A VARIETY OF THINGS

BY AL PAIRBROTHING

lightning flashes and the reverberations of the thunder had been left be- law needs changing. hind. It had been the boast of the 'Frisco people and those living along was heavy out here; that too much simply trical display.

was a sublime and impressive exception. For two hours "heaven's artillery," which we read about in books, was to the front, and never before Visible, too, and ball-bear-

storm was ever and among others who wants to see results when he uses his discussed it with me was Frank lungs. Krug, sechetary of the Native Sons Society, and while he is not as old as some other men, he gave me to understand that never in all his life had he witnessed anything like it. In handing me this package of information he wore a smile that was bewitching and impressive—and as he is in the real estate business I reasoned that the customs of the times gave real estate men more latitude for wordpainting than is enjoyed by a grave and careful chronicler of the doings of the day.

However, because it has rained here every day since Christmas; because twenty more inches of water have fallen in six weeks than fell all last winter; because thunder and lightning and other things have done stunts awe-inspiring, I am not going to knock the climate—I am going to insist that when the sun does shine the weather is simply out of sight.

Human nature is a queer old girl.

This has been observed before by philosophers of all ages, and some people who were not philosophers have been I dropped in upon an auction safe the day and purchased an article for \$1.20 that was well worth \$4. I congratulated myself upon securing a bargain. I felt that what was my gain was the other fellow's loss. The next day, however, a friend went to the same auction store and purchased and secured it for 65 cents. And natdreds of them—and the Pure-in-Heart and as a result he was sent to jail to saw only the races—and maybe now with the race track cleared they will see something else and go after it.

To a man who has lived in a community where Sunday was really observed, it looks odd to see groccry two or sented his case; won it, and the whole served, it looks odd to see groccry in North Carolina about the year in North Carolina about the year 1865. Which would make him 43 always carried; he figured on no fixed always carried, he figured on no fixed aldermen; inasmuch as the superviscors because his stock was not aldermen; inasmuch as the superviscors have all been bribed and there is physical property; he had it in his ors have all been bribed and there is a could find employment for her children. She moved to what was conducted this time. Law not soing to stand for this time. Law not soing to stand for the children. She moved to what was Crawford. Mary Dillon, Agness as the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was Crawford. Mary Dillon, Agness as the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was Crawford. Mary Dillon, Agness as the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was Crawford. Mary Dillon, Agness as the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was Crawford. Mary Dillon, Agness as the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children. She moved to what was constant to the could find employment for her children to support, was loved to what was the could find employment for her children.

test the matter by maying: "Oh, \$25 or \$50." After dinner the client came bustbills, he wet his fingers and counted off three of them and looked up to the judge, asking: "Is that enough?"

The judge looked at the rollthought rapidly, and in an incidental and inconsequential way said: "Peel off another one!"

The client "peeled" it off," thanked the judge profusely and left the city within an hour for New York. Instead of feeling that he was at

his price, the judge told me that he

We can't help it, all inconsistent. and things wouldn't be at all interesting if we were different.

Speaking of the long rains here as lact, his theory looks good the side of the side of the may be of interest to some of the Morally Stunted didn't do something and became very popular with the morally Stunted didn't do something labor element by addressing the meetof North Carolina.

before I left, The Observer in making was on fire. an announcement of my departure said in as many words that I was not had forgotten the proposition once Legislature does strenuous stunts be-laid down by me that journalism had fore high heaven the conservative its colonels no less renowned than man, the fellow who is not fond of not been for the publication by The reading in the last number of The Observer that I was not a military Literary Digest a translation from the man I might have been interested out Nichi Nichi, a Tokyo newspaper, an this way. In one of the morning pa- article in which the almond-oved edi-

following personal ad: ernment has certainly a riotous lot of "LONELY lady and stranger in city blockheeds to deal with in California." would like to meet military offi- "A riotous lot of blockheads!" That cer; object matrimony. Box 2821; strikes me as being very good, and

the "lonely lady" and a stranger in the city—and I was powerless. True.

