

WORDS OF THE ROY.

What's the good of grown up people? Seems to me they're in the way. We'd have lots more fun without them. That's what all the folks say. Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers. They're an awful rummy crew. And the chief sin of them is this: Comes to grief before he's through.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Chicago News. Great thoughts seldom come in bunches. A man's best servants are his ten fingers. A man never poses as a hypocrite when he is alone. Every man is the architect of his own misfortune.

Remember the kind acts of others, but forget your own. Wise is the man who speaks neither too soon nor too late. One thorn of experience is worth a dozen buds of advice.

Self-made man would be all right if they didn't talk shop. Do what you can when you are unable to do what you would. Fame is a bubble that can't be secured by hitting the pipe.

Misery loves company—and she usually has a houseful of it. Many an individual talks like a wise man and acts like a fool. In time of peace lots of men prepare applications for military commissions.

A fool's modesty is never allowed to overshadow his inability. Filling a straight flush is equivalent to extending a helping hand. Gymnasts wear spring and fall clothing regardless of the season.

Fortunate is the man who really deserves his own opinion of himself. If a man doesn't know when to be silent he doesn't know when to speak. Few people are envied because of their wisdom; many because of their wealth.

It was an Irish philosopher who said: "Idleness clothes a man with nakedness." A successful man forms a plan and sticks to it, working like a gimlet to a point. Nearly every woman on earth has lost a pocket book at some stage of her career.

Many a man who attempts to wear the mantle of greatness is disappointed in the fit. A man's good deeds are limited, but there is no end to the mischief he can accomplish.

BILLVILLE DIETARY NOTES.

Atlanta Constitution. While our leading novelist was dramatizing his latest novel the other night a lamp exploded and he was blown through the roof. We have read his book, but it is hoped now that we won't be compelled to see his play.

At a hot literary dinner Wednesday evening our poet laureate was choked by a leg of possum just as he was about to read an ode which he had chopped into proper lengths for the occasion. He has since been too full for utterance.

Having suffered financial embarrassments recently, our head poet offers to read his poems in public for a dollar a day. This is dirt cheap. They are worth a dollar and a quarter, at least.

"The Possum Poem" was the subject of the literary debate Wednesday night. It was decided that "possum" is not poetical but mighty fillin'.

Our leading novelist had his leg cut off by a railroad, and unfortunately received enough money from the road to enable him to publish another book.

Mr. Carnegie has been asked to please give Billville a free library. We already have a six-pound dictionary and a town lot.

Mayor Jones is hard at work on a History of Billville, from the first lynching up to the time when the rope gave out.

An indignation meeting was held in the rooms of the Literary Club last evening, to protest against the action of the Billville farmers, who recently ran down a dozen poets and put them to plowing.

The long-expected new magazine is out. So is the proprietor—about \$3,000. The practical south plows her poets and the appreciative North pays them.

Two geniuses have located in our midst. That is, their business cards announce them as such. In this case iron age it is hard to appreciate an author sliding down a snowbank with a spring poem in each hand.

A correspondent wants to know if literature pays. We can't answer that question, for we never let it owe us anything.

There was a literary jumping match at the picnic for the benefit of the new Dictionary. One of the competitors jumped thirteen feet and was declared poet laureate of Georgia.

Staring Children's Minds.

Mark Twain has issued a pamphlet entitled, "English As She Is Taught," which makes a needed protest against the attempt to cram the memories of school children with information far beyond their power of assimilation. The result often is that the poor little minds have a sort of indigestion which is to the true pedagog more pathetic than it is amusing.

Twain gives some of the answers in physiology by pupils in public schools. Physiology is to study about your bones stummkick and verbery. Occupations which are injurious to health are carbolic acid gas which is impure blood.

We have an upper and a lower skin. The lower skin moves all the time, and the upper skin moves when we do. The body is mostly composed of water and about one-half is avaricious tissue.

GENERAL NEWS.

