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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things
Present, Past and Future.

Some one has made the following calculation about what is contained in a bushel of corn when turned to the wrong use:

"From a bushel of corn a dealer gets four gallons of whiskey, which retails for \$16. Of this the Government gets \$3.60, the retailer gets \$7, the distiller gets \$4, the railroad gets \$1, the farmer who raised the corn gets 40c, the consumer gets ten days or more in 'the cooler,' and the policeman and judge get good salaries for sending him there."

The "sanctified bands" are giving great trouble in the extreme eastern part of the State. Such is the trouble they are causing that the Governor has been appealed to for relief. It came to us straight that a good man said he knew three clever young women in one community who have been hopelessly ruined by the influence of these "holiness" crowds. Good people ought to put up every break-water possible against their influence.

It is no compliment to our grand "Old North State" that we lead all the States in the manufacture of liquor; but such is the record. The liquor traffic is the monumental evil of this age; and it is beyond our comprehension how a man who loves the interest of his State can be indifferent to the great tide of evil it rolls over our land every year. We can't see how any true patriot can fail to throw his strongest influences against the traffic. Count us in for the war against it to the end of the chapter.

The Senate chamber in the national capitol is shut off from sunlight or direct draught of air from the outside. It cost \$96,000 to ventilate it last year. Being so deeply enclosed and cut off so completely from fresh sunlight and pure fresh air, some one remarks that it is no wonder tariff scandals flourish in such unwholesome atmosphere. It seems a pity that the place where so much important brain work for the nation has to be done, should have so little good light and good air.

And now Nicola Tesla announces that he can send electric messages to any point of the globe without telegraph wires. It is done by means of the earth's electrical "current." Being interviewed on the subject as to what will be the result, he answered that it is almost incomprehensible. Said he, "This electrical disturbance by means of certain simple instruments can be felt and appreciated at any point on the globe. In this way messages can be sent the entire earth around and be taken up at any point of the earth without the aid or intervention of wires in any way at all."

The following strange bit of News was sent out from Dubois, Pa., a few days ago:

"Within the last few days four deaths have occurred among the employees of the Falls Creek tannery, two miles from this city, and several others are reported very ill. Some time ago the tannery company received the first invoice of 100,000 hides, imported from China. The hides were started through the process of tanning, and the liquors drained into the creek. Not long afterwards several head of cattle running at large died, and up to the present time a score have gone to the bone-yard. It was discovered that the cattle drank water from the creek.

"Some of the tannery's employees were subsequently taken sick, and four have died so far. Investigation revealed that the hides were infected with bacteria.

"The disease proves fatal in from five to eight days. Considerable alarm exists at Falls Creek over the fatal effects and possible spread of the disease. The matter has been kept as secret as possible, but it is understood that it has been referred to the State Board of Health, and that an investigation will be instituted."

ARE YOU OUT OF SORTS.

Who is not at times, during this season of the year? How can one help being out of sorts when one is carrying around in his blood all the impurities that have accumulated during the long winter? No wonder you can hardly get up the steps. But there is a relief for this sort of thing. The blood can be relieved of its load. What will do it? David's Sarsaparilla. Sold at Dr. Whitehead's Drug Store.

LADS IN LOVE.

NEMO'S SECOND LETTER.

STEP CAUTIOUSLY, LADS.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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TO YOUNG MEN IN LOVE—Admitting the truth of all I said to you last week about the compelling force of love and its moulding influence, so strange that purified thought has forced out grossness, so transforming that music is in your soul and poetry on your tongue, so volcanic that the crust of selfishness thick over your heart is rent asunder and a stream of thoughtfulness for another gushes forth—admitting this, I say, you must concede another fact that exists in every Christian civilization. Every young fellow, no matter how lowly or lofty, no matter how uneducated or learned, no matter how badly or well brought up, gains from his feeling of devotion to one dear woman—choice of his heart—a glimpse at least of the real grandeur of living and a ray at least of the sunshine of life possible to all of us forever and ever through woman, the weak-strong complement of man. This gift of better understanding of the responsibility of existence comes to all who truly love; with some it lingers for aye, with others it vanishes like the dew on a summer morning. But to all it comes, whether treasured or disregarded.

