

## THE AVERAGE MAN.

Is Well Balanced and the World Is Better Because of Him.

"It's a pleasure to fit you," said the clothing salesman to his customer.

"Why?" queried the patron, as he glanced complacently over his shoulder at his figure reflected in the long mirror.

"Because you are an average man. I mean that your height, width of shoulders, chest measure, length of back, width across the hips, length of arms and legs and general 'set' conform to the average dimensions struck off by the manufacturer of ready-made clothing."

"I thought you fellows could fit any sized man."

"So we can, but to do it sometimes we must break up three different sets of clothing; take the coat from one, the vest from another, and the trousers from another. Now, with you it is different. I simply took your chest measure and found the coat, in a few minutes, made for that measure. The vest and trousers were all right, of course, for you are a man of average build. And you are a lucky man, too, according to my way of thinking. I know that when it is said, 'Oh, he is an average man,' the term is used in the deprecatory sense. As a matter of fact, to say that a man is an average man is to say that he will go through life easily, with less friction, with more pleasure and less annoyance than the man who is above or below the average. Everything made in quantity is made to fit the average man. A door knob is placed where it is most handy to a man of average height. A letter-box is put up so that the average man can mail his letters with the least difficulty. Car straps hang down far enough for the average man to clutch them with the least effort. Car stops are placed so that the average man can get in and out of a street car easily."

"Hats, shoes, shirts, collars, cuffs, stockings, clothing of every sort, are made of average sizes. If a man of a certain height is too fat or too slim for the average build of that height, he is in trouble as soon as he enters a clothing store. If his legs are too long, or too short, the salesman must overhaul his stock and try on a number of trousers before he finds a pair that will fit, and frequently he must have them altered after all."

"Now it's the same in other ways. The man of average intelligence, average brain power, average schooling, average morality and average religious ideas will get along in the world better than men who stand above them. Men above the average have added responsibilities thrust upon them. They are supposed to keep up a fast gait, and if they do not the world finds fault with them. The average citizen, average husband, average father, average man, is happy because he is inconspicuous. He goes along unnoticed, as he is neither a fool nor a genius; he attracts no attention and finds ten times more solid pleasure in life than those who are highly gifted in one way or another. You see the average man is a well-balanced man, and balance means stability and stability means rest. I have figured this thing out and have come to the conclusion that the world is better because of the majority of average men who go steadily and quietly along, not because of the few geniuses who flash up and blaze like bonfires for a time and then die down, to have their ashes blown into everybody's eyes to annoy and pester them."—Chicago Record.

## Restigouche Salmon.

A novel question has been raised in Forest and Stream which is of interest to the fishermen who fish in artificially stocked waters. For some reason or other a fisherman got the notion that the salmon in the Restigouche river were not so game now as in past years. Another of the Restigouche fishermen was of the same mind. If there is anything the sportsman angler does not want and will not have it he can help it; it is the deterioration of the fighting qualities of his fish. He would like to have the fish go into training if possible.

What the fishermen want to know is what is the matter with the Restigouche salmon? It appears that the stream has been stocked to a considerable extent during late years, and if this stocking has taken the nerve out of the salmon every one who is interested in fish wants to know the reason why, and, more yet, the remedy. It is well known that the hand reared English pheasants are not to be compared with a wild American ruffed grouse in any particular. If the artificial propagation of fishes is going to result in taking the fight out of American game fish, it will be a sad thing to the minds of men who fish for fun, and not for profit.

## Disappointed in the Gift.

"I've never preached or taught," said Ben Adhem, "but I've had some little experience in the unexpected myself. I remember one instance which occurred on my father's farm in good old Ohio. Zeke was a very raw, very ungainly and very poverty stricken 'hand,' who had come from the least respectable region of country roundabout. He had probably been brought up on parched corn and maple sirup and never had a Sunday suit in his life. When he came to us, at any rate, he was almost barefoot, and as the days began to grow chill father took it upon himself to buy Zeke a pair of stout shoes. The presentation was a sorrowful scene. Zeke held the shoes disconsolately by the string which tied them together and tried to look grateful, with alarming non-success. 'Why, what's the matter, Zeke? Don't you like your shoes?' father asked in real concern. Zeke's face quivered and presently broke into a lubberly expression of woe. 'Yes, sir,' he said, gulping hard, 'but I could have went without shoes, as I'm just sufferin' for a scarpin.'—Chicago Interior.