Because they commented on the Zeller hat his wife wore, a Chicago man shot and mortally wounded two youths. Rev. Edwin G. Sweetser, of Philadelphia, who prayed for Czolgosz and is said to have refused to honor McKinley, has been asked to resign his pastorate.

Latest returns from the Arkansas primary elections shows that United States Senator James K. Jones has been defeated for re-election by James P. Clarke.

General Wade Hampton on Sunday last celebrated his 84th birthday at his South Carolina home, showing fine spirits to those who called to offer him their congratulations.

Pension Commissioner Evans has resigned, his resignation to take effect on the appointment of his successor. It is said that Evans will be given a good place in the diplomatic service.

Former Governor Robert Taylor, of Tennessee, has entered an "old-time fiddlers' contest," to be held at Decatur, Ala., early in April, under the auspices of Decatur Lodge of the Elks. Nearly 100 other fiddlers as old as Governor Taylor have entered the contest.

In the news columns of the Philadelphia Times of the 28th was an article telling of the withdrawal from business in that city of 77 insurance companies because of heavy fire losses. On the editorial page of the same paper is an article lambasting the insurance companies for "exacting an outrageous tribute from the people."

Charles Francis Woodward, who confessed to the murder of Sheriff Wm. C. Ricker, was hanged by a mob of 24 men at Casper, Wyoming, on March 28. He had been respited by the Supreme Court and indignation had become uncontrollable. The mob hanged him on the scaffold that the sheriff had made for him. In his frenzy he jumped from the scaffold before the trap was sprung and thereby hanged himself.

The lynchers left a note on the gallows, containing these words: "The process of the law is a little slow. This is the road you will all have to travel. Murderers and thugs beware."

Twelve Hotels Destroyed.

ATLANTA CITY, N. J., April 3.—Twelve hotels and more than a score of small buildings adjoining the board walk which is built along the ocean edge, were destroyed to-day by a fire which swept the beach front for two long blocks from Illinois avenue to New York avenue. The loss, it is said, will exceed \$750,000.

In this respect the conflagration is the most disastrous that has ever visited this city. The loss will be only partly covered by insurance, as the rate is 5 per cent, charged by insurance companies on property here is regarded as almost prohibitive. Fortunately no lives were sacrificed, though probably a dozen persons were slightly injured and burned during the fire.

A Psalm of Life.

Orange Va., Observer. Tell us not in mournful numbers that town is full of gloom, for the man's a crack who slumbers in these bursting days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal, for every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end of way; if you have no money earn it—work still harder every day.

Eighty-Four Millions Under the Head of Wines.

Final results of the twelfth census give the total population of the United States on June 1, 1900, as 84,282,093 with a margin of error of possibly 1,000,000 accounted for by the uncertainty regarding the population of the Philippines.

Three countries only have a greater number of inhabitants under their flags—the Chinese, British and Russian empires. The total area of the United States, the term "United States" including all insular and other possessions, is now 3,690,822 square miles, about one-fourth of the entire land surface of the earth.

Ventilation.

London Science Siftings. The amount of oxygen in a room is decreased alarmingly by our methods of illumination. A man may exist for an hour in a fair-sized room hermetically sealed if he has no light burning. Place a lighted candle in that room with him and his existence will be shortened by 15 minutes. If he had a lamp instead of a candle in order to make himself more comfortable with additional light, he would live only half an hour. If he had two good gas burners he would scarcely have time to make his will, for he would not live more than five minutes.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II, Second Quarter, International Series, April 15. Text of the Lesson, Acts ii, 38-42. Memory Verses, 40-42—Golden Text, Acts ii, 34—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

32. He came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. This is written of Peter as he passed from place to place on his Master's business feeding and caring for the sheep and the lambs (John xxi, 15-17; 1 Pet. v, 1-4), as he had been commissioned to do. In Acts ii, 38, we read the name of Nazareth, associated with the Holy Ghost and with power, went about doing good and healing all the oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him.

33. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. The Lord saw that in the healing of Aeneas He would be glorified and that many would thus be led to turn to Him for their own good and for His glory. While I believe it is a high and holy and gracious privilege to trust the Lord for the body as well as the soul, I cannot sympathize with those who consign all drugs and doctors to the devil nor can I believe that health in this mortal body is more important than glorifying God.

34. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha. She, like her Lord, lived for others and for the good which He might be pleased to accomplish through her, and in her active, self-denying life God was manifest. Some only talk of what they would do if they could, but the Lord working through her, in the midst of her busy life sickness came, and the death, death, permitted to touch her, and she one day found herself in perfect health and in the vigor of a life she had never known before.

The Lord, experiencing the gain of those who enter upon the "very far better." See II Cor. v, 8; Phil. i, 21, 23, R. V. 38, 39. Lydda being near to Joppa and the disciples at Joppa, having heard of the Lord working through Peter at Lydda, they send for him, urging him to come quickly to them, which he did, and he soon found himself in the midst of a lot of weeping widows. We do not read that they talked of her present happiness and rest from her labors and their joy because of her promotion to the immediate presence of her Lord, yet I have been many a time in homes of mourning where these were the topics, and there was no desire to have the loved one back again even though the hearts ached and the tears would come because of the loneliness.

40. But Peter put them all forth and kneeled down and prayed. So did our Lord in the case of the ruler's daughter (Mark v, 40), except that Peter, as he commended God, would inquire as to the will of God in this matter and whether it might be for the glory of God to have Dorcas return to the mortal body for a season. He must have received some assurance from God as to His will, for, turning to the body and calling her name, she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

41. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up when he had called the saints and widows of the city. So Dorcas came back from the rest and the glory to sojourn again in a mortal body for the good of others, and the selfish receivers of her labors were doubtless glad to have her go to it again for their sakes, but whatever she did it was for Jesus' sake (II Cor. iv, 11), not for their sakes. Should we find ourselves suddenly in His presence and in the enjoyment of all that can be enjoyed apart from the body and be asked by Him to return to earth again for a season for His sake, that He might be further glorified in us here, I doubt not but His grace would be sufficient to enable us to say, "Yes, Lord, anything, anywhere, for Thee (II Cor. ix, 8).

42. And it was known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Thus in these two cases of God working through Peter one result was that many in each place believed in the Lord. In the case of many sick ones who desire health and claim, as they say, that they are the prayer of faith, there is often no desire in their hearts should be led to believe in the Lord, that they themselves should live henceforth wholly for Him, but merely a desire for their own personal comfort and to be rid of their affliction. We must not sit in judgment upon God, nor must we even judge people (Rom. xiv, 10; I Cor. iv, 5), but we may be perfectly sure that the Judge of all the earth always does right (xviii, 25, of Genesis).

43. He tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner. Healing the sick or raising the dead or simply tarrying with Simon, the tanner, God was glorified in Peter. He does not want work so much as fruit, and there may be much fruit when one seems compelled to live in apparent idleness. Doubtless the Lord Jesus glorified the Father in all the thirty years at Nazareth as well as in the few years of His public ministry.

Portrait of Cocker.

Edward Cocker, who lived in the reign of Charles II., is chiefly known to the present generation by the saying in common use, "According to Cocker," which means in accordance with arithmetical rules. I saw the other day amid the treasures of a private collector a copy of the first edition of Cocker's immortal work on arithmetic, published by T. Passenger at the Three Bibles on London bridge. Only two, or at most three, perfect copies are known to the book collector. One is in the British museum. This particular copy, its brown morocco partially faded, bears on its title page the inscription, "Cocker's Arithmetick, Perused and Published by John Hawkins by the Author's Correct Copy."

It contains what purports to be a portrait of "Ingenious Cocker." Examination, however, shows the portrait to be the authenticity of this work of art. There are many engraved portraits of the epoch, but there was only one Cocker. The British museum copy has no portrait, and there is too much reason to fear that this embellishment was added by some ingenious owner of an earlier century. Cocker died in 1675. This rare relic of the past bears date 1678.—Scotsman.

