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President Garfield once spoke a truth worth recalling: "Whoever controls the volume of money of any country is absolutely master of all industry and commerce."

One witness says he handled \$30,000 for Clark to buy his way to the U. S. senate from Montana. The use of money to get elected to the U. S. senate is a strong argument in favor of electing by popular vote. It is not so easy to purchase the masses as a few legislators, and to elect senators by popular vote would tend to have purer men in that dignified body.

If Cuba should become a part of this country, her agricultural products would be admitted free of duty. What effect this would have upon the sugar planters of Louisiana and the growers of the tobacco in other states, is matter for conjecture and argument. It might be ruinous. Safety lies in a conservative course. Annexation is rather dangerous as a doctrine. It has dangers in politics as well as in material advancement.—Winston Sentinel.

Testimony taken for the congressional industrial commission in Chicago clearly establishes the fact that five men have been meeting and still meet in Chicago every morning and decide what the farmer shall be paid for his grain; that their purpose is to maintain the profits of transporters and dealers in grain, no matter how the market prices may go; that as these men represent and control all of the means by which grain is sent from the farm to the market, their decision has been and is final. And still Mark Hana says "there are no trusts in the country."—Asheville Citizen.

The Wrong Day.

The heartless landlord has come to exult the widow with 18 children, many of whom are teething. But at the threshold the woman waves him back imperiously. "Not today!" she cries. "Why not?" asks the landlord, with pardonable curiosity. "Because," the woman replied, "no pitiless storm of rain mingled with icy sleet rages without!" The landlord grinds his teeth in impotent rage. He may trample under foot the promptings of his better nature, but not the conventionalities established by long usage.—Detroit Journal.

Not His Destination.

A steamer was stopped in the mouth of the river owing to a dense sea fog. An old lady inquired of the captain the cause of the delay. "Can't see up the river," replied the captain. "But I can see the stars overhead," continued the old lady. "Yes; but until the boilers bust we ain't a-going that way."—World's Comic.

Happiness.

Human happiness, according to the most received notions, seems to consist of three ingredients, action, pleasure and indolence. And though these ingredients ought to be mixed in different proportions, according to the particular disposition of the person, yet no one ingredient can be entirely wanting without destroying in some measure the relish of the whole composition.

Habit.

Habit hath so vast a prevalence over the human mind that there is scarcely anything too strange or too strong to be asserted of it. The story of the miser who, from being long accustomed to cheat others, came at last to cheat himself and with great delight and triumph picked his own pocket of a guinea to convey to his hoard is not impossible or improbable.

Nailed Down.

One of the severest punishments a refractory soldier can experience is to be "nailed down" in a tent. It is said that a Turkish bath is a frigid affair as compared with a perfectly close tent under a hot sun, and after an hour or two of that sort of sweating the most rebellious soldier will readily promise to be good.

The War Dance.

Among many people of every age dancing has had a warlike significance, and there are many tribes now that so resort to the war dance. The famous Pyrrhic dance represented the overtaking of an enemy and doing battle with him. Today among the Zulus grand dances are merely the accompaniment to the colloquial war and hunting songs, in which the women put questions which are answered by the men. There are mimic fights, which go by the name of war dances, almost universal among tribes to which war is one of the great interests of life. The bravery dance of the Dahomeyans and the hoolee of the Bhil tribe in the Vindhya hills of India are the most apt illustrations.

Nearly all savage tribes have a regular war dance, so that it is scarcely possible to select one as having a more warlike significance than the rest. All the performers appear in fighting costume, handle their weapons and go through the movement of challenge, conflict, pursuit or defeat. There is one very picturesque dance of the Natal Kaffirs which probably refers to the departure of the warriors for battle. The women appeal plaintively to the men, who slowly withdraw, stamping on the ground and darting their short spears or assagais toward the sky.

Saved by a Tornado.

In 1780 Grenada, in the West Indies, was visited by a tornado with singular effects. Unlike similar phenomena, this was to the inhabitants a providential deliverance from a pest which threatened their economic ruin. Some time previously the Formica saccharivora, a species of ant, appeared in such numbers as to make the annihilation of the sugar cane a question of a few weeks only. After in vain trying many expedients and offering large rewards for a remedy against the plague, the helpless people resolved to abandon their homes in a body and betake themselves to another island. By this famous tempest Providence accomplished in a few moments what man, with all his appliances, had failed to overcome. The ant was exterminated.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

He Had a Triumphant Tour.

Professor Newcomb has returned to Washington from a triumphal tour through Europe, where his colleagues never fail to show in some tangible way the respect and admiration they feel for this great astronomer. On his recent visit Professor Newcomb was honored by another degree from Oxford and was made a member of the Bureau des Longitudes of France. His itinerary included Holland, the Engadine and a part of Germany, where at Wiesbaden he attended the conferences of representatives of different national academies.

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