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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. Points and Paragraphs of Things

"The dignity of labor" seems to be an idea of the past with some people who ought to be glad of a chance to give prominence to it. A good, and honest, and industrious farmer said a few days ago that somehow he has come to feel that people think less of him when he is laboring with his own hands. We told him our opinion of the matter; to wit, that the opinion of one who thinks less of a man because he labors is not worth noticing. Labor on, good friend, when you can find something to do; and care not for the

The South needs to learn one thing which it has not yet learned; and that is to pay more attention to patronizing home industries. Why send to the North or the West for that which may be had at our own door?

opinion or the prating of a fool.

The Chamber of Commerce in Richmond is taking the right view of the matter in pledging through its members to use Richmond flour instead of sending West for flour.

There are knitting mills in Scotland Neck and Kinston, which give employment to a number of worthy women and girls, besides a man and boy now and then. Now, suppose the women of Eastern Carolina should say: "These mills are giving employment to our For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. neighbor women and children to whom t is a blessing to have the opportunity of making their own living; and we will wear stockings manufactured in no other mills as long as we can get these home-made articles?"

Such a course would be the means of enlarging every such enterprise within our borders, and before another year should roll by there would be evidence of a prosperity for which we all long and pray, but for which we actually do

While THE COMMONWEALTH is pure ly a secular paper, it comes within its purview to comment an "passing Practices wherever his services are events" of any nature. And sitting in the shadows of a past Thanksgiving Day, some reflections upon its observance might not be misdirected.

> Thanksgiving, as such, is a mere farce as it is kept by most people. The custom, to be sure, is a beautiful one, and no one could rightly question the appropriateness of it; but the manner in which it is generally observed is farcical indeed. The President of the United States every year sends out his Thanksgiving Proclamation, which is right and proper. The Governors of the various States take up the matter and issue a like proclamation which coincides in time with that of the President. The Mayors of towns and cities sometimes do likewise, and all this is well enough. Then service is announced for the various churches throughout the land, and especially in

> the cities and towns. But when the day comes for worship in thanksgiving and alms for the poor, the male population of the cities and towns generally go hunting or on some other frolic and leave the worsnip in thanksgiving and alms to the women and children.

> In a church which has a membership of a third of a thousand sometimes only a third of a hundred male persons may be counted at Thanksgiving service, of whom one-fifth perhaps could be counted boys under eighteen, and the balance of the congregation made

'It would seem that a special thanksgiving service once a year would be as important as a christian man could attend, to prove his faith in the God he begged for the benignity of death, so to serve and the religion in troubled was he, yet he came to be which he professes to trust.

But we did not mean to give such lengthy moral lecture on the farce of pretendedThanksgivingDay. Only let us remark that the unsaved part of humanity would have greater respect and confidence in the Christian religion if men Is the Leading Dining Room in the everywhere would "prove their faith by their works" on Thanksgiving Day.

Unly love for the drunkard makes 1 16 ly righteous batred of the saloon.

BE CONTENT.

AND YET BE DISCONTENT.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

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The wish of men to fly has never yet caused wings to bud, but the wish has been father to numberless thoughts about free movement over the face of the earth, and thus asses, camels, horses, and so forth have been broken to our use, and used until too slow for our hastening spirits. From them we have passed to steam, to electricity, to compressed air, and to other torms of propulsion. Even the flying machine is rapidly nearing a commercial possibili- The savant prayed for power to pierce She is climbing up to my arms-I see ty. Better than the birds who fly, yet needs must rest, our servants carry us, It came, and, dazed, he begged that so that we skim the earth through proxy efforts and eat or sleep or transact business while being flitted from place to place by tireless machinery.

But I do not write this in order to minister to human pride; on the contrary, it is to point a moral for those whose hearts somtimes feel like bursting at being shut away in a narrow alone in your sorrow. Human woes place. I know just how you feel; eager have preceded you by ages and human to do great things, sure that you could wees will last long after time has taken do them if you had a chance, and yet the smart from your own wound. But prevented by conditions that seem cruel in themselves, and more cruel were not your sorrows. Yet, dear one when you see how they are hindering tribulation has its place and its value you. Have patience-at least for five you will yet live to see. In tears are minutes-and let us draw a little in- great sorrows assuaged, in tears are spiration from poor wingless man, who great purposes born, in tears are noble being without powers of flight and yet resolves formed. Rise to live as the desirous of such powers-learning that vanished one would most fondly wish! longing for the boon does not grant him Thus will the dead live again in the his wish-sets his brain to work. Its deeds of good you do, consecrated to the results we know. Like the traveler memory of the lifeless. who scales a cliff by turning this way Bereaved, I fall like a wou and that, the absence of wings is a limitation that has been set aside.