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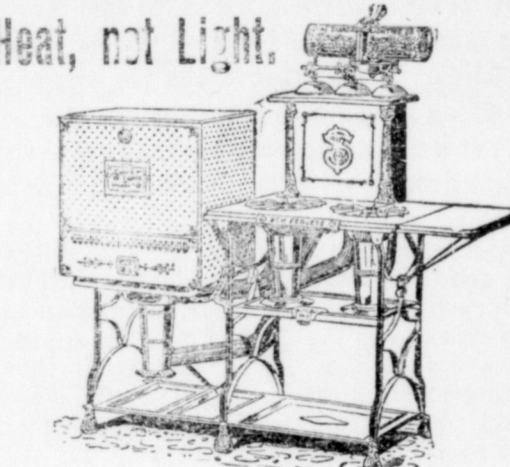
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## THE SOLDIER'S CHOICE.

They Took the Books in Preference to Choice Food.

During the Franco-Prussian war two reporters, or distributors of bibles and tracts, were posted at the railway station of Glessen, to greet the soldiers when the train stopped for meals, and to supply them with good reading.

One day Mr. Craig, their chief, received news that both men had been refused permission to continue their work. He was two hundred miles away, but he hastened to the spot. On meeting the station-master—as he himself tells the story—he expressed regret that his men should have behaved so badly as to be dismissed.

"Oh, they have done nothing wrong, only they annoy the soldiers."

"Did the soldiers say they were annoyed?" Mr. Craig asked.

"I do not ask them. Men, of course, don't like pious books thrust into their hands when they are hungry. I know I shouldn't, so I put my foot down."

"I should like," said Mr. Craig, quietly, "to know what the soldiers themselves say."

"Will you allow me to make a test? Here is a train coming with soldiers. You have your tables spread with wine and refreshments. Favor me by loaning the use of two tables at which I will place my two men with our books at each. Then if you will put two of your men at your tables, you and I can stand behind without saying a word, and let the soldiers decide whether they want the books."

The station-master assented quite willingly, and the train came in. The men, stamping, singing, swearing, jumped out on the platform, stretching their legs and eager for food or drink. Some one saw the books and cried:

"Here are the books again! We have not seen any for a week."

There was an instant rush by large numbers of the men. The lieutenant, on a hint from Mr. Craig, ordered them not to jump, but to form in line and file past. Each soldier held out his hand in silence, and with bared head received a book. In an incredibly short time most of the men in the company had marched past, and had taken a copy of the Word of God.

In the meantime, it is said that but few of the soldiers had touched a cake or a bunch of grapes, or even a glass of wine. "We can go no further," said Mr. Craig to the station-master, "our books are gone. I think you have still something on your tables."

The station-master, who was an honest man, gave a loud laugh, and grasping Mr. Craig's hand, said, "I am beat—dead beat. I didn't think the men cared for these things. Your men may return to their work."

## Star Measurement.

In a paper published in The Astronomische Nachrichten Dr. See shows how, by a very ready method, determination may be made of the absolute dimensions of the orbits of bright and rapidly revolving binary stars by single spectroscopic measures of the motions in the line of sight of the component stars, and from the dimensions and other known data of the orbits the actual masses of the stars and their distances from the earth can be easily calculated. But perhaps the most important result claimed for this method is the means it furnishes of testing the question whether the Newtonian law of gravitation applies to stellar systems as well as to the solar system. Dr. See shows the manner in which may be calculated the motion in the line of sight in all parts of the binary orbit, these calculations being based upon the law of gravitation and a single spectroscopic measure. If such measures be continued upon a number of pairs while the stars complete their revolutions, and the computed and observed motions in the line of sight agree throughout, within reasonable limits of error, it will be strong proof of the universality of the Newtonian law.

