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ASKING QUESTIONS.

The Art of Interrogation Should Be Devoid of Impertinence.

"Do not ask questions" is the worst piece of social advice which age can give to youth. A man who never asks questions is the dullest fellow in the world. He had better ask too many than too few. We can defend ourselves against curiosity, but no armor avails against indifference. We must resign ourselves to be bored to death.

What is the secret of the art of interrogation? Putting aside quick sympathies, which lie at the root of every social art, we believe the most essential quality for those who would excel in it is directness. The art of asking questions so as to learn, instruct, please and influence is not the art of beating about the bush. The questions which offend and silence are the questions which suggest some ulterior motive. It is a found out scheme which makes men angry. Anything of the nature of a trap keeps us on our guard. If we once fall into one we resolve it shall be the last time. Suspicion kills confidence. Interrogative hints are utterly useless. The average man does not dislike to be questioned. He hates to be startled, crossed, interfered with, reproached, wearied or betrayed. He hates the questions which are not asked with a simple intention.

There are questions which are asked not because the asker wants to know, but because he intends to tell. Others, while ostensibly directed to find out a man's opinion, are really intended to reflect upon his character. Some men inquire as to their neighbors' projects in order to put difficulties in their way. Strings of meaningless questions are poured out by those who desire to pretend an interest in some subject which they neither know nor care anything about.

We believe the conclusion of the matter to be this: The art of interrogation is a serious branch of the social art. Well asked questions are of the essence of agreeable intercourse, but the interrogative mood will not justify an impertinence, an interference, a verbal assault—nor, for the matter of that, a bore.—London Spectator.

ODD NOTIONS OF WOMEN.

Rosa Bonheur treasured a small lead image of St. Anthony of Padua as a lucky charm.

Caroline Herschel firmly believed that if she met a cross eyed beggar in the morning it presaged the discovery of a new star that night.

George Ellof was a slave to the influence of the hunchback and club-footed man and did no literary work upon the day when she saw one.

Lady Millais, the wife of the great painter, was convinced that the crack of doom would sound for any one who stepped on a crack in the sidewalk.

Harriet Beecher Stowe believed that it was bad luck to throw away a toothbrush which had outlived its usefulness and, to the anguish of her household, preserved every one that she had ever used.

Queen Victoria cherished a number of superstitions, and, among them, she believed that the removal of her wedding ring would surely bring calamity and that a pet Manx cat would bring good luck to the royal household.—Everywhere.

Didn't Care to Be Presented.

The wife of a well known naval officer tells an amusing story of some of her experiences in Washington society. On one occasion when she was asked to receive at an army and navy permanent congressional entered with a lady leaning upon each arm. One of the floor committee at once approached him with the polite request that he give his name in order that he might be presented to Mrs. Blank, who received the guests of the evening.

"No, thank you," was the nonchalant reply. "I don't care to be introduced. I have two ladies now to take care of, and that is about as much as I can manage."

Grace in Old Forests.

Some trees are more graceful than others. The elm and oak are noted for their perfect and graceful form. All their branches appear to be perpetually moving, stirred by every wind that blows, and the same may be said of the pine. The graceful movements of its limbs, the sighing sounds of its stems and evergreen needles, send forth a solemn symphony. Everything contributes serene grace and simplicity to old forests.

Behind Her Back.

"She's very studious," said one woman.
"Yes," answered the other.
"And doesn't seem to care for gossiping in the least."
"Oh, I don't know about that," answered the other with a smile; "she merely prefers to talk about Helen of Troy and Romeo and Juliet to paying attention to what is going on in her own neighborhood."—Washington Star.

A Sure Sign.

When a young man talks about the business of "our firm" in a pitch of voice that can be heard from one end of a street car to the other it is a sure sign that his wages have been raised to \$8 a week.

The Prize Winner.

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Wagsby—Gagster won the prize by laughing most heartily at one of his own jokes.—Baltimore American.

Versatile.

Hobson—How is your brother doing at college?
Dobson—Fine. He's singing first tenor and playing second base.—Indianapolis Journal.

Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Griggs, In County Court, before Hon. W. H. Carleton, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of John Hughes deceased.

Wm. J. K. Hughes, Petitioner.

All persons interested in the estate of John Hughes are hereby notified that the final account of the executor of the last will of John Hughes, late of the town of Clearfield in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, is to be presented to this court, to-wit: the County Court of Griggs and State of North Dakota, at the Court Room of this court in the Court House, in the Town of Cooperstown, county of Griggs and State of North Dakota, on Monday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Court Room of this court in the Court House, in the Town of Cooperstown, county of Griggs and State of North Dakota, has been duly appointed by this court for the settlement thereof, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions, in writing, to said account and petition and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required then and there to be and appear before this court and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate distributed, the administration of said estate closed and said executor discharged.

By the court, WILLI H. CARLETON, Judge of the County Court. Dated the 20th day of August, A. D. 1903.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE STATE BANK OF BINFORD

At Binford, in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business Sept. 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts..... \$1260 00
Bankinghouse furniture and fixtures 1786 75
Due from other banks..... \$ 400 00 400 00
Cash..... 2875 90 2875 90
Total..... \$3122 65

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in..... \$ 500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 467 80
Individual deposit subject to check..... \$ 808 41
Demand certificates of deposit..... 100 00
Time certificates of deposit..... 8110 00 15476 41
Total..... \$ 21855 21

State of North Dakota, County of Griggs.

I, W. R. WHITCOMB, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. R. WHITCOMB, Asst. Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of Sept., 1903.

A. G. BORHUS, Notary Public. My commission expires July 10th 1908.
Correct attests: D. W. THOMAS, R. C. KITTEL, Directors.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, N. D., Sept. 8, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk of District Court, at Cooperstown, N. D., on November 9th, 1903, to-wit:

H. E. No. 3218 for the NW 1/4 of sec 21, in Twp 14 N. of range 56 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz:
William E. K. Fisher, Dasey, N. D., Sven Olgard John A. Johnson, Louis Johnson, of Cooperstown, N. D.
C. C. SCHUTLER, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.—Land Office at Fargo, N. D., September 20th 1903.

Notice is hereby given that Theresia Lox, one of the heirs at law of Frank Lichteckel deceased has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Oscar D. Purinton, Clerk of the District Court, at Cooperstown, Griggs Co. N. D., on Wednesday November 11th, 1903.

H. E. No. 3218 for the SW 1/4 of sec 21 Twp 14 N. of range 56 W.
She names the following witnesses to prove continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, by deceased claimant during his lifetime and cultivation thereof by his heirs since his death:
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Loyell	Do 11:30 a. m.	AF 3:15 p. m.
Cooperstown	At 11:45 a. m.	AF 3:45 p. m.
Shepard	Do 10:45 a. m.	AF 4:00 p. m.
Hausford	Do 10:20 a. m.	AF 4:25 p. m.
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