The English Language.

English men of letters are perpetually scolding and nagging at one another for speaking and writing bad English, or for pronouncing it erroneously, and the fault finders make, as a rule, as many mistakes as do the writers and speakers whom they profess to correct. And then step in, forsooth, the Americans, clad from top to toe in the shining armor of self confidence, and they airily tell us that we know not how to speak or pronounce our own language, and that to mend our ways ,we should take lessons of Bostonites or the Dutch-Irish-English and altogether cosmopolitan people of New York. We may needs wince a little under these strictures, for our withers are not by any means unwrung, and to the ear of a foreigner who has made only a literary study of English it is certain that our pronunciation, or rather our many and discordant methods of pronunciation, must appear very illogical and very ludicrous.

It is not alone clergymen who drawl the church service and mumble their sermons; it is not alone school children who are taught to read in monotonous sing-song; it is not alone young ladies who, through affectation, lisp or mince their words, but it is the great body of English people—aye, of educated English people—who habitually stammer before they can find the right word, who rarely pronounce their final consonants, who slur and shuffle their syllables into one another, who almost invariably put the wrong emphasis on the chief members of a phrase, and who, if they do not absolutely chew and swallow the ends of their vocables, as the modern Greeks do, utter them in such a disjointed and slipshod fashion as to make them more than half unintelligible to the foreign ear. This is why it may be quite feasible for a Frenchman to live seventeen years in England without being able to understand English.—London Telegraph.

A Marine Hero.

Among the inmates of the National Soldiers' home at Togus, Me., is Richard Rowley, who was captain of the guns on the Kearsarge when she sunk the Alabama off the harbor of Cherbourg, France, and performed an act of bravery which probably saved his ship and her crew. The battle had raged for over an hour and a half, when a 100 pound rifle shell from the Alabama struck the gun which Rowley was sighting and fell on the deck, with the fuse still burning. In an instant Rowley picked it up and threw it into the sea, where it exploded just as it touched the water. The sailor's beard and mustache were burned off by the fuse, but he stepped back to his gun and sent a shot into the sinking Alabama.

Capt. Winslow at once gave the order to man the rigging and give three cheers for Quartermaster Rowley. The latter was greatly lionized after his return to this country. Congress voted him a gold medal; he received other valuable gifts, and President Lincoln personally thanked him. For several days before his interview with the president, Rowley had accepted frequent invitations to drink champagne, and probably showed the effects. As he arose to go Mr. Lincoln gave him a hundred dollars, saying: "Now don't drink too much liquor; drink just a little, but not too much. I know you old sailors all like a little grog, but be careful and not drink too much."

There Is a Difference.

There was a jolly little group about a table in a down town cafe last night shaking dice for the lemonade. The man who threw the lowest number had to pay for the lemonade and tell a story. All at the table had been "stuck" but one gentleman who is noted for his keenness of repartee. The gentlemen who had been "stuck" told nothing but anecdotes and antique tales. Not a new story had been recited; and they were all chestnuts. When the gentleman noted for repartee had been "stuck" there was applause, a call for drinks and a demand for a new story. "I can tell a story," said the gentleman, as he ordered the proper thing, "but I'll ask you a conundrum. "Go ahead," he was told. "Well," he went on, "what is the difference between a turkey and a man?"

This odd conundrum floored the crowd. The questioner was appealed to for an answer. "The difference between a turkey and a man," he explained, as he rose to leave, "is that a turkey isn't stuffed with chestnuts until it's dead." The crowd comprehended.—Cincinnati Commercial.

Chinese Progress.

It is not easy to determine whether we should rejoice at Chinese progress or regret it, for the waking up of the vast Mongolian masses means the precipitation of an overplus upon the Aryan world that we do not yet know how to deal with. However, it is certain that China will soon be practically a modern state. The conservative element is effectually overcome and railway construction has been entered on as a national policy. Peking is at once to be joined to Tien Tsin by a road passing through the most populous districts of the empire. The radicals or reformers are at last entirely triumphant, and China will adopt every means for development. It will be impossible to exist on the same planet under a system of mutual exclusion.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Significance.

"How is business?" was the cheerful inquiry made by one traveling man of another.

"First rate. How is it with you?"

"Oh, I don't find fault."

"That sounds well anyhow. It means, I suppose, that you are doing well."

"No, it means, simply, that I am good natured."—New York News.

