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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.
Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.
Two weeks ago we printed a sketch of Joseph Leiter's wheat deals whereby he made his millions.

And now it comes to light, through Prof. Koch's investigation on the subject of malaria, that the bite of the mosquito carries with it a danger much more serious than the bite itself.

Speaking for the Democratic party, THE COMMONWEALTH would urge that all candidates for the suffrage of the people this year be what the word implies.

The Charlotte News recently made the following observation upon a passing event:
In the war excitement, we are about to overlook the fact that the capital of China is to be changed from Peking to Shen Fu.

Mr. John L. Williams, a banker of Richmond, Va., recently wrote a letter to the Manufacturers' Record in Baltimore concerning the dangers of conquest for our nation.

"I believe this country has a great work to perform in the world's history, but what bitter experience may be needed to rid us of our follies and political vices remains to be seen.

"Should we arm ourselves for aggressive warfare, will we then be content, having done all things to stand?" Without the restraining and controlling spirit and power of the Gospel, why should we not rise and culminate and go down like other 'giant figures of empire' before us?

Mr. John Bevins, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance.

OUR NATIONAL OPPORTUNITY.
"RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTETH A NATION"
Present-Day Thoughts.
BY "NEMO."

Shall we continue along the line of the closing thought of last week's letter? It was that the end of the war will leave us with a very much extended horizon of duty and opportunity and temptation.

But we are hereafter to be more closely watched by the great nations of the earth; and no longer with mere curiosity and idle surmises as to the durability of our experiment in self-government.

Our temptation will be to play our part in that concert, guided by the actions of those to our right or to our left, instead of by the motions of the great conductor before whom the greatest nations are merely,

"Vilant dust that builds on dust."
Our temptation will be to plume ourselves on fighting ability, and interpret it into a guarantee of permanency; measuring ourselves foolishly by the standards of other nations that have risen by material things, lived by them, and perished by them.

Our temptation will be to descend to the aggrandizing methods of less compact nations--to take a hand in the game of grab--and call it statesmanship; unmindful that a "far-flung battle-line" thins out energy and makes wounding easy.

These are some of thy temptations; O, nation that has been led up into an exceedingly high place! The world with all its glory lies beneath. If hungry, thou hast it in thy power to stoop and eat the bread of pride that satisfieth not.

Our new opportunities will be reversals of our temptations. It is ours to refuse imitation of the untrue, trivial evil doings of neighbors whose moral education has been less than our own.

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we are what we are, by the grace of God, a nation with an individuality peculiar to itself, made so by the experiences it has encountered. From the homes of our toilers, in field and in factory; from the patient hearts of mothers and the strong efforts of our men, may go up a harmony that will be our contribution to the concert of the Lord of Hosts.

Our opportunity is to show that we find no occasion for boasting no matter how great our contribution to the cause of human liberty. It is ours to show a national belief in the greatness of humility. It is ours to live out this belief so effectually that others whose opportunities for a great unselfish act have been rarer, may not from our mouthings grow either discouraged or disgusted.

These times are big with fate. Generations of men yet unborn, will arise to praise or condemn us, according to whether we take actions that disintegrate or bind together. Next week let us in kindly spirit discuss the Anglo-American alliance question.

Two Ways of Looking at Things.
"It is a pity that more of us cannot cultivate the twofold way of looking at things," writes Edward W. Bok in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

"We cannot see all things in the same way, but we can come near to justice and true respect by taking a twofold view of things while still retaining our strong individual views.

A Missouri orator is said by an exchange to have gotten off the following: "We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes, low valleys and low wages, big crooked rivers and big crooked statesmen, big lakes, big strikes, big drunks, big pumpkin heads, silver streams that gambol in the mountains and pious politicians who gamble in the night, roaring cataracts and roaring orators, fast horses and fast young men and girls, fast, faster, fastest sharp-lawyers, sharp financiers, and sharpened shoes, noisy children, fertile plains that lie like sheets of water, and thousands of newspapers that lie like thunder!"

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FALLING OF THE STARS.
MURAT HALSTEAD RECALLS A GREAT EVENT OF HIS BOYHOOD.
He Tells in Picturesque Language of What he Saw on a Night in 1833, When he Was Only Four Years Old.

I am of the few who can speak as eyewitnesses of "the night of the falling of the stars," Nov. 12-13, 1833. Those who beheld the wonders of that time were dazed by the awful splendors and long spoke of them as of some majestic, supernatural vision. My age was four years and two months, my point of observation a valley in southwestern Ohio.

My father the day before the memorable night had "killed a mess of young squirrels," and out of the deference to me, had not shot them as a marksman should--through the head--for my favorite diet was squirrels' brains.

The hour was after midnight, and how long the stars had been falling, could not be ascertained. It was very good of my parents to think it worth while to have me take part as a witness of the tremendous illumination just to see whether I could remember it as long as I lived.

Special attention was given to pointing things out for me to fix in my memory, and the amazing scene is before me now, though that was long before photography. I do not recollect that I looked westward at all. Observation of the east fascinated me, and I do not think I turned my face in any other direction. There were innumerable lines of light drawn as if by invisible pencils with points of fire; strangely straight lines sweeping from near the zenith to the horizon.

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comet had exploded and our world was whirling through the dust left floating in the abyss of space was not at once evolved, and it was sometime before our weekly papers mentioned that there had been other startling showers of meteors; that this thing happened several times and might and probably would again.

It was a relief to the watchers--my eyes were soon weary of the fireworks, and so I have only hearsay for it--when the first cold white, then rosy, light of morning came, and it was seen the hills had not skipped, and that the brooks babbled on in their accustomed way, and the chickens that had cackled and crowed and given signs of apprehension on their roosts, came down and found the earth as they had left it the evening before, and the farmer set forth as usual to husk corn in the fields.

When the evening shades fell once more, the yell of the meteors had vanished, and there were gladness and gratitude that the majestic overhanging firmament was still there, fretted with the golden fires of the familiar stars.

Justice Brewer Cited Bunyan.
Washington Dispatch.
Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was cited by Justice Brewer in the Supreme Court to-day. Merene county, Ky., sought to repudiate a grant of \$125,000 of bonds made to the Louisville Southern Railroad Company on the ground that the railway had not been completed "through" the county, but came short two miles of reaching from one county line to the other.

Therefore the Court decided that the bonds should be paid.
North Carolina Strawberries.
Wilmington Messenger.
The strawberry season along the Atlantic Coast Line having closed several days ago, the record of the movement has been made up and it shows that shipment was 265,615 crates, or 8,499,680 quarts. The estimated average price netted for berries was 8 cents per quart, and the money value of the crop \$697,974.40.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor wretch, gave it to me, I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me.

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Payne's Grave in Tunis.
London Sketch.
One of the strangest sights in the strange town of Tunis is the old Christian cemetery. Few American tourists fail to visit it, and none leave it without a look at the grave of the author of "Home, Sweet Home."

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There is a certain appropriateness about the fact that the author of the exile's most pathetic anthem should have died so many thousand miles away from home. There are other graves in the cemetery, some of them with quaint inscriptions. James Dodge, an American charge d'affaires, who died at Tunis in 1806, has this piece of doggerel on his slab:

A wit's a feather, and a chief's a rod;
An honest man's the noblest work of God.
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