## King Menelek.

M. Vanderheyem, a well known journalist of Paris, who spent some time at the court of Emperor Menelek of Abyssinia, says that the feet and hands of the dusky monarch are of an unusual size. He adds that the negro was a great admirer of President Carnot and sent a wreath to be placed upon his grave. When some of the native priests saw a photograph of their ruler, taken by the correspondent, they upbraided him for allowing a European to reproduce his features by the means of an instrument invented by the devil. "Idiot!" replied Menelek. "On the contrary, it is God who has created the materials which make the work possible. Don't tell me such nonsense again, or I'll have you beheaded."

Judges of the Olympian Games.

Universal peace during the month of the games was proclaimed by heralds in every part of Hellas, and the slightest breaking of the sacred truce was thought sacrilege, which duties and men alike are bound to punish. The judges of the games, or "Helladicade," ranging from 9 to 12 in number at different times, were elected by the Eleans. All who wished to be judges were required to show not only that they had never committed a crime, public or private, but that they were stainless in moral character. Not infrequently even men of distinction were excluded by this severe test during the golden age of Hellenic honor—G. T. Ferris in St. Nicholas.

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A Mode of Salutation That Astonished a French Lady.

An American lady who spent some time in Paris says that she had a friend there, a French lady, who wished to learn English, and did so. Among her acquisitions in the language was the expression, "How do you do?" to which she was careful to learn the proper response.

One day the American lady met her French friend on the street. The American lady said, "How do you do?" with a smile and passed on. She did not stop to notice that she had left the French lady standing on the street in astonishment.

Soon afterward she called on her friend and was received very coldly by the French lady. As she did not know of any reason why the lady should be offended with her she pressed her to tell what was the matter. "Have I done anything to grieve you?" she asked.

"Anything to grieve me?" answered the French lady; "you meet me on the street, you ask me how I am, you do not wait to find out how I am, you pass on, and then you ask me whether you have done anything to grieve me!"

Then the American explained that it is not customary for Americans to wait for an answer to their inquiry. "How do you do?" that they commonly utter the words and pass on, or if they stop to speak, at once begin to talk of other matters.

That this was the case she was able to prove by taking the French lady to a hotel where there were several Americans, and allowing her to hear their salutations, "How do you do?" "How do you do?" unaccompanied by any account of how they "did."

The French lady could hardly express her astonishment. "The Americans do many very, very strange things," she said, "but this is the strangest of all!"

The French, when they are of the degree of acquaintance which justifies inquiry as to the health of another, stop and hear all about it, and all about the health of the respective families. When all this information has been exchanged the two persons part with many adieux and elaborate good wishes for each other's continued health and happiness.

The Italians frequently embrace one another in public places, and shake hands several times, and commit one another in parting to the care of God. The Americans and the English are the only people who question each other as to their health without stopping to find out anything about it—"Youth's Companion."

English or German Colonization.

During all the long period when Great Britain was striving against Spain, Holland and France, and building up her empire in spite of them, the Germans were working out their destiny on a smaller scale, and in a mode which never brought them into collision with this country.

From an electorate of Brandenburg they struggled into a kingdom of Prussia, and when wiped off the face of the earth by Napoleon they rose from their ashes with renewed vigor and laid the foundations of a great empire and consolidated it at the expense first of Austria and then of France. Great Britain has welcomed its rise as a guarantee of peace, a means of maintaining the balance of European power. It cannot compete with England for world empire. It comes too late into the field. It has not the preparatory political training. It has other duties to accomplish, and its geographical position forbids it.—Blackwood's Magazine.

## Long Flights of Birds.

The distance which birds travel is marvelous, the naturalists say, and laymen are inclined to believe them. W. Herbert Purvis writes to the London field that every spring great numbers of golden and ringed plovers arrive in the Hawaiian Islands and leave the first week of May.

The nearest points of the American coast to which they go are in southern California and the Alaska peninsula respectively, about 2,000 geographical miles, and there is no intervening land. It may be that the birds drop into the water to rest occasionally, as ducks do, during such long flight, but it is not probable. This is the longest regular flight known of shore birds over water, but it is known pretty certainly that some sea birds fly as a regular thing much farther than this during their migrations. The brant geese, for instance, are said to nest in Siberia and to fly north over the Arctic ocean and south again to Cape Hatteras, or thereabout and beyond, every year.

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