George's Father.

Augustus Washington, the father of George Washington, was engaged in 1732 in making pig iron at Acykeek furnace, in Stafford county, Va., about fifteen miles from Fredericksburg, when his famous son was born. This furnace had been built by the Principio company, composed of English capitalists, as early as 1726, on land owned by Augustine Washington, aggregating about 1,000 acres and containing iron ore. Mr. Washington becoming the owner of one-sixth of the furnace property in consideration of the transfer of his land to the company.

In my opinion the man who kills his fellow is the hero of barbarism; the man who risks his own life to save the lives of others is the only hero that a true civilization can honor.—Andrew Carnegie.

For all misfortunes there are two remedies—time and silence.

At Rome, Georgia, Walter Allen, a negro, charged with assault on Blossom Adamson, a white girl of 15, was lynched by a mob of 4,000 people on April 1st and was riddled with, probably, 1,000 shots after being hanged. He did not succeed in his purpose and claimed that he was innocent.

E. A. Pleasants, of Guilford College, was fined \$50 a few days ago by a justice of the peace for refusing to kill his dog that had been bitten by a mad dog. He took an appeal.

A STORE WRECK'S CHRONICLE.

Ferry People Are Sadly Injured—Casualties of an Easter Sunday. PITTSBURGH, March 30.—One of the fiercest wind storms ever known in this section struck the city just before noon to-day and did almost incalculable damage to property and injured many people, some of whom may die from the effects of their wounds. Scores of houses were unroofed, many trees were blown down, mill stacks toppled over and telegraph and telephone wires generally disabled. The most serious accident reported up to 9 o'clock to-night, was the unroofing of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church, in Knoxville. The church was filled with an Easter congregation numbering about 600 persons. While the minister was in the midst of his sermon, a strong gust of wind blew over the large chimney, and lifted a portion of the roof off the building. The bricks from the chimney crashed through the roof and carried a huge piece of ceiling measuring about 40 by 20 feet, down upon the worshippers in the pews. An indescribable panic ensued and a frantic rush was made for the door and windows. The excitement was soon quieted and the work of rescue begun. At least 40 persons were caught by the wreckage and more or less injured. Of this number five may not recover.

As Rev. J. W. English, pastor of the Robinson Eum Union Protestant church, near McDonald, was raising his arms to pronounce the benediction, lightning struck the church spire and it toppled upon the roof, crushing it and injuring a number of worshippers, two of whom will die.

Rev. J. M. Jamison, of Jamestown, Pa., was probably fatally injured, being buried in the debris when a cyclone struck the church and almost demolished it.

The roofs of the Presbyterian Churches at McDonald and Noblesville were also torn off, and several other churches were damaged. The roof of Franklin Methodist Church at Wollsburg, Va., was blown in, killing a young lady and a boy and seriously injuring Rev. Mr. Alabusha and a number of the congregation.

Food of Americans.

An English woman tells of the strange things she ate here. An English woman who visited America a short time ago has been telling her country women about the "strange food across the water." Of course she discovered green corn, but she had been prepared for that. Oyster crabs were quite new to her.

"They look like Boston baked beans," she explains, "but they taste much better." An oyster cocktail filled her with awe and enthusiasm. She tried it at Delmonico's and thought it was soup. Of course in England one didn't serve soup in a glass; but then, neither did the English serve boiled eggs in a glass. One could never be sure of Americans.

Of canvasback duck she has a poor opinion, but thinks she might like it better if Americans would have it cooked or even warmed. As for terrapin, she slings its praise. She found it much like calf's head, and she always liked calf's head. Shades of Maryland gourmets, what a slur is there!

"All the puddings in America are pie or ice cream," she says, but it must be understood that pie does not mean game pie. The Yankee pie is a tart and is ubiquitous, she explains. She sat next to an American man who ate a lump of cheese with his strawberry pie and turned a plateful of ice cream over both, but she doesn't know that that is a general custom.

