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Peter Parley's Paragraphs.

The trouble with some people is that they live a whole life time without realizing how insignificant they are and finally die hugging the vain delusion that they are very essential individuals that the world couldn't do without. A man has indeed learned a very valuable lesson when he realizes how easily the world can get along without him.

The pastor of a church in Des Moines, Iowa has issued the following notice to his flock: "To the members of Clifton Heights Church—Please note that persons attending services are requested to wear plain and unexpensive clothing in order that no one, however humble, may be embarrassed." There is indeed much good sense in this. And again, just watch it and you will find as a rule, the folks who come into church late are those that take a long time to primp and fix their finery to show it off in church.

By the way! Did you ever notice how some girls keep time to the music, wherever they happen to be, chewing gum?

We hear much regret expressed at the fact that so many smart men make such an enviable reputation in life and then throw it all away. Well this is sad for them—sadder for them than the world. If we could we would have them "lay it up where moth and rust doth not corrupt." But while looking at the few we forget the many, we mind the exceptions and lose sight of the general rule. We consider the sin of commission and neglect the sin of omission. These seemingly reckless men have one consolation. By labor and thought they have succeeded in making something good to throw away while a great many only go through the world empty handed with nothing to throw away and nothing to give either God or the world.

There has been "signs" of the presence of a good deal of liquor in town of late, more or less of it every day, and we may expect it just as long as the good people set supinely by and refuse to see these "signs" or to lay information against the offenders. Many cry out against the officials not doing their duty. It is the duty of every citizen to help in the enforcement of the laws, and if you know or have a reasonable suspicion that the law is being violated it is your duty to communicate the facts to the proper officials, and then if they neglect or refuse to act, there is sufficient grounds for complaint or charges.

The question has been asked, "What is woman?" We rise to answer: "Woman is not only the salt but the sugar of the earth." But for woman this would be a cold, heartless world. God saw this as soon as he made it. Man

alone was a failure, and but for woman the Savior's tomb would have been deserted and the world deprived of its grandest revelation. But for woman the home, the sick room, and the world would be a wild waste, inhabited only by ravenous beasts. There would be no love, no comfort, no church, no happiness here and no heaven beyond.

PETER PARLEY.

The Dead Knight of the Pen.

In American literature the fortune of the late John Hay was strikingly similar to that of William Cullen Bryant and John Howard Payne and Thomas Dunn English—that is to say, the great public knew of John Hay, poet, almost solely by a minor manifestation of his genius. The "Thanatopsis" of Bryant, the "Home, Sweet Home" of Payne and the "Ben Bolt" of English overshadow far better work from the same pens, and so also "Jim Brindley," "Little Breedies" and "Banty Tim" comprise about all that is known by the average American of the writings of John Hay.

The Pike County Ballads, which include the pieces named here, celebrate in the dialect of the time, the sixties, the heroism of Mississippi pilots and engineers and certain eccentric traits of border settlers and caught the fancy of the public by means of vivid local color and strong dramatic quality. Some years later they were published in a volume with other miscellaneous poems and translations. The most important literary work of Mr. Hay for American readers is his comprehensive story of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, written in collaboration with J. G. Nicolay. Valuable as this work must prove to the public, the true obligation of the lover of literature to Colonel Hay lies in his "Castilian Days," which the general voice of the world pronounced the best book on Spain in the English language. Hay was in the diplomatic service at Madrid after the American civil war, and "Castilian Days" reflects the pleasure which the freeborn American found in the history, the romance and the beauty of the land of the dons.

In Hay's time the Spanish monarch was looked upon as a thing of the past, and he was in full sympathy with the republic of the hour. He greatly admired Spain's "grand old man," Castelar; saw everything, sized up men and customs and institutions, and his book is a faithful interpretation of the Spanish character as well as a forecast of the future of the Spanish people. It is a little singular that the chance critic of Spain who looked upon that country as a picturesque subject for literary treatment should afterward have become the leading cabinet officer in an American administration which humiliated the once proud monarchy in the dust.

Bank Smashers and the Law.

Some of the bank wrecking officials who have landed behind the bars have raised the point that five years at hard labor in prison is undue cruelty and the law which inflicts it unconstitutional. The plea is that bankers are not used to hard labor. As a matter of fact, the work to which banker prisoners are assigned is usually the lightest in the institutions where they are held.

Even the routine of a clerkship in prison would be considered a cruel ordeal by the average bank smasher, so accustomed is he to taking all things easy, including other people's cash. It would be cruelty, but perhaps no more than justice, to let the culprits be idle and have ample time to repent of their sins. Employment in prison is really a blessing rather than a cruelty. The cruelty of the business is for the victims of the bank smasher, who have to labor twice as hard to make up for the losses.