Miss Minnie Apolis' Opinion.

"The subject of a national flower is being discussed a great deal now, Miss Minnie," remarked a visitor at Minneapolis to a maiden of that city. "What do you think about it?"

"Well," replied Miss Minnie, "I think papa's Fancy Winter Wheat Flour rather takes the biscuit."—New York Sun.

PROMPTNESS.

First a cold, then a cough, then consumption, then death. "I took Dr. Acker's English Remedy for Consumption the moment I began to cough, and I believe it saved my life" Walter N. Wallace, Washington.

Nothing Loose There.

At a side track and water tank between Greensboro and Salisbury, the hour being about 9 o'clock at night, a man boarded the train and took his seat directly in front of me. When the train started the conductor came for his fare and as he had no ticket the official asked:

"Why didn't you get a ticket at Blankville?"

"Hadn't time."

"Why didn't you get on there?"

"Hadn't time."

"How far are you going?"

"As far as this fifty cents will take me."

"You ain't loose in the head, are you?"

"Not if the court knows herself! The people of Blankville rode me on a rail and gave me ten minutes in which to leave the town, I got out in five. That shows a level head, doesn't it? I want fifty cents worth of more distance as fast I can get it."—Detroit Free Press.

A SAD STORY.

The child coughed. The mother ran. No remedy was near. Before morning the poor little sufferer was dead. Moral: Always keep Dr. Acker's English Remedy at hand. For sale by Dr. W. M. Fowlkes & Co.

The Anson County Alliance Will Not Euse Jute Bagging.

At a recent meeting of the Anson County Farmers' Alliance a resolution was introduced, and passed without a dissenting voice, that no member of the Alliance would, under any circumstances, use a pound of jute bagging, and that if possible to produce it members of the Alliance would use cotton bagging. The trade committee of the Alliance has been notified by each sub-Alliance in the county of the amount of bagging they will need and steps are being taken to have the cotton bagging here by the time it is needed. —Wadesboro Intelligencer.

"Oh! do tell me what you men have at your clubs," asked Miss Smarker, gushingly. "Well," said Jones, carelessly, "we have bowling, and pool, and billiards." "I don't know much about bowling or pool," broke in Miss Smarker, "but billiards is that dear, delightful game where they have kissing, isn't it?"

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to the taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

The Patterson Cotton Mill Company, of Cester, Pa., have arranged to move their plant South and locate it at Rock Hill, S. C. In their decision to move the owners say that they find it necessary to keep up in the race of competition to get nearer the cotton fields.—Charlotte Hemocrat.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

F. Bainbridge, Munday Esq., County Attorney, Clay Co., Texas, says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

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Sam Jones says "a high-licensed preacher won't be in hell ten minutes before the devil will have him saddled and bridled riding him around and exhibiting him as a curiosity."

Sixty Mules and Horses Burned.

RICHMOND, VA., August 1.—About 12:30 this morning, a storm broke over the city, during which the city railway stables, located just without the city limits, in the west end, were struck by lightning. The buildings took fire. The flames spread rapidly, and before aid arrived, the entire structure was consumed, and sixty mules and horses were burned up. Seven street cars were also destroyed. The loss cannot yet be estimated, but the disaster will seriously inconvenience travel for some time.

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Ar Greensboro	2.25 p m	7.25 p m
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Ar Greensboro	7.45 a m	6.55 p m
Le Greensboro	10.00 a m	7.30 a m
Le Sanford	1.55 p m	2 30 p m
Le Fayetteville	4.15 p m	7.05 a m
Le Maxton	6.25 p m	12.25 p m
Ar Bennettsville,	7.45 p m	2.50 p m

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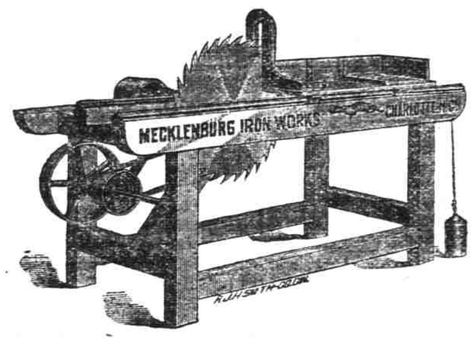

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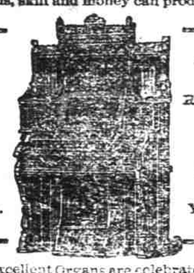

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