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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The money spent by travelers to Europe every year is enormous. It has been found by even an imperfect estimate that over two hundred and thirty million of dollars are spent annually in this European travel.

From some observations made personally and from what others say, we believe that the farmers of Eastern Carolina are planting and raising more cornfield peas than they have ever done before.

From the most careful observations we have been able to make, the country is more hopeful than for sometime.

Manufacturing of all kinds is prospering, mining in the United States has done much more this year than last and the forecast is made already that there will be much gain next year over this year, even.

Judging from newspaper reports and other sources of information, one would conclude that most of the female colleges are fitted up quite handsomely.

But we question the wisdom of such outlay and expenditure further than for the necessary comfort of school girls. In many cases the appointments in such schools are more than necessary and reach the point of real elegance.

Now, it is a question whether it is wise to surround a girl from a home of modest and moderate comforts with so much elegance and ease.

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THE HOME POET.

A GLIMPSE AT ROBERT BURNS.

Scotland's Greatest Bard.

William Howitt asked a Scotch farmer at the birthplace of Burns, "Can you explain to me what it is that makes Burns such a favorite with you here in Scotland?" "I can tell," said he, "what it is. It is because he had the heart of a man in him. He was all heart and all man; and there is nothing, at least in a poor man's experience, either bitter or sweet, which can happen to him but a line of Burns springs into his mouth and gives him courage and comfort if he needs it. It is like a second Bible."

Burns never traveled beyond the limits of his native land, except in a brief tour as far as Newcastle in England. He resided for a short time in Edinburgh. Aside from this the range of his life was limited to five different homes, from Ayr to Dumfries, where he died. But he was a striking illustration of Emerson's remark to the effect that it is needless to travel, since if you stay at home all the world will come to your own door-step.

Says Service: "His claim to be considered the first of song writers is hardly disputed. It is a claim which rests upon scores of lyrics, each of which might be cited as an instance of lyrical passion at its best and highest."

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable.

WHO IS FATHER?

IS NOT OFTEN LOOKED FOR.

He Is Of No Account.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "What was the name of George Washington's father?" The person addressed was nonplussed. He knew all about Mary Washington and Lawrence, the brother of George, and Martha Washington, the "mother of her country." He knew, too, that George had a father, must have had a father, but if the old gentleman had ever been anything or done anything to deserve remembrance at the hands of the people who have made almost a demigod of his son, the questioner could not remember it.

The ideal is the best part of our work. No sermon is so good as the one that escaped the preacher in his study. No painting is so fine as the one whose evanescent colors the artist could never catch upon his canvas, though they swung as ghosts of clouds in the sky of his mind.

In taking an inventory of our age we should reckon our dreams, and the dreamers of them, as our best possession; for they are the surer of the future. What the age to come will be is determined by what this age dreams.

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During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to break it severely.

Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

THE BLUE BACK SPELLER.

John R. Morris in Charlotte Observer.

Why quiet there upon the shelf, Old Blue Back, since I chat, myself, Of time when sleeping, 'neath my head, You slept upon my little bed?

No fact of life had more import Than when o'er town I spread report That from old Blue Back, and its maker, I'd learned at last to spell old "baker."

Ab, boys, we ne'er knew what it meant Yet with that word we were content, For when we great and wise would be We'd simply say, bronchotomy.

And fables, too,—one less than eight, Old Blue Back did to us relate, Each pointing moral to live on When old school boys are dead and gone.

There, pictured on old Blue Back's page Stern villagers, in hasty rage, Dog Tray with violence assault For what we're told was Tiger's fault.

When boy, I wept that Tray, misled, Till from the villagers he fled, Should, in old Tiger's company found, Be so disgraced o'er little town.

Yet, since I put Blue Back on shelf, I, in the struggle for world's pelf, Just as before, each day and morrow, Have laughing joy and weeping sorrow.

Has made my sorrow sorer, deeper, And, somehow, laughter seems to lack The ring that rang o'er old Blue Back Since early poverty designed That I'd ne'er classic knowledge find, 'Twas well, old Blue Back, that I knew Some times kept 'tween your lids of blue.

THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF DREAMERS.

Frank Crane, in Saturday Evening Post.

Few realize the immense effect of the imagination upon the material realities of life. Not only those who follow fads, those who are subject to superstitions, those who suffer fancied ailments, and those who are healed by faith, but all the rest of the world, even the most matter-of-fact men and women, owe their progress or their degradation, and the main portion of their joys and sorrows, to their imaginative faculty.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:15 p. m., leaves Sanford 1:30 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:45 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 5:50 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6:50 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettville Branch—Train leaves Bennettville 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:20 a. m., Red Springs 9:53 a. m., Hope Mills 10:42 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 10:55 a. m. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., Hope Mills 4:55 p. m., Red Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:15 p. m., arrives Bennettville 7:15 p. m.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:35 p. m., Halifax 4:15 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Washington Branch leave (Washington) 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parme 9:10 a. m. and 4:50 p. m., returning leave Parme 9:35 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:40 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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