Nursing Mothers and Malaria.

Its merits his of the town and everybody wants to try it, and why not? It costs nothing if it don't lo you good—not one largely read on the Pacific coast—but how did f know but what the lonely TASTELESS CHILL TONIC drives large and a stranger were right from out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and child refund the money. Try it to-emotion I said some bitter things dren, 50c.

This morning I am in a hilarlous, against the press and against The Obmood. Not that I should be, but last server in particular, because there is night I saw the "glorious climate" of no telling what might have happened a little Brown Max took a snapshot and developed it so perfectly suggests to me that distance has at last been overcome. I mention this to show that the libel

There are many Californians who the shore for most of the eight hun-maintain that the Japanese question ored miles of California that the sir in its present alleged acute stage is a personal fight between Senadensity interfered with lightning; that tor Perkins and President Roosevelt. nature abhorred a vacuum and that The conservative people out here are consequently you never saw an elec- in favor of letting the Japanese question alone, but the grandstand people

Of course there are exceptions to insist that if Japan wants to fight the all rules, and the exception last night, time is now. The agitation reminds or early this morning, about 2 a. m. me very much of the jingoism rampant in North Carolina a couple of years ago. Those who wanted to make their voices heard in the world's loud chorus were insisting that the railways anywhere was there brighter lightning were robbing the people; that con-or louder thunder. Those who had fiscatory laws were the real thing; nover seen or heard anything like it that corporations should be demolishconcluded an earthquake was trying ed; that "the pee-pul" should swing to invade the town—but it was just into line and run things—and out here simply an old-fashioned thunderstorm the alarmist wants to defy Japan; with colored ribbon and decimal tabpants to get the United States mixed up internationally if possible-not so much because the Japs are disturbing I stholled down town after the any one, but because the spell-binder

> If the germ theory is correct, that pesky microbe which carries a banner labeled the Pure-in-Heart, is certainly spreading across the continent. The considered the greatest triumph for morality ever achieved on this coast, To put money on the ponies was something that everybody did. The rich in other days took lottery tickets. Once in awhile there was a winner; once in awhile a man with a few dollars made a stake-but "most inginerally" the gambler lost. When he could ill afford to lose it was bad business and the moral wave which has run so high in all sections the past fornia will now be better-at least

constrained to make the same remark. Carolina the law was enforced and rose from an ordinary newspaper re-l dropped in upon an auction safe the slot machines were all taken out a porter to a great advertising agent ling you always got your money's worth—the machine only gave you a chance to get more than your money's a duplicate of the article I had bought, slot here you get nothing unless you worth. If you drop a nickel in the win; the chances are many against was not any bargain at all. So it 'em. The license is high but every shows that all the way through it is by comparison. Had my friend paid 10 cents or 20 cents more than I had paid I would have felt better. This point is well illustrated in a story Judge Boyd, of Greensboro, related to the story of the sto Judge Boyd, of Greensboro, related to me. It was his own experience. He said that one time when he was practicing law in Greensboro a man came down from New York who had a case the ponies were played say nothing about this more nefarious game. The barrooms run Sunday and all night; hundered from New York who had a case the more nefarious game. The barrooms run Sunday and all night; hundered from New York who had a case the more nefarious game.

head, and he was wondering whether to charge the client \$25 or \$50. He to charge the client \$25 or \$50. He this time, I am not going to stand for returned from dinner and was still election—so I take it if things do not in doubt—but the \$25 fee seemed to he about right and he concluded to the store of the first stand for the known as Swepsonville, on Haw river, where George W. Swepson, of Raleigh, had just completed a large mill on the site known as Ruffn's mill on the site known as Ruffn's specific forms. But the store of the store when I think of the great struggle Mill. when I think of the great struggle mow on in the South over the question of a dispensary to fill doctors' prescriptions, and think that here a man scriptions, and think that here a man sisters worked in the mill, thereby Her star played unheard-of-tricks; his pocket a roll of money, the telephone any time Sunday or at any school on the "factory hill" and achour of the night, and then compre-hend that we are all children of the education. The writer remembers A piece of sugared fruit, you same parentage, it strikes me as being him well as a broad-chested and stur- Noted the treezes rippling through a little bit strange. And the funny dy youth with a splendid part is, where the lid is on, red likker above his eyes, the picture of physical And heard a bullock-driver roar squirmeth just the same.

