spectacle, the most serious reflection on frail humanity.—Harper's Weekly.

Best Studies For Backward Children.

There is many a mother who feels disturbed and anxious because her child either exhibits small interest in school, or else is unable to shine among the other children there, or perhaps even to keep pace with them. She is haunted by a horrid specter of dunceship and backwardness and of her darling outstripped and left behind in all the other struggles of life as well.

But do not let her be too soon discouraged. If her child has no aptitude for learning exactly what the others are learning, perhaps there is an aptitude for something else quite different and apart and of just as much value. Let her scrutinize and discover and help the child along accordingly in the ways where nature directs.

Our system of graded schools is indeed lifting all children to a broad table land of general information, but however excellent its mental discipline it allows no space for individual growth in individual ways. Every child is being run in the same mold. There is no place for idiosyncrasy or for development upon original lines, and there is an ever present danger of crystallization or becoming fixed at a given point or ceasing all development.

If her child has a rooted dislike for a certain thing or a positive inability in the direction of another, the mother would be wiser to make an effort to have those studies set aside and to let him give himself to those which he does like, and where, if he cannot possibly distinguish himself, he can at any rate expand what power he has. Surely if his strength and time are dissipated on those studies concerning which he is hopeless there is no strength or time left for those where he might do much.—Harriet Prescott Spofford in Chicago News.

A Bridge Lying Idle.

One of the most costly pieces of property in the United States now lying idle is probably the great railroad bridge over the Pecos river, 230 miles west of San Antonio. This bridge, which is said to be the second highest in the world, was completed six months ago at a cost of $1,200,000. It was built by a private corporation for the use of the Southern Pacific company. In addition to this bridge a railroad track leading to it was built, shortening the distance between San Antonio and El Paso by 11 miles. After the bridge and cutoff railroad had been completed they were visited by President C. P. Huntington and a number of other prominent officials of the Southern Pacific company, and the new property was formally accepted. In a short time a new timetable was issued by the Southern Pacific, embracing the new cutoff and the Pecos bridge. Tickets were issued for that road via Southern Pacific and Pecos bridge, a fare of 50 cents being charged every passenger over the new bridge.

After all this had been arranged trains were started running over the new route, and the announcement was made that the track of the old route through the dangerous canyons of the Rio Grande river was to be taken up. But trains had been running over the new Pecos bridge only two weeks when the order came from President Huntington to abandon the new bridge and cutoff track and immediately resume traffic via the old route. Since that time not a train has crossed the new bridge. There is much speculation in railroad circles as to the cause of this sudden and wholly unexpected action on the part of President Huntington.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Greek Against Greek.

Judge Hoar and General Butler were opponents in a case of a nc trial. General Butler quoted, "Eye for eye, skin for skin, tooth for tooth, yea, all that a man hath, will he give for his life." To which Judge Hoar replied, "Yes, the devil quoted that once before in a motion for a new trial."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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