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MISCELLANEOUS.

No Work the Hardest Work.

Ho! ye who at the anvil toil, And strike the sounding blow, Where from the burning iron's breast The sparks fly to and fro.

Ho! ye who till the stubborn soil, Whose hard hands guide the plough; Who bend beneath the summer sun With burning cheek and brow—

Ho! ye who plough the sea's blue field, Who ride the restless waves; Beneath whose gallant vessel's keel There lies a yawning grave.

Ho! all who labor, all who strive, Ye yield a mighty power; Do with your might, do with your strength, Fill every golden hour!

"Fellow sinners," said a preacher, "if you were told that by going to the top of that stairs yonder (pointing to a rickety pair at the end of the church), you might secure your eternal salvation, I really believe that hardly any of you would try it."

A good old Dutchman and his wife had set up till gazing time, when the lad after a full stretch in the above operation, said, "I wish I wash in heaven."

The first weeping willow in England, was planted by Pope, the poet. He received a present of figs from Turkey, and observing a twig in the basket ready to bud, he planted it in his garden.

The amount of American indebtedness to Europe, is calculated to be nearly or quite \$350,000,000, and large amounts of stocks are constantly going out for sale.

When is a candle like a tomb-stone? When it is set up for a late husband. The easiest road best way to expand the chest, is to have a good large head in it. It saves the cost of gymnastics.

Why are cashiers always like deaf people? Because you can't make them hear. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in one of his late lectures, said that much of the trouble of the world comes from trying to put down men who are up-and-down-able.

The chief indication of our minds being at ease, is to be satisfied with our company.

Extraordinary Juggling Feat.

In the early part of the last century, a physician named Agricola, living at Rastatt, in Germany, obtained great celebrity by certain discoveries which he declared he had made as to the multiplication of plants and trees.

The author of the "Oriental Annual," an English gentleman of unquestionable veracity, gives an almost incredible description of a juggling performance at which he was present.

A still more extraordinary feat than that which was performed in the presence of the Mogul Emperor Jehangiree, who gives an account of it in his autobiography.

His Majesty gives the following minute account of some other performance by the same jugglers, which are very wonderful.

"They took a small bag, and having first shown that it was entirely empty, on withdrawing his hand into the bag, two game-cocks of the largest size and great beauty, which immediately assailed each other, and fought with such force and fury that their wings emitted sparks of fire at every stroke.

"They made an excavation in the earth, in shape of a tank or reservoir, of considerable dimensions, which they requested us to fill with water.

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Practical Value of Machinery.

The value of scientific knowledge to the human family, and the progress of the world, is a subject which has been discussed before the "Educational Convention" last week.

Twenty years ago, it took more than eight months to bleach a piece of cotton goods—and then see what a mess they made of it! It had to be for four weeks in lime water, eight in buttermilk, and some four months in various other preparations.

DREAMS.

Dreams can be procured by whispering in the ear when a person is asleep. One of the most curious as well as authentic examples of this kind has been referred to by several writers.

The subject of it was an officer in the expedition to Louisiana, 1658, who had this peculiarity in so remarkable a degree, that his companions in the transport were in the habit of amusing themselves at his expense.

The bones of dead animals now furnish the principal ingredient of lucifer matches. The dregs of port wine, carefully rejected by the drinker, are taken by him in the morning in the form of Seidlitz powders, to remove the effect of the too free potatoes.

The certainty of finding water at once restored my strength. I arose and managed to follow the hyena, who walked on slowly in advance, turning her head from time to time toward me.

The immense strides in progress which civilized men have made within the last two centuries, are really incredible until the subject is thoroughly considered.

In the Boston letters, written about the middle of the fifteenth century, we have further evidence of the almost incredible want of physical comforts among the upper classes.

Such was the extreme acuteness of this creature's sense of smell, that at the distance of five or six leagues from the house which I inhabited, at Philadelphia, he used to discover the existence of the corpse of a dead animal.

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THE DABILA.

We do not know of one single gem in Flora's diadem, more exquisitely beautiful than the dabila; and there is nothing easier of culture and propagation, and nothing that continues longer in bloom.

It is to the increase of machinery and its improvement that we look for the real elevation of mankind. Every hour saved in this way from unavoidable labor redeems man, so far forth, from the slavery of living to exist, and enables him to cultivate the higher faculties of his mind and soul.

Sagacity of the Hyena.

During the mission with which I was charged in 1848 to Algeria, says M. Berthoud, the French naturalist, some of the natives gave me a young hyena, which soon became attached to me after the manner of a dog.

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THE YARNER.

Summer Village of Growing Days. Advantages of frequent stirring of the Soil. The benefits of deep and thorough pulverization of the soil before planting a crop, are beginning to be well understood by most farmers.

As a preventive of injury from drought, frequent stirring of the soil is of great advantage—and in our sunny climate, more or less injury to crops is caused by drought almost every summer.

A Thrilling Adventure.

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CURE FOR FEVERS OF THE HORSE.

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