Please now—for here my heartfelt appeal to you whose steps are springy with hope must begin—look around you. Look well at many of those who having loved each other and truly, years ago passed into marriage, a state which in your present feeling seems the one thing above all others to be desired. Study them closely, for mayhap you are looking in a prophetic mirror! The youth of ten summers ago goes to his daily duties now like a machine, and like a mere machine he turns homeward at night. Buoyancy has disappeared. He plods much like a horse plod, with no motion taken unless forced to it by external necessity. Where he once obeyed a gentle voice with alacrity, glorying in sacrifice, leaping to her tasks, (he was just as sincere as you are) he is apt now to grumble at even the harnessing of the horse for her to drive. He approaches the maiden of ten years ago more often with complaints than with praise. At eventide he wraps himself up in silence, doing nothing to enliven the hours, or away he goes to the society of the club or the grocery or the saloon or worse. The ordinary courtesies prompted by civilized feelings towards women is forgotten when with his wife, and he finds in marriage merely permission to be rude to one woman without fear of rebuke. The fragrance of love that exists in tiny attentions like opening the door, raising the hat, and saving choice portions for her at table, has evaporated and left no trace behind. If occasionally he (his name is Legion) thinks backward along the way he has traveled, his puzzled heart will admit with a groan that no matter how sweet the uncertainties and hopes and dreamings of courtship, marriage with its knowledge and intimacy has scattered all. Sunshine has been followed by gloom; the rosy tints of the dawn of love by the unrelieved stretches of a dun colored day.

So lads, though you are likely to deny such a thing and probably ready to argue with me most vigorously about it, there is a possibility, not very remote, if we may judge from others, that your heart's feelings will change and the glorious oasis you are resting in, (capable of becoming a beautiful kingdom under your care,) will witness your back turned on its pleasures and your face set towards a dreary, desert journey, like the one you have traveled before you found your dear love. As fellows traversing but once the pathway of life, let us talk with our hearts close together.

To avoid the misery I depict, you must keep alive in your heart its present conviction that perfect love consists as much in communion with her dear mind and spirit as it does in securing contact with her precious body. I know you have felt this way and ought to still, for you like to think as she does; opinions and beliefs expressed by her tender lips and her bright eyes.

Mr. Natanael Mortenson, a well-known citizen of Ishpeming, Mich., and editor of the Superior Posten, who for a long time, suffered from the most excruciating pains of rheumatism, was cured, eight years ago, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, having never felt a twinge of it since.

have become for awhile more real touches of Divine wisdom than you think you ever heard before. Of course she is not the wisest mortal, but the effect on you is just as good as it she were; for it draws you to her side and you both rejoice in being together. If this feeling can be made to last, your future will be one of beautiful growth in wisdom and happiness.

To avoid the misery I depict, bear in mind that fire is a good servant but a frightful master; that the added freedom of marriage will have a tendency to confuse your thought so that the minor function—a function whose gratification has not hitherto been essential to your happy communion with her—is in danger of becoming the major feature of the united life. Instead of being a subordinate enjoyment, merely added that the mental and spiritual attachment may be more firmly welded, it will, like a cuckoo in the home nest, grow and fight for the mastery of all and will succeed unless you watch. The dividing line between love and lust is easily crossed, and then, like a paralytic king in the lower floor of his three-storied palace, it will be hard to reach the higher stories of her mind and spirit, in whose beauties you once gloried. Where there is a complete surrender of the best of each to each, there will never be contentment with grossness; the completion of love will remain lofty and sanctified. But where the act degenerates into lust, it becomes as unlovely as the satisfied grunting of breeding swine. Then our little Eden will become closed to us by the flaming sword of the outraged higher qualities.

When cultured Athens, art's historic flower,
Too softly nurtured to retain her power,
Yielded her treasures to barbaric war;
Like gilded galloons reft on rocky shore;
Rude Roman soldiers spoiled her sacred shrines
And drained from priceless cups their common wines.
Over her choicest gems quarrelled and fought,
And found in purest art but sensual thought.
Thus ever will the coarse, untutored mind
Degrade God's saintliest gifts, to beauty blind.
Drag from their holy haunts things pure and chaste,
And all the wealth of garnered wisdom waste,
And even stain where high it shines above
The lofty lustre of ennobling love.

Bear with me further. You will of course say that there is the woman side of the question to consider. True, but at present I am not writing to women. That will come later. I have more to say to you.

Things We Ought to Know.

That sewing silk is soaked in acetate of lead to increase the weight; consequently, it should never be passed between the lips, as lead poisoning has been known to result from this habit.

That a child should never be trotted on the knee by mother or nurse. It is sometimes disastrous in effect.

That a child's nursery should always be on the sunny side of the house, and should be kept neat and clean and always cheery.

That blankets should now be washed, so that they may be ready for the first cool days of early fall.

That cream will whip more easily if a grain of salt be added.