It has been suggested to me by a quiet but a good talker when engag-gentieman who sometimes does a lited in conversation and seemed to Why doesn't some one come this tle thinking for himself that the policy possess certain qualities of leadership possess certain qualities of leadership of California boomers is to beat their tom-toms on the side issues. He says even men of little education with that whenever a moral wave gets in whom he daily associated. At this Instead of feeling that he was at least \$350, if not \$375, ahead of the game, actually the possessor of that much more coin than he would have been had the client asked him to name the constant of the const try or something else breaks out with ing surname.

But straight and true ne simed his great force and people who might. He was about 17 years old when Our naughty Princess, with a plan.

To captivate this soldier man. thought about that thing for three or sreat force and people who might He was about 17 years old when four days and regretted that he had want to legislate against slot machines his influence began to be felt among To captivate this soldier man not told the fellow, with much feel- or all-night houses or Sunday dese- his small circle of acquaintances, for While leaning on the window ledge, ing, that he guessed he would charge training on are at once engrossed with at that tender age he had developed him only \$500, as it didn't take much of his time.

So runs the world away. We are training on the window ledge, the window ledge with at that tender age he had developed into a thinker and rarely ever particle. He caught it neatly, as it dropped, pated in the festivities of mill life. But never once looked up, or stopp which consisted of a dance each Satthern sighed disgusted Amurana. are forgotten. He avers that this urday night. About that time the Japanese sensationalism is on only to Knights of Labor, the only labor ormake people forget other things. He ganization in North Carolina, was ormake people forget other things. may be sailing right to the port—in ganized and he entered into the spirit fact, his theory looks good when you of this movement with much enthufact, his theory looks good when you of this

a few scarecrows that would have the county. I have a little bone to pick this the day. Instead of that a railway morning, and therefore I arise to a scare got the Legislature together and question of personal privilege. When a prohibition package was handed out left North Carolina, or a few days before any one knew that the house

war Anyway, it was printed that I red fire and stuffed clubs in legisla-was called cofonel principally for the tive halls, naturally concludes that reason that I was not a colonel, and some law-makers are lacking in wistruly it is true that "conscience 10th dom. And it may depend on whether make cowards of us all." What I am or not the bill being considered is to approaching is the fact that had it your way of thinking. But I was just pers of this day and date I read the tor suggests that "The American gov-

that word riotous comes in for all it Imagine what a strain my gallantry is worth. I have often felt constrain-underwent; imagine my sympathy for ed to intimate that a Legislature. Its merits are becoming the talk

times a lot of blockheads-but when the red fire is burning brightly,-when members have lost their reason and are loudly demanding impossible things, when they are insisting on demolishing and demoralizing commerce in all its phases—"riotus blockheads" seems to me to be a most comprehensive and forceful expression.

and to know that in far-off Japan a little Brown Mire took a snapshot

Footpads-desperate ones who use the blackjack and the lead pipe-are so thick in San Francisco that people venturing out at night leave their false teeth at home through fear that they might lose them. Detectives and plainclothes men and uniformed officers are doing all they can, but the reign of terror continues. The papers each day contain a list of from twenty to thirty victims who were knocked out the night before. I mention these things so my readers may fully understand why an earthquake or a tidal wave is considered inconsequential. And yet, with all these things, we have the glorious climate of California-so what's the odds?

San Francisco, Feb 6th, 1909.

