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Next month we will expose several frauds, and their tricks to deceive the public will be laid bare.

We hope our readers will pardon the rush of advertisements in this number, which has crowded out our personal and political gossip.

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Society Notes.

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Dr. J. H. Parnell has been appointed on the head-quarters staff of the Patriarchs Militant.

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As our civic authorities have not woke up to their duty why not our societies, national and benevolent, get up a Jubilee celebration.

The Oddfellows' will run monster Jubilee excursions to Peterboro' in August when the Grand Lodge meets. There will be a grand prize drill tournament, and the Queen's Own Rifles will also be there.

The Ancient Order of Foresters are opening up some new lodges in this district.

The Sons of St. George, who, by the way, are ten thousand strong, made a desperate effort to amalgamate with the S. O. E. However, there is a wide field for both organizations.

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Early morning in the Sierra. A faint glimmering of dawn in the east, tinging the lower edges of dark storm-clouds rifted by the icy winds; distant peaks dimly visible through the twilight, looming ghastly in their snowy shrouds against the paling gray of the murky horizon. Tall pines shadowing in graceful grandeur the moist and slippery sides of the dark ravines, through which gurgle the vagrant waters of a storm that has raged through the night. Absolute solitude—even the wind has ceased its monotonous requiem, exhausted by its mad efforts in the hours of darkness. The air grows colder. A snowflake flutters down through the uncertain half-light, hesitates an instant, as if struggling against a manifest destiny, and then falls helplessly, hopelessly, into the yellow, watery mud of the torn and gullied mountain road, to be absolved with impunity and lost forever. Under the silent boughs of a great pine, watching the gathering light in the east—a man—the only living creature visible in this sad, gloomy picture. A mask veils his features, and in his hands, cocked and ready for instant use, he holds a double barreled shotgun.

"I wonder where I will be this time tomorrow?" Most men soliloquize when alone, and this man simply obeyed a natural impulse in uttering his thoughts aloud. The sound of his voice seemed to relieve the monotony. "I won't be here, that's certain," he continued. "I know where I think I'll be, but it's a mighty long distance, and the trail's through the woods. I've got three chances at the outcome—safety; bolts, bars, and strong walls; or——"

The musical jingling of spurs and the irregular slap-dash of a horse's hoofs trotting through the mud interrupted the vague speculations of the man and caused him to draw closer into the shadow. The horseman passed. As the jingling of spurs and splutter of hoofs died away over the hill the man emerged from the shadow and looked down the road. He listened; his form, slightly bent, was outlined against the dawn-light, a sinister silhouet, only half human, if the imagination were to seek a resemblance between the motionless form in this attitude and a bird of prey. Suddenly the listener started back once more. The movement was agile and cat-like; firm, determined, desperate. A singular medley of sound floated through the still air—the creaking of wheels, the rattling of harness, the constant cracking of a whip, the constant splashing of horses' hoofs, and the hoarse cries of a man urging a spirited team to renewed exertions. Nearer and nearer came the discordant noises. The man in the shadow of the pine grew more rigid and more alert. His fingers sought the triggers of his gun, and his thumb pressed more firmly over the hammers. His neck was stretched forth like the neck of the condor as it watches herdsmen on the plains below.

"Git along there! What's the matter with ye, Blaze? —— these roads!" and the driver threw "the silk into the off leader" at the rate of twenty cracks a minute. The four mustangs plunged furiously, and the stage creaked agonizingly, the harness straining with the spasmodic efforts of the horses to drag the heavily laden vehicle up the grade.

"Hold on, there, Baldy!"

It was the man in shadow who spoke. The horses swerved to the right and almost overturned the stage. The driver, however, had presence of mind, and was skillful; he dragged the leader trembling with fright back into the road and turned his attention to the man with the shotgun.

"Moist morning," the latter remarked in a somewhat sympathizing tone.

"Purty wet," the driver replied.

"Roads bad?" inquired the man, throwing his gun into the hollow of his arm, so that the muzzle bore directly, though apparently unintentionally, upon the door of the stage, from the interior of which a head had been suddenly projected, when the stage stopped, and which was as suddenly withdrawn when a certain instinctive curiosity had been satisfied in the twin depths of the gun barrels.

"Purty bad, stranger, from the Crimea House down," said the driver. "Anything I ken do fur ye? I don't mind swappin' a lie or two 'ith ol' friends when I meet 'em, but ye see I am a leetle behind time this morning', an' I haven't got much leeway ef I'm goin' to git into Stockton afore night."

"That's so, Baldy, ol' man," replied the man familiarly, "and you needn't put yourself out on my account. Just chuck down that box of mine and we will call it square."

"Which box?"

"That one under your seat there; it's marked 'Wells, Fargo an' Co. I'm Fargo."

"O, you're Fargo, eh?" said Baldy, simulating a renewed interest in the adventure. "Well, I declare, I thought I met you afore, and I'll be d—d ef I could place you. How's the fam'ly, Fargo?"

"First rate, Baldy."

"Ol' woman's as spry as ever, I s'pose?"

"Never felt better in her life."

"Kids all hunkidori, eh?"

"You Bet. Call around and see us, Baldy, when you get a chance; Mrs. Fargo'd be delighted to see you, old man."

"So I will, Fargo; so I will. But I say, Fargo, this yer box o' yours is a valu'ble package, and goes through to the 'address' o' the firm."

"Never mind that, Baldy. You tell I took charge of it. That'll be all right. There's documents in the box that I can't get along without just now—business of the firm you know—and seeing you are behind time maybe you'd better not fool round any more gassing with me."

As he said this the muzzle of the gun gradually lifted, until the yawning barrels covered the driver, inducing two Chinamen on the back seat to shrink nervously toward the opposite side of the stage. Baldy wrapped the lines around the brake and bent over to drag out the box. He had some difficulty in extracting the bulky padlock concern from the pile of mail bags, but he finally succeeded, and raising the box on the edge of the boot inquired:

"Is this the bizness, Fargo?"

"I reckon—throw it down, and I'll make an inspection. Yes, that's what I'm looking for," he added, after the box had fallen with a jingling crash at his feet. "Want a receipt, Baldy?"

"No, I guess not," said the driver. "I'll tell Wells you took charge o' the valu'ble package, and'——"

"That'll be all right, Baldy," interrupted the man. "Wells won't kick. Hope you'll make the trip all right, old man."

"Anything else, Fargo?"

"Don't think of anything else just now. I guess you can drive right along."

"No message to inquirin' friends?"

"Nary message."

"Be here when I get back?"

"Most likely I won't be here."

"Well, so long, Fargo; take care o' yerself."

"So long, Baldy; I'll see you later."

And so they parted.

By this time the morning was well advanced. The clouds hung low and the air was moist and uncomfortable. Snowflakes drifted through the pines and great masses of vapor shifted along the slopes of the distant mountains. The highwayman dragged the express box into the ravine, where he would be free from observation and sheltered from the growing inclemency of the weather. Here he broke open the box with a hatchet which he carried in his belt, and in a few minutes he had transferred all the coin packages to his pockets. As he arose, the superscription of a letter caught his eye—the letter lay half buried in the mud, where it had been flung by the robber when he rifled the box. The impress of the highwayman's heel was upon it, but the address was clearly legible: John R. Richmond, Columbia, Tuolumne Co., Cal.

The robber stood for a moment as if spellbound, contemplating this letter as Robinson Crusoe contemplated the footprint in the sand. Then he picked it up and rubbed the mud from the envelope upon his sleeve. He examined it with deep interest. The superscription was in the handwriting of a woman—small, delicate, but faltering, as if the fingers that held the pen trembled when the writing was done. The envelope was postmarked "Utica, N. Y.' The robber slowly tore the end of the envelope and withdrew a sheet of note paper, closely written. As he read he smiled, and when he had finished he returned the letter to its envelope and placed it in his pocket. Glancing swiftly around, he stood for a moment irresolute. Having decided what direction he should take, now that flight was necessary, he climbed to the ridge above the canon, and with a swift stride pressed steadily forward. During the morning he tramped through unfrequented paths, avoiding the habitations of men, and seemingly heedless of the storm that now whirled and roared around him. He had discarded his mask and hatchet beside the express box, but he carried his shotgun, not so much for personal protection as to afford an excuse for prowling through the hills. To the casual passer-by he was simply a hunter, whose luck or skill had been bad, returning empty-handed through a driving snowstorm.

At noon the snow fell so thick that he could scarcely follow the trail. An hour later he stopped. He began to doubt whether he was pursuing the right course. He strained his eyes to catch some familiar landmark, but the snowflakes fell around him like a fleecy, shifting curtain. He strode forward once more, this time slowly—feeling his way. He was beginning to be confused. Again he paused. This time he realized the dangers which this circumstance entailed. He had but one recourse at that moment. He would descend the first gulch and follow it to its outlet. As he hurried forward, floundering through the deepening drifts, he found that he was traversing a broad plateau. While speculating what "flat" this could be he plunged headlong into a bush fence. He was saved. As he arose he heard voices. Guided by this welcome sound he soon reached a barn. Sheltering himself under the lee of the barn, he waited until the men retired and then he crept into the building. Several horses occupied stalls in the stable, and farming implements and harness were scattered about. The robber climbed into the loft, and, burying himself in the hay, was soon sleeping soundly.

When he awoke it was night, and the stars were shining clear and bright in the cloudless sky. The snow lay thick in every direction, and the only sound that broke the silence was the dripping of water from the eaves of the barn. He looked out and saw a horse a short distance from his place of concealment. No one was stirring and no lights were visible. Descending to the lower floor of the barn the highwayman lighted a lantern and began to search for something among the implements scattered about. In a few moments he found a saddle, which he carried to one of the stalls, and, speaking low to one of the horses, placed it on the animal's back. Having secured the saddle he took down the bridle and adjusted it in the horse's mouth. Then he listened. The silence reassured him. He opened the door and led the horse out into the starlight. Choosing a path that led away from the house, he was making good progress toward a gate when his plans were disturbed by the sudden, fierce outcry of dogs. They came at him from every direction, yelping, barking baying. There was not an instant to be lost. To hesitate meant an unequal struggle with the dogs and ultimate capture by the inmates of the house. Leaping to the saddle the desperate man urged his horse at the fence. The animal was game, and answered the hoarse cry of its rider by rising at the fence and clearing it at a single bound. He thought he heard an answering shout from the farmhouse, but he was not certain and he had no desire to solve this doubt. In two hours, by hard riding, he had left danger miles behind and reined his horse into a rapid walk.

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The foothills of the Sierras are thickly wooded with white, black, and live oak, thus relieving the monotony of an otherwise barren landscape. Even in the depth of winter these oaks retain their foliage, and one never sees in California the gnarled branches and leafless boughs so conspicuously wintry in their nakedness in less favored climes. Standing beneath one of these oaks, the day following his escape from the mountain ranch, the highwayman watched the approach of a party of horsemen. The horse he had stolen stood beside him, covered with mud from neck to fetlock—foundered. The horsemen in the distance rode furiously, and they were heading directly for the tree beneath which the fugitive stood. There was a smile upon his lips, and he seemed in an unusually cheerful mood.

"Those fellows mean business," he muttered. "They wouldn't have followed me so close if they didn't. Looks as if the game was up on this side of the board—home to

deal and a handful of small cards. I g
I'll have to peg out." The rude realis
the simile amused the stage-robber and
eyes twinkled humorously. "When I s
ed on this risky enterprise I tried to
ahead into the future a day or two. I
dered where I'd be about this time. I
my chances on two losing cards—a jail
a rope—and I reckon I won the rope.
gang don't look like a crowd of mission
chasing me to save my immortal soul.
ain't the Sheriff, because the Sheriff
hunt coyotes with a brass band. I thi
is this horse that has settled my busi
Well, what of it? I played it for all it
worth, but two litt'e pair don't beat a
full, and I don't think my bluff is goi
work."

By this time the pursuers were thun
ing up the slope, their horses reeking
sweat and panting with their exertion. T
were ten men in the crowd, and their
bearded faces wore an expression anyt
but reassuring to the man who so c
awaited them. They circled the tree
out a word and hastily secured their an
to the branches. One of them, a
bronzed, muscular young man, uncoil
lariat from the horn of his saddle and
it defiantly and with ominous significan
the feet of the robber. The leader of
horsemen then approached.

"Good mornin, stranger, he remar
in that easy, familiar tone peculiar
the mountaineer of California, with w
the time of day is always morning
night.

"Good morning," the highwayman
swered, extending his hand with a cordi
that was ironical in its effusiveness.
leader grasped the proffered hand half
chanically, his face indicating surpri
the coolness of the man they intend
hang.

"Belong in these parts?" he asked.

"No; can't say I'm exactly a resid
of this quarter-section just now."

"Maybe you're thinkin' o' pre empti
claim?"

"You've struck it, pard. I've been
ning pretty free of late, and I've about
cluded to settle down, quiet-like and e
The man looked steadily into the eyes o
[illegible], his cheek unblanched and
voice as calm and passionless as if the
of a painful death at the hands of these
termined men was the last thought i
mind. The leader of the horsemen whi
ed softly. Then he said:

"Been here long?"

"Halt an hour."

"Haven't seen anything of a clay
mare branded 'J. C.' on the left flank,
you?"

"Pacer?"

"That's her gait."

"White spot in her forehead?"

"You know her, stranger."

"I guess I've seen the mare. Belo
you?"

"I paid $160 fur the brute, an' I ha
sold her yet."

"Had an offer?"

"No."

"Want to sell?"

"Well, I can't say I do—not just
anyhow. Why? You wasn't th
o' buyin' the mare, was ye?"

"O, I didn't know but we might
some sort o' trade. I've been traveling
ty lively the last two days, and this m
mine is petered."

"'Pears to me your mare's a clay
too," and the leader approached the an
patting her gently on the neck.

"That's her color, pardy," said the
"and she's a dandy. I wouldn't take
for her if she was in condition."

