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Varieties.

Chicago has 45,000 school children, with 810 teachers.
In England and Wales there are 68,538 persons of unsound mind, an increase of 1,902 over last year.
The ratio to population is 27.57 to 10,000.

Secretary Evans' youngest daughter, Miss Louisa Evans, is said to be an expert oarswoman, and can handle a boat with the skill and firmness of a masculine hand.

The late Caroline B. Derby, of Salem, Mass., after bequeathing the bulk of her estate of \$30,000 to relatives, leaves \$5000 to the Salem Hospital and \$2000 to other local charities.

A Bridgeport (Conn.) genius claims to have invented an attachment for the telephone to prevent a message being heard by any one on the line other than the person for whom it is intended.

The Liberator exodus ship Azor is at Charleston, and will probably take a cargo of naval stores to Antwerp, earning money to pay off the claims against her ere she again sails for Monrovia.

Two Treasury clerks in London have been detained to read all the speeches delivered by Gladstone within the last six years, as a means of culling all passages that may be construed into personal attacks on the Earl of Beaconsfield.

The bones of the intrepid explorer, Pere Marquette, have been discovered near Point St. Ignace, Mackinac, about thirty yards from the former Jesuit Church, and probably within the fence which once surrounded the dwellings of the missionaries.

The letter-boxes at Liverpool have a spring attached to the flap, and when a letter is pushed in a plate moves and shows the hour of the last clearance. People can tell if they are in time for a certain mail, and a check is had on the postmen charged with emptying the box.

The old Basset House, in North Haven, Conn., which was built in 1713 and was recently demolished, showed many huge oaken girders and rafters and beams apparently as sound as when they first came from the forest. The property has always remained in the Basset family.

An acoustic experiment was made in Paris August 21 with the captive balloon. Twenty musicians went up in it and played Debussy's "Storm," while the other half responded from below. The ruins of the Tuileries gave back a decided echo, and people in the street were surprised at hearing the "music of the spheres" after this fashion.

The Norwegians complain that foreign sportsmen, especially English, are likely to exterminate the reindeer and wild fowl. More than fifty reindeer are now seldom seen on the Hardanger table-land, where 300 or 400 could formerly be found; and Professor Ellis, who treated Norwegian sportsmen, says there are only 6000 or 8000 in the whole country. A couple of sportsmen, moreover, are said to have shot 1200 wild fowl in a week.

While a French trader was journeying toward Constantinople, his cart broke down and his money rolled out upon the ground, when it was pounced upon by some Russian officers who were passing. The Frenchman demanded his property, but was informed that according to Russian law the money found upon a highway belonged to the State. He appealed to the authorities at San Stefano, who confirmed the decision, and he did not get his money back.

Postmaster Boughton, of Ridgebury, Connecticut, it is said, has discovered in his yard a comb of honey attached to an apple tree. It was made by a small swarm of bees, and the comb is as large as a peck measure, hanging from one end of the limbs of the tree. At night the bees instead of resting outside in a bunch in some part of it. They do this to protect it from the dew, and so closely do their bodies join as to completely cover the surface.

Potato plants used to be grown, a very long time ago, in front yards on Broadway, New York, for the sake of the flowers, which were much prized for bouquets and other ornamental purposes. However, the potatoes themselves "became such favorite food in a few years that the plants were propped back toward from the flower beds to the kitchen gardens and open fields. The beauty of the blossoms was forgotten in the usefulness of their roots."

At Seales Mound, near Galena, Ill., a week ago, Henry Haar, a young man laboring under a mild attack of insanity, built a bonfire of corn-fodder, and, divesting himself of all his clothing save a shirt, deliberately walked into the burning mass, chanting at 45, the same time his own funeral dirge. He was stifled by the smoke and fell to the ground, his feet and legs remaining in the fire. He was found in that condition and rescued from the flames by his parents, still singing while roasting alive. Both of his legs have been amputated, and he will probably die.

There are 4,000,000 dead letters received annually at the Dead-Letter Office. Three hundred thousand without stamps, 50,000 partially addressed, 6000 no address, 1,500,000 of no-name orders and drafts of money value, 45,000 packages containing property, 340,000 in money—nine-tenths of which is returned, the balance remaining in the Treasury subject to application for four years; 15,000 photographs; 250,000 European letters are returned unopened; one tenth of all letters received contain property; 10,000 applications for letters reported lost, the great proportion found and delivered.

THE YEOMAN'S STORY.

It is you, old neighbor and friend! I'm here in the dark alone; I wasn't noticing much how sombre the room had grown. I know by the grasp of your hand the things that you want to say, But I'd rather you shouldn't say them—at least till another day.

Yes, Will, he has gone at last. My darling is really dead; All I had left in the world, and I haven't a tear to shed! Give me your arm—there's the moon, there fall, over the apple-trees, Let us walk and talk for a little—maybe it'll give me ease.

Will, you remember his mother? You must often have heard it said There was never a prettier woman, nor one that held higher her head; Yet only a village beauty, with cheeks like the mouth of May, And a mother to slave for her dress, and a father to give her her way.