C. F. KING AS A BOY BY JACK ALBRIGHT.

C. F. King, who is now serving I'd be ashamed to go lopping along fact that a California Legislature has Mass., and who rose from a factory passed a law prohibiting racing is boy to a frenzied financier, is a native of this State and while in his Man thought that he was his brother. mad chase for dollars he may have deviated from the paths of rectitude, and poor, the high and low, would lay his gareer has been a remarkable down their money on the ponies—just one and demonstrates what pluck, en- is Esdra ill? I believe so, the same as the people of New Orleans ergy and self-confidence can accom. I'll ssk the doctor, then we'll know It is not the purpose of this plisn. discuss hi guilt or cence or discuss his wonderful exploits as an advertising agent, mine operator or financier when he lived in splendor in Boston and enjoyed the confidence of men of intellect and three or four years lashed itself into the mighty has indeed fallen, for he wealth-it is sufficient to say that a furry concerning the races and Call- has in one short year dropped from a modern mansion to a common cell, from the esteem of his fellowmen to On every corner, in every city and the distrust of those with whom he titls town the slot machine still flour- had daily associated. Every news- 2. Hurled from the hand 3. A species of year or so ago—but here the machine who conducted some of the leading pays about 10 or 15 per cent, to the man risking his coin—in North Caro—lina you always got your man risking his colour to the world over the far west, how he is reputed to have made tion in the Southwest, how he be-came or was supposed to have become a millionaire in Boston, how he one day closed his palatial offices in that great city and disappeared as sud-denly as if the very earth had swallowed him, how he almost circled the globe and came back as mysteriously as he disappeared, gave himself to the authorities, protesting his innocence of any wrong-doing, and was ready for The courts believed him guilfor a bond of \$35,000 was required his appearance at a higher tribunal. The last chapter recorded is the fact that his bondsmen gave him up, no doubt believing in his guilt

> in North Carolina about the year 1865, which would make him 43 health, and an eye keen to every self-interest. In demeanor he was "FOUR." among the boys of his own age and

About that time the ings at the various cotton mills in

This movement no doubt is what gave him the inspiration for greater deeds, for shortly afterwards, without any newspaper experience what-ever, we find him publishing a pemany words that I was not Of course it all depends on how we several years. He was not a suc-It seems that its editor feel about it, but sometimes when the cess as a publisher but made good as mortal existence. a correspondent of an Atlanta paper, especially when he scooped everything with a story of the famous Boston bridge wreck.

Without education or opportunities he conceived great plans and had Dashing past my chamber window the nerve and energy to execute them and no doubt would have proven a success had he been contented to move | How I bless the happy moment. along in the more conservative chan-nels of life and not allow his greed for both prominence and money to make a criminal of himself...

Every Hour of the Day English-McLarty Co. the reliable Druggists of Charlotte, are having calls for "HINDIPO." the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic that they are selling under a positive guar-

TANGLEWOOD



990-LIMERICK Said Adolphus, a sugar-toothed man. Will you put up these strawberries, Anne;

So that luscious and clear They will keep all the year?"
And she answered, "* **** ** * SHANNON

991-REVERSED HIDDEN BALL GAMES (In each couplet is the name of a game, hidden and reversed; as, "Give BeLL A Banna," the letters in capitals when reversed spell ball). know that I can surely tell Abe's absolute destiny well.

To get your finger caught in cogs Is easy as to fall off logs. If the assessor calls to-day Just tell him that I am away.

term in the penitentiary at Boston, The way Elia does. Don't you think it's

Down fell Ab, too, for the other Nettle is a sinner thin.

Does Belle tay Abigat all day? I wouldn't let her do that way KAPPA KAPPA.

> 992-NUMERICAL 18 2 19 21 50 12 10 27 4 22

little town the slot machine still flour- had daily associated. Every news- 2 Hurled from the hand 3. A species of ishes and is not disturbed. In North paper reader is familiar with how he quarts. 4. A stupid fellow. 5. Shrewd

993-ENIGMA:

a cool and dimly-lighted spot, In rosy bower or rustic shed; refuge when the days are hot. And summer suns flame overhead.