The oysters were good, but had most impossible names, and the cockles (cockles) were excellent. On the whole, Yankee food and cooking are good, but there is too much of the foreign on the table at one time.—New York Sun.

Wages of Mill Employees Raised in all Southern New England.

The advance of ten per cent, which was granted to the 27,000 employees of Fall River cotton mills early in the month has been general in Southern New England. It is estimated that April 7, fully 60,000 hands in this section will have had their wages increased. The decision of the New Bedford manufacturers to concede the demands of their help was followed early today by the leading mill owners of Rhode Island, and while no authoritative announcement has been made as to what the big mills of Lowell, Lawrence, Manchester, Lewiston, Nassau and other cotton centres will do, it is generally believed that as usual, they will follow Fall River and New Bedford.

President's Charleston Trip.

President Roosevelt has decided to visit the exposition at Charleston on Wednesday, April 9. He will leave Washington on Monday afternoon, April 7, reach Charleston Tuesday morning, April 8, spend the day in visiting the site of the navy yard, the forts in the harbor and the jeties. Tuesday night he will be entertained at dinner by the city of Charleston. While the dinner to the President is in progress, Mrs. Roosevelt will give a reception to the ladies of the woman's department of the exposition and their invited guests. On Wednesday, April 9, the President will be escorted to the exposition grounds by a great military procession in which the soldiers of Charleston and the visiting soldiers from North Carolina and the other Southern States will take part.

Norfolk Strike Ended.

NORFOLK, Va., April 1.—The strike of the street car men, which had been on here since March 1, was declared off to-day by the strikers. All boycotts were ordered lifted.

John P. Altgeld died penniless. The reward of his life was a poverty so bitter that Mrs. Altgeld would be in want to-day did she not possess a small property in her own right. It is represented by the house in which she lives.

President Roosevelt on the 2nd, appointed Judge Spencer B. Adams to the position of District Attorney of Alaska, salary \$3,000, but Adams declined the appointment.

AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY.

A Series of Orders That Rejuvenated the Ailing Slaves. A correspondent sends the following story of an old Virginia gentleman: Some years before the war a gentleman of large landed interests counted among his possessions a plantation on the James river, an estate of considerable dimensions. Other interests kept him away from the old place for some years, during which time there was a marked decrease in the revenue. Upon his return to the plantation he discovered that many of the slaves were laid up with rheumatism and other ills, the farming implements were in bad order and the old homestead was fast going to rack and ruin. Calling his overseer he said:

"Anderson, I notice a great many old waggons, plows and harrows about the place. Have them brought and piled in front of the house, and on Monday next order all the niggers on the place to be present."

At the appointed time they came. The pile was set on fire and the implements destroyed. The following week he called the overseer's attention to the sick and infirm horses, hogs and cattle and gave the same order. When the negroes had assembled all the animals were knocked in the head. The Friday following the landlord again called his overseer.

"Anderson, I see a great many sick niggers around here—many who seem to be laid up with rheumatism and are good for nothing. Give orders that on Monday morning at 10 o'clock they all appear in the front yard."

The effect on the slaves was magical. On Saturday men who had been unable to walk were skipping around like children; the sick grew well suddenly. And from that time on the plantation was most prosperous.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—While the charges against Postmaster Mullen, of Charlotte, and the developments resulting therefrom were being regarded, in the term employed by Senator Fritchard, as a "closed incident," there is now a well-defined impression that the nomination of Mr. Mullen will not be confirmed by the Senate without a contest. The continued agitation of the subject by some of the state papers has brought forth fruit and Senator Simmons may now be said to be halting between two opinions whether he should or should not endeavor to prevent confirmation.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The nomination of Postmaster Mullen was to-day referred to Senator Simmons, with the request that he report thereon. The mind, like the lens, may be concave and scatter brain power or convex and concentrate it.

Seaboard Air Line.

Between New York, Tampa, Atlanta, New Orleans and points South and West. IN EFFECT DECEMBER 1ST, 1901.

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