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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The York Dispatch says that while Grover Cleveland has ceased to be President, he will be President again. Next time the Dispatch thinks he will be President of Princeton University.

Perhaps the longest stretch of railroad without any stop is on the Great Western railway of England. It runs from Paddington station in London, to Exeter, a distance of 194 miles in 3 hours and 36 minutes.

Rev. Thomas Dixon preached for Dr. Lorimer in Chicago some time ago. One of Dr. Lorimer's congregation, Miss Bell by name, was greatly affected by Mr. Dixon's preaching and has written a novel, "Little Sister to the Wilderness."

Those who are partial to the beautifully (?) proportioned tooth-pick shoe do not know all about it. It is claimed by physicians and students of hygiene that such shoes are very deleterious to the development of certain parts of the body.

"Pouring oil upon the waters" is an expression that has come to be proverbial. There is more in it than many suppose. Sometimes mention is made of the possibility of quieting the mad and stormy sea by pouring oil upon the waters, and some smile incredulously and think it impossible.

Messrs. Hector and Hugh McLean, the two celebrated Harnett county twins, drove into town yesterday morning. It has been but a few years since they would walk the distance, nearly thirty-nine miles, and with ease.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great improvement in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female.

MEANING MONUMENTS.

THE MAN MORE THAN MARBLE.

Some Rambling Thoughts. BY "NEMO." (Copyrighted.) "How nice to have a flag over every school-house; it is such an ornament!" says one.

Imagination blessedly broadens and deepens life; without it the past becomes almost inert to us. With it, the great are our companions and great deeds our native atmosphere.

We Americans ought to make it a rule never to visit a monument without either before or after reading up the facts of the life portrayed before us. We shall then quickly free ourselves from the nonsensical elements of hero-worship, which impart to the hero strangely favorable circumstances and a condition of being with nobler possibilities than ours.

John McMaster in Atlantic. What we call "workingmen," "the mechanic," had no existence as classes. Labor was performed almost exclusively in the south by slaves, and in the north very largely by men and women who for the time being were no better than slaves.

Take as an example the celebration in New York this week. General Grant's tomb is practically complete; these days will witness its dedication and transference to the care of the city of New York. Thousands of soldiery and hundreds of thousands of citizens will be gathered near it for a few hours; martial music and impassioned speeches will thrill the hearers; and then the great crowds will melt away, each individual returning to his pleasures or duties, leaving the tomb to its motionless vigil over the dead.

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that the thing he was best fitted to do. It is no derogation from his usefulness as a model for the average life to say that he ceased to be really great as soon as the rumble of battle had died down. At that moment he rose to the zenith of magnanimity, when he declared "Let there be peace" when he returned the horses to the vanquished officers because they would need them for plowing; and when he forbade either music or signs of exultation in the Northern Army while the arms of the Confederates were being stacked.

Do not let us place him among the gods. He was not of their kind. We shall lose his helpfulness if we raise him above the level of the throng. He was a plain man, like thousands of others among us, who just bided his time, mourned a little over disappointments, (How like ourselves!) never hesitated to acknowledge a mistaken plan, (How unlike us smaller men!)

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STRANGE MAN.

TAKES HIS SLEEP STANDING.

A California Man Who Lives in a Sentinel Box and Never Lies Down.

San Francisco Call. Jake Rogers says that he is the only man in the world who sleeps standing up. And most likely he is right about it, although there are many men living who claim to have done it under compulsion during the last war.

The place where Jake has his home is not a very well populated one. It is in Mendocino county, only a few miles northeast of Los Robles, and the nearest neighbor is some distance from his place. But, then, Jake doesn't want neighbors, so that feature is really an inducement for him.

It is safe to say that Jake's house is the only one of its kind in the world. It is built to sleep standing up, and it would be impossible for a person to sleep in it any other way unless he curled up like a bear.

When Jake wants to sleep, all he does is to lie back in his box and close his eyes. He says it doesn't take him long to forget his troubles. In the next breath he will tell you he has no troubles since he took to sleeping standing up.

Jake does no cooking in his house, simply because there is no room. His culinary department is located under a tree a short distance away. His food consists of anything he can get by begging, borrowing or finding. But he doesn't do much borrowing since the neighbors have grown to know him.

"You see, I was sick as a boy way back in Massachusetts, about 70 years ago, and nothing I did done me no sort of good. There always was something the matter, and as soon as I laid down in bed my head began to ache. But, do you know I stood that for half a century before I got any sense into me? And then I was out in California digging for gold.

"One night my head ached so bad I couldn't stay in bed, and I had to stand against the wall to get relief. Without knowing it I fell asleep, and when I woke up I felt like a new man. I made up my mind to sleep that way all the time, but had trouble to find a place to do it. That is the reason I moved out to this place. It's over 15 years ago, and I have never had a sign of the old trouble and am convinced that sleeping in bed is the cause of all the pain and disease in the world.

The strange thing about Jake's theory is that he doesn't rest when he sleeps standing up. He has to do that sleepers during the rest day. He says that has nothing to do with his idea, though, for most people do too much work anyhow.

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2. THOROUGHNESS. Here is where most fail. 3. CONCENTRATION OF MIND. By this is meant such a control over the mind that one can center it and keep it centered. The moment one loses self-mastery that moment he falls. Let not the attention be diverted from a lesson until it has been thought out. This is hard work, but it pays.

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