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PICKPOCKETS.

The Methods Pursued By These Lightfingered Individuals.

An Inmate of a Prison Cell Loosens His Tongue.

A San Francisco Post reporter has been interviewing an imprisoned pickpocket.

The business of getting the pearls out of oysters is a tolerably disreputable one.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Life is a short day, but it is a working day.

Though many guests be absent, it is the cheerful man we miss.

Give because you love to give—as the flower pours forth its perfume.

A child who sees deceit around it will rarely make an honorable man.

Where there is room in the heart there is always room in the house.

Fame comes only when deserved, and then it is inevitable as destiny.

Good intentions will not help a man on his way if he takes the wrong road.

All the events of our life are matters out of which we may make what we will.

Grand temples are made of small stones, and great lives are made up of small events.

Modesty and the dew love the shade.

Each shine in the open day only to be exhiled to heaven.

Talents are best matured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy dailies of the world.

Even reckoning makes lasting friends, and the way to make reckonings even is to make them often.

Costly followers are not to be liked; let a while a man makes his train longer, it makes his wings shorter.

A diamond with a flaw is better than a rubicund with a stain.

The use we make of our fortune determines its sufficiency.

A little is enough if used wisely, too much if expended foolishly.

Though reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of men and things, yet it is our own meditation must form our judgment.

Belief is an edifice never completed, because we do not comprehend its plan, and every day some workman brings a new stone to the quarry.

With books, as with companions, it is of more consequence to know which to avoid than which to choose; for good books are as scarce as good companions.

It is beneath the dignity of a soul that has but a grain of sense, to make chance, and whims, and waves, the arbitrary disposers of his happiness.

Grief or misfortune seems to be indispensable to the development of intelligence, energy and virtue.

The proofs to which the people are submitted, as with individuals, are necessary to draw them from their lethargy and disclose their character.

The three lessons that all are the better for knowing: That cheerfulness can change misfortune into love and friends; that, in ordering one's self aright, one helps others to do the same; and that the power of filling beauty in the humblest things makes home happy and life lovely.

Variations of Ships' Compasses.

"The variations of the needle," says Sir Thomas Browne, "may proceed from the nature of the earth, by subterranean fires, fumes, mineral spirits or other wise, which, altering the constitution of the magnetical parts in process of time, doth vary the variation of the piece."

And the noble astronomer explorer of "Lunar errors" lived in these days, he would have a deal of things to tell of the causes of the diversities of the needle; and not the least strange item in his catalogue would be the wearing of electric belts by rheumatic or debilitated sailors.

"One of our crew here," writes the master of a steamer at Savona, "has a magnetic belt. It got him from one day to twenty and taking it on the 21st I found that all these compasses were very much affected by it; in fact, all the compasses in the vessel were out of the true west feeling round and round."

The moral he desires to point is that as soon as he says these belts are much worn by seafaring men, and firemen's parties or masters should be careful to tell out what magnets their crew or passengers may happen to have with them "either in the shape of belts or in any form," for as he justly asserts, errors in the compass lead to the most terrible accidents. —London Telegraph.

A Revolutionary Hero.

One of the heroes of the Revolution whose deeds are not recorded in history was William Goff of Gray, Me.

When news came of the battle of Lexington he was chopping wood, with his gun conveniently near him, ready for any emergency that might appear.

He at once dropped his axe, picked up his gun, stepped at his home a minute to bid his wife good-bye, went to a neighbor's and borrowed some bullet molds, ran what lead he had into bullets, and walked to Cambridge, getting there just in season for the battle of Dunker Hill.

When asked after the battle in what company he was enrolled he promptly replied, "William Goff." He continued to serve his country until 1777, when he fell at the battle of Germantown.

Thickness of Clouds.

Capt. H. Toynebe, of the London Meteorological Society, has arrived at the conclusion that clouds of less than 2,000 feet in thickness are seldom accompanied by rain; and if they are it is very gentle, consisting of minute drops.

With a thickness of between 2,000 and 4,000 feet the size of the drops is moderate.

With increasing thickness comes increasing size of the drops, and at the same time their temperature becomes lower, until, when the thickness is greater than 6,000 feet, hail is produced.

Nature's Oil Press. According to Professor L. L. sky, the buried bed of vegetation which has become what is now known and used as the Pittsburg coal bed, twelve feet thick, must have originally been as many as 150 feet in depth.

The Bills Were Too Large. He stepped into a restaurant for dinner and a waiter spread before him the printed bill of fare.

Quite a Deep Interest. A young lady on Houston street had several callers the same evening.

"It's a Poor It He," etc. A Dexter five-year-old was put to bed the other night a little earlier than she herself thought desirable.

True.

She—John, what is a coastwise steamer?

He—One that knows how to keep off the rocks, darling. —[Puck.

Perpetual Youth.

There is a fountain in the lower land—To learn how to find it, where old age away.

Through a misty night and day, and fresh as day.

Streams from the dark and John Aurora's land.

This land, transformed by some skilled, treasure was.

From the old world in a Greek poet's eye, Helen's youth, Changé, told us as Time's eye.

Sails do not change, though heavy be his head.

What of us needs this fountain? What soul is old?

Our mere mosses age, and still we grow more young.

For in our water we talk most of Spring; And as we near, slow-slowly, God's safe road.

Youth's love-stems gather, though among.

The morning dead, youth's song more clear they sing.

—Marion Egan in Century.

HUMOROUS.

A four spot. The eagle's nest.

The diver's business is to go down.

A watch that won't run usually needs any chain.

What kind of men ought to shrink well—Confessors.

If the gallows is the instrument of death, what is the executioner?

When the broker calls for morning rounds the roll call says so.

"He gave me some pointers," said the tramp of the farmer, "the jailer me with a pitchfork."

On seeing a horse lying white as a sheet, a small boy of 3 wanted to know if it was going to be shined.

Tom: "I think real estate men are awfully sensible." Harry: "whole one of them; 'ways." "Because they are always wanting the earth."

He (at a very late hour, with deep earnestness)—How can I leave thee? Sue—Really, Mr. Sayer, I can't tell you. I wish to heaven I could.

Caller to little Bobby—"Bobby, what makes your eyes so bright?" Bobby (after a little thought)—"I don't think I don't think very long."

"Papa," asked little Bobby M. Swiffling, "what is a railroad?" "A railroad, boy," replied M. Swiffling, "is where they water the stock."

A patent medicine advertisement advises "Give your lungs exercise." The father who walks the floor at night to quiet a restless one, you might think the advice superfluous.

A Blind Watchmaker's Skill.

Many years ago there lived in the town of Hildesheim, a blind watchmaker named William Koppke, whose dexterity and many other things in repairing watches were famous throughout all the neighboring countries.

He was not only blind, but, so that his singular faculty could be explained as a miracle. After many years he had been blind for more than a hundred years.

At this time, he was blind, but through his own industry, he had become a very skillful watchmaker.

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