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From Arthur's Magazine. Labor, Wealth and Pride. BY S. SMITH.

Said Wealth to Pride, one pleasant morn. While moving onward on the train, "I think if you and I were gone, The world would strive to move in vain."

CHANGES OF A CENTURY.—The nineteenth century has witnessed many and great discoveries. In 1790 there were only twenty-five post offices in the whole country, and up to 1837 the rate of postage was twenty-five cents for letter sent over four hundred miles.

GOOD LAW FEATURES.—In California the currency is Federal money, and the legal rate of interest is seven per cent. though parties may contract for any rate as high as eighteen per cent. the penalty of usury being the forfeiture of the excess.

THE LAUGHING PLANT.—In Palgrave's work on Eastern Arabia we read of a plant whose seeds produce effects similar to that of laughing gas. It is a native of Arabia. The seed pods are woolly in texture, and contain two or three black seeds of the size and shape of a French bean.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.—A recent letter from the Chaplain of the Auburn prison, relates the following touching incident: "There died in this prison, during the past week, a young man of good parts, member of a highly respectable family in another land, and who became involved in the meshes of the law through moral irresolution rather than innate depravity.

HOW FRANKLIN PIERCE RECEIVED HIS NOMINATION.—A letter writer says: He was solitary and alone, leaning on the monument over the graves of the Webster family. As soon as I saw him I shouted "Why, Frank, you have got it!" "Got what?" "Got the nomination for the Presidency?" "Not the Presidency?" "Yes, you are nominated for the Presidency by the great Democratic party of the States."

USING NAILS.—Every farmer, who has occasion to drive a nail into seasoned oak posts, knows its liabilities to bend and break. If the points be moistened in the mouth it will usually drive more kindly. Oil is much better, but it is inconvenient to dip each nail separately into it.

"Heaven knows, the Republican party of North Carolina, as in the nation is sadly in need of purification."—News. Yes! brother, this is a rehash of your old editorial, and it is rather soiled on the public stomach. "Why beholdeth the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

For comment we quote from the New-Born Republican Courier, a Republican journal, as follows: "But for their damnable corruption the Republicans would to-day be able to carry the State by thirty thousand majority."

BARNUM'S GREAT AMERICAN HIPPODROME.—The steamship Denmark from London, which arrived on Thursday night, brought fifteen chariots and large quantities of wardrobe consigned to P. T. Barnum for use in his new hippodrome.

Here is a bit of conversation lately overheard in a street in Providence, between a young lady and gentleman: "O' Charley, did you ever hear it said that if a person found a four-leaved clover and put it in their shoe, the first gentleman or lady the person walked with would be their husband or wife?"

NOMINATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—At a meeting of the Conservative Central Executive Committee this morning at their room, Col. S. D. Pool, Craven county, was unanimously chosen as the nominee for the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

There is a beautiful young lady of Sagadahoc county Maine, who has a head of remarkably fine hair. The average length is seven feet five inches. When unbraided and falling loose, it trails for quite a distance on the floor.

The Greenboro Patriot says: The Court House was well filled on Sunday afternoon and evening to witness the worship of the Indians who are here attending court. It seemed to be an occasion of special interest to the colored brethren, who were present in force.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance with a resolution of the House, reports the following of the national debt: Under the act of Congress July 14, 1870, and January 30, 1871, &c. The whole amount of bonds refunded is \$314,416,150, as follows: Bonds bearing six per cent interest in bonds bearing five per cent interest, \$300,461,150; bonds bearing five per cent interest, loan of 1858, to bonds bearing five per cent interest, founded loan of 1831, \$13,955,000.

Beecher says: Christ ministered to the rich and poor alike, and if He was called to feast with the rich man He went, so that the people said He is a glutton, he is a wine bibber. Not that it was so, but it shows that he went into high places, the same as the low. It was not with the sense of personality.

APRIL. The importance of April in the American historical calendar is not generally recognized. Within the thirty days of this little month have been crowded some of the greatest events in the story of this nation. The 19th of April, 1775, witnessed the first conflicts of the War of the Revolution, those at Concord and Lexington.

HOW THEY TALK.—Two married ladies, strangers to each other, met on one of our streets. They walked a piece together. No. 1 mentioned something about her children. "You are not married?" said 2. "I've had six children," said 1. "Oh my I took you for a young lady," said 2. "I've had six, myself."

The country will soon be flooded with very handsome steel engravings representing a rugged and healthy looking gentleman sitting up in bed unsupported, and delivering an oration to a number of serene looking gentlemen, two or three middle-aged ladies, a studious boy, a horrid prim girl, and a negro woman with a turbaned head.

REVENUE DECISION.—The question having been raised as to the liability of salaries of Justices of the Supreme and Superior Courts to taxation under the "income" clause of the State Revenue act, the Treasurer has given an opinion that they were not taxable. The opinion was given in view of an opinion of the Attorney General of this State in 1856, which was accepted by the Supreme Court as a decision of the question.

A Young Man Working as a Factory Girl.

Facts as follows have just come to light at Little Falls: But a short time ago a very prepossessing and intelligent girl, as was supposed, applied for and secured a situation in one of the knitting mills, under the name of Bertha Rollins.

Nobility of Christian Discipleship. Rev. Dr. Raleigh. There is reason to fear that some young people in these times are kept back from the complete surrender of themselves to the teaching and will of Christ by some kind of dim thought that, after all, a real Christian discipleship, while no doubt it may be the safest, is yet not the grandest thing for a young person of a noble and aspiring disposition.

Postage on Papers. The question of newspaper postage seems to vex the soul of the Administration as well as the patience of Congressmen. The Postmaster General has sent a communication to the Post Office Committee of the House of Representatives advocating the passage of a law to compel the prepayment of postage on all newspapers.

WASHINGTON BELLES.—Perhaps no member of society has the labor of a Washington season worse affected than a young girl with attractions enough to invite and vivaciously enough to enjoy. Her father's position entitles her to notice; her own charms compel attraction; her circumstances enable her to reciprocate every courtesy—youth, handsome, rich, and a favorite, it is a wonder she is dazzled and intoxicated by the vision opening to her!

A Grave American Need.

In Berlin, ten or twelve thousand workmen attend lectures, and receive instruction in the actual theory of their own mechanical pursuits. In Paris, two thousand men have left the Central School of Arts and Manufacturers on, as manufacturers and superintendents, the application of science to the practical industry of their business.

Why do I Dislike That Woman. You ask why I hate that woman. I should think you might see for yourself. She has a better complexion than mine, and I hate her for that. Her hair is two feet longer than mine, and I hate her for that.

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A NAUGHTY PHILADELPHIA GIRL.

A young girl of Philadelphia, who is now on her travels, went to West-minster, and condescended to admire the great Abbey. With admiration came the desire for possession. The whole abbey was too large to be removed, so she quietly took a penknife from her pocket and cut a piece from the Chair of Edward the Confessor!

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. The contented man is never poor, the discontented never rich. All the church choirs in Wilkesburg together on memorial day.

The ethereal blue color of the sky is due to minute particles of matter which float in the air. Were these particles removed, the appearance of the sky would be black. It is a fact in optics that exceedingly fine portions of matter disperse or scatter the blue rays of light, coarser portions scatter all the rays, making white light.

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