A screen to roll up trim and tight, Of muslin or of paper thin; That's made for shutting out the light A window's made for letting in. Color or tint of some degrees;

A light or dark, a faint or strong one; (When Cecil matches sliks for me, He never fails to bring the wrong one)

restless ghost that flits about, When owls, and cats, and crickets cry; And that is Peregrine's, no doubt; He used to wear one on his eye

994-NAME THE BOOKS

The writer remembers A piece of sugared fruit, you know, head The billowy fields of growing TWO.

Why doesn't some one come this way

Just then appeared beneath the trees A British soldier, If you please; In fact, a Scot, from Inverness No beauty, as we may confess. To quote his comrade, Tam Mackie "His FIVE was just a wee bit THREE." That is, he squinted just a triffe. But straight and true he simed his rifle. life, But never once looked up, or stopped, "I simply wasted that banana."

> 996-RIDDLE Where the great bridge stretches its massive ironwork from abutment to abutment, there I am in plain view, and peo-

ple pause to marvel at my greatness. Yet it is nevertheless true that I am in significant in size, being not over nine inches in length. The coachman, who drives a pair of well-matched bays, is extremely proud of me, and yet, when, as a fetter, I bind him, he detests me. The sailor knows me as a rope made fast ricdical devoted to the interests of in the centre so that connections may be labor in Charlotte, where he spent made at the free ends, while the poet made at the free ends, while the poet regards me as expressive of our brief MARGARETTA.

> 907-TRANSDELETION (Drop a letter and transpose) With the ONE of the summer morning, Comes my sweetheart on his wheel; On his silent steed of steel.

When his keen-eyed glance I see Singling out my open casement, Softly there to dwell on me.

Wheel of fortune, bear my sweetheart Safely on his daily way, TWO as safely in the evening Bear him back to me to-day RALPH.

ANSWERS. 981-Purr, Eat, Run, Chirp, Howl. Inltials-Perch. 962-L Mow, Moore, 2 Beech, Beecher, Fair, Farrar. 4 Grove, Grover. 5. Poe, pore, & London, Londoner, 7. Stowe, store, 8, Home, Homer, 9, Roe, rear. 10. Mann. manner. 988-1. EN-trance. 2. En-TRANCE. 964-1. Whates. (Gen. 1:21). 2 Bull. (Isa.

51:20). 3. Camela (Isa. 30:6). 4 Horses leopards. (Hab. 1:8). 5. Sheep. (Ps. 119:176). Dromedary. (Jer. 2:23). Conies. (Prov. 20:26). Foxes. (Judges 15:4). Goats. (Ps. 194:18). Hart. (Isa. 35:6). Dog. (Sam. 17:43). Dragon. (Jer. 51:34). Lion. (Job 10:18). Boar. (Ps. 80:13). 15. Apes, peacocks, (2 Chron. 9:21). 16 Mice (1 Sam. 65). 17 Roe. (1 Sam. 2:15). 18. Wolf. (Hab. 1:8). 19. Bears

(Isa. 59:11). 20. Cattle. (Ps. 50:10).

985-A sewing machine. 985-1. Snipe. 2. Pigeon. 3. Egret. Pewit. 5. Partridge. 6. Thrushes. Sparrow 8 Pelican. 9. Pheasant. 987-Lynx, links. 88-Busier, rubies, buries, brutse. 989-Saw-horse.

PANAMA CANAL PLANS.

Gatun Dam No More Impracticable Than One at Gamboa. Washington correspondence New Yark

Tribune There will be no change in the plan of the Panama canal. It will be completed according to the lock plan,

within six years, and possibly in less time. The total cost, including the original purchase of the French title and the lease of the Canal Zone, will be considerably under \$400,000,000 be something over 50 per cent more than, the lock type. The engineer-ing difficulties in the way of a scalevel canal, chief of which would the construction of a dam 170 f high, to control the Chagres river, as opposed to the Gatun dam, which wi be only eighty-five feet high, will, in the opinion of all who have seriously investigated conditions in the Canal Zone, prevent any change from the lock plan. These facts and various other became known to a high official of the administration here.