Physicians who write their views for the press turn out at this season of the year wise declarations that fresh air, exercise and a hearty appetite will benefit the invalid man, but a person who can't take fresh air, exercise and hearty food is not an invalid needing

WASHINGTON CHAT.

Evidently you can't keep a good Russian revolution down.

Gov. Folk fixed the lid on St. Louis but the blamed thing wouldn't stay put.

King Oscar is learning that half a crown causes a more "uneasy head" than a whole one.

Mr. Roosevelt will take notice that the "protection hogs" still have both feet in the trough.

How much boot would you want if you had a chance to trade your job for the one held by the czar?

Norway invented a special kind of revolution of its own. It did not import one from South America.

The average politician who boasts of being a self-made man usually proves to be "machine-made."

Automobiling is now said to produce heart disease—among the pedestrians when one chases them.

If the Czar is really anxious to save the throne for his son he is going about it in a left-handed way.

Russia has about come to the rational conclusion that it does not have even "one more good fight" left in it.

With the grand dukes all is not lost save honor, because they had mighty little honor to save in the first place.

It seems to be the business of those health experts to make up a list of impossible things and then advise us to do them.

If Senator Mitchell would like to do something to mollify public feeling toward him at this juncture he might resign.

If that Oregon jury that convicted Senator Mitchell should get hold of Paul Morton, they would make the whitewash chips fly.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia may have been reading that standard students' manual "Every Man His Own Tom Johnson."

The contention that the Indians are becoming civilized finds refutation in the announcement that the Sioux are buying automobiles.

The college graduate is probably wondering why the world is so slow in acting upon his suggested solution of Troublesome problems.

Russia will be in a sad plight unless her peace envoy diplomats are much more successful than her soldiers and sailors have been.

When he considers the cases of some other public officials, Senator Mitchell is inclined to feel that his offence lay in getting found out.

"There was no consumption among the aborigines of America," says a medical sharp. Possibly not, but they are all dead, just the same.

Paderevski has hands insured against loss. Wouldn't care to sit in a poker game with a man who has protected "his hands" in that way.

Statistician Holmes apparently has the option of appearing as a scapegoat of the agricultural department or "turning state's evidence."

Since the discovery of the amount of graft in the Philadelphia filtration plant New York City officials have decided to "build one" themselves.

John W. Gates now understands that instead of trying to buy all the May wheat in the country last April, he should have bought a favorable crop report from the leak bureau of the agricultural department.

The boll weevil is an amateur compared to the "graft weevil" in ability to decrease the cotton crop.

Mr. Rockefeller may argue that it is worth \$10,000,000 to find out just how popular or unpopular he is.

Commissioner Garfield will doubtless show at the proper time that he was just "sureing the beef" trust on."

St. Petersburg announces that the situation in Poland is improving. Any change must be an improvement.

It will take a court decision to determine whether the the employers or the labor leaders are worse in Chicago.

Mr. Root is expected to show that mere weight is not the only requirement for proper control of the Panama lid.

"Riches do not make one happy" says Mr. Carnegie. Neither does being broke, Mr. Carnegie, if you care to know.

It is astonishing how much more fluently Congressmen talk about increasing taxes than they do about cutting down expenses.

If that Rockefeller \$10,000,000 is too badly tainted for the colleges to use, they can probably swap it for new bills at the U. S. Treasury.

Lawson failed to make as much of a sensation as he had expected in Kansas. Kansas has seen cyclones before—and Lawson looks like 3 cents beside some of them.

Standard Oil magnates will find but little consolation in the report that Tom Lawson's throat has failed him. His never-failing typewriter is still in fine working condition.

St. Louis has the largest collection of butterflies in the world. She had the largest collection of grafters also until Milwaukee made her recent spurt and "captured the belt."

The President is a friend of Mr. Loomis and he stood by his friend, but those "financial deals" between Mr. Loomis and the Asphalt trust are still there as "big as mountains."

Lord Roberts declares that the English army is totally unfit to defend the empire. It might be worse if England did not have an ally in Japan that is never out of fighting condition.

Where are you sick? Headache, foul-tongue, no appetite, lack energy, pain in your stomach, constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents.—Z. W. Nichols.

It is figured out that John L. Sullivan won only \$247,000 in the prize ring in fifteen years. He could have done better by getting into the bureau of statistics in the Agriculture Department, and running a "leak bureau."

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