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SHADES OF WASHINGTON!

If a lie may be defined as any statement made with intent to deceive, then most of us are liars. We are disposed to lie in every way possible. We lie thru custom, manner, dress and a hundred other mediums, most of which, let it be said to our credit, we are blissfully unconscious. The business man hyperbolically proclaims the virtues of his goods and the guest gushes over the "charming" party of her hostess. Lying, therefore, is a fairly common habit of humanity that may be studied with regard to the psychological aspects and treated as a coldly mental problem with no moral connotations attached.

Psychologists, with unintentional humor, recognize three special classes of liars: women, children, and feeble-minded persons. Women are many times inconsistent, avoiding definite remarks when the case calls for a certain squirming out from under a doubtful proposition. Women are also more emotional and more imaginative than men and hence are more inclined to depart from the terse, matter of fact, statements that characterize men's speech. They are apt to simulate and dissimulate and quite often develop a certain artificiality of manner. It is to be considered however that these so called "faults" which have been mentioned have not grown out of a great propensity for lying but are rather used as weapons against the unnatural environment in which women have been forced to live. The more complete the emancipation that is granted to women the less will be her inducement to simulation and dissimulation.

Children get first prize, when it comes to telling the tales that Ananias told. The imaginative, fanciful, and even grotesque stories that children tell for ulterior purposes have made them notorious liars. Children lie with purpose, with no purpose, with reason, with no reason; they lie with cool calculation; they lie unconscious that they

Parnassus Breezes

BY G. K. STONE

THE LOST LADY

On, on, o'er hill and plain I go
With anxious step I tread,—
The rugged road doth lie below
The gray sky overhead.

I go to seek a lady fair
Through pathways bright and drear,
But, ah, her glorious image ne'er
Doth to my eye appear.

Once I did read in curious book
How wondrous were her eyes,—
How that her golden tresses look
Like unto sunset skies.

I've sought for her o'er land and sea
But she eludes me still;
I think perhaps that she may be
Just over yonder hill.

On, on, o'er hill and plain I go
With anxious step I tread,—
The rugged road doth lie below
The gray sky overhead.

A NEW ADJECTIVE

We observe that our esteemed contemporary, The Ashland Times-Gazette, has just discovered a new adjective. A recent headline divulges the following information: "CHANKING LIFE IN INDIA TO BE THEME OF LECTURE." From the context we gather that "chanking" here probably means something like "awful" or "heluva."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ADDRESS

One hundred and eighty-one years ago there was born in the parish of Westmoreland, State of Virginia, a man who was destined to become one of the most outstanding characters in all human history. This afternoon all classes have been abolished in order that the one hundred and eighty-first anniversary of this event might be fittingly celebrated. We have come here to solemnly consider and to cogitate upon the great significance of this day and to honor the memory of him who is the father of his country. We have not come here solely that we may pay our respects to America's first president, for Washington was more than a president, neither have we assembled to reverence him because he was a great military leader, for he was more than a military leader. His greatest accomplishments, however great they might have been, his most marvelous military exploits, however wonderful they were, all sink into insignificance before the stupendous feat he accomplished in refraining from prevarication. In this he holds a unique place in the annals of hu-

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