The consulting engineers declined

to talk for publication, saying that, as they were busily engaged in completing their report for the President, I would not be proper for them to make a preliminary report through the press. The engineers discussed the press. situation, however, with their super-lors, although the discussion was informal. All the engineers agree with regard to the general plan of the canal, and it is doubtful if their report will contain a single recommen-

dation in favor of the sea-level type The engineers regard as almost too obvious for explanation the proposi-tion that the Chagres dam, which would be made necessary by the adoption of the sea-level plan, would be as much more difficult to construct with safety as the proportion of 170 to 85, although the novice may need to be reminded that only the neight of a body of water controls the pressure of the dam with which it is sought to restrain it, and that the pressure on the Gatun dam, despite the fact that it constitutes the retaining wall of a lake twenty-three miles long, will be no greater than if the lake were only a mile or half a mile The result is that the pressure against the Gatun dam would be 5. 312.5 pounds a lineal square foot, as against a pressure on the Chagres dam, which would be made neces-sary by a sea-level canal of 10.625 pounds a lines; foot.

The argument that an earthquake may destroy the Gatun dam or other works of the lock type, while not regarded as particularly forceful by the engineers, becomes, it is pointed out by them, of increased force when applied to a sea-level canal which would involve the construction of a mansonry dam 170 feet high.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Victory for Femininists in the Swedish Legislature. New York World.

The favorable vote of the Swedish Die on women suffrage, by 120 to 98 in the lower, is much the greatest greatest transaction didn't occupy over two or three hours. The client was very much gratified and explained that he would be at the judge's office after dinner and settle with him. The judge didn't take into account his splendid stock of general information which he select select open; it seems strange that red likker years old now. He was of humble parentage and was born in Alamance to home, but, after looking at houses offered by Edith Wharton, George Madden Maden has only a small population, and the former lives under colonial conditions, all of whom, except himself, were didn't take into account his splendid stock of general information which he select a function with the gambling machines are a greater evit than the pony runs—but lingsmuch as I am not one to enter of several children. Nathaniel Hawthorne's John K. Bange of the former lives under colonial conditions, all of whom, except himself, were girls. His father died when he was a long time to select a Australia and New Zesland have forme, but, after looking at houses offered by Edith Wharton, George Madden Maden has only a small population, and the former lives under colonial conditions, all of whom, except himself, were girls. His father died when he was a long time to select a dustralia and New Zesland have former, but, after looking at houses offered by Edith Wharton, George Madden Mass the youngest of several children, and Meredith Nicholson, we chose of the former lives under colonial conditions, all of whom, except himself, were girls. His father died when he was a long time to select a dustralia and New Zesland have former lives under colonial conditions. Nathaniel Hawthorne's John K. Bange offered jokingly a peculiar dwelling, a problems from consideration. Too victory the movement has gained.

Australia and New Zealand have inasmuch as I am not on the board of several children to support, was forcaldermen; inasmuch as the supervisfive women members of its Parlia-ment. Finland is only a dependent duchy, and the bills in which women members were most interested

have been vetoed by the Czar. But Sweden is a factor in world politics quite out of proportion to its five million and odd inhabitants, though these are the greatest number yet admitted to equal suffrage under one flag. She is wholly independent, highly educated, perplexed, by all the problems of modern industrial life, and—most important of all—she is the vanguard and champion of the Norse race against Russia.

As New Zealand is the world's prov-

ing ground for woman suffrage in advanced social legislation, so Sweden and Norway may become in interna-tional relations. Will it pdove true, tional relations. as many have said, that to arm a woman with the ballot is to disarm man of his rifle against foreign aggression?

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