Apply this method to yourself, pin ing and eager one. Mere longing for different circumstances will never bring them. Opportunities are not forced by pulling wish-bones, nor do chances come by chiding fate. Since you can not be in two places at once your place for the present is precisely the place you are in, and if viewed aright you will be loth to change it until you have done your all with it. The most solemn spot in the world for you, is the spot you stand on; for it is your resting place-not some one else's but yours-it is your opportunity to show what a man with limitations can do and can dare. Transported suddenly from where you are doing less than your all-for that must be true if you are grumbling and fuming-to new circumstances that seem ideal, you will still find reasons for discontent. But if where you are, you make a wholesome blending of content and discontentcontent that you know your limitations and discontented to the extent of fitting yourself for wider scope, the time cally certain to come. The waiting

Overworked one, pressed with anxieties and harassed by those who ought to, but do not seem to co-operate with you, calm yourself. You are like a tangled kite, tearing yourself to pieces in a thicket, instead of the eagle you should be, soaring far above. You know full well that the work you are doing needs to de done; that it is laid upon you to do it; and in your heart you try to feel that the man and the task will surely fit. Believe this with your whole heart and little annoyances will assume their proper size. In your calm moments you are thrilled by the things you intend to accomplish during life; multiply your calm moments by sheer exercise of will and your belief in your own purposes will carry you far above petty interruptions. You are in a battle, fight it through. Would you in such a place pay any heed to nettles? When the smoke has rolled away and the dust of conflict settled you shall stand triumphant beneath the silent stars. All of life is solace of those who toil and triumph. has transformed the world with steam,

could wish to meet. Questioning one, do you complain because God is a mystery? Would you have Him as visible as a tree and as

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tangible as a rock? Then He would THE SWEETEST GIFTS OF LOVE. be the one understandable thing in a world of mystery. Your inner details, your outer life, the two natures within you-these are mysteries. The workings of the mind of the one you love, hidden as effectually as a stranger's from your own thought-this is a mystery. The impossibility of a man thoroughly understanding a woman -and vice versa-this is a mystery. Clear out of your daily life, in its simplest details, all that is strange; fathom it all and understand it; then may you raise querulous complainings at the mystery that hedges around the creator of all mysteries.

The prisoner prayed that he might There is nothing to give her save only have some light; It came, and showed him but his sorry plight.

the sky;

he might die. So give us, Lord, such light as suits our mind.

To know not over much nor wander blind.

Bereaved one, weeping bitter tears beside the empty chair, you are not these seem naught to you, for they

From happy heights, to limp along In gloomy vales wherein my song, think, can never more be heard.

And yet; perchance, though stricken And robbed of all I held most dear

Some wiser hand has cast me here To rise to heights undreamt before.

Don't Tank of Your Ills.

"Every one of us has his and her own ailments," writes Edward W. Bok in the December Ladies' Home Journal, decrying the unpleasant habit many people have of discussing their bodily ills. "It is enough for us all to keep land in the spring. well ourselves: to be compelled to listen to the ailments of others does not make that task any easier. Besides all this, these unnecessary narratives of personal ailments are positively injurious to ourselves. Physicians all agree that many of the 'slight illnesses, of which some people make so much, could be cured if they would but take their minds from themselves. Too nesses, or prevent themselves from getof fuller, more satisfactory life is practiling well by talking about a petty ailment, which, it forgotten, would right may be long, but even if long or the itself. I will not say that women, more change forever deferred, you will have than men, are prone to this evil. But as the majority of women have more leisure than the majority of men, they are more likely to let their minds dwell upon every little ill that assails them, and talk about it. It seems to me that one of the most important lessons we can all learn with the close of the year is to refrain from inflicting upon others what is purely personal to ourselves. Let us cease this tiresome, this inconsiderate, this unnecessary talk about our ailments. Cold and hard as it may seem, the fact is nevertheless true, and will ever remain so, that the vast majority of people are interested in what is pleasant in our lives, but sorrows are elements in our lives which the pomp of autumn, the white o are sacred and interesting only to our-

Cocoa Consumption.

Philadelphia Record.

The use of cocoa in Germany during the past 13 years has been largely on the increase, having gained in consumption 315 per cent., while the use not the present harassed moment; of coffee increased only 17 per cent. there remaineth an eventide for the during the same period. It is believed that the consumption of cocoa has not At twenty-five, James Watt, who yet reached its maximum in that

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What shall I give her of beauty and To match the bright curls that she gives me to kiss?

My loye! I have given her that! 'tis Old as her life, though her face is

young;

I have given my darling my heart to With the sweetest songs that my heart has sung!

this-The kiss on the curls that she gives me to kiss!

