

FUN FOR THE FIRESIDE.

"Do you like the Scotch?" asked one traveling man of another who was reading Burns. "Yes," was the reply. "if it's cold weather, and the Scotch is hot enough."

"Why do you call that colored man a blackmailer?" "Because he is employed at the post-office. And that ain't the worst of it." "No?" "No, sir; his wife takes hush money." "You don't say so!" "I do. She's a child's nurse."

A lady lawyer in Chicago telegraphed a patron. "Do you wish to retain me?" He telegraphed back. "Your fees are too large." But the man who copied the message got it "feet" instead of "fees," and a libel suit is pending.

Crosses (to hotel proprietor)—Can you accommodate me by cashing a check for ten thousand dollars? Hotel Proprietor—Ten thousand dollars! Why, I never saw so much money in my life! However, my porter is around somewhere, and he will doubtless be glad to accommodate you.—Time.

"Pat, you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning." "Indade, an' Oi am, sor. It's a family thrait, Oi do be thinkin'." "Then your father is an early riser, too, eh?" "Me feyther, is it? Faix an' he roises that early that he'd go to bed a little later he'd mate himself gettin' up in the mornin'."

Book Agent—The Bible is a good book, ma'am, and every one should have one in the house. Woman—Yes, that's what my daughter Jennie said to-day. "Your daughter, ma'am, knows the real value of a good Bible." "Yes, indeed she does." She presses more autumn leaves than any girl in the neighborhood.

Auber, the chapel master at the Tuileries under the Second Empire, was a confirmed bachelor. One evening, as the Empress Eugenie was chatting with him, she asked if he never regretted remaining unmarried. "Never, madam," replied the witty old man, "and less than ever now, when I think that Mme. Auber would be nearly eighty years old."

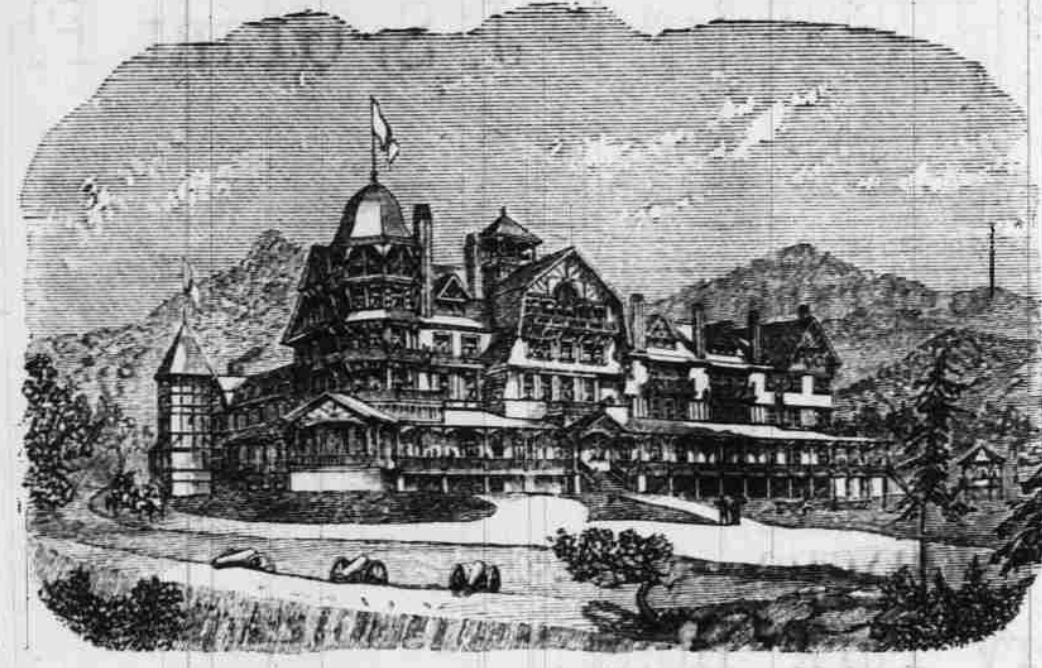
"I don't think we'll go to Niagara on our wedding trip, George, dear," remarked a Pittsburg girl to her intended husband. "Why, love?" "I fear it will injure our sight." "What do you mean?" "Why, I believe that people who gaze at the falls get a cataract in their eye." George is considering whether or not to break off the engagement.

"The Grecian mother before putting her child in its cradle turns three times around before the fire, while singing her favorite song to ward off evil spirits." It is not stated how many times the Grecian father turns around when the babe awakes at midnight and howls like sixty-two, but it is more than three times. And he doesn't sing a favorite song, either. On the contrary, quite the reverse.—Norristown Herald.

GRAINS OF THOUGHT.

Every vice fights nature.
 Might is not always right.
 Reckless youth makes rueful age.
 Life is but the vestibule of being.
 It is harder to listen than to talk.
 A man is only as old as he feels.
 Try to forget as well as forgive.
 Humor is the solid enjoyment.
 If you wish a thing done, go if not, send.
 Credit lost is like a broken looking-glass.
 Vanity hurts more people than poverty.
 No man is so high that the law is not above him.