Love your enemies but do not forget your friends.

Volunteer economy is wealth. Forced economy is poverty.

There is no wisdom in the world like knowing how to keep your mouth shut.

The man who gives his baby paregoric at midnight may be depended upon to add several drops for good measure.

That black cotton stockings should never be ironed, as the heat of the iron will cause them to fade rapidly.

That black stockings should always be dried in the shade.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden Hill, in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with LaGrippe, and her case grew so serious that Physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into basty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose and a half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at E. T. Whitehead and Co's Drug Store.

THE RED MEN.

INDIANS AT SCHOOL.

They Are Natural Musicians, Fond of English Names and Good Clothes.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A recent visit to the Phoenix Indian school, California, was a revelation in some respects. The writer has known the Pima Indians on their reservation as a fierce, sullen, obstinate and cruel lot of savages, with a record second to not even the Apaches for horrible butcheries of white settlers, and unspeakable barbarities upon their enemies in warfare. It was, therefore, a surprise to see over 150 of the boys and girls of these desert savages come marching into the chapel with military precision, dressed in handsome, neat-fitting garments, wearing linen shirts, and with their hair brushed with as much nicety as that of a city dude.

But the surprise did not end there. When the opening hymn was announced, one of the Apache Indian girls that ten months before was running wild on the desert south of the Gila, readily turned to the number, and, handing the writer the book, asked in good English if he would not take part with them. Some of them sang splendidly, and Professor Hall, the superintendent of the school, says they are natural musicians. Several of the younger ones have learned to play the organ, and with the French harp they will make an average city gamine ashamed of herself. Hugh Patton, one of the monitors, plays the piano very well, having picked the accomplishment up without any instruction. This Indian is a peculiarity in Indian life. Some years ago he had learned the English language and acted as an interpreter from that time till the opening of the school, which he entered, where he has since remained. He discarded his Indian name and assumed an English one, and in the three years has acquired a good English education. He is of medium size, rather dark, but with the appearance of a student. He has done much to induce his people to adopt civilization, and is, of course, a warm friend of the school.

An advantage here is that the boys and girls are in close proximity to their relatives and friends, and are allowed to visit back and forth, which could not be the case in a foreign school. This is of double advantage, for the educated children visiting their parents, brothers and sisters tend to raise them in the plane of civilization, and the change on the reservation during the last year is marked. The boys are allowed to go home two weeks in the summer, and several are allowed to go and assist in planting the crops. When they leave the school they are given their Indian clothes, but they never fail to return wearing better or at least more expensive clothing than the school furnishes them.

At times the Indian boys are allowed to work on the fruit farms adjoining the school, and they are given their wages to spend as they please. They usually invest them in clothing, and some of them have expensive suits. They do their work well, and their labor is preferred to that of the Mexicans. When they are out working this way, they not only earn the wages, but they learn to depend upon themselves.

This idea of the industrial branch of the school is the conception of Professor Rich. His theory is that it is impossible to take a savage and so educate him in letters and science that he will be able to successfully take hold of any of the higher branches in life, or, in other words, that it is impossible to make a Greek professor out of a half-naked savage. But he does argue that they can be made good citizens, able to read and write, and, more than all, to support themselves by tilling the soil. After this point is reached they will rise higher themselves and of their own inclination, until the last instinct of the savage will have disappeared.

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A Morehead Adventure.

N. Y. Dispatch.

Fishermen from the shore in the vicinity of Morehead city, N. C., tell of a thrilling adventure of one of their comrades, W. L. Kennedy, who was towed in his little boat for miles at sea by a mammoth shark or some other great fish.

Kennedy was fishing in the sound for drum with hook and line, and had been out in his boat all the morning. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon he drew in his line and moved on up the sound for a few hundred yards to a little inlet where he hoped to find better luck. Arriving at the inlet Kennedy threw his line, a very large, strong cord, overboard, and made the end fast to the painter on the boat.

In a few moments the boat gave a sudden lurch and immediately shot forward for the open sea as though propelled by steam. The seas were rolling high, Kennedy says, and he expected every minute to be his last. Kennedy soon realized that he was being towed by some big fish, and, despite his tireless efforts to keep the boat straight and pull against his rushing tug, the chopping seas soon swamped his little craft.

For more than three hours Kennedy and his waterlogged boat were towed to sea, and would have been lost had not the line chafed and parted near the fish's mouth. The boat's painter was a chain fastened with staples under the cap of the boat, and the fishing line was made fast to the end of the chain, so that Kennedy was prevented from using his knife to sever the twine.

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