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INDULGENT WITH TIME BUT GETS THINGS DONE

Finds Procrastination is Anything But the Thief It Is Said to Be

(By Ruth Cameron)

A letter friend wants me to say a good word for a bad quality.

That is, a quality which has always been considered bad.

In fact, it has been called a name that would be grounds for a libel suit if it were a person instead of a quality.

Since the proverb maker invented the phrase, procrastination has been accused millions of times of being a thief.

And this letter friend wants me to say a good word for the thief of time and what he can sometimes do for us.

This is her experience: "I've always been told how dreadful procrastination is," she writes, "but I think I've discovered a kind of procrastination that isn't half bad."

"This is what procrastination did for me yesterday."

"I had to clean the silver. It's a job I detest, but it just had to be. And so I went to the linen closet for some rags and decided, quite unaware of how I was fooling myself, that it had to be straightened out. It got the best straightening out it's had for weeks. And by doing it painstakingly and meticulously I put off the silver cleaning for half an hour."

"Then I came downstairs and hunted up the silver polish. I noticed while looking for it, that we were low on floor wax and decided to put it on the list. Then I thought it might be a good idea to go through the cupboards and complete the list. This took me 20 minutes, but I'm awfully glad it's done, as I'm always starting to do something or make something and finding I don't have what I need for the job."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS - TIPPING

Other Social Defects of Capitalistic Nations Also Survive in Russia

(By Edgar Ansel Mowrer)

MOSCOW—During the constitutional congress in Moscow in November, 1936, it was officially announced that the Soviet Union had entered the first or lower stage of Socialism. Capitalism had, to all intents and purposes, been "liquidated." To be sure, some 10 per cent. of the people still lived by independent labor, and in Siberia some thousands of peasant families had not yet been admitted to the benefits of collectivization. But in the main the exploitation inherent in private ownership had ceased to be over one-sixth of the world's territory.

As to the accuracy of this latest statement there cannot be the slightest doubt.

Now, according to Communist theory, most of the social defects in modern societies are due to capitalism. With the disappearance of capitalism one might expect these defects to disappear automatically. Imagine, therefore, this correspondent's surprise to find that in the Soviet Union flaws like tipping, prostitution and beggary still manage to survive.

Tipping—or rather the hope and expectation of tips—seems to be all but universal. Railway porters and conductors and dining-car waiters, waiters in restaurants and hotels, chambermaids, doorkeepers, chauffeurs, checkroom attendants, all seem to suffer from the itching palm.

"Well, I had the silver polish and the rags and there wasn't any escape now, so I took all the silver out into the kitchen and commenced. My first chore was a silver bowl (easy to do because it's plain) and while I did it, the thought occurred to me that some alderberries that I had in a pottery where they didn't look right, would be perfect in that. So as soon as I finished, I arranged them and they were lovely."

"Next came a beautiful cake basket, an heirloom presented to me by my father. And I thought as I rubbedbed the baby's discarded toothbrush into its gingerbread intricacies, of how long it had been since I had written him. So I washed that polish off my hands and went to my desk and wrote him a nice long letter."

"A guilty glance at the clock and a sense of the gathering dusk made me realize it was two hours since I started and I had only cleaned two pieces, so then I set to with vengeance and finished the hated job in less than an hour. Although the nut bowl reminded me that I should call up a friend who was sick (not because she's a nut but because she had admired it the last time we used it). And the sherbets almost got me with their mite reminder that it was a long time since we had had an ice cream dessert."

"But I stuck to it this time until I finished and then went to the telephone and called my friend."

"So there you are, my hating to do that silver and trying to put it off, got my linen closet tidied and my order list up to date and my letter to my father written and those alderberries properly arranged."

So, after all procrastination has some usages, hasn't it?

PROGRESS OF THE YEARS

HAPPY ENTERTAINMENT

Cynthia Proctor Suggests Lines From Shakespeare Be Used for Invitations and Stage Set to Play Parts From Childhood to Maturity

(By Cynthia Proctor)

Someone in Marlboro wants new stunts for a "mother's party" which her Sunday school class holds every year. Plan a "progressive age" party and keep every guest interested and amused from the time they come in the front door until they go home.

"The World's a Stage"

Invitations are an adaptation from Shakespeare: "My home (or church) will be a stage, and you and others merely players. You shall within the hour play many parts, your acts being five ages. At first the child with white-capped nurse and bowl of milk and bread; then the bright schoolgirl with lunch box in hand; then the shy maiden with modest blush and sigh; then middle age, full of bright saws and modern instances, and last, old age, with spectacles on nose and pouch on side. All these you'll play in jolly circumstances—sans care, sans toil, sans effort on your part."

Five Ages for Five Tables

Divide your guests in five groups and when they come down from the dressing rooms distribute cards to each one, numbered up to five. Ask them to sit at the table numbered to correspond to their card.

Childhood

The first table represents childhood so have a group of dolls for a centerpiece. At each place have a bib which the guest is asked to put on. The second table represents school days, with the red pasteboard school house covered with vines. The third table represents youth and has a rustic arbor with a sea beneath, on which a boy and girl doll are sitting. The fourth table, middle age, has a centerpiece of fruits, and number five, has dried grasses and ripened wheat in the centerpiece.

Waitresses

The waitresses are young girls, each group dressed for each table. Nurses for table No. 1; at the second table they are rather severely dressed as teachers, each wearing glasses; those at table No. 3 wear their own girlish clothes, those at No. 4 wear their mother's clothes and at table No. 5 they wear colonial costumes with powdered hair.

Progressive Luncheon

The luncheon or supper is a progressive one of five courses. At the first table serve chicken bouillon with wafers. Let the "teachers" distribute the second course in paper lunch boxes, brown and white bread sandwiches, a piece of fried chicken, a pickle and a lemon in which a peppermint stick has been inserted. At the third table, a salad with nut bread sandwiches is enough, and at the fourth table raw or cooked fruit desserts may be served. At the fifth table ask one of the guests to serve coffee from a huge old-fashioned urn and pass gold and silver loaf cake on old-fashioned silver cake dishes.

PHOBIAS OF MANY VARIETIES

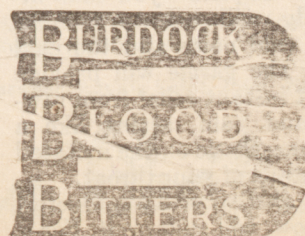
Most persons have phobias of one sort or another. Newly collected statistics indicate that 16 per cent. of a representative group of people fear the dark. Another 16 per cent. are afraid of thunder and lightning. And 12 per cent. have a morbid dread of water and drowning. Four per cent. are frightened by high places.

Greta Garbo suffers from ophophobia (dread of crowds). Claudette Colbert and Norma Shearer have claustrophobia (dread of closed-in places). Joan Crawford has twin phobias—nyctophobia (fear of darkness) and acrophobia (fear of heights). Jean Harlow has agoraphobia (dread of open spaces).

Other common and uncommon phobias include siderodromophobia, fear of railways; cynophobia, fear of dogs, mysophobia, fear of dirt, keratophobia, fear of thunder, astraphobia, dread of lightning, allorophobia, dread of cats, gephyrophobia, fear of crossing bridges, taphophobia, fear of being buried alive, ergasophobia, work, and triskaidekaphobia, being thirteenth of a group. —Literary Digest.

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