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False Economy

True economy is entirely praise-worthy, particularly for those who have difficulty in making ends meet, but there is a petty sort of skimping which is not economy, and which is really wasteful in the long run. Time and effort expended to effect the saving of a penny here and a nickel there often is a source of loss instead of gain. Shopping around for an hour in the hope of saving a few cents on a trivial purchase is one example of this. Another is to buy an inferior article when a good one would cost but a little more.

The same principle applies in business management. To deny oneself the use of a reasonable amount of up-to-date equipment in an effort to curtail expenditures is not economy because such equipment will usually pay for itself many times over in time and labor saving. Spending money wisely is one of the surest means of making more money. Skimping is not always economy and stinginess is not always thrift. Too many of us are "penny wise and pound foolish."

Tragedy As Teacher

It seems that it often takes an appalling tragedy to impress mankind with the necessity for ordinary safety precautions, and even tragedy fails to teach its lesson in most cases.

The first systematic efforts to make theatres fireproof followed the Iroquois fire in Chicago in 1903, when 574 persons lost their lives, although 600 had died in a theatre fire in Trenton, N. J., as far back as 1872, and 283 had met a similar fate in Brooklyn in 1876.

A new policy of constructing munitions depots in unsettled areas followed the explosion of the Lake Denmark arsenal in 1926. The sinking of the Vestris has brought about the adoption of a new code of safety at sea, framed by representatives of 18 nations. The explosion of X-ray films in the Cleveland Clinic, causing the loss of more than 200 lives, has resulted in a survey of conditions in hospitals through the country in an effort to prevent similar disasters in future.

Thus great tragedies sometimes serve to teach their costly lessons; too late, however, to do their victims any good.

An Old-Fashioned Gal

What is declared to be the oldest known specimen of the American girl was discovered some months ago in Ottertail County, Minn., and scientists have been studying her ever since. True, they have only her skeleton to aid their investigations, but this has proved most interesting.

According to Dr. A. E. Jenks, anthropologist of the University of Minnesota, the skeleton is that of a prehistoric Indian girl, who was about 17 years old at the time of her death, which occurred some 20,000 years ago as a result of violence, perhaps murder. Evidences that an arrow or spear had pierced her breast were given by marks on the ribs and shoulder blade.

Her youthful skeleton marvelously preserved, was uncovered by a ditching machine employed in road building, and the strata

of earth in which it was found has been determined by a number of geologists to have been at the bottom of a lake which existed during the Ice Age, but which is now dried up.

With the bones were found shell ornaments and a dagger made from an antler of some member of an ancient deer family. The find is described as one of the most important ever brought to light in North America, from a scientific standpoint.

Washington's Baptism

Among the stories of George Washington recounted by a recent writer is that of his baptism by immersion during the Revolutionary War, although he had been sprinkled in the Episcopalian manner as an infant.

Impressed by a wave of evangelism promoted by Methodists and Baptists about that time, General Washington approached Rev. John Gano, chaplain of the Continental Army, so the story goes, and said: "I have been investigating the scriptures and I believe immersion to be the baptism taught in the word of God, and I demand it at your hands. I do not wish any parade made or the army called out, but simply a quiet demonstration of the ordinance."

Accordingly, it is said, Rev. Gano immersed Washington in the waters of the Potomac in the presence of 42 witnesses. A painting depicting the event was made in 1908, and it now hangs in the John Gano Memorial chapel of William Jewell College, a Baptist institution, at Liberty, Mo.

While the incident of his baptism by immersion seems to give Baptists a certain claim to Washington as one of their number, it is said that he never gave "personal testimony" necessary to membership in that church. He is described as a man of moderation in religion, who attended divine services regularly, but seldom knelt in prayer or partook of communion. In other words, Washington's Christianity was practical rather than pietistic.

Nelson's Flagship

A pigmy in comparison with modern fighting craft, but rich in historic interest, the British ship Victory, flagship of Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar in which he lost his life, has been restored to its original condition.

Launched in 1765, the Victory sailed the seas for 157 years until 1922. But she will sail no more, being now permanently installed in dry dock at Portsmouth as a naval shrine and flagship of the port.

The Victory is only 227 feet long, with 52 foot beam and a tonnage of 2162. The United States liner Leviathan is about thirty times as large. But thru Nelson's genius and daring the Victory became one of the most famous fighting ships of all time, and an inspiration to British sailors of each succeeding generation.

More Old People Now

Gradually the number of old persons is increasing, while the number of children is decreasing, according to Dr. O. E. Baker, a government statistician, who declares that there are now about 10 per cent fewer children in the United States than there were five years ago and, about 17 per cent more persons over the age of 65.

It is a well-known fact that the nation's birth rate has been declining for more than a century. However, the actual number of births did not start downward until 1921. But this decline has been from nearly 3,000,000 births in 1921 to around 2,300,000 in 1934.

Should the decline in births continue at the pre-depression rate, says Dr. Baker, the population of the nation "will increase slowly for about 10 years

when there will be perhaps 5,000,000 more people than now. Soon after this it will decline, providing there is no increase in immigration. Should the decrease in births be less rapid, the increase in population to the peak will be greater and this date farther in the future."

But in the meantime the number of old people will increase by about one-third each decade. This increase, says this authority, is inevitable for they are living now, and the number who will die can be estimated closely.

Sidelights

One of the world's most attractive characters is Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David Windsor. His baptismal names refer to three former royal personages and four patron saints. He himself is best known as the Prince of Wales.

Justice Zoul of Cleveland says he has kissed about 10,000 brides for whom he has performed the marriage ceremony. Admitting that kissing may be unhygienic, he declares he has never been sick. He also observes that any man who lets fear of disease prevent his kissing a pretty woman isn't much of a man anyway.

A versatile painter is John Kane of Pittsburgh. He first painted houses, now paints box-cars as a regular job, and landscapes on the side. One of his landscapes, purchased by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art. Kane has also worked as a miner and street paver.

Mike Haas of New Orleans got the idea that women would buy from women salesmen more readily than from men, so he dressed in female attire and peddled wearing apparel from house to house with considerable success. But an observant policeman thot Mike's big hands and feet belied his feminine garb, and upon confirming his suspicions landed the masquerader in jail.

What's in a name? Turks never take Turkish baths; Irish stew is not peculiar to Ireland; there is no rice in rice paper; nor wax in sealing wax; camel's hair brushes are made from squirrel fur; catgut violin strings are made from sheep gut; Chinese

never heard of chop suey until it was introduced as an American dish, and Panama hats are made in Ecuador.

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Sometimes one may get rid of a pest by lending him a little money.

Like a hard-boiled egg, a supposedly hard-boiled man is usually yellow inside.

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