Broken promises do more harm than fulfilled threats.
 No sweet without some sweat; no pains without some gains.
 Humility is that low sweet spot from which all virtues shoot.



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For the DEMOCRAT. Labor and Capital.

What is labor and what is capital? We are led to believe from that which is written and said in reference to both that they are necessarily great enemies to each other, when in truth they are very nearly the same. The want of labor will soon deplete capital. The medium of exchange is the barter of the products of one class of labor for the products of another class of labor, and that by which the standard of values is fixed we call money. Then money is made the medium of exchange based on the value of labor and is the representative of accumulated labor. He who hath much money, many dollars in store, hath that which will command the energies both of muscle and brain of him who is not provided with the sinews of warfare against the destructive and consuming elements by which mankind is surrounded and hath had to contend with ever since the fiat was pronounced. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." To overcome the natural barriers to ease and comfort certain inert forces were woven in man's very nature, and enables him with delight to contend with whatever seems to stand in the way of happiness. Hence the great pleasure men have taken in natural science, and the application of steam and electricity by which the labor of man has been introduced and his comforts increased. So it is with all labor saving appliances and machinery which had their origin in the busy brain of inventive genius, none of which could have been brought so near perfection had it not been for the aid of capital which came to the rescue, and made speaking prophets of still born discoveries. Then why should labor make war upon capital which is accumulated labor; and why should capital oppress labor by creating artificial values by means of trusts and combines, and other means not of kin to the golden rule. Why do laborers strike and seek to destroy that which their sweat hath created. These are grave questions and should have a practical solution by the repeal of all laws by which tribute money is taken from the many industries of the country to foster and build up a few bloated industries and monopolies. Then there is idleness which affects both labor and capital. Men who live by their wits and deal in vain things and in ways that are dark do not add to the material prosperity of our country. To pay value received for what we get in this world means a great deal.

Enough to enable the mortal to put on immortality by living in perfect harmony with the laws of God and man. The sweet singer of Judea describeth a citizen of Zion to be one, possessing other virtue. "who putteth not his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent." Then the usuriors and corrupt use of money makes a bad citizen here, and disqualifies for citizenship in David's Zion—the holy hill, the tabernacle of the Most High. To be born to citizenship in such a country as ours imposes the highest type of life, and the most vigilant watch. Every voter at our frequent elections is placed on the walls of our Utopia to watch our liberties and direct our affairs. Then why is it—rewards are given to those who bribe the sentinels? Let the modern Ananias answer why.

To be Continued.

Idaho cattlemen say the time has gone by for acquiring large fortunes by investments on cattle ranges. They can hardly make a living as the business now is, all the profits being taken from them by the "Big Four" at Chicago who regulate prices.

Advantages of Properly Marketing Produce.

The Philadelphia Record has the following advice to farmers upon a subject to which THE DEMOCRAT has several times adverted, and whose importance to the fruit and produce growers of this section cannot be exaggerated. That paper says: "The proper condition of the article sent to market, and its appearance on arrival, is an important matter in securing the highest prices. One of the difficulties encountered by commission merchants is the proper understanding by farmers of the quotations sent out by the merchants, those having produce for sale always taking the highest prices as the guide, and it sometimes causes disappointment to the shipper when his articles fail to bring the highest prices quoted. As a rule there are both the lowest and highest prices given, and the merchant cannot sell an article at the higher figure unless it is choice. All articles sent to market vary in quality, and purchasers sometimes have a large supply from which to select. The greater the supply the more particular buyers become as regards quality, and for that reason the competition is often very close, causing fluctuations, and inferior goods must be sacrificed because the demand will only exist for that which is good. This fact should teach farmers the importance of estimating the expected receipts from the lowest quotations given instead of from the highest.

IMPORTANCE OF GRADING.

On every farm something better than the average quality of produce may be obtained, but there is also more or less produce that is inferior. In order to dispose of all—the good and inferior—the whole is sent to market together. This occasions a loss, as the inferior produce will affect the prices to a marked degree, and lessen the amount that would otherwise be obtained if all articles were graded and shipped separately. It entails an increase in the cost of handling and transportation to send in bulk, without regard to quality, as it is more economical to retain the inferior articles on the farm, shipping only those that are choice, rather than attempting to increase the supply, and lessen the demand, by shipping all grades in one lot. The receipts from choice articles will be more than from a mixture, and the farmer, if he will carefully grade his articles, will, in a majority of cases, be well satisfied with the returns from the merchant.

QUALITY RULES THE MARKET.

Quantity does not regulate the prices alone. Should the market be fully supplied purchasers will continue to accept something better than that already in market, and will pay higher prices therefor. Quality rules in all transactions, and the farmer must keep this fact before him always if he expects to secure a fair profit. Thousands of tons of goods are annually sacrificed that would have been more valuable if kept away from market; but there has never been a time when choice goods did not bring fair prices, no matter how large the supply. It should be a rule with all shippers never to send any thing to market that is not of the best quality. It costs too much, proportionately, to receipts, to ship inferior produce, and, as quality regulates the prices, farmers should endeavor to produce the best only, and thereby secure profit.

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