The light of Heaven in her lovely eyes; Over the face and the life of me Curl on curl in its splendor lies!

Nothing to give her save only this-The kiss on the curls that she gives me to kiss !-FRANK L. STANTON inChristmas Ladies' Home Journal.

Three Bales to the Acre.

A correspondent writes as follows to the New Berne Journal:

I see in an editorial in your paper taken from the North American Review, this startling warning to us who ive in Eastern North Carolina: "And surely it is a mistake for the cotton farmer of N. C., living in a State on the border land of the cotton belt, to try to compete with the Texas farmers in the production of cotton."

Now no doubt the writer of those ines has a vast amount of information on all agricultural questions and the masses without investigation accepts bold assertions for well authent facts. And with not a tithe of that information, I wish to make a bold assertion and say to the Review and its many readers that, when the last cotton grower in the United States 18 starved to death by low prices he will die in Eastern North Carolina, and his interment will be in either Craven or Pamlico counties.

Cotton has been grown in Pamlico county at a cost of one cent a pound in the seed delivered at the gin some years

Cotton has been housed this year in Crayen a bale to the acre, tollowing a

Twenty-three bales have been gathsımılar instance.

is a fool to attempt to compete with tives. many people work themselves into ill- Texas in cotton growing or in anything BETTER STILL.

> Since writing the above I have been reliably informed that a man in Pamlico county has made twelve bales of

Sunny Rooms Make Sunny Lives.

cotton on four acres this season.

Let us take the airiest, choicest and sunniest room in the house, says the Home, for our living room-the workshop where brain and body are built up and rewarded; and there let us have a bay window, no matter how plain in structure, through which the good twin angels-sunlight and pure air-can freely enter. This window shall be the poem of the house. It shall give freedom and scope to sunsets, the tender green and changing not in what is unpleasant. Pains and tints of spring, the glow of summer, winter, storm and sunshine, glimmer and gloom-all these we can enjoy as we sit in our sheltered room, as the changing years roll on. Dark rooms bring depression of spirits, imparting sense of confinement, of isolation, of powerlessness, which is chilling to energy and vigor, but in light is good cheer. Even in a gloomy louse where the walls are dingy brown, you have but to take down the dingy curcurtains open wide the window, hang brackets on either side, set flower pots on the brackets and ivy in the pots, and let the warm air stream in,

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Birds are usually merry creatures, but the birds that build play houses crop of truck grown on the same for their own enjoyment must be of a peculiarly sportive nature. A tew years ago a gentleman who was bunting in ered from twenty-one acres and several the wilds of New Guinea made acbales yet to be picked out and in another quaintance with these birds and their play-houses. He found himself in With corn and bacon for his house- front of a neatly built cabin about a hold, and forage for his team as most foot and a half high, in the midst of a of them have in abundance, the East- meadow of rich green mosses studded ern North Carolina farmer can bear with flowers. The cabin was much with patience any insinuation that he better made than the huts of the na-

> A flat piece of ground, on which grew a small tree about the size of a light walking-stick, had been chosen, and upon it the cabin was erected, with the little tree for its centre post. Stems of an air-plant which would live and grow after they had been built into the structure formed the walls and roof, and fluttered their tiny leaves about the doorway that led to the garden, where bright flowers and gaily colored berries and the feathers of beautiful birds lay scattered about.

It was not till afterward that the intruder learned that the designers of the tiny playhouse and pleasure-grounds were little birds.

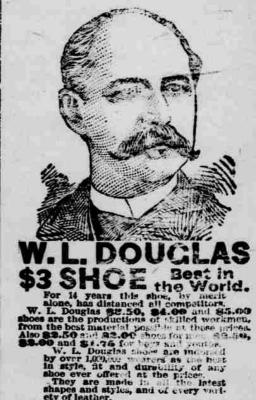
First cousins to the gardner-birds, says Mr. J. Carter Beard in Popular Science News, are the bower-birds of Australia. These birds build bowers n which they meet to dance and frolic. The walls are strongly formed of twigs and small branches woven together, Send for Catalogue and Prices. and the whole structure is covered with layer of beautiful grasses.

The playhouses are further ornanented inside and out with shells, shining pebbles, gay scraps, little bones, and skalls of wild birds bleached white, together with the green and gold and scarlet feathers of parrots.

After the male birds have built the arbors they leave their little mates to lecorate them, which they do with great zest, often flying miles to find some glittering object that suits their taste. When all is completed the birds repair to the bower to enjoy themselves as if in a ball-room, bowing and dancing, turning about and chasing each good dry wood, so that no trouble may other up and down in a whirl of sport-

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