

DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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SHIRT MAKER AND SHIRT BUYER.

Scene.—Work-room of a large establishment.
Employer to Seamstress.—Hand out those shirts. Be alive, I have no time to waste on sewing women. [Examining the articles.] A dozen here, you say; twenty cents a piece. You left out a stitch there.

Seamstress.—I couldn't help it, the candle was so dim, and my eyes so weak, after fifteen hours' work.
Boss.—What do I care for your eyes, or how long you work? I'll fine you twenty cents for the dropped stitches, and twenty more for keeping them out so long.

Seamstress.—Oh, sir, don't! I could not help it. Two of the children are sick; one of them may be dead before I get home. For God's sake don't fine me. [She cries.]

Boss.—What the d—l do I care for you or your brats! Stop your whimpering or I'll call a policeman. There's sixty cents; begone out of this. [Exit woman crying.]

Scene.—Store; same man, selling the same shirts to a gentleman.

Boss.—The shirts are first class, sir, made by one of our most careful sewers, bound to wear as long as they hold together.

Gentleman.—It seems to me that four dollars apiece is rather high.

Boss.—Not at all, sir; the bare making costs seventy-five cents apiece, and they are worth it, sir. There's an unusual amount of work on a shirt, sir. You'll take them, sir. Anything else, sir?

Would you like to wait upon you, sir, as long as you like. Oh, you don't care for anything else. Very well, sir; I'll send them home, sir. [Exit purchaser.]

—New York Sun.

THE BRAZILIANS.

The Brazilians are vastly polite—it would appear to us excessively so. They not only lift the hat to every lady in the street and at the window, but to every well-dressed man, even though a stranger. The most distinguished gentlemen in the city frequently acknowledge my humble presence at the distance of a square off. In making my visits among the sick, it is customary to shake hands with all the household, both on entering and departing from the house; and, if it is a *cobrado*, or two story mansion, where the family always reside in the upper story, the lady of the house, or the daughter, always stands at the head of the stairs till I descend, and once more salute her, with hat in hand.

The Brazilians seldom knock at the door, as we do. They clap the palms of the hands together, two or three times, which answers the same purpose. They never enter an open room without giving notice or asking leave—*com licença*—among the most intimate friends.

In the streets they never call after each other, but attract the attention of the persons they wish to detain by a "shu!" which is heard some distance. When a lady stops you in the street, which is unusual, it is customary to stand with the hat off till she tells you to put it on. "Once on a time," a loquacious *señora* encountered, in the hot sunshine, on the street, a gentleman, of her intimate acquaintance, named Coelho—Rabbit—and detained him some time, hat in hand, without requesting him to put it on; and, after asking particularly about all the members of the family, one by one, added: "You may be sure that I like all of the Rabbits." The gentleman, who was scarcely able to support the noonday heat, answered, demurely: "Yes, my *señora*, and I see that you like them best roasted." —Letter from Rio Janeiro.

GOSSIP.—A contemporary truly says it is next to an impossibility to find a city or village free from this meanest and most shallow minded practice. No person, however respectable, escapes the foul tongued gossip; he or she, as it may be, is constantly engaged in gathering up something to portray in fanciful colors about his or her neighbor; and frequently, when circumstances are not productive enough, it is no unusual thing to manufacture something marvelous enough to excite the crazy minds of certain men and women. People are more prone to believe what is bad and injurious about their neighbors than anything beneficial; hence the gossip does a great deal of harm, and has not only the workshop of a hellish brain and the slippery instrument—a steam propelling tongue—but the open ears and credulous minds of the community. All these in action, it is not a wonder that we have any good and useful citizens at all? Is it not a wonder that every man, under all circumstances, is not hunted down, abused and vilified until life itself becomes a desponding fit? The reason this is not the case, is because of the deceitfulness of the human heart. Men and women will say one thing and do another. They will apparently exhaust their strength and even their language in denouncing their acquaintances in secret; whilst meeting face to face, a smile is seen to light up their countenance, and the right hand of fellowship cheerfully given, familiar conversation takes place, and all is happy and social. But how mean the practice of talking about your neighbor's faults and not carrying out the feelings manifested behind his back. Remove this evil from the world, and it will again blossom and flourish as did the garden before it became the abode of sin and death.

EXPANDING THE LUNGS.—Step out into the purest air you can find; stand perfectly erect, with head and shoulders back, and then, fixing the lips as if you were going to whistle, draw the air through the lips into the lungs. When the chest is about half full, gradually raise the arms, keeping them extended with the palms of the hands down, as you suck in the air, so as to bring them over the head just as the lungs are quite full. Then drop the thumbs inward, and after gently forcing the arms backward and the chest open, reverse the process by which you draw your breath until the lungs are empty. This process should be repeated immediately after bathing, and also several times through the day. It is impossible to describe to one who has never tried it the glorious sense of vigor which follows this exercise. It is the best expectorant in the world. I know a gentleman the measure of whose chest has been increased by this means some three or four inches during some months.

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