

## The Watanga Democrat,

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### The Home Library.

We form judgments of men from little things about their houses, of which the owner, perhaps, never thinks. Flowers about a man's house may signify only that he has a good gardener, or that he has refined neighbors and does what he sees them do. But men are not accustomed to buy books unless they want them. If on visiting the dwelling of a man of slender means we find that he contents himself with cheap carpets and very plain furniture in order that he may buy books, he rises at once in our esteem. Books are not made for furniture; but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house. To spend several days at a friend's house and hunger for something to read, while you are treading on costly carpets, and sitting on luxurious chairs, and sleeping upon down, as if one were bribing your body for the sake of cheating your mind.

Books are the windows through which the soul looks out. A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up his children without surrounding them with books, if he has the means to buy them. It is a wrong to his family. Children learn to read by being in the presence of books. The love of knowledge comes with reading, and grows upon it; and the love of knowledge in a young mind is almost a warrant against the inferior excitement of passions and vices.

Let us pity those poor rich men who live barrenly in great bookless houses. Let us congratulate the poor that in our day books are so cheap that a man may every year add a hundred volumes to his library for the price of what his tobacco would cost him. Among the earliest ambitions to be excited in clerks, workmen, journeymen, and indeed among all that are struggling up in life from nothing to something, is that of owning, and constantly adding to, a library of good books. A little library, growing larger every year, is an honorable part of a young man's history. It is a man's duty to buy books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.—Exchange.

### The Sparrows Must Go. Fayetteville Observer.

The English sparrow must go—this is from the fertile fields of Illinois, the legislature of that State having passed an order of extermination against this marauder. The writer happened to be standing in Union Square, New York City, in the year 1872, when the park commissioners turned loose a consignment of these birds on the beautiful grounds of that pleasure; but we are not prepared to say that it was the first importation of the English sparrow to this country. It is our impression, however, that it was. Opinions differ as to the character of this little bird—some considering him an unmitigated pest, and others declaring that, while a vociferous

grain feeder, he is a very valuable scavenger of insects. He is certainly very industrious, whether for good or evil and has a familiarity of approach and a lack of "offishness" which is charming, because so rare, in a bird. Of his pugnacity there can be no doubt; he is a murderous little wretch in all the field of ornithological creation, second only to the butcher bird. We know a very intelligent Englishman "not a thousand miles from here" who is his staunch defender; but arraying all the facts against him, we are inclined to believe that the Illinois statutory warfare against the English sparrow is a righteous crusade.

### A Sense of Ridicule

A sense of ridicule is an original faculty of the human mind; it is much keener in some individuals than others, and under proper management it might possibly find its place in a christian character, but it is like some plants which, though wholesome in themselves, are never admitted into our gardens because they spread too rapidly and root out what is more valuable. The love of satire grows by indulgence until it destroys the power of discrimination, blunts sensibility to another's pain, disturbs the balance of justice, weakens all noble and generous feeling, and gives a general taint of coarseness and vulgarity to the whole character.

There is nothing too innocent and unobtrusive to be food for this morbid love of fun; nothing too valuable and too beautiful to be viewed in this coarse light; nothing too high and nothing too low to minister to this diseased appetite, and the pain often inflicted upon those who are its innocent objects is a small evil compared with the immense injury it does to the mind that entertains it.—Ex.

Of all knowledge connected with Jesus Christ, by far the most important and essential is the knowledge of him as a person. We may know very much about him, and may know him very meagrely or not at all. We may know much, likewise, of the truth that concerns him, and yet be little touched by his personality itself. Perhaps the tendency of the times is somewhat to obscure Christ as a person. Duties have accumulated. Forms have increased. Doctrinal statements have multiplied, and somehow or other sometimes these, each and all, form a sort of veil to hide Christ. Through them all in some way we want to break, as David's men broke the lines of the Philistines to get at the well of Bethlehem, in order to reach Jesus; and when we have found him all else will seem poor on one side, but all else will be enriched on the other.—Young Peoples' Union.

Last Friday night 3,000 miners attacked the stockade at Briceville, Tenn., in which 163 convicts were released the prisoners and burned the stockade. The latter then helped their rescuers to attack the Chumley stockade at Coal creek. The doors were battered down and the convicts, in number about 140 were released. The affair was so sudden that but little resistance was offered, and no bloodshed took place.

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### A Horrible Mistake.

PTTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 27.—A special from Erie, Pa., says: Two weeks ago Farmer Geo. Heidecker, of Green township, apparently died very suddenly of what was supposed to have been heart failure. The remains were buried four days later from St. John's Lutheran church of this city and temporarily interred in a neighbor's plot in the Erie cemetery pending the purchase of one by his family.

The transfer was made today, and when the remains were exhumed the casket was opened at the request of his family, and a horrifying spectacle was presented.

The body had turned around, lying on its face, and the interior of the casket bore traces of a terrible struggle with death in its most awful shape.

The distorted and blood-covered features bore evidence of the horrible agony endured. The clothing about the head and neck had been torn into shreds, as likewise the lining of the coffin. Bloody marks of finger nails on the face, throat and neck told of the awful despair of the doomed man, who tore his own flesh in his terrible anguish.

Several fingers had been entirely bitten off, and the hands torn with the teeth until they scarcely resembled those of a human being.

It is a somewhat singular fact that the widespread movement in Germany in favor of Sunday rest receives its greatest support, not from the clergy and church members, but from the business men. This fact is not to the credit of those who ought to be foremost in everything looking to a Sabbath observance. But it is said, in extenuation, that the German movement is based upon the physical argument instead of the religious; that the business men are taking hold of it because man's bodily wants require a day of rest. But, upon the same ground, ministers and churches should help it on. Christianity has regard to the physical life. Jesus cared for the body. He urged Sabbath rest because of its advantages from a mere secular point of view. Besides it is a decided gain when business houses are closed on the Lord's Day. It exerts an educating influence upon society. It indicates respect for the Sabbath. Moreover, the abstinence from work on this day leads up the higher end of Sabbath rest—that is, the spiritual. It gives men a chance to attend the sanctuary. It affords ministers and christians the desired opportunity to go in and labor among all classes of people, and bring them to the recognition of Sabbath observance as a day, not only of cessation from their daily work, but of worship. We must press the claims of Sabbath sanctification on the ground of its necessity to man's body as well as to his soul.—The Presbyterian.

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