"White spot in her forehead, too. S
ger, ef this warn't your mare I'd swea
was mine." He walked slowly around
horse, examining the animal in detail
commenting upon her various points
semblance to his own. Yes, sir; th
mare o' yours, stranger, is the dead ima
one I lost yesterday mornin'. I shou
be surprised ef she was my mare's twi
ter."

"You say you've lost your mare?"

"Sartin."

"Broke out o' the corral, I s'pose.'

"With a man on her back."

"Ah!"

"You say you've seen the critter, s
ger?"

"Perhaps."

"Maybe you noticed the party a-ri lin' or?"

"I took particular notice of the individual. He was a tall man."

"'Bout your hight, maybe?"

"Yes, and he wore a broad-brimmed hat, something like this one." The imperturbable robber removed his hat and held it towards the other.

"Notice his hair and beard?"

"Sandy."

"Light complected, eh?"

"'Bout my color."

The leader turned to his companions and said:

"Boys, I reckon were much obleeged to the stranger."

There was a murmur of assent.

"Reckon we're hot on the trail?"

"You bet."

"Stranger," began the leader, turning once more to his victim, "we're much obliged to ye fur yer information. The party you saw ridin' that claybank pacer—that sandy-complected party you say looks much like present company—stole the mare, and we're——"

"May be he only borrowed the mare," interrupted the robber.

"That's so. I didn't think o' that. But he borrowed her in the night-time from my barn, close to my house, while I was asleep."

"I guess he didn't want to disturb you—folks are considerate, you know."

"He might 'a waited till mornin'."

"Perhaps he was in a hurry."

"Precisely; an' come to think of it, so are we. I guess we'll have to be on the move ef we calkerlate to ketch up 'ith the hoss-thief."

He picked up the lariat and threw one end over the branch of the oak. The other men took hold of the rope and ranged themselves in line. The leader adjusted the noose and slipped it around the highwayman's neck. The latter submitted without a shudder. He even smiled, and, as the loop was drawn tight, said:

"Thanks, I forgot to put on my necktie this mornin'."

"Ye don't know how a necktie improves a man," the leader replied.

"O, I'm a dandy in full dress," said the prisoner. "But, I say, pard, can't we make some sort of trade on that horse? I'll give you what I'll do. I'll give you $500 cash for your horse, and take the chances of finding the man that borrowed your animal."

"That's a pretty good offer, stranger, as ye see the mare's sort of a favorite with the women folks, and they'd break their hearts ef they thought I sold her. No, stranger, I can't sell; I'd never hear the end of it, an' peace in the family's wuth more to me than $500. I'm sorry, but I reckon the trade's off. How's that sort of a knot suit ye? 'Tain't as tasty as I'd like, but my fingers are all thumbs to-day, and I must excuse me ef it don't look as pretty as a red sash on a greaser's stomach. There I reckon that'll do."

"Much obliged, pard." The voice of the highwayman was somewhat choked, but it was not with his emotion. "Are you going? Well, good luck to you."

The men on the rope stepped back two paces. The lariat tightened between the robber's neck and the bough over which it had been flung.

"Any word ye'd like to send your beloved relatives?" asked the leader, as he stepped away.

"Nothing partic'lar," replied the highwayman. "Nothing except an answer I'd have written to a letter I've got in my pocket."

"I reckon we ken 'tend to that little biz," said the leader.

"I don't like to trouble you, gentlemen, but it would be a great accommodation to me."

"No trouble, stranger. Where's the letter?"

"In my coat pocket."

The leader, after considerable fumbling, found the letter.

"Is this the dockyment?" he inquired.

"That's the paper, and if it wouldn't be too much trouble, perhaps you'll read it aloud to the boys. They might suggest some points for the answer. Besides, I'd like to refresh my own memory a bit."

The leader glanced at the address:

"John R. Richmond, Columbia, Tuolumne County."

"That's me," said the robber.

The leader drew the envelope and read loud:

"SWEET HOME, Oct. 21, 1859.—*My Darling Boy:* The years are dragging wearily by, and I am growing old in my loneliness. The grave seems colder and more cheerless as I totter toward it, bereft of the loving presence of my darling child. Why do you leave me thus in my old age? O, John, I yearn for you. I long to clasp you in my arms once more, to lay my cheek againgt yours; to kiss the lips I kissed so fondly as you slept in your cradle before you knew a mother's love. It has been fifteen years since you left me—fifteen years of waiting, and watching, and praying for your return. Do you realize how my heart goes out to you—a mother's heart? Do you realize the fear that oppresses her as she thinks of the dangers that surround you in that far away land, among desperate men, whose hand may not be restrained against you by the love a mother bears for a wayward child. Have you forgotten me, John? I almost feel that you have, for I have heard nothing from you for months. I am uncertain that this will reach you. John, your mother, who loves you better than life, is waiting for you, and her eyes are dim with tears of disappointment. My heart aches as I think that perhaps I am forgotten by my beloved son—the only tie that binds me to earth. Shall I ever see my boy again? Shall I clasp him to my bosom once more? O, I could die happy with his arms about me, my head pillowed upon his breast, or his head was once pillowed upon mine. I cannot realize that my darling, my baby, is a man, for in my heart's memory he is still a child—an innocent, laughing, mother-loving boy. Come home, John. It will not be long, and when this feeble body lies cold in the grave you may wander out into the world again. Remember, John, a mother's love is more precious than all besides, and until death comes to end my longing I shall wait—O, so patiently—and watch through my tears for the coming of him who is dearest to me on earth. MOTHER."

The bright sunlight flooded a landscape barren and cheerless. The blue of the sky above was simply a relief such as Nature, in her regard for the fitness of things, had spread over the unattractive prospect for a pleasant contrast. As the leader ceased there was a silence in that terrible group for a moment; even the restless horses were still. The stern judges stood like statues grasping the lariat. But the rope had slackened as that mother's pathetic appeal was read. And, standing there on the brink of his grave, John Richmond faced his executioners as calmly, as resigned as if the soul of a martyr animated him instead of a sin-stained, reckless, desperate heart that might shrink from no villiany.

"He's game." The man who spoke had released his hold on the lariat. The leader replaced the letter in Richmond's pocket. Looking around upon his followers he observed that only two of them retained their hold upon the rope, and even these men were doubtful and hesitating. The leader understood the temper of his companions.

"Stranger," he said, striding close to the pinioned man, "whar were ye goin' when we met you?"

"I was going home."

"It's a long way home, stranger."

"I know it."

"And the trail's crooked."

"I won't lose it, pard, if my life is spared."

The leader unbound the highwayman, and, turning to his companions, remarked, in a voice softer than usual:

"Boys, some of us have mothers back in the States, and maybe we're thinkin' o' those mothers at this identical minute. It's my opinion that those mothers have saved a man's life to-day." Then to the highwayman: "Stranger its nigh sundown, an' we've got a long road afore us. Good-day." They shook hands, and the leader mounted his horse. As the men rode out from beneath the shadow of the oak the highwayman followed.

"How 'bout the mare, pard? I stick to my bargain."

"Never mind the mare, stranger; there'll be horses when were dead, out a man never had but one mother."

The highwayman watched thehorseman as they rode down the hillside—watched them, silent and motionless, until they disappeared from his view. Then his hand slowly rose to his neck, and lingered there a moment with a soft-clutching movement of the fingers, and the smile that seemed habitual with him swept once more across his face.

"I'll thank that man if I ever meet him," he murmured. I'll thank him from the bottom of my heart, and I'll ask him to thank that good, kind old mother of his for me. It was lucky for me that his name was the same as mine, or I'd never saved it. It must have been a special Providence, or something of that sort, and I'm thankful to all parties concerned; but it was a close call, all the same.

Like It Vhas in Shermany.

By Carl Dunder.

If I find a man who vhas honest und oopright I doan' go back on him pecause he eats mit his kife.

Vhen somepody comes to me and says dis worldt vhas all a sham und dot all men vhas dishonest, I doan' say nottings. I look a leedle oudt dot he doan' steal my beer glasses und deceive me py his lies.

Some men vhill lay for you for a dozen years, und sometimes vhen you shtub your toe dey vhill shump in und shudge your whole character py der remarks indulged in at dot time.

It vhas pooty easy to wonder how dis mans or dot mans gets along so well and dond't work, but we doan' stop a leedle to see if he doan' wonder der same mit us.

If an oldt man comes to me und asks if he should get married again I tell him it vhas all right. It vhas one of der vhays he can make a fool of himself according to law.

Maype it vhas all right dot some mans vhas very rich and some very poor. If dis vhas not so der poor mans would have nothings to compare himself to und no care for wealth,

Some efenings vhen I vhas in my own house a tramp comes along and shtrikes me for a quarter to get a night's lodging. I owe him nothings, und he vhas a fraud, but I gif it to him pecause if he shump in der river und I vhas on der coroner's shury it damage me fife doliar.

Vhen some people meet mit troubles dey vhas all knocked to pieces, ash if it vhas dey unexpected. I pelief dot der Lord expected troubles und misfortunes for der whole human race, und dot der man who shlips aroundt 'em vhas too mean to go to Heafen.

Der line between ignorance and vice vhas so narrer dot der want of a nickel vhill push a man oafer. Not dot some ignorant men vhas not honest, but dot ignorance vhill make a man pelief dot der vorldt owes him a living. Vhen he gets dot idea he vhas ready to shteal der living which der vorld owes somepodv else.

Hadn't Sense Enough for That.

Careful Mamma—"I don't think you ought to sit on the same sofa with Mr. De Lone when he calls to see you, dear."

Charming daughter—"Why, the sofas are great big things. What difference does it make?"

"He might forget himself and suddenly reach over and kiss you."

"Humph! He hasn't sense enough."

Smith's Nerve.

Johnnie—"You are not a bit nervous, are you, Mr. Smith?"

Smith—"Why, no Johnnie; why do you ask?"

Johnnie—"'Cause ma said at breakfast to-day, that she thought you had a good deal of nerve to be sitting up with Mary Jane till twelve o'clock without coming to the point."

Bloodshed Averted.

Little Man.—"I understand, sir, that you have called me an unmitigated liar?"

Big Man.—"No, I didn't use the word unmitigated."

Little Man.—"Then I accept your apology."

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PEARLS OF TRUTH.

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Honor your engagement. If you promise to meet a man or do a certain thing at a certain moment, be ready at the appointed time.

If you are fortunate enough to possess youth, be careful in the handling of wine. In its moderate use—as in that of many other blessings—lie health and cheer; but excess means misery and disease.

It is not isolated great deeds which do most to form a character, but small conterminous acts touching and blending into one another. The greenness of a field comes not from trees, but from blades of grass.

A good test of one's condition is ability to sleep well. Toil that does not interfere with sleep cannot be said to be excessive. Idleness that prevents sound and refreshing sleep, and takes away the keen appetite for it, robs a man of this among other blessings of life, and makes existence empty.

The quarrelsome man not only poisons the happiness of his own family and friends, but also his own. He generates antagonism, ill-feeling, and dislike wherever he vents his spleen, and these react on him to his misery. When to this is added the internal irritation of his own feelings, it is very certain that he is himself the greatest sufferer from his own pugnacity.

Of all educations that which has for its object the right fulfilment of parental duties would seem among the most important. Yet, as a general thing, that relation is entered upon with only crude and desultory ideas of the principles involved; and while intelligence and experience slowly bring a measure of wisdom, it often comes too late for the most pressing necessities.

A great portion of all the worst mischief, negative and positive, that ever afflicted the world is traceable to what people erroneously call conscience, but which is often only a hateful compound of ignorance, prejudice, and vindictiveness. The duty of man is to improve those faculties which enable him to think and act correctly. He must make his conscience a good enlightened conscience; then only, will he be entitled to honor and credit in acting upon it.

Benevolence has a farther-reaching service to render to mankind than is usually supposed. Not merely to listen to complaints, to relieve conscious suffering, and to supply recognized deficiencies is her appointed work, but also to detect the poverty that fancies itself rich, the ignorance that thinks itself wise, the grievances suffered unknowingly, the wrongs inflicted unthinkingly, the sins committed without remorse, the woes endured without effort to avert them.

It is all very well to talk of early marriages as in every way best for the morality and general well being of the community. But there is another side. How many foolish boys and girls rush into matrimony without the most distant prospect of even making a reasonably fair start in comfortable house-keeping. They are like the Irishman, who married one day and applied for parish help the next, while he gave as an excuse for his matrimonial venture "we could not be worse and we might be better." They can be worse by marrying. Indeed often are, and the morality is often not a bit better after than before. In this country young people, if at all thrifty and industrious, can make a fair provision for house-keeping before they are twenty-five and no man or woman ought to marry before that time. But to buy the few pieces of furniture "on tick" is too bad. Better never marry at all. And to think of people that do this, talking of love and all that! Pshaw! It is too absurd.

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"Cawn't do it," replied the court.

"But I don't like to stand up before such a crowd."

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"Fellow cawn't help his failings, you knaw. Was out to a champagne supper. Probably took too much. Probably ought to have gone home in a carriage, you knaw."

"You were very drunk, sir, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I regard it as a great disgrace."

"Oh, as to that, you knaw, all the bloods get dizzy now and then. Cawn't see where the disgrace comes in—weally, I cawn't. I expect to pay a fine, you know."

"Oh, you do? Well, you'll pay one. I shall fine you $5."

"Too cheap, your Honaw. Weally, but that's a scrub fine."

"Then I make it $10."

"That's better, you knaw, but it's only what a tough would have to pay."

"Then I'll say $15."

"Weally, your Honaw, but I couldn't go below $20, you knaw. Every blood should be willing to pay $20. Here's a $20 bill, your Honaw, and I will now bid you—ah—a good-day—ah."

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An English coin collector owns the eighty four guineas found in Nelson's possession when he fell at Trafalgar.

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To give some dubious people a pointer on what stamp collecting is, Palmer says that the two Mulready envelopes *used* on India paper will fetch $390; the 5c. New Brunswick, with the head of Connell, is worth $140; the two Reunion stamps are worth $500. At the recent auction sales of rare old used stamps in N. Y. lately the following are the prices paid:—1s., 1857, Newfoundland, $30; New Brunswick, 1s. $17.25; a Confederate stamp $63; a Mauritius stamp $50. Mr. Casey made $1970 on the sale of his collection; Rev. A Hœnecke received $1344; and Mr. J. M. Chute got $1060. That is philately.