Philip was comely and tall, but I was richer than he; Sometimes she liked Philip the best, and sometimes she seemed to like me. She played fast and loose with us both, as only these young things can, Who fancy no sport so well as to toy with the heart of a man.

Well, Will, without boast or awe she came to my house one night. Said she had broken with Philip, and if I would have her I might. Shall I ever forget that moment, when, shaking in every limb, I seemed to wear a mantle more solemn and sweet than a hymn!

We were married within the month, and Philip had gone to sea; A happier man than I ever looked on the light of day! I whistled from morning to night, and was blithe as a bird on the wing; Ah, had I but known his soul should hang on so weak a thing!

I don't remember exactly when first I noticed the change, But I know that soon something struck me as not like herself, and strange; Her dimples were not so deep, nor so round her little chin, And her eyes grew brighter and brighter as her cheeks seemed hollowing in.

She watched my every turn with her large blue wistful eyes, As though she had something to say—she was full of trouble and sighs; I thought she was sick for a sight of the old folks down at the mill, But she wouldn't go near her mother, and that made me uneasy, Will.

There he lies in his cot, so quiet and happy and still, He looks more like his mother than ever I saw him, Will. . . . What a selfish fool am I, to regret that he's gone from here, For hasn't his face a smile, and that's better sure than a tear!

Death is sweeter than life, and slumber is sweeter than pain. 'Twas such a hard fight, old man, and we have so little to gain! Who knows what he might have come to had he lived to be old as we? If life is a good thing, Will, 'tis a better thing not to be!

Those snowdrops he picked himself that he holds in his tiny hands, Now he gathers the flowers of Paradise, as clothed in the garden of God, looking upwards to the throne of eternal grace, With the light of ineffable love streaming down on the hush of his face.

Will, do you think he remembers or has he forgotten all? The old dog crippled and blind, who always limped up at his call, The pipe of the early thrushes, the bloom on the orchard-trees, My face, that his eyes were fixed on when I took him to die on my knees?

O God! let him not forget me! Let him still remember, and wait, And watch with a wistful longing when they open the golden gate; Watch with a wistful longing till he sees me enter in. Pure as a little child, and free forever from sin!

But the house, Will, the lonely acres, the poor little garden, the picture-books, the silence upon the stair! How shall I listen o' nights to the moan of the winds on the hill? And the rash of the rain from the skies? God! how I shall miss him, Will!

Some years ago, while living in Paris, I met with a French detective who was searching for a murderer at the house at which I was sojourning. I confessed I was drawn to the man from the first. He was a frank, open-hearted, careless Frenchman, whose only aim seemed to be to enjoy life. He had no idea that he was a detective, but supposed him to be simply a young man of mystery.

He was a tall, splendidly-formed man, with a good-looking careless face, black hair and whiskers. A close observer would have noticed self-reliance and determination in every feature, and the calm clear eyes told of more than ordinary courage. He was quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, and was decidedly a favorite with all in the house.

One morning as Laronie and I were sitting at breakfast, an old gentleman who had been sojourning there for some time (he was there before my arrival) came in and seated himself opposite us. Laronie glanced at him carelessly, but I noticed a quiet smile in the corner of his mouth as he did so. I noticed also that Laronie was longer over his breakfast than usual, and rose only when the old gentleman did. My surprise was soon ended, however; for as the old gentleman turned to leave the dining-room, Laronie approached him, and laying his hand on his shoulder, said, quietly: "Monsieur Du Far, you are my prisoner."

The old man turned deadly pale, and glanced around hurriedly, as if to secure some means of escape. But Laronie's grasp on his shoulder tightened, and he continued, coolly: "Monsieur Du Far, I arrest you in the name of the state, for forgery and counterfeiting."

I at once offered him my hand, and apologized for my suspicions. He laughed good-naturedly, and assured me that I was forgiven. Then we sealed the forgiveness with a cigar and a bottle of claret.

"Now," said I, "I want you to tell me something of your experience as a detective; for, from what I have seen of you to-day, I think you must be an uncommonly clever fellow. Suppose you give me the history of the case you have just completed."

"They say at headquarters," said Laronie, "that I do my work well, and I believe the compliment is not undeserved. I give great care to my cases, and am usually employed in those which are considered difficult. But instead of telling you of the case that happened this morning, I will relate what I consider my most famous exploit."

"By all means. I want to know, also, why you became a detective. Tell me anything you like. I shall be a willing listener."

"I think I must have been born for my profession," said Laronie, brushing the ashes of his cigar; "for in my childhood I was always finding out other people's secrets. My companions could hide nothing from me, and it seemed to me that events had only to happen for me to know them. The chief of the secret police was a friend, and I sought him to learn forethoughts under my very eyes, and frequently to my great annoyance. As I grew up, this talent, for so I consider it, increased. When I came of age, I found myself in possession of an ample fortune which I did not seek to adopt. There was no necessity for me to follow any profession, or enter any branch of business, for my support was already guaranteed; but, in order to give my talents room for legitimate use, I determined to enter the secret service of the government. The chief of the secret police was a friend, and I sought him to learn forethoughts under my very eyes, and frequently to my great annoyance. 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