

The cedars of Lebanon are the oldest trees in the World except the elder trees.

There is no wild beast more to be dreaded than a communicative man having nothing to communicate.

The earliest art students made arrow heads. Some of the latest art students make chuckleheads.

"Hew is one of your most energetic trustees, says a village paper in an obituary notice, "and we trustees happy.

Whatever you have to do, do it promptly, and if it is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well, whether any one is to see it or not.

Teacher—"What is the definition of flirtation?" Intelligent young pupil—"It is attention without intention."

"Have you much fish in your bag?" asked a person of a fisherman. "Yes, there is a good eel in it," was the slippery reply.

"Now my little boys and girls," said a teacher, "I want you to be very still—so that you can hear a pin drop." In a moment all was silent, when a little boy cried out, "Let her drop!

"Old age is coming upon me rapidly" as an urchin said when he was stealing apples from an old man's garden, and saw the owner coming, with whip in hand.

When the hey day of life is over, old age may be sunny and chirping, a merry heart may nestle in a tottering frame, like a swallow that builds in a ruined chimney.

When they build a railroad, the first thing they do is to break ground. This is often done with great ceremony. Then they break the stock holders. This is done without ceremony.

A paper thus advertises; "Wanted at this office, an editor who can please every body. Also, a foreman who can so arrange the paper as to allow every man's advertisement to head the column.

A bachelor returning from a ball in a crowded coach, declared with a groan that he had no objection to "rings on his fingers," but he had a most unequivocal aversion to 'bells on his toes.

Have you any nice fresh farmer's eggs?" inquired a precise old lady at a grocery store, "No ma'am," replied the practical clerk, "but we have some very good hen's eggs." She took three to try.

It is very desirable to be a good reader. A clergyman is said to have once read the following passage from the Bible, with the emphasis thus; "And the old man said unto his sons saddle the ass; and they saddled him."

New Richmond, West Virginia, is shipping walnut logs directly to London, where better prices are obtained than in this country.

There is a bullfrog farm in South-eastern Wisconsin, thirty acres of swamp fenced in, and the proprietor sends thousands of these featherless birds to New York.

Over the porch of the Old South Church at Boston is chiselled: "Behold I have set before you an open door," and under, on the door, is printed in emphatic letters, "Positively no admittance."

American postage stamps lose their gum after lying about a few days. In England last year 61,000 stamps were found loose in the postal boxes.

Mr. Swope, of Maryland, wanted to teach school, and when he was declared incompetent he burned the schoolhouse down. That didn't make him any more competent, however, as he admitted while they were taking him to jail.

The Marechal De Faber at a siege was pointing out a place with his finger. As he spoke a musket ball carried off the finger. Instantly stretching another he continued his discourse:—"Gentlemen, As I was saying—"

THE SWEETNESS OF HOME.—He who has no home has not the sweetest pleasures of life; he feels not the thousand endearments that cluster around that hallowed spot to fill the void of his aching heart, and while away his leisure moments in the sweetest of life's joy. Is misfortune your lot, you will find a friendly welcome from beating true to your own. The chosen partner of our toil has a smile of approbation when others have deserted, a hand of hope when all others refuse, and a heart to feel your sorrows as if they were her own. Perhaps a smiling cherub, with prattling glee and joyous laugh, will drive sorrow from your careworn brow, and inclose it in wreaths of domestic bliss. No matter how humble that home may be, how destitute its stores or how poor its inmates are clad, if true hearts dwell there it is yet a home—a cheerful, prudent wife, obedient and affectionate children, will give possessors more real joy than bags of gold and windy honors. The home of a temperate, industrious and honest man, will be his greatest joy. He comes to it weary and worn, but the music of the merry laugh, and the happy voices of the children cheer him. A plain, but a healthful meal awaits him. Envy, ambition and strife have no place there, and with clear conscience he lays his weary limbs down to rest in the bosom of his family, and under the protecting care of the poor man's friend.

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Dr. Holland, in Scribner's, gives us the following: What is the cure for gossip? Simply, culture. There is a great deal of gossip that has no malignity in it. Good-natured people talk about their neighbors because, and only because, they have nothing else to talk about. As we write, there comes to us a picture of a family of young ladies. We have seen them at home, we have met them in galleries of art, we have caught glimpses of them going from a bookstore, or a library, with a fresh volume in their hands. When we meet them, they are full of what they have seen and read. They are brimming with questions. One topic of conversation is dropped only to give place to another, in which they are interested. We have left them, after a delightful hour, stimulated and refreshed; and during the whole hour not a neighbor's garment was soiled by so much as a touch. They had something to talk about. They knew something, and wanted to know more. They could listen as well as they could talk. To speak freely of a neighbor's doings and belongings would have seemed an impertinence to them, and, of course, an impropriety. They had no temptation to gossip, because the doing of their neighbors formed a subject very much less interesting than those which grew out of their knowledge and their culture. And this tells the whole story. The confirmed gossip is always either malicious or ignorant. The one variety needs a change of heart and the other a change of pasture. Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or imbecility, and the young should not only shun it, but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptat on to indulge in it. It is a low, frivolous, and too often a dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which it rages like a pest. Churches are split in pieces by it. Neighbors are made enemies by it for life. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease, which is practically incurable. Let the young cure it while they may.

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Leave Union Depot daily at 5: p. m. Arrive at Goldsboro at 11:4 a. m. Rocky Mount at 2:0 a. m. Weldon at 6:00 a. m. Leave Weldon daily at 7:00 p. m. Arrive at Rocky Mount at 9:00 p. m. Goldsboro at 12:50 a. m. Union Depot at 6:30 a. m.

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Office of the Superintendent of Transportation, of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company. PORTSMOUTH, VA., Jan. 1 1875

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E. G. GHIO, Supt. of Transportation.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25, 1875.

On and after Monday, Dec. 27th, 1875, trains on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows:

MAIL TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh at 10:00 A. M. Arrives at Weldon at 3:30 P. M. Leaves Weldon at 10:00 A. M. Arrives at Raleigh at 3:30 P. M.

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Leaves Raleigh at 5:00 A. M. Arrives at Weldon at 5:25 P. M. Leaves Weldon at 5:15 A. M. Arrives at Raleigh at 5:40 P. M.

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Train leaves Raleigh at 3:40 P. M. Arrives at Sanford at 8:19 P. M. Arrives at Cameron at 9:20 P. M. Train leaves Cameron at 4:15 A. M. Leaves Sanford at 5:10 A. M. Arrives at Raleigh at 9:45 A. M.

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