Those Samoa stamps which have caused several philatelists to talk harshly of, are undoubtedly a regular issue. A gentleman in Honolulu sends us a letter in which he encloses another letter received from Samoa. It has two of the new palm tree stamps on it—a 2d. and 4d. and is post marked "Apia—Jan. 5—Samoa."

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"What is your name?"

"Green, I'se called."

"Green! What is your first name?"

"Green is my first name."

"What is your other name?"

"Oh! It's Needham, Needham Green."

"Are you sure of it?"

"Yes, sir. It's Green Needham."

"Well, now, is it Needham Green or Green Needham?"

"Green is my name, my given name. It's Needham Green."

"It is not Green Needham?"

"Yes, sir, that's it."

It was finally registered to the prospective groom's satisfaction as Needham Green, but he had to refer to his companion for the name of the forthcoming bride.

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"I don't know," said Teeny, looking up as if she had been startled out of quite another train of thought. "Why, what made you think of that?"

"Oh, I don't know; I have always wished to be one—always longed to do some great thing, or be some great person. Sometimes I think it would give the greatest pleasure to be a splendid singer—like Jenny Lind, for instance. How she was worshipped! How grand it must have been to spring up from obscurity into something even greater than royalty."

"I don't believe she cared for the applause, though," said Teeny. "She wasn't at all that kind of a woman."

"And then," continued Adelaide, "there is Ida Lewis. What a splendid thing to be known for such heroism as hers—saving life. And I'm sure I do believe she might marry almost any rich man she chose, there are so many willing to take her."

"Why is that your idea of the acme of heroism—to enable one to marry a rich man?" queried Teeny.

"Well, no, not exactly; though it must be a fine thing to be rich, too."

"Then, almost all heroines are made by accident, or rather, their good fortune comes unsought. Ida Lewis never stopped to think whether the world would applaud. I presume no one was more astonished than herself when she saw her name and her brave acts making the sensation they did. So, dear, if you are ever a heroine, perhaps you will be as much astonished as Ida Lewis was."

"Ah!" responded Adelaide, with something like a sigh, "it isn't at all likely I shall ever do any brave or beautiful thing. I shall go plodding on baking bread, mending the children's clothes, helping mother, coaxing father when he gets low spirited and thinks we are all going to the poorhouse, marry somebody who can just get me a living, so as to save the expense of being taken care of at home, and so on, for who knows how many years! I'm only 16 now."

Adelaide's brother came in just then.

"There's a plot under way, girls, to get us over to Silverton Falls to-morrow," he said. "Dr. Jones is going with his sister Hattie, and Briggs says we can have his waggonette and welcome. What do you say?"

"It would be just splendid!" cried Adelaide.

"All right said John; "then I'll see to things. There will be some five or six couples going besides us. Dr. Jones' nephew—he's a great doctor, they say—and the Carrolls' cousins. Won't we have a jolly time!"

The morning came—a perfect one. The party took different routes home. John Moss started with old Dr. Jones' buggy in company. "Young Dr. Jones was parceled out to somebody else," the doctor said. He was very proud of his nephew.

They were about half way home, singing songs, laughing, and chatting, when, suddenly, from one of the cottages, a whimsical looking object started out toward the horses

John's horse, seeing the poor, silly scarecrow brandishing a broomstick, dressed in some outlandish manner, took fright and leaped on one side, upsetting the vehicle before John could control him, and they were all thrown out.

Fortunately the vehicle was caught by a tree and held so firmly that the shafts were broken, and the horse made his escape at a run.

"Anybody hurt?" cried the doctor, coming up with them, as John had succeeded in lifting Adelaide, who uttered a low cry of pain.

The doctor was an old man, almost too old for practice, "but good yet," he sometimes said, "for a broken limb."

"Something ails my arm!" said Adelaide with another moan of pain; "see I can't move it."

"Broken," said the old doctor sententiously.

Adelaide grew white at the lips, but controlled herself bravely. Her first thought was: "More expense for poor father."

"We had better take her into one of the poor cottages here, and I will set it," continued Dr. Jones. "Upon my word I wish my nephew had come back this way."

Adelaide was led into one of the poor cottages, her arm was set, and she bore the operation with great fortitude. Then, when the splints were on, she was taken home in the doctor's buggy.

For some days Dr. Jones pronounced the arm doing well; then he began to look grave and uncertain, and one day he said to his wife:

"I'm going to send to the city for James. There's something amiss with that arm, and I haven't the courage to tell them."

So he sent for his nephew, who came, looked at the sweet face of the invalid, recollected he had seen it before, looked at the arm, then pressed his lips together.

"The arm must be broken again, if you want the proper use of it. As it is it would be a deformity."

Adelaide hid her face. The hot tears scalded her cheek almost. She trembled for a moment from head to foot. The long, long bill, and her father so poor. At last she found voice.

"When should it be done?"

"As soon as possible. I will come to-morrow. You shall have ether. We will spare you all the pain we can."

Adelaide looked up in his face, very pale, as she said quietly:

"Doctor, I won't take ether, but," she lifted the arm with difficulty, "don't wait; please break it now. I am not afraid; I sha'n't faint. Now, while my courage is up."

He said nothing, but he set his lips together—a glance of admiration brightened his face for one brief moment—and then—it was over—and the suffering all to be gone through with again.

Nobody knew it till, pale, and exhausted, Adelaide was left, and the doctor detailed his experience to the family down-stairs, John sprang to his feet, and her father burst into tears.

"Your daughter is a heroine," said the doctor, admiringly. "I never saw such fortitude in my life."

Teeny ran up-stairs, but her courage failed her at the door, and she could only kneel there and weep, and vainly strive for composure. At last, when she went in, Adelaide had fallen asleep from sheer exhaustion.

We are happy to say that her father did not have a heavy bill to pay, for young Jones, the celebrated physician, found so much to admire in brave little Adelaide that he would not rest contented till he carried her off some time after as his wife.

"So you see," said Teeny afterward, "it happened about right for Addy after all, didn't it? She was a heroine, and she got a great and good man for a husband."

Why She Knew it Wasn't Right.

Little Dot—"Mamma, Dick is kissing me."

Mamma—"I am glad he likes you so well, dear."

"But it isn't w'ight."

"Oh, it don't matter, pet. What makes you think it isn't right?"

"Cause nurse told papa so."

Her Great Fault.

1st Dude—"Were you at the ball last night?"

2d Dude—"Yes."

"What is your opinion of Mrs. Rapid? Don't you think she is beautiful?"

"She has only one fault."

"And what is that?"

"Too much husband."

A Question of Time.

"I see by the papers," he said, "that the agent of a clock company in Toronto has skipped out with a boodle."

"Yes."

"But the papers don't say whether he was running on standard or solar time."

"Oh, that makes no difference; the officers are after him meantime, and sometime he will be caught.

"I wonder why Miss Highflier sings in such a falsetto voice," remarked Mrs. S. "It's positively painful to hear her screech."

"I can't imagine," replied Sarcasticus; "perhaps she has falsetto teeth."

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

BY MRS. BOWSER.

All husbands find fault with their meals. I know this to be true, because Mr. Bowser says so. I think it nothing strange when Mr. Bowser sits down to his dinner and begins:

"Humph! Same old corned beef!"

"Yes, my dear; it's the same corned beef you ordered as you went down this morning."

"Oh, it is! I didn't know but it was some I ordered a year ago! What do you call these things?"

"Potatoes, of course."

"Potatoes, eh?" I'll try and remember that name. And what's this?"

"Cabbage, my love."

"Oh! I didn't know but what it was a wood-pulp, my love! Was this bread made since the war?"

"Certainly. It is only two days old."

"Humph! Buying some poor coffee again, I see! Look at that! That stuff looks as if it was dipped out of a mudhole!"

"But you ordered this very coffee yourself only night before last."

He growls and eats, and eats and growls, and I've got used to it. It is only now and then that he proceeds to violence. The other day he expressed his fondness for pumpkin pie, and I ordered the cook to have two or three. We had one brought on at supper, and as soon as Mr. Bowser saw it he sternly inquired:

"What do you call that performance there? When was it born, and where is it going to?"

"Mr. Bowser, you said you wanted some pumpkin pie."

"Yes."

"Well, here it is, and as good a one as you ever ate; I made it myself, after mother's favorite recipe."

"Mrs. Bowser, do you call that a pumpkin pie?"

"I do, sir."

"Then I want to be branded a fool! What do you take me for, anyway? Don't you suppose I was eating pumpkin pies before you were born?"

"Why isn't it a pumpkin pie?"

"Why isn't a boot-leg a boot? Where is your other crust?"

"But pumpkin pies never have an upper-crust."

"Don't they? Mrs. Bowser, you can deceive the cook, for she is a confinding foreigner, and you can stuff most any yarn down our poor little baby, but don't try to bamboozle me. It won't work. I'm glad for your sake that my mother isn't here to laugh at you."

In two days I had a letter from his mother, affirming that there was no upper-crust to a pumpkin pie, and I brought my own mother over in the flesh as a further witness, but what did Mr. Bowser do but loudly exclaim:

"Bosh? You old women have forgotten half you knew! You are thinking about pudding and milk, you are. Of course there is no upper-crust to pudding and milk, and I never said there was."

He cost me a good girl last week by one of his whims. I happened to wonder aloud during the evening if she had put her bread to raise when he promptly inquired:

"Mrs. Bowser, do you know why bread raises?"

"Because of the yeast."

"But why does the yeast expand the dough?"

"Because it does."

"Exactly. You also live because you do, and that's all you know about it! You ought to be ashamed of your ignorance of natural philosophy. I'll see if the girl knows any better."

He went out and inquired:

"Jane, have you put the bread to raise?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you expect it to raise?"

"Of course."

"Why dont't you expect it to fall?"

"Are you running this kitchen?" she sharply demanded.

"Virtually, yes. My object is to see how well you are posted on natural philosophy. Why does the bread raise instead of fall?"

"Because its a fool, and I'm another for staying in a place where a man is allowed to hen-huzzy about the kitchen! I the morning!"

And leave she did, and all the I got from Mr. Bowser as he ca dinner was:

"It's a good thing she left. have mixed something together wh have caused our deaths. Come, up the dinner."

Mr. Bowser has improved direction of taking care of the ba now leave them together as long minutes without fear that one w other by trying some experimen had been alone about seven mi other day while I was upstairs, a came down Mr. Bowser seemed q ted and whispered to me:

"I've suspected it all along!"

"What?"

"That our child is somewhat of a ity! Look at that!"

and he pointed to the soft sp child's head where a throb could ed.

"Every child has the same," I a reassuring voice.

"Oh! they have, eh! What in lum have you been matron of? married the mother instead of the I tell you that's a freak of nature and I shan't be surprised to come day and find a horn beginning to

Wild Boys.

An old teacher in Maine is cre a story of wild boys which is re He says that, years ago, he h school seven wild, bad boys, who have no pleasure so great as that their teacher trouble. A short tim happened to visit the State Prison and there he found three of his w In the Reform School of the same the other four!

A good teacher, well-sustained b mittee, ought to have been al some of the seven. Firm and treatment can tame and civilize doys. Not all, we grant; but sev inordinate number of incurables man's school.

Wild boys, however, be their small or great, are the bane of ou and the peril of our civilization. in a school of fifty,—one foolish, irrepressible boy, doubles the toil iety of a teacher. Two of them g ward undoing all the good a pa gentle teacher can accomplish would create absolute chaos.

The wild boy is not, as a gene so depraved as he is silly and v teacher is, usually, a kind and co lady, often a young lady, who school every morning clad in b dainty cleanliness, with an apron white, and a heart under it yearni her pupils good. The wild boy, w her home at night despairing and what is he?

There he sits, in his dirty boots face, sprawling over his desk, a sp indifference and latent rebellion, t from which proceeds all the distur demoralization of the school. Oft the son of a widow, who has quite power to control him, and look school to do for him what she cann

But the "school" is this delicate minded young lady, who cannot with a thoughtless and unsavory twice her strength, if not twice he If she expels him, he roams the st developes rapidly into a criminal permits him to remain, he spoils h and embiters her every waking ho

The time will come when our l will wisely provide for such cases; meantime, well disposed boys can towards delivering teachers from ones of their number.

Boys understand boys. They k these wild, disobedient fellows a very ignorant and stupid, and can against the public opinion of the it is clearly expressed.

The gentlemen of a school can pr abuse of kind and good teachers if but unite to do it, and consider the best way to do it.

Why not a Law-and-Order L school?

A COLD CATCH.

a Secret Service Detective.

inter of 1864 I was sent to the art of New York State to "work against a gang who had been put great deal of counterfeit money. and business men of Ogdensburg, Canton and Plattsburg and other e all stuck with counterfeit of that ion issued during the war, and les of them were printed from a e. The paper was a little off and ing of the backs had been hurried but during the rush and excite- ar times such a bill would pass ith the merchants in any small

rsburg I began to pick up my first hat town had been worked with a gang and $20,000 in the "queer" been left there inside of two days. e five people in the gang. One be a buyer of horses, another was r an opening to establish a big fac- he others had other excuses. All ed several days before I reached I soon located their next work at Only three people had been engag- work there. At Potsdam an old had kindly exchanged $800 in $20 e bogus stuff for a premium of $6, d that only one member of the been seen there. I went back to g believing that to be temporary rs of the gang, and a wonderful awaited me.

w lay deep on the ground, with g every day, and I took a horse and beat up the country around. l excursion, riding to the east of was caught in a blizzard and driv- er in a roadside inn. The place rarily in charge of a middle-aged very common looks and speech, her son, a boy of 15. She ex- hat the place belonged to her l wife, but that they had gone off o Oswego and secured her to man- ring their absence. There was a ncor in her speech, and as soon as draw her out she exclaimed :

it's queer how some folks may ir finger-nails off and not getile others do nothing and have money ! Last fall my brother was ive up that he couldn't make his but this winter he seems loaded money, and his wife will hardly ."

l over the road must be heavy."

He's had two or three men board- r a few weeks, but their money ore than run the house."

seen the men several times, and e perfect descriptions of my coun-

During the twenty-four hours I place I searched every nook and t, and unearthed enough stuff to men a dozen times over. The been made a headquarters, and e men had wigs of two or three lors, false whiskers, and clothes as various characters. One of evidently made up as a woman, lete outfit was found in his room. t step was to reach Ogdensburg help, but it was noon of the se- before I could start, and then I st one over the road, which was ed at points. Three miles from just where a big drift narrowed y, I encountered a sleigh coming There were four people in it, gh all were muffled up I felt cer- hey were my game coming back rters after their trip. I was just t of the cut as I met them. In were waiting for me to come out. a minute or two to think, and at was the reason I took such y had two horses and a sleigh on box on it. A man and woman front seat and two men on the . I had to crowd close up to ss, and at the right moment I n my cutter into the sleigh and e go. He started off on a brisk he occupants of the sleigh hadn't derstand what was occurring d a revolver out, a hand on the e of the men, and was saying :

our team out and turn around ! prisoner, and at the first excuse shooting !"

the sleigh behind them all the way back to the city, and not a single word passed between us. It seemed as if the cold and sudden surprise had made them dumb. When searched every one of the men had a quantity of the "queer" about him, and it wasn't two hours before the hotelkeeper's wife made a full confession, and was in turn followed by her husband. She got off scott free, while he got two years and the other two men were sent up for five years apiece.

THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

"I should like to spoke a few words to Brudder Caravan Johnson if he am in de hall to-night," said the President as the triangle sounded.

Caravan slipped on his shoes and came forward and the President continued :

"Brudder Johnson, I h'ar dat you am contemplatin' a journey down into Kaintucky?"

"Yes, sah,"

"Gwine down past Leweyville to see some of yer relashun?"

"Yes, sah."

"Dat's what I heard, an' I hope you a pleasant journey. As you will be representative of dis club while absent, I want to say a few words to you in a fatherly speerit. In the fust place put on a clean shirt to start out wid. I believe dar' am mo' battles won by clean shirts dan frew generalship. A clean shirt commands public respect, eben if de wearer's boot heels am all run down. It's a sorter sign of de wearer's decency an' honesty. It won't pay yer way frew the tollgate, but it will make de toll man duck his head to you an' rememder dat you wasn't a hoss.

"Purceed on your way quietly. Yer doan' own de State of Michigan, an' you don't kerry Detroit in your vest pocket. De man who enters a town wid two brass bands ahead of him an' a crowd of people behind him has got to be a good talker, a smooth liar an' a chap full o' promises or he will fall flat.

"Keep your money in de toe of your shoe in de daytime, an' at night hide it in de straw bed. A man may be eber so good, an' great, an' wise, but if he becomes deadbroke among strangers nine people out of ten will take him fur a sharper playin' his leetle game.

"Only half de road belongs to you. De odder half am reserved by law fur de man gwine in de opposite direckshun.

"When you arrove at a fust-class hotel to put up fur de night, doan' seek to create the ideah dat you got dar' by speshul train, an' dat fried oysters, banana-fritters an' champagne make you tired. You will simply be given de poorest room in de house an' charged de highest price when you settel up.

"Doan' start out wid a revolver in your pocket, an' as you work along frew Ohio an' Kentucky let politics alone, hev no disputes about religun, an' concede de fackt dat de world wasn't created speshually fur your benefit. You may now take your seat, an' de hull lodge will jine in wid me in wishin' you a safe an' pleasant journey."

TOO EARLY YET.

The Secretary then announced a communication from Columbus, O., inquiring if the colored men of America intended to put a Presidential candidate into the field in 1888, and asking Brother Gardner if he would accept the nomination if tendered him. Sudden and lively interest was manifested throughout the hall, and there was deep silence as the old man replied :

"As to de fust query, it am too airly to answer definitely, but I ar' of de opinyun dat our race will conclude not to put forward any candydate. It doan' appear dat de time am ripe yit. As to de second queshun, a mominashun would be a great honor, but if dar' was any hope of leckshun I think I should decline it. I kin now go home arter my work an' eat supper in my shirt-sleeves, an' den sot down an' pop corn an' eat apples an' soak up an' pare down my co'ns an' bunyons. I couldn't do dat if I war' President, an' I reckon I shall decline to run."

IT FELL DOWN.

Trustee Pullback then sent to the Secretary's desk a preamble and resolution, the former beginning with :

"*Wherreas*, Our present relashuns wid England am so strained dat one———."

At this point the Secretary had to stop to study over the next word, and the President said :

"De Seckretary may boot dat paper under de table ! Brudder Pullback when did you find out dat our present relashuns wid England war strained?"

"I—I dunno, sah."

"Who strained 'em?"

"I can't tell."

"Somebody has made a fool of you, sah ! De relashuns between America and England am as slick as a streak of grease, and dey will continue so until tom-fool statesmen upset 'em. You sot down, sah, an' de next break will result in purceedin's to make chills creep up your spine."

ELDER TOOTS SET BACK.

The Librarian secured the floor to remark that he didn't want to seem captious, nor did he like to lodge a complaint against any member, but he felt it his duty to say that Elder Toots was making an obstructicnist of himself. He was the first one into the library after the doors were opened, and was the last to leave. He brought his corncob pipe and mouth organ with him, and when he wasn't smoking a mixture of cabbage-leaves and tobacco he was playing "Old Dan Tucker" on the organ. No matter who was reading, nor how much they were annoyed, the Elder persisted in his conduct. It was hoped that some action would be taken by the club to bring about a change The Elder was fast asleep in his chair as usual, but Samuel Shin poured a dipper of water down the back of his neck, and as he got his eyes open Brother Gardner called to him :

"Elder, I'ze wantin to remark a few observashuns to you ! If you want to visit de club library an' look over our work on poultry to see why your hens doan' lay biled aigs dat's all right, but the fust time I happen in dar' an' you has got a pipe or a mouf-organ I'll take de law in my own hands an' make you tired !"

The Elder sat down in a dazed way, shivered a few times under the wet streak down his back, and then dozed off to sleep again.

THEY BALANCE.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance reported that his books balanced for March, and that the general accounts for the last quarter had been looked over, audited and balanced up.

"I would also add," said the President, "dat all odder books about dis place also balance. Dey hes to. When dar comes a time in dis hall dat de cash doan' walk right up to figgers you am gwine to hear of somebody gittin' hurt. No one pusson am 'lowed to handle ober thirty-five cents at any one time, an' he can't be gone ober an hour at once wid dat. We believe all men am honest, but we believe dat nine out of ten of 'em can't stand temptashun. We will now embrace de opportunity to go home."

Good Advice to Women.

There is any amount of good sense in the advice given by a business woman to her fellow women, to the effect that they are just as much bound as men are to support themselves in some fair, honest way, according to the position and opportunities within their reach. What is the use of a girl, any more than a boy, thinking that it is the right thing that she should tax father and mother, and all her brothers and sisters, in order that she may earn her bread as an indifferent painter, or as a third or fourth rate singer? If she can manage to get the requisite education without oppressing or wronging others, good and well. If she fails, then nobody need complain, or nobody need feel mortified but herself. But just as it is monstrous for a whole family to toil and moil in order to give one boy a superior education, often to very little purpose, so it is equally so with girls. If the boy has the requisite talent and go he will make his way, if not to the top of the tree, at least as far as he has any business to aspire to. So with girls. Self-support they ought to feel is indispensable, but if circumstances will not allow them to dream of the grand "role" then let them take the small, and be thankful. Many a father and mother beggar themselves to make one son "a gentleman and scholar" and get small thanks for their pains. He turns out a dismal failure, or a selfish, insufferable, cad. If he had been helped in a reasonable way, without his parents sacrificing for him the interest of the rest, he might have been a credit to himself and a comfort to all in a moderate way. So with girls. What says this sensible "business woman" referred to :

"To *work* out our own salvation is as necessary to women as to men. Nothing valuable in this world is to be had without labour and we should not wait for necessity to compel us to work before we begin to try to learn how. But our choice of employment will, of course, largely depend upon our circumstances. If we are so situated that we have both money and time to pursue a light and agreeable avocation that requires the faculties afforded by wealth for its successful prosecution, we are fortunate. If not, we must take the next best. But as a working woman, who has seen many lives frittered uselessly and painfully away in the effort to pursue such employments without either the money to render light the consequences of failure or the genius which surmounts all obstacles, I would earnestly urge every woman to let practical common sense, and not vanity or love of ease, be her guide in her choice of an employment."

As true as truth. And what is to be said of this?

"As matters now stand most women are far too much helped, too much pitied, and too much praised for their own good. Girls—speaking not of the many noble exceptions, but of the average—are lacking in self-reliance, in courage to face the consequences of their own acts, in truthfulness, in magnanimity. And all this may justly be attributed to the over-help, the undue pity and the weak indulgence which they receive as children."

All which deserves and demands serious consideration. Good, reasonable, moderate help is right and all needed, but as much pluck ought to be both expected and demanded from girls as from boys. It is absurd in these days for butterfly girls, whether young or old, to meet with much patience, far less any admiration. It is not, and ought not to be any passport to honour or consideration for any woman to plead that she can do nothing, that she never had been able to help herself in any useful way, and that if reduced to the dire necessity of doing anything for her own support, she would either have to die or take to a life of shame.

Doing Well for His Size.

Visitor (to Flossie)—"And how is the baby to-day, Flossie?"

Flossie—"Mamma thinks he is a little better."

Visitor—"Then he is not very much better?"

Flossie—"No, ma'am. He couldn't be very much better, you know, because he is such a little bit of a baby."

All men try to get the earth, but the earth gets them. This is not a joke it is; the grave and solemn truth.

M. Barthelmy Saint Hilaire has published a work on British India, in which he advocates the formation of a league in Western Europe to check the advance of the Slav-empire.

Never set the lamp upon a red table cover; if you cannot find time to make a green lamp-mat, put a piece of green cardboard under the lamp, and you will find the reflection upon your work much more agreeable to the eyes than that from the red cover.

A correspondent in *Notes and Queries* questions whether anybody was ever burnt alive. He writes: Of all the strange things in history that puzzled one's childhood, I do not remember anything that strained one's belief more than the stories of various persons who were made to harangue and argue, and even poke dry puns, while burning "at the stake." The story which harrowed me more than all concerned Savanarola. I think the book was by Dumas. A more shameless piece of circumstantial invention was never printed. More serious writers than Dumas, however, with less fascination of detail, have unblushingly assented that he was burnt alive; and nine out of every ten of educated persons to whom you put the question would be found possessed of the belief that this was the case. Nevertheless, Savanarola certainly was not burnt alive. It is more than a ghastly myth that anybody ever was?

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"I am glad that the formation of a Canadian society has been undertaken. It is a move in the right direction, and it has often been a matter of surprise and regret to me that we did not have such an organization in the Dominion. Long live the C. P. A."—F. J. GRENNY, Brantford, Ont.

"I am in hearty sympathy with such a scheme. Think we should have an exchange bureau and purchasing dept. Will do all I can to assist."—J. A. LEIGHTON, Orangeville, Ont.

"I will be able to secure several members for the C. P. A. Have written to several collectors on the subject. Would suggest a Vice-President for each province, with a Sec.-Treas. at Ottawa, the latter place to be headquarters; also that foreign collectors and dealers be admitted as honorary members on payment of small fee."—H F KETCHESON, Belleville, Can.

"I wish the C. P. A. success, as it is much needed here in Canada Collectors seem to be somewhat scattered, and this will help to draw them closer together."—R. F. McRAE, Montreal, Que.

"I shall do all in my power to push the scheme along. Will endeavor to get all I can to join."—J. C. NIESSER, Toronto.

"I desire to join the C. P. A."—N. E. CARTER, Delevan, Wis.

"I do not suppose the C. P. A. is intended for Canadian philatelists only. I would be pleased to join."—KARL C. MINER, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

"I believe that a Canadian philatelic society if properly organized and centrally located with branches would be a useful institution. Such a society ought to do good in the matter of postal reform beside facilitating exchanges."—HENRY HECHLER, Halifax, N. S.

"I shall be most happy to become a member of the C. P. A., and to render you all assistance in my power to further the work of organizing, and wish it every success.'—HENRY S. HARTE, Petitcodiac, N. B.

"Would like to become a member of the C. P. A."—GEO. H. HARRISON, London, Ont.

"I heartily approve the end you have in view and hope it will meet with every success. I will do all I can to forward the organization, as we Canadian collectors have long needed an exchange bureau."—J. H. TODD, Brandon, Mani.

The organizing committee have placed the initiatory dues at 25 cts., which will entitle to vote and full membership in the C. P. A. to Jan. 1, 1888. Foreign and U. S. philatelists pay a fee of 50 cts. and participate in all privileges as honorary members, except in voting. This small fee will be ample to pay all current expenses and cost of election. The members will decide by vote what fee and dues will be charged from Jan. 1 next. The officers will be elected to act until Dec. 31, 1888.

Reports are expected from the Maritime provinces shortly, and it is confidently hoped that our friends down by the sea will heartily cooperate, as they have a large number of live philatelists in that section. Halifax has two or three philatelic journals, either one of which would be creditable as the official organ of the C. P. A. We hope all who take an interest in philately or any of its branches will send in their names to the secretary, Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, Ottawa, Ont., who will gladly answer all questions concerning the proposed Ass'n.

Society Sayings.

Speaker Ouimet leaves for England shortly.

Sir David and Lady Macpherson are at Hamburg.

Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick goes to Wimbledon, Eng

Judge and Mrs. Ardagh have been visiting friends in the city.

Rev. J. A. Logan, of Acadia Mines, N. S., gave us a friendly call.

The Queen, London *Truth* says, will make a big batch of Jubilee Peers.

Mr. W. Edgar Bond is spending his holidays at his old home in England.

The Ottawa school children are getting three thousand jubilee medals from Toronto.

Rev. W. T. Herridge and Mrs. Herridge will view the classic beauty of Scotland.

Mr. J. W. Kidd, a graduate of Queen's, has commenced the study of law in the Capital.

Mrs. Chisholm attended the convention of the W. C. T. U. at Farmersville on the 15th.

Lady Macdonald has done the honors of entertaining her legislators well during the past session.

The Prince of Wales is called. "The Great Chief without a scalp" by the Wild West show Indians.

Dr. H. G. Grant of this city, has been appointed a surgeon on one of the British India Co's steamers.

Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick and Dalton McCarthy, M. P., are spoken of as possible Cabinet Ministers.

Mr. H. G. Hopkins, lately private secretary to Sir Alexander Campbell, is now an inspector at Stratford.

The Queen has approved of the appointment of Mr. Neil Kingsmill as consul for the Argentine Republic in Canada.

Sir Adolphe and Lady Caron gave a complimentary dinner to several Ministers of the Crown, Senators and M. P's. tr this week.

Sir Wm. Anson gave an entertainment in honor of the Colonial conference delegates at Oxford. Mr. Sandford Fleming was present.

Lord and Lady Lansdowne have given as many dinners at Government House during the session as at previous sessions of greater length.

Mrs. Tilton has been elected President of the Ladies' Missionary Society; Mrs. Grant Powell, 1st Vice President, and Miss Yielding, secretary.

Mrs. and Miss Hall, of Sherbroke, Que., (wife and daughter of Mr. Hall, M. P.) were invited to the State ball recently held in London, Eng.

Mr. E. Miles has very kindly presented a view of the Lansdowne country seat in Wilts, "Bowood," to the society which bears that name.

Major Boulton, who commanded "Boulton's Scouts" during the North West rebellion, is paying a visit to his father, Col. Boulton, Cobourg.

The Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland under Gladstone, was given a cordial reception by the citizens of San Francisco. He will visit Ottawa.

Princess Louise presided at the principal stall at the annual sale at the Royal School of Art Needlework. Princesses Christian and Victoria also assisted.

Sir John A. Macdonald will likely leave for England soon on a trip for the benefit of his health. The arduous work of the late campaign and session he has bore well.

Mr. A. G. Learoyd has been appointed as a probationer to the Methodist Church at Billings' bridge. His father, Rev. Dr Learoyd, is president of the Bay of Quinte Methodist conference.

Col. Henry Smith, the very popular sergt.-at-arms of the Commons, commands the gallant 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles, Kingston. We would like to have seen his regiment here on the 1st July.

Lord Dufferin's eldest daughter is now in England. She is a fine, handsome young woman and would be scarcely recognizable by those who saw her a child in the Capital. The young Earl Dufferin is in India with a cavalry regiment.

Her Majesty's drawing-room, held by the Princess of Wales at Buckingham Palace, was attended by the following Canadian ladies;—Mrs. Jas. Fellowes, Miss Anna Fellowes, Mrs. Cattanach (Toronto), Mrs. Gough Arbuthnot. Presentations to Her Royal Highness at this Court were, by the Queen's pleasure, considered as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

Rev. W. Scott is now celebrating the Jubilee year of his ministry. The venerable gentleman is highly esteemed by all who know him and we wish him many long years of happiness. He is engaged on a new work on "St. Paul."

Her Majesty will be presented by the loyal bootmakers of Stafford with a Jubilee outfit of boots, one boot per annum for every year of her reign. Twenty-five pairs—of course she will choose Balmorals. In accepting the proffered donation the Queen has given directions that one of her boots shall be forwarded as a pattern.

Numismatic Notes.

Chinese "cash" were first coined about 1120 B. C.

Gold was first coined into money by the Florentines in 1252.

First American copper cent was coined at New Haven in 1667.

The first milled coins were minted in 1558, in the tower of London.

A new coin to be called a "Double Florin" is to be issued from the Royal mint, London, England, to represent four shillings, or one-fifth of a pound, the obverse and reverse to be the same as the florin.

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Robert McLachlan, Esq., Montreal, is busy on the manuscript of his supplement to his work on "Canadian Numismatics;" it will embrace some 500 new and old features. The two works together will cover all the known varieties of the coins, medals, and tokens of the land of our adoption.

A very fine side view "1*d.* Bank of Montreal 1839," (two finely drilled holes on outer edge) was recently knocked down to a bid from Jos. Hooper, Port Hope, at $15. This we consider a bargain for such an extreme rarity, as a similar specimen was sold a short time ago to a U. S. Numismatist for $75.

The Capital issued the first Jubilee medal; on the obverse it bears the bust of the Queen crowned with the inscription, "Jubilee, Ottawa, 1887.' The reverse is inscribed, "Ministering Children League." It is about the size of a 25 cent piece, and worn by about 500 children at a commemorative gathering held in the capital of the Dominion.

Another event to be commemorated this year, not by a jubilee but by a quarter-centennial celebration, is that of the Montreal Numismatic and Antiquarian society. The members propose striking a medal which will bear the bust of the president on one side, and the seal of the society on the other. It is to be expected that this will be made an artistic specimen of metallurgy.

We notice the sale of coins in New York, June 27th, portion of which were the property of the late eminent Canadian, John T. Raymond (Col. Sellers), embracing an important collection of English coins catalogued by Low. This collection embraces some rich and rare pieces, a "Brasher Doubloon," also a "Kentucky token," in silver. This piece is claimed as Canadian. See "Leroux 64 & 65."

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Canadian Philatelic Association.

The formation of an association of active philatelists in Canada has for years been the main desire of many ardent collectors. With this object in view an organizing committee has been formed, who are preparing a draft of a constitution and they cordially invite all Canadian philatelists to join with them and assist in making the new Association a grand success. As soon as sufficient names have been secured an election of officers will be held which will be similar to the A. P. A., with the exception that it is proposed to have a Vice-President in each province. Collectors will have the benefit of a good exchange bureau, purchasing department, counterfeit detector, etc. The following are the views of a few of our principal philatelists received by the Secretary *pro-tem*, Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, of this city:

"I am glad that the formation of a Canadian society has been undertaken. It is a move in the right direction, and it has often been a matter of surprise and regret to me that we did not have such an organization in the Dominion. Long live the C. P. A."—F. J. GRENNY, Brantford, Ont.

"I am in hearty sympathy with such a scheme. Think we should have an exchange bureau and purchasing dept. Will do all I can to assist"—J. A. LEIGHTON, Orangeville, Ont.

"I will be able to secure several members for the C. P. A. Have written to several collectors on the subject. Would suggest a Vice-President for each province, with a Sec.-Treas. at Ottawa, the latter place to be headquarters; also that foreign collectors and dealers be admitted as honorary members on payment of small fee."—H F KETCHESON, Belleville, Can.

"I wish the C. P. A. success, as it is much needed here in Canada Collectors seem to be somewhat scattered, and this will help to draw them closer together."—R. F. McRAE, Montreal, Que.

"I shall do all in my power to push the scheme along. Will endeavor to get all I can to join."—J. C. NIESSER, Toronto.

"I desire to join the C. P. A."—N. E. CARTER, Delevan, Wis.

"I do not suppose the C. P. A. is intended for Canadian philatelists only. I would be pleased to join."—KARL C. MINER, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

"I believe that a Canadian philatelic society if properly organized and centrally located with branches would be a useful institution. Such a society ought to do good in the matter of postal reform beside facilitating exchanges."—HENRY HECHLER, Halifax, N. S.

"I shall be most happy to become a member of the C. P. A., and to render you all assistance in my power to further the work of organizing, and wish it every success."—HENRY S. HARTE, Petitcodiac, N. B.

"Would like to become a member of the C. P. A."—GEO. H. HARRISON, London, Ont.

"I heartily approve the end you have in view and hope it will meet with every success. I will do all I can to forward the organization, as we Canadian collectors have long needed an exchange bureau."—J. H. TODD, Brandon, Mani.

The organizing committee have placed the initiatory dues at 25 cts., which will entitle to vote and full membership in the C. P. A. to Jan. 1, 1888. Foreign and U. S. philatelists pay a fee of 50 cts. and participate in all privileges as honorary members, except in voting. This small fee will be ample to pay all current expenses and cost of election. The members will decide by vote what fee and dues will be charged from Jan. 1 next. The officers will be elected to act until Dec. 31, 1888.

Reports are expected from the Maritime provinces shortly, and it is confidently hoped that our friends down by the sea will heartily cooperate, as they have a large number of live philatelists in that section. Halifax has two or three philatelic journals, either one of which would be creditable as the official organ of the C. P. A. We hope all who take an interest in philately or any of its branches will send in their names to the secretary, Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, Ottawa, Ont., who will gladly answer all questions concerning the proposed Ass'n.

Society Says.

Speaker Ouimet leaves for England shortly.

Sir David and Lady Macpherson are at Hamburg.

Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick goes to Wimbledon, Eng

Judge and Mrs. Arbuthnot have been visiting friends in the city.

Rev. J. A. Logan, of Acadia Mines, N. S., gave us a friendly call.

The Queen, London *Truth* says, will make a big batch of Jubilee Peers.

Mr. W. Edgar Bond is spending his holidays at his old home in England.

The Ottawa school children are getting three thousand jubilee medals from Toronto.

Rev. W. T. Herridge and Mrs. Herridge will view the classic beauty of Scotland.

Mr. J. W. Kidd, a graduate of Queen's, has commenced the study of law in the Capital.

Mrs. Chisholm attended the convention of the W. C. T. U. at Farmersville on the 16th.

Lady Macdonald has done the honors of entertaining our legislators well during the past session.

The Prince of Wales is called "The Great Chief without a scalp" by the Wild West show Indians.

Dr. H. G. Grant of this city, has been appointed a surgeon on one of the British India Co's steamers.

Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick and Dalton McCarthy, M. P., are spoken of as possible Cabinet Ministers.

Mr. H. G. Hopkirk, lately private secretary to Sir Alexander Campbell, is now an inspector at Stratford.

The Queen has approved of the appointment of Mr. Nicol Kingsmill as consul for the Argentine Republic in Canada.

Sir Adolphe and Lady Caron gave a complimentary dinner to several Ministers of the Crown, Senators and M. P's. tr this week.

Sir Wm. Anson gave an entertainment in honor of the Colonial conference delegates at Oxford. Mr. Sandford Fleming was present.

Lord and Lady Lansdowne have given as many dinners at Government House during the session as at previous sessions of greater length.

Mrs. Tilton has been elected President of the Ladies' Missionary Society; Mrs. Grant Powell, 1st Vice President, and Miss Yielding, secretary.

Mrs. and Miss Hall, of Sherbroke, Que., (wife and daughter of Mr. Hall, M. P.) were invited to the State ball recently held in London, Eng.

Mr. E. Miles has very kindly presented a view of the Lansdowne country seat in Wilts, "Bowood," to the society which bears that name.

Major Boulton, who commanded "Boulton's Scouts" during the North West rebellion, is paying a visit to his father, Col. Boulton, Cobourg.

The Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland under Gladstone, was given a cordial reception by the citizens of San Francisco. He will visit Ottawa.

Princess Louise presided at the principal stall at the annual sale at the Royal School of Art Needlework. Princesses Christian and Victoria also assisted.

Sir John A. Macdonald will likely leave for England soon on a trip for the benefit of his health. The arduous work of the late campaign and session he has bore well.

Mr. A. G. Learoyd has been appointed as a probationer to the Methodist Church at Billings' bridge. His father, Rev. Dr Learoyd, is president of the Bay of Quinte Methodist conference.

Col. Henry Smith, the very popular sergt.-at-arms of the Commons, commands the gallant 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles, Kingston. We would like to have seen his regiment here on the 1st July.

Lord Dufferin's eldest daughter is now in England. She is a fine, handsome young woman and would be scarcely recognizable by those who saw her a child in the Capital. The young Earl Dufferin is in India with a cavalry regiment.

Her Majesty's drawing-room, held by the Princess of Wales at Buckingham Palace, was attended by the following Canadian ladies;—Mrs. Jas. Fellowes, Miss Anna Fellowes, Mrs. Cattanach (Toronto), Mrs. Gough Arbuthnot. Presentations to Her Royal Highness at this Court were, by the Queen's pleasure, considered as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

Rev. W. Scott is now celebrating the Jubilee year of his ministry. The venerable gentleman is highly esteemed by all who know him and we wish him many long years of happiness. He is engaged on a new work on "St. Paul."

Her Majesty will be presented by the loyal bootmakers of Stafford with a Jubilee outfit of boots, one boot per annum for every year of her reign. Twenty-five pairs—of course she will choose Balmorals. In accepting the proffered donation the Queen has given directions that one of her boots shall be forwarded as a pattern.

Numismatic Notes.

Chinese "cash" were first coined about 1120 B. C.

Gold was first coined into money by the Florentines in 1252.

First American copper cent was coined at New Haven in 1667.

The first milled coins were minted in 1558, in the tower of London.

A new coin to be called a "Double Florin" is to be issued from the Royal mint, London, England, to represent four shillings, or one-fifth of a pound, the obverse and reverse to be the same as the florin.

Queen Victoria Jubilee medals are for sale by the Novelty Book Co., Box 424, Ottawa, at $1 and $1.50 each; Maltese cross, 30c.; Star of India decoration and crown (fine) only $1.

Two very fine Jubilee medals have recently been issued by the firm of Ellis & Co., Toronto. They are very fairly executed, and the design good. The white medal issues are the only material we have seen so far.

Messrs. Mason & Co., Ingersoll, Ont., have issued a jubilee medal, the observe being the smaller Ellis & Co. issue, and the reverse "Compliments of Mason & Co., Watchmakers & Jewellers, Ingersoll.

Mr. L. J. Casault, Library of Parliament, Ottawa, is an enthusiastic numismatist and has a very large collection of rare old medals and coins. He is constantly exchanging and buying to enlarge his rich collection.

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Robert McLachlan, Esq., Montreal, is busy on the manuscript of his supplement to his work on "Canadian Numismatics;" it will embrace some 500 new and old features. The two works together will cover all the known varieties of the coins, medals, and tokens of the land of our adoption.

A very fine side view "1*d.* Bank of Montreal 1839," (two finely drilled holes on outer edge) was recently knocked down to a bid from Jos. Hooper, Port Hope, at $15. This we consider a bargain for such an extreme rarity, as a similar specimen was sold a short time ago to a U. S. Numismatist for $75.

The Capital issued the first Jubilee medal; on the obverse it bears the bust of the Queen crowned with the inscription, "Jubilee, Ottawa, 1887." The reverse is inscribed, "Ministering Children League." It is about the size of a 25 cent piece, and worn by about 500 children at a commemorative gathering held in the capital of the Dominion.

Another event to be commemorated this year, not by a jubilee but by a quarter-centennial celebration, is that of the Montreal Numismatic and Antiquarian society. The members propose striking a medal which will bear the bust of the president on one side, and the seal of the society on the other. It is to be expected that this will be made an artistic specimen of metallurgy.

We notice the sale of coins in New York, June 27th, portion of which were the property of the late eminent Canadian, John T. Raymond (Col. Sellers), embracing an important collection of English coins catalogued by Low. This collection embraces some rich and rare pieces, a "Brasher Doubloon," also a "Kentucky token," in silver. This piece is claimed as Canadian. See "Leroux 64 & 65."

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Curious Things About Birds.

To study bird-life intelligently one should know something about birds, and for this you cannot do better than to read Ernest Menault's charming little work, "The Intelligence of Animals." M. Menault starts out by criticizing the use of bird synonyms for stupidity and foolishness, saying: "Our rhetoric makes use of a number of comparisons regarding the winged tribe, which we are only too ready to adopt. We are constantly saying: "Stupid as a turkey," "silly as a snipe," "foolish as a buzzard." We associate such an idea of imbecility with birds that when we wish to taunt or ridicule each other we make use of such terms as "goose," etc. We lay all our bad passions on these innocent creatures. We call the owl untamable and tacitiurn; the heron sad and melancholy; the gull is insatiable and clamorous; the magpie inquisitive, boasting, and thievish. To hear our language one would say birds must be essentially a race of degraded creatures. But it is not so. Science, wiser than imagination, has declared that birds have not such little brains as we have been led to suppose. It has been proved that the brain of the canary is equal in proportion to the bulk of their bodies, to that of man, though we know well that in a general way, the brain of birds is not so voluminous as that of the mammalia. And here again we find that the intellectual manifestations are in proportion to the extent of the cerebral organs. The brain of the ostrich is not larger than that of the barn-cock. The goose and turkey have very small brains.

The following is a scale of the size of the brain compared with the bulk of the body, in some birds and mammalia. On examining this list it will be seen that the most intelligent of the larger animals have not so large a brain as we should expect. In truth, it will be found that the degree of intelligence is not always in proportion to the cerebral mass. The brain of the canary is equal in bulk to 1-14th of the body; barn-cock, 1-25th; sparrow, 1-25th; chaffinch, 1-27th; robin, 1-32d; blackbird, 1-68th; duck, 1-256th; eagle, 1 260th; goose, 1-360th. In man the brain varies from 1-22d of the body to 1 32d; the higher apes, 1-30th; cat, 1-94th; the dog, 1-161st; the horse, 1-400, and the elephant, 1-500th.

Few animals have the brain more developed than the parrots. The cerebral mass is, in proportion to the weight of the body, as great as that of man. It is easily understood, then, that intelligence may not be so rare among birds as some have supposed. We are often greatly at fault when we study animals. We always wish to compare their organization with ours. We say they are less perfect than we are, because such and such organs are less developed in them than in us; this is a great error. Each creature is perfect with regard to its kind, or the requirements of its state of existence, and often possesses much which another wants. Thus, birds are admirably endowed with the sense of sight. It is supposed that there is a direct correspondence between the extent of vision and the rapidity of flight. The eagle, hawk, vulture, and all other birds of prey, with the exception of the night birds, survey a horizon much more extensive than man can.

"The martin," said Belon, "perceives a gnat distinctly at the distance of 500 yards, darts upon it, and carries it off in the twinkling of an eye with unequaled dexterity. The kite, which hovers in the air far beyond our sight, easily perceives a dead fish floating on the surface of the water or the imprudent mouse just coming out of its hole."

Birds, surveying with a single glance a considerable extent of country, are often obliged to adapt their powers of sight, according to the position in which they find themselves, either on the earth or in the air. Their eyes are naturally long-sighted, except those of the aquatic birds, and the crystalline lens is more flattened than in the mammalia. To enable them to see from a great distance they possess a peculiar organ enabling them to give the eye a high-telescopic power. The bird's eye is, in fact, a self-adjusting telescope, which can also become a microscope. The bird has a third eyelid, which, acting between the other two, covers the ball of the eye, and moves over it incessantly, to keep it clean and brilliant like an eye-glass; this lid serves also for a curtain against the dazzling rays of light. It is probable that an eye so well organized is admirably adapted to the wants of birds in their periodical voyages to far off countries. This third eyelid is called the nictating membrane, is semi-transparent, and, when not in use, is neatly folded up in the inner corner of the eye. It is rapidly drawn across the eye by two muscles, and returns to the resting place by its own elastic action. The telescopic power of the vulture's eye was shown by actual experiment a few years ago. Some naturalists stuffed the dried skin of a deer with hay and left it on a prairie; in a short time a number of black specks were seen far up in the sky; these became larger and larger, and at length were found to be a troop of vultures rapidly descending toward the spot where the stuffed deer lay. The birds at length alighted, approached the skin, and struck their beaks into the leathery substance. After hovering about for some considerable time, apparently in great astonishment, the vultures flew off slowly and sadly. Now it seems clear that in this case the birds must have seen the stuffed deerskin from a height in the air at which they were invisible to the human eye. Smell could have nothing to do with the result.

Next to the sight, hearing appears to be the second sense of birds—that is to say, second in perfection. Hearing is not only more perfect than the smell, taste, and touch of birds, but even more perfect than the hearing of quadrupeds. We see this proved by the readiness with which some birds repeat a long succession of sounds, and even of words. It happened that we took away a nest of sparrows from beneath the roof of a cottage, and placed it on a balcony, before the young were old enough to call for their parents. The father and mother did not in this case, recognize their nest by sight; but in another experiment when the little ones were able to call out, the parent, distinguished their voices, and brought them food. Here the sense of hearing exceeded that of sight.

Birds are certainly not creatures of taste. They do not masticate, but swallow their food unchewed. This matters little to them, for the horny nature of most of their tongues unfits them for tasting. But many birds show much skill in the use of their wonderfully formed tongues. The humming-bird turns the organ into an admirable pump, by which it sucks up the juices of flowers, and the woodpeckers use their tongues as darts to transfix insects. These birds are compelled to employ a complex machinery of small bones, by which the tongue is lengthened directed on the prey.

The sense of smelling does not appear to be well developed among birds, a great number of them having no nostrils—that is to say, no open tubes on the beak, so that they cannot smell, except by means of the interior cleft in the mouth. Some have been tempted to explain by the sense of smell, certain singular faculties in birds. Indeed, how else can we account, say they, for the marvelous return of the carrier-pigeon, which is taken in a close vessel from its native home to a distance of 300 miles, across countries quite unknown, and which, as soon as liberated, has no difficulty in returning to its home? How can we explain the fact of a messenger-pigeon, which, being sent from Toulouse in a covered basket, when set at liberty, knew perfectly well how to return to the place of its departure? Is it to one of the senses, or to a peculiar intelligence that we must attribute this faculty? Assuredly it is not due to hearing, to touch, nor to taste. Is it due to the sense of sight or smelling? There may be doubts as to the pigeon shut up in the basket, but as to the one which was carried in a close vase, it is evident that the poor winged animal, had it the scent of a dog, would never have been able to return direct home by the aid of its nose. The phenomena cannot be otherwise explained than by the general sensibility of the bird. Launched in the atmosphere, it follows the direction of its sensations, and knows what route must be taken to reach the north or the south. Its sensibility serves for a compass, and also for a thermometer.

A carrier-pigeon taken out by the arctic discoverer, Sir John Ross, in 1850, from its dovecot in Scotland, was let loose at Wellington Sound, within the arctic circle, on Oct. 6, and reached its former home in Ayrshire in seven days, having flown 2,000 miles across the Atlantic. Tousseuel cites an example of a goldfinch that every week quitted its native town, situated in Picardy, for Paris, carrying a notice to prepare its master's apartments.

How they got the Name.

An English author, upon the question of the origin of the name as applied to the turkey, says the first turkeys imported to England, "though actually brought from Mexico, came in a ship which went to Turkey before reaching England. The birds were thus possibly landed with some Turkish goods, and were taken for Turkey birds, or turkeys, as it subsequently came to be contracted into."

The statement seems "far fetched." It is quite as probable that the name is a corruption of, the peculiar notes of the bird. That the turkey was first introduced into Europe from Mexico is pretty certain. But the turkey descended from the species originally found all over the wooded openings of the United States—(Meleagris gallapavo). The Mexican species (M. Mexicana) very closely resembles the domestic turkey.

According to Elliot the turkey was first introduced by the Spaniards from Mexico into Spain, and thence carried to England. They were taken to France in the reign of Francis the First, and the first one eaten in that country is reported to have been served up in 1570, at the banquet given upon the occasion of the wedding of Charles the Ninth. Subsequently they were introduced into Asia and Africa.

Although we have never seen it so stated, it is more than probable that the Aztec and Toltec races of Mexico had already domesticated a bird so easily brought into subjection as the turkey.

Early Watches.

At first the watch was about the size of a dessert plate. It had weights, and was used as a "pocket clock." The earliest known use of the modern name occurs in the record of 1552, which mentions that Edward VI. had "one larum or watch of iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two plummets of lead." The first watch may readily be suppesed to be of rude execution. The first great improvement, the substitution of springs for weights, was in 1560. The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, had to be wound up twice a day, and did not keep the time nearer than fifteen or twenty minutes in twelve hours. The dials were of silver and brass; the cases had no crystals, but opened at the back and front, and were four or five inches in diameter. A plain watch cost more than $1,500, and after one was ordered it took a year to make it.

Curious Signs in London.

At a market town in Ruthlandshire the following placard is affixed to the shutters of a watchmaker, who had decamped leaving his creditors minus: "Wound up and the main-spring broke." As pithy and curious was the notice lately stuck upon the window of a London coffee-house. "This coffee-room removed up-stairs till repaired." There are many curious signs and business announcements to be found in London, of which a few are. "Sick dogs medically attended by the week or month. Birds to board. Ladies' and gentlemen's feet and hands professionally treated by the job or season. Round-shouldered persons made straight. Babies or children hired or exchanged. False noses as good as new, and warranted to fit. Black eyes painted very neatly." In the extreme west we hear of a shanty which bears the sign: "Here's where you get a meal like your mother used to give you."

Enthusiasm in the Right Place.

If some men would only put the same amount of enthusiasm into sawing wood that they put into sitting on a plank and watching nineteen men play ball, their wives could kindle the kitchen fire every twenty minutes through the twenty-four hours and still have kindlings to spare.

If some women would only put the same amount of enthusiasm into learning to cook that they put into mastering the mysteries of darned lace and fashioning insane patchwork, their husbands wouldn't have to go to hotels and restaurants so often to get a square meal, and dyspepsia wouldn't be the fashionable disease in so many households.

A Wedding Present

Of practical importance would be a bottle of the only sure-pop corn cure—Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor—which can be had at any drug store. A continuation of the honeymoon and the removal of corns both assured by its use. Beware of imitations.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

The twelfth annual general meeting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held, in pursuance of the terms of the charter at the banking house of the institution, 15th June, 1887. There were present:—

Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. R. Merritt (St. Catharines), P. Hughes, T. R. Wadsworth (Weston), Robert Jaffray, Hon. Alex. Morris, Rev. E. B. Lawlor, George Robinson, W. T. Kiely, William Ramsay, John Fisken, jr.; Henry Pellatt, Robert Carswell, James Mason, John Smart (Port Hope), Thomas Walmsley, Robert Thompson, R. Wickens, S. J. Vonkoughnet, J. O. Heward, G. M. Rose, R. Beaty, W. B. Hamilton, Dr. Thorburn, A. McFall (Bolton), D. R. Wilkie, etc., etc.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. S. Howland, and Mr. D. R. Wilkie was requested to act as secretary.

The Secretary, at the request of the Chairman, read the report of the directors and the statement of affairs.

REPORT.

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the twelfth annual balance sheet and statement of profits for the year ending 31st May, 1887:—

Balance at credit, on account, 30th May, 1886, brought forward		$ 18,339 13
Profits for the year ended 31st May, 1887, after deducting charges of management and interest due depositors and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts		185,067 24
		$ 203,406 37
From which has been taken:		
Dividend No. 23, 4 per cent. (paid 1st Dec. 1886)	$ 60,000 00	
Dividend No. 24, 4 per cent. (payable 1st June, 1887)	60,000 00	
		$120,000 00
		$ 83,406 37
Written off bank premises and furniture account	$ 3 656 93	
Carried to rest account	50,000 00	
		53,656 93
Balance of account carried forward		$ 29,749 44

Rest Account.

Balance at credit of account, 30th May, 1886	$ 500,000 00
Transferred from profit and loss account	$ 50,000 00
Balance of account carried forward	$ 550,000 00

The profits for the year show an improvement over those of the year previous, and have enabled your Directors to place the sum of $50 000 to Rest Account in addition to paying the customary dividends.

Appropriations have been made from Contingent Account in liquidation of assets therein provided for. Your directors are of the opinion that the balance unappropriated is sufficient to cover all doubtful assets. The ultimate realization of any considerable proportion of the assets at present covered by appropriations from this account depends upon a substantial improvement in the condition of things in the Province of Manitoba.

In view of the continued development of the North-West Provinces a branch has been opened in the town of Calgary.

The investments of the bank in Government, municipal and other first-class debentures now amount to $1,084,515 25.

The head office and branches of the bank have been carefully inspected, and your directors have much pleasure in expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which the officers of the bank have performed their respective duties.

H. S. HOWLAND, President.

GENERAL STATEMENT, 31ST MAY, 1887.

LIABILITIES.

1. Notes of the bank in circulation		$1,053,133 00
2. Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date)		3,580,560 08
3. Deposits not bearing interest		1,082,436 03
4. Due to other banks in Canada		2,532 60
5. Due to agents in United Kingdom		244,373 78
Total liabilities to the public		$5,967,975 49
6. Capital stock paid up		1,500,000 00
7. Rest account		550,000 00
8. Contingent account		33,024 13
9. Dividend No. 24, payable 1st June, 1887 (4 per cent.)		60,000 00
10. Former dividends unpaid		1,100 01
11. Balance of profit and loss account carried forward		29,749 44
		$8,141,849 67
1. Gold and silver coin current		235,477 65
2. Dominion Government notes		492,819 00
3. Notes and cheques on other banks		107,717 00
4. Balance due from other banks in Canada		187,728 89
5. Balance due from agents in foreign countries		86,352 27
6. Dominion of Canada debentures	$536,458 05	
7. Province of Ontario Securities	139,477 61	
8. Municipal and other debentures	588,579 59	
		1,084,515 25
Total assets immediately available		$2,234,610 66
9. Loans on call		102,739 15
10. Loans, discounts or advances on current account to municipal and other corporations		600,822 16
11. Other current loans discounts and advances to the public		4 731,885 09
12. Notes discounted over due, secured		52,733 57
13. Notes discounted over due, unsecured (Estimated loss provided for)		35,690 94
14. Real estate, the property of the bank (other than bank premises)		61,955 01
15. Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank (and bearing interest)		35,770 35
16. Bank premises, including safes, vaults and office furniture, at head offices and branches		145,269 49
17. Other assets, not included under foregoing heads		60,373 25
		$8,141,849 67

D. R. WILKIE, *Cashier.*

The report was adopted.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the president and directors, also to the cashier and other officers, for their attention and zeal in promoting the interests of the bank.

The ballot was then taken for the election of directors, which resulted in the election of the following shareholders, viz.:—Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. R. Merritt, Wm. Ramsay, P. Hughes, T. R. Wadsworth, Hon. Alex. Morris, Robert Jaffray.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Henry S. Howland was elected President and Mr. Thomas R. Merritt, Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

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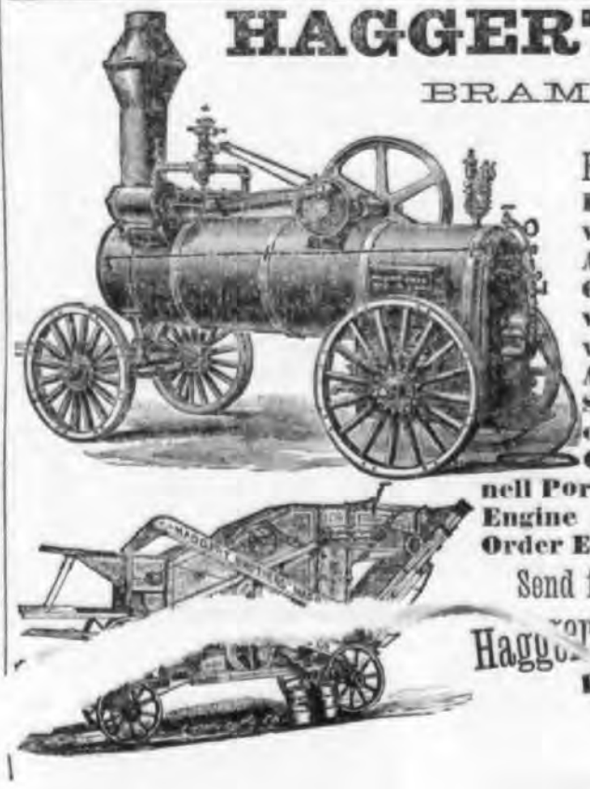

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FARM.

The Scrub Must Go.

C. L. H.

Good bye, old Brindle, bony scrub,
The times demand a better breed,
You eat enough ; but here's the rub,
You never pay for half your feed.
So after all these years we part,
But pray remember, as you go,
If this should break your bovine heart,
You broke my purse long, long ago.

I gaze at you with tearful eyes,
Long-legged, ill-shaped, flabby Brin,
While years of fruitless labor rise
And show me what a fool I've been.
The tons of wasted hay and feed
In loud and injured tone, the while,
Complain you used them in your greed
To simply swell the barn-yard pile.

With best of feed you're lank and thin,
And I've grown thin through care of you,
I've empty barn and empty bin—
My pocket-book is empty, too.
Well chosen was that famine sign
In Pharaoh's dream ; and yet, old cow,
The seven thin, ill-favored kine,
Told them of want no more than now.

But grievous want shall disappear,
If I the signs can rightly read.
I'll fill my barns this very year
With cows of some good dairy breed.
I'll have the kind that's fat and sleek,
The kind that brings prosperity ;
My purse shall fatten every week,
And no more scrubs shall feed on me.

Orchard Notes.

Making the plum orchard a poultry run will greatly diminish the number of insects which prey upon the trees.

The *Kansas Farmer* does not believe in planting largely or exclusively to one variety of fruit. Markets change, it says, and varieties now productive and profitable may cease to be so, and the orchard become the most useless tract of land on the whole farm.

Cherry stones that have been well kept through the winter for planting, may be planted in drills covering fully an inch deep with soil, then scatter coarse straw over the hills and leave it there until the young seedlings are well up, and longer if it does not interfere with cultivation.

By spraying orchard trees with Paris green just after the petals have fallen from the blossoms, as often described, not less than three grievous enemies to apple-growing could be squelched at this period besides the codling moth, viz., the newly-hatched bark-louse, the canker-worm and the tent-caterpillar.

Evergreens may be transplanted a little later than it is safe to reset deciduous trees, in fact any time before the new growth commences, and again in the summer after the new growth becomes hardened. In handling these, use extreme care to keep the roots from drying ; as in all good planting the ground is to be well firmed about the roots.

Stock Notes.

Oats are the best grains for calves in their first winter, and they have best effect when all moistened before feeding.

A properly matured animal must have its system built up evenly. What should be aimed at is a large frame and strong muscle, and the young stock should be fed with this object in view.

A New York dairyman obtains fodder from sowed corn which cows prefer to the best hay, by planting the corn in drills three feet apart, so that the sun and the plow can get between the rows. Corn sowed close it cannot be worked, he took no pains in.

Farmers ought to have an abundance of green clover for their hogs. Good clover pasture with a little cornmeal will keep hogs growing fast and all the time fat enough for good meat. If we had more grass for our hogs we would have less disease among them.

Bloat in calves is really an acute attack of indigestion, which often proves fatal almost immediately. Taken in time it may be relieved by a teaspoonful each of baking soda and ground ginger dissolved in a quart of pint of boiling water and poured down the calf's throat. To do this a long necked bottle may be used. Rub the stomach briskly, and make the calf move about, if possible to get rid of the wind.

The *New England Farmer* says that straw fed to sheep with corn meal or oat meal proves a cheap food, and keeps the sheep in good condition. A little cotton seed meal feeding with the other meal will increase the fattening qualities of the ration. Straw is not sufficiently appreciated by our farmers for feeding purposes. When fed alone it is a poor enough food, but when fed with corn meal and cotton seed meal it makes a good article to feed.

Poultry Notes.

If the weather becomes warm lice in the hen houses will find a starting point from the nests containing the sitning hens.

Charcoal is valuable in the poultry yard, given in small pieces and placed where the fowls can have ready access to it, or pulverized and mixed with soft food.

Those that keep more than one variety of fowls should strictly keep each breed by itself. It is a detriment to the business really, for customers to hatch out cross-bred chicks from supposed thoroughbred stock.

Chickens should never be allowed to roost when ten or twelve weeks old. If allowed to do their breasts often get crooked and their growth and appearance at the table spoiled. Occasionally we see an otherwise good turkey most unsightly from the cause.

The Bronze and Narragansett are the two best breeds of turkeys. The former is a dark bronze color, with a luster approaching gold, and with dark or flesh colored legs. An adult gobbler of either veriety should weigh less than twenty-five pounds, and hens should exceed fifteen pounds.

A hen lays only one egg a week for a time, it will pay for her food, and every additional egg gives profit, says a writer. If she lays three eggs a week she will give double the profit derived from a hen that lays two eggs. The greater the number of eggs the cheaper the cost of production in proportion.

It is very important that young chicks thrive fast, even if only two or three times a day, but once a day is better, as they require more. A young chick that is growing slowly will starve on a corn meal diet unless it secures other food, but if it gets a meal of meat or so a day it will thrive under other difficulties.

Hens can go on the roost but the chicks must remain on the ground. Such being the case the most important matter is to have their sleeping places dry. Dampness will soon cause the chicks to become weak in the legs, as well as induce lice. The best protection is a board, about two feet square, which should be cleaned off every morning and then sprinkled with sand or dirt, and the chicks will not only be dry and warm, but clean.

Those who have eggs to sell are often annoyed when carrying large eggs to market that they get no more per dozen for them than another who has very small eggs. The same feeling also prevails among consumers when one pays as much for a dozen small eggs as another pays for a dozen large ones. It is claimed too that eggs from a well bred fowl are richer and heavier than those from common poorly fed fowls. This is less felt when eggs are plenty and low, but when scarce and high, there is a feeling that there is something wrong in the mode of selling eggs. Why not have them sold by weight? If dealers would only establish this plan by calculating how much they can pay per pound, then the traffic in eggs would become more satisfactory.—[Germantown Telegraph.

Garden Notes.

Gardening is profitable when the soil is not of too cold a nature and the market is not at too great a distance. One of the essentials is to plant early and to grow nothing but good varieties.

When too large flower pots are used, there will be more leaves than flowers. Often plants do not bloom because, having so much space, their strength is expended in forming roots and leaves.

Carrots and onions are two crops easily destroyed by grass or weeds when the seed is germinating and just beginning to push through the soil. The hoe must be used, while hand-working the plants is sometimes necessary.

To prevent weeds growing in the walks, the use of the following solution is recommended : One part low grade carbolic acid in 100 parts of water, applied in a spray form. Guard the hands and permit none of the solution to go against the grass or box edgings.

At the New York Experiment Station, the best crop of potatoes, grown under various methods of cutting the seed, etc., resulted from the use of seed selected from the best hills, either planted whole or cut in large pieces, the cuttings permitted to dry three days.

Much trouble is caused by the grub cutting the plants off just at the surface, and much time lost in replanting and hunting for the offender. The following plan will effectually repel him: Have a pan of the green juicy leaves of the black currant ; roll one like a funnel round each plant, leaving the root out free. Plant in the usual way, firming the ground round all. I never saw a plant touched by the grub if so protected.

Sometimes it happens that geraniums from late spring cuttings, planted in rich, moist soil, grow all to leaf and yield but a few flowers. To do better than this, they should become pot-bound and show bloom before planting out. Planting pots and all is of doubtful benefit. Better have the soil less rich, but practice deep-digging. With a moist season and rich soil, no geraniums fare as well. Old, cut-back plants, full of shoots and bloom, planted out the latter part of May, should flower well all summer.

The Mistress Got the Best of it.

An amusing story is told me of the adventures of a lady in search of a servant, says the Brooklyn *Citizen*. She went to an intelligence office, although she might have known that the more aristocratic kind of servants are not usually to be found in such places, which are regarded as "way down" and quite low, fit only to be patronized by "greenhorns" and "rounders." However, she went to one, and, having been offered a likely young woman, found her qualifications fairly satisfactory. But the girl turned interviewer immediately and put the usual questions, which are the stock-in-trade of comic papers :—

"And do you keep a man to put out the ashes ?"

The lady was not surprised, of course, but she saw that the independent and particular Abigail wasn't going to suit after all.

"Oh, no; my husband will do all that for you," she answered, with a mischievous twinkle in her eye and an internal smile at the thought that her husband could be so complacent.

The girl proceeded with her cross-examination, and was accommodated at every point. It looked like an excellent place, and she was ready for an engagement. But the lady suddenly asked :

"Do you sing ?"

The girl was a little mystified, but supposing that the question was intended to draw her out on the question of her cheerfulness at work, she answered that she did, and was very fond of doing so.

"And do you play the piano ?"

This was a poser worse than the other. She had, of course, to admit that her early education had been wholly neglected in the matter of this accomplishment.

"Oh, then, you won't do at all, for I want a girl who can entertain my friends in the parlour while I am at work in the kitchen."

Private Fortunes in Ancient Times.

Crœsus possessed in landed property a fortune equal to £1,600,000, besides a large sum of money, slaves and furniture.

The philosopher Seneca had a fortune of £2,500,000.

Lentulus, the soothsayer, had a fortune of £3,500,000.

Tiberius, at his death, £23,625,000, which Caligula spent in less than ten months.

Cæsar, before he entered upon any office, owed £2,995,000.

Anthony owed £300,000 at the ides of March, paid it before the kalends of April and squandered £147,000,000 of the public money.

Apicius expended in debauchery £500,000.

Cleopatra, at an entertainment, gave Anthony, dissolved in vinegar, who swallowed it, a pearl worth £8,000.

Esopus paid for a single dish £80,000.

Caligula spent for one supper £80,000.

Heliogabalus spent for one meal £20,000.

Lucullus usually paid £20,000 for a repast.

Messala gave £400,000 for the house of Anthony.

HOUSEHOLD.

Nobody Knows but Mother.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the house together ;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes
Which kisses only smother ;
Nobody's pained by naughty blows,
Nobody—but mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother ;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another ;
Nobody knows of the patience sought
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Lest darling may not weather
The storm of life in after years,
Nobody knows—but mother.

Nobody kneels at the throne above
To thank the Heavenly Father
For that sweet gift—a mother's love ;
Nobody can—but mother.

Easy Housekeeping.

In former years it was no easy task for a young married couple to "go to housekeeping," and it required no small expenditure of cash. A range or cooking stove, a coffee and spice mill, a mortar, a cakeboard and rolling-pin, a tray and chopping-knife, not to mention a large number of pots, kettles, frying-pans and bowls, and a large stock of raw materials in the line of provisions, were required. Then considerable skill was necessary to use all these instruments for preparing food for the table, and that skill, unfortunately, was not possessed by the young wife. The consequence was that most persons who embarked on the sea of matrimony sailed directly to a boarding-house, and set up their household divinities in a back chamber, where they remained till the landlady levied on them for an overdue bill for meals and lodging.

But modern invention has rendered housekeeping very easy. A couple may now set up for themselves with very few utensils, scarcely any provisions, and next to no knowledge of cookery. A gas or oil stove takes the place of a costly and cumbrous cooking-range. Coffee is bought not only parched but ground. Spices and pepper come all prepared for use. Every kind of bread, cake and pastry can be purchased at a slight advance on the cost of the materials they contain. If one wishes the sport of making them, self-raising flour may be had in any grocery. Fruit of all kinds all ready for the table can be purchased about as cheaply as that which must be prepared. Not only lobsters and other shell fish, but salmon, may be bought cooked and ready to be served at a price but little above what the crude articles cost ; and cooked corned beef, tongue, pigs' feet and ham have long been on the market.

There are also canned soups, that only need to be diluted, mince meat, all ready to put between piecrusts, and roast meats and fowls of all descriptions. Some grocers keep mush prepared for frying. Boston baked beans, put up in cans, have had a great run during the past few years. English plum puddings are also on the market. Cans of cooked green corn, beans, peas, tomatoes, cauliflower and asparagus, with Saratoga fried potatoes, are to be found on the shelves of every grocery, while laundries do the washing and ironing.

It is no longer necessary to be a cook, or to have a cook, to keep house. It requires scarcely any cooking utensils to provide a warm meal. A can-opener, a frying-pan and a coffee-pot are the principal requisites. Even the last is not absolutely necessary, since a mixture of prepared coffee, sugar and cream may readily be obtained. It is even practical now for the novice to dispense with a cook-book, as the label on every can tells how to treat the contents. Surely, ladies need no longer complain that the labors of housekeeping keep them from cultivating their minds.—[Kansas Farmer.

Household Hints.

A piece of pointed whalebone of pine is good to clean out corners. Wash your windows with sponge and polish with tissue paper.

Clean lamp chimneys by holding them over the spout of a teakettle full of boiling water and then wipe with a clean cloth. It will make them beautifully clear.

To heat cloths for hot applications without scalding your hands, lay a wet cloth between two folds of brown paper, place it on the stove, pressing the top one down lightly with your fingers, and in a few minutes the cloth will be hot enough to blister.

In cooked starch put in gum arabic, dissolved to mucilage, a teaspoonful to a pint of starch for collars and cuffs and shirt fronts, a tablespoonful for a dress. For muslin dresses it is invaluable ; this stiffness does not leave the dress until washed again. I also put in a few shavings of a sperm candle. I have no trouble in bringing a gloss on my starched clothes. A teacupful of the starch prepared for the colored clothes, put into the last rinsing water, will give tablecloths and napkins just the right stiffness to iron nicely, and they will keep clean much longer. The cotton clothes also iron nicer, although they do not take enough of the starch to be perceptible to the hands.

The nicest way to prepare eggs for tea, is to fill the spider or frying-pan (the former is best, being deepest) two-thirds full of boiling water at boiling heat, drop in the eggs one at a time, from the shell if you know they are fresh ; if you only guess at their being fresh, break them into a saucer, and slip them one at a time into the water, hot enough to cook them, but do not let it boil, dip some of the water over the tops of the eggs until they are white, or have a cover very hot to put over them, and they will cook on top by the steam ; when done soft or hard as you like them, take them up one at a time, free from water, on to a platter, with no seasoning of any kind; you can garnish with bits of green, as cress, celery leaves in little pieces, or parsly. When eaten, the only seasoning is a little salt and pepper, if liked ; nothing else if you wish delicate, first-class eating.

Buttermilk Pop.

Let one half gallon of buttermilk get boiling hot ; then add two tablespoonful of flour that has been made smooth in a little cream, and the yolks of two eggs well beaten, sugar to taste. To be used warm or cold. Some persons like it made real sweet and to eat for dessert. Or make it thin thick as drinking drink. It is a cor

NEW CANNIBAL TRIBES.

Discoveries of Captain Van Gele Along the Great Mobangi River.

Last fall, says the New York Sun, the Congo State sent Captain Van Gele, one of Stanley's favorite officers, in the steamer Henry Reed to make further explorations upon the Mobangi River, the great northern affluent of the Congo, whose importance Mr. Grenfell was the first to discover. Van Gele did not ascend the river quite as far as Grenfell, being prevented by rapids through which Grenfell had been able to push his steamer at low water when the current was slower. He, however, took time to explore, while Grenfell's journey was nothing more than a hurried reconnaissance. Van Gele made some very interesting discoveries. He found, for instance, three little tributaries, up which he pushed his steamer for a total distance of 207 miles. It is only three years since Stanley estimated that the Mobangi itself added only about 350 miles to the navigable waters of the Congo basin. Now the problem is whether the Mobangi or the Kassai deserves distinction as the Congo's greatest tributary.

On the Nghirl affluent of the river, and also on the Mobangi, about three hundred miles from its mouth, Van Gele found the most densely populated districts he had seen in Africa. The left bank of the great river was an uninterrupted succession of villages for about seventy miles. Those who imagine that the depths of Africa are an almost voiceless solitude should read Van Gele's brief account of the animation and bustle he witnessed all along this populous river.

The scene on the river in the morning, he says, is one of extraordinary animation. He often met as many as 300 canoes swiftly ploughing through the water. The canoes were chiefly filled with women and children. The women were leaving the village to go to the fields and begin the agricultural labors of the day. Other parties in the canoes were setting out for the fish nets, to gather in the finny harvest that had collected since the previous day. The river swarms with fish, the land yields rich returns of all tropical produce, and thousands of natives along the river do not know whatfamine means. They have, besides, food resources upon which most of the world cannot count, as these natives are among the greatest of cannibals.

Quite a number of men accompany the women to the fields, but not to take part in tilling the soil. They let the women monopolize the rude iron hoes, while the men stand around with weapons in their hands to protect the toilers. Without protection there is always danger that the women will be surprised and dragged off by hostile tribes.

All these river tribes send expeditions against one another for the sole purpose of securing victims for their cannibal feasts. Captain Van Gele says that all the enemies they kill in battle are eaten, and that the same fate soon overtakes the prisoners they carry home with them. Before the exploration of the Congo Valley the belief was widespread that cannibalism had greatly decreased, and that there were comparatively few people who were still addicted to the horrid practice. In all his travels, Livingstone never saw a cannibal tribe with the possible exception of the Manyema. But the opening up of the Congo basin has revealed the fact that the world never knew before where cannibalism is most prevalent. There are undoubtedly hundreds of thousands of people in that region among whom cannibalism is a confirmed and most cherished habit.

Captain Van Gele says that nowhere in Africa has he seen fisheries of equal extent, except at Stanley Falls. The stakes marking the position of the nets cover many acres. All these tribes are tall and powerful, and in form they are splendid specimens of physical beauty.

Halfpenny Dinners.

Some friends of the poor in Edinburgh, Scotland, impressed with the demoralizing influence of soup kitchens and all distribution of food gratis, lately formed a plan for helping the poverty stricken by establishing a system of halfpenny or cent dinners. Not a few shook their heads. It would never work, they thought. What kind of a dinner could be got for a cent ? The friends of the scheme persisted, and their establishment was opened about the end of March last. During the first month 2,566 dinners were served—sold over the counter for cash. The charity ticket system was carefully avoided. This gives about from 80 to 100 per day. The result of the first month has been a debit against the scheme of six shillings or a dollar and a half. The halfpenny more than covered the cost of the food, but the cooking and fuel so far put the balance on the wrong side. There has been an actual profit on every dinner sold, and if the business only increases sufficiently it will be entirely self-supporting. The amount that can be thus given for this most modest coin is remarkable. A pint of strong soup and a thick half slice of bread served in a clean tin basin—or coffee or cocoa or rice and milk in the same way—and each dinner yielding a profit. It is calculated that if 500 dinners were sold daily the project would be quite flourishing. The free dinners in the shape of soup, etc., naturally develop or attract impostors, and in Edinburgh it is said the crowds of such that swarm about the free soup kitchens are perfectly amazing. In many cases these frauds have been known to trade off the soup thus received for "hard ale" or any other intoxicating liquor. On the other hand, it is found that many honest people who would not darken the door of a soup kitchen so long as it was a matter of charity have no objection to avail themselves of what is simply a commercial transaction.

The most of the patrons, however, of these halfpenny dinners are children attending the Board schools. Poor, wan-faced little waifs they are, to whom apparently even a halfpenny dinner is a wondrous luxury. The noticeable thing about this movement is the proof it affords of how much clean, nourishing food can be honestly prepared and sold at a profit for a cent.

Mrs. Donovin—"Good-marnin' to yez, Misther Murphy ; sure, 'tis an early birrud yez are this blissid marnin'." Mr. Murphy—"Thrue far yez, Missis Donovin ; but 'tis a trifle more than a day's job Oi have here, so Oi sez to meself Oi'll jist shtart in an hour before Oi commince, an' wurruk an hour or so afther Oi quit, wid maybe the last bit in the wurruld while Oi'm restin' at noon, an' so Oi'll have it done betwixt daylight an' darruk."

A Giant Monopoly.

According to the New York *Times*, another great monopoly, or, as it is called, a "commercial combination," has just been created in the United States. It involves the control of the entire rubber industry of America, which has assumed immense proportions. This means, we are told, the control of the manufacture of all rubber goods, the fixing of the market value of both crude materials and manufactured articles, and the regulation of the workman employed. The plan adopted is the formation of a trust, modelled after the Standard Oil Trust, with a working capital of $5,000,000. An idea of the magnitude of the project may be gathered from the statistics of the industry in America. The importation of crude rubber has risen from 11,000,000 pounds a few years ago to 27,000,000 pounds in 1886. The capital invested to-day is about $50,000,000 and the annual trade is over $100,000,000. Upward of 25,000 of workmen are employed in the industry. If the report of the actual accomplishment the consolidation be true, the "combination" will be able to do pretty much as it pleases.

Scandal.

The story is told of a woman who freely used her tongue to the scandal of others, and made confession to the priests of what she had done. He gave her a ripe thistle top and told her to go out in various directions and scatter the seeds one by one. Wondering at the pennance, she obeyed, and then returned and told her confessor. To her amazement he bade her go back and gather the scattered seeds ; and when she objected that it would be impossible he replied that it would be still more difficult to gather up and destroy all evil reports which she had circulated about others. A child can scatter a handful of thistle seeds before the wind in a moment, but the strongest, wisest man cannot gather them again.

Insects as Seed Makers.

Among the farmes insect friends the bees make themselves useful, and as some think, indispensable, as seed-makers, by carrying pollen on their legs from plant to plant. Darwin made some experiments in regard to the fertilization of flowers by insect agency, one of which I will transcribe. He selected 100 heads of red clover, which he excluded from the visits of insects, but gave them the other requisites, of reproduction, viz., sunlight and moisture. He also selected 100 heads and left them free to the visits of insects, with the following results : The 100 heads that the insects did not get to failed to produce a single seed, while those that were visited by the insects produced 27,000 seeds, thus showing that insects are a great factor in the fertilization of flowers.

How Much Farmers Walk.

Practical working farmers get a good deal of exercise by walking, aside from other use of their muscles. A New England writer avers that a fair estimate will certainly make twenty miles a day the average of a farmer's walking. Up about daybreak, the farmer goes to the barn, fodders his cattle, and spends an hour moving to and fro, and returns for breakfast, having walked at least three miles before this duty is performed. If he goes to the field and plows until noon and gets over half an acre with a seven-inch furrow on a ten-acre field, he covers ten miles ; then walks home half a mile to the barn, then to the house, making in all nearly or quite eleven miles ; repeating this in the afternoon, and foddering and doing up chores until sundown, he completes twenty-five or thirty miles in a full day's work.

Happy Homes.

Much has been written and said about how to make home happy. The moralist and the preacher have hackneyed this theme until it would seem nothing more remained to be said. But the philosophers have gone far out of their way to account for the prevalence of ill-assorted couples and unhappy homes, and have over-looked the chief cause. Most of the unhappiness of married life can be traced directly to those functional derangements to which women are subject. In nine cases out of ten the irritable, dissatisfied and unhappy wife is a sufferer from some "female complaint." A trial of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will produce more domestic happiness than a million sermons or philosophical treatises. It cures all those peculiar weaknesses and ailments incident to women. It is the only medicine sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. See guarantee printed on wrapper enclosing bottle.

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The supply of official stamps in the U. S. departments are entirely exhausted. These stamps have not been in use for some time. The War dept. stamps were returned to the P. O. dept. for cancellation, and the Navy dept. stamps were destroyed.

Half of a 2ct. stamp, used for a local posted letter in Canada is in our possession on entire envelope. No mistake about it, as we received it ourselves. The place it was sent from is a village and only one stamp was cut. The other half is now in the possession of a collector. Both are on entire envelopes with postmark distinctly over the cut half on the envelope.

Social Gossip.

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Madame Albani, the Canadian prima donna sang before the Prince and Princess of Wales at Manchester lately, and received their royal congratulations. The Bishop of Manchester's daughter joined Albani in a duet from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise."

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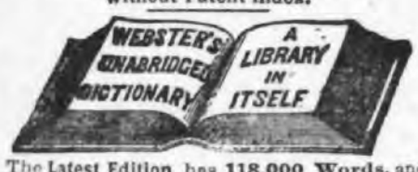

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