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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Almost-forgotten Tom Watson, of Georgia, is said to have written and published a most attractive and instructive history of the French Revolution. Mr. Watson is said to have looked at life with great sincerity and earnestness all through; and the confidence which even his political opponents had in his character, commends to good consideration anything he might speak or write.

William Jennings Bryan is without doubt a wonderful man. He has been before the American people for five years.

Almost every day his name, his speeches or his writings have been in the public prints, and there is still a freshness about whatever he says or writes. He is truly a student of passing events and loses no opportunity to inform himself on whatever will be helpful in placing his views clearly and forcibly before the people.

The riot reported from New York recently over the killing of a policeman by a negro, gives the world a sort of birds-eye view of how empty and meaningless are the prattings of some northern people about their peculiar love for the colored race. If that policeman had been killed by a white man the hue and cry would not have been half so fierce. And it may be that the same would have been true if it had occurred in North Carolina, or any other Southern State, but the Northern press would have made much more ado about it than it has.

The truth is, the South is the best home for the colored people and the white people are their best friends.

Some intelligent and observing gentlemen were discussing in our presence a few days ago the power of money, and how people generally regard the man who is gifted at money-making alongside the man who is not so gifted. These gentlemen all agreed that the tendency to make money the standard of a man's excellence is growing. Many people who ought to have better sense have come to regard men purely by their power to make money. This is true with many people who stand high in church circles. They forget many nobler qualities when the special gift at money-making is lacking in a man's make-up.

Now and then a man without the money-making power holds his own in but the broad estimation of all but where you find one such case you will find hundreds of others who are just as worthy absolutely disregarded by the crowd that is called the "business world."

Among the most widely known men of the times is Cecil Rhodes. He has grown upon the world with developments in South Africa, and has done more there than is permitted to one in ten thousand to do in a life time. Cecil Rhodes has been a most unique character for years. He was a dreamer at first, but many of his dreams have come to be realities.

Once we heard a great preacher speak to a great audience on "the dreaming young man," and the speaker said that the brighter the dreams the more will the young man accomplish.

Cecil Rhodes had bright dreams, and from his first possession in diamond mines in South Africa he saw his horizon lift; and it has continued to expand until he is now a man of worldwide fame and great possessions. He is said to be a close reader of the Bible.

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TRAITS OF CHARACTER.

The Tendency of All People to Follow Ancestral Lines.

SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

London Spectator.

We wonder from an acute interest in history, whether the character of any nationality strong enough to have one ever has changed. It is a most perplexing question. On the one hand the people who are best known, and who have kept themselves most secluded from the world—the French—have scarcely changed at all. They are the Gauls as Caesar knew them. Our people, too are in all essentials very like the Saxons, though more receptive as men become when they are educated and prosperous in life. We seem to see also that the Greeks of to-day are very like the Greeks of the time of Pericles though the extinction of the aristocracy of Attica, with its perfectly separate intellectual powers and the perception of the beautiful, such as has never been granted to others of the sons of men, confuses and blurs the vision. On the other hand, it is difficult to discern the fierce energy of the Norsemen, who conquered Western France, Britain, and Sicily, and Constantinople and probably Russia, either in the sentimental Scandinavians or the solid Germans of the Baltic shore.

And there are keen observers who maintain—the late Mr. Mutton was one of them—that the Jew having become from the least impressionable of mankind the one who takes most readily the impress of those among whom he dwells. For ourselves we doubt that opinion perceiving all the through Jewish history a tendency in the people to be unduly impressed by foreign feeling first by the Syrians, then by the Babylonians, then by the Greeks and now by all the nations of the world, yet retaining amidst it all the deep and separate stamp which divides them from mankind.

On the whole as he looks at the facts and remembers how completely some faces have been swept away or absorbed by others inferior—the Roman patriarchs, for example, and the brilliant slaveholders of Attica—we incline to the belief that wherever the blood is tolerably pure national character is nearly unchangeable, the belief that it alters arising like the Boer belief in British cowardice from a misreading of temporary circumstances.

There is an exception when religious belief has changed. Christianity, Mohammedanism and even Protestantism modify the very roots of character, so that Saul develops into Paul and Pagan pirates throw up saint and scholar but nothing else much effects a race which is not crossed. Study a little the Eoers families which came from the Huguenots, or the Dutch families of New York, and you will, we think, be convinced no external pressure however sharp or continuous, ever quite eradicates national character, and the English have for centuries been subjected to no pressure at all. They have been coddled into softness, you say, but read any true history of the suppression of the Indian mutiny or of the present war and you will reconsider that opinion. Iron can be hardened, and polished, and melted, and wrought, but when all is done it remains iron, and neither becomes putty nor gold.

Pigs Carried Life-Like.

The Australian coasting steamer Kameruka, while going from Eden to Sydney, travelling at full speed, struck on a reef at Moruya Head. There being no rockets on the ship the captain formed part of the cargo, and had the animals put overboard. The pigs swam to the shore, taking the lines with them, and by establishing communication every soul on board was rescued.

To Get Rid Of Flies.

People in the country who are annoyed by flies should remember that clusters of the fragrant clover, which grows abundantly by nearly every roadside, if hung in the room and left to dry and shed its faint fragrant perfume through the air, will drive away more flies than sticky saucers of molasses and other fly-traps and fly-papers can ever collect.

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"What can you do?" asked the man of millions.

"I should like some sort of clericalship."

"Well, sir, I will take your name and address, and should we have anything of the kind open, will correspond with you."

As he passed out, he remarked to his waiting companion, "You can go in and leave your address."

The other presented himself and his papers.

"What can you do?" was asked.

"I can do anything that a green hand can do, sir," was the reply.

The magnate touched a bell, which called a superintendent.

"Have you anything to put a man to work at?"

"We want a man to sort scrap-iron," replied the superintendent.

And the college graduate went to sorting scrap-iron.

One week passed, and the president meeting the superintendent, asked, "How is the new man getting on?"

"Oh," said the boss, "he did his work so well, and never watched the clock, that I put him over the gang."

In one year this man had reached the head of a department and an advisory position with the management at a salary represented by four figures, while his whitom companion was "clerk" in a livery-stable, washing harness and carriages.

Solid Growth Of The South.

North America Review.

Only a decade ago the south suffered as no section ever suffered from a boom craze. It was said that there were enough corner lots laid out between the Potomac and the Gulf of Mexico to stumpy every man, woman and child in the United States, and even to-day it is possible to find the remains of avenues and the sites of proposed great buildings on farms that have quit the dreams of city life and settled back to agricultural life. Of course, the usual reaction came, but the effect of the organized exaggeration long remained. So, when the more drastic consequences of the boom era passed away, there remained a disposition to use some of the old boom methods in announcing the new results. In course of time the statements had to be discounted, but gradually the trade papers and business organizations of the south have come to present the facts more reliably and with better satisfaction to the country at large. The consequence is that the reports of great gains in southern industries are now reliable. They mean a vast increase in the wealth and activity of that marvellously rich section. The new enterprise combines northern capital with southern cooperation, and the southerners themselves now have the money to build mills and the experience to operate them. Many of the southern states have increased their riches several times over since the war, and at no period in all their history were they making one-half as much money as they are today. Along with this increase is the betterment of the school system, which means additional impetus to the new generation. Thousands of churches are being built, cities and towns are being improved, new and larger residences, with all the modern appliances, are being constructed. The south is not only realizing a new life, but is thoroughly enjoying the prosperity that goes with it.

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A DOG'S SAGACITY.

How He Obeyed At Once.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Mr. Rawley walked in and close at his heels stalked Bitters. Both seated themselves; the one on a chair, the other on a stool, directly in front of the surrogate. Mr. Jagger looked at the dog with the solemn eye of a surrogate, and shook his head as only a surrogate can shake it.

"Are you the witness?" inquired he of the dog's master.

"I am, sir," replied Mr. Rawley. "I was subpoenaed to testify."

"What's that animal doing here?" demanded the surrogate.

"Nothing," replied Mr. Rawley. "He comes when I come. He goes when I go."

"The animal must leave the court. It's contempt of court to bring him here," said Mr. Jagger, angrily. "Remove him instantly."

Mr. Rawley had frequently been in attendance at the police court, and once or twice had a slight taste of the sessions; so that he was not much struck with the surrogate as he otherwise might have been; and he replied:

"I make no opposition, sir; and shall not raise a finger to prevent it. There's the animal; and any officer as pleases may remove him. I say nuffin ag'in it. I knows what a contempt of court is; and that ain't one." Mr. Rawley threw himself amiably back in his chair.

"Mr. Slagg!" said the surrogate to the man with a frizzled wig, "remove the dog."

Mr. Slagg laid down his pen, took off his spectacles, went up to the dog, and told him to get out; to which Bitters replied by snapping at his fingers as he attempted to touch him. Mr. Rawley was staring abstractedly out of the window. The dog looked up at him for instructions, and, receiving none, supposed that snapping at a scrivener's fingers was perfectly correct, and resumed his pleasant expression towards that functionary, occasionally casting a lowering eye at the surrogate as if deliberating whether to include him in his demonstrations of anger.

"Slagg, have you removed the dog?" said Mr. Jagger, who, the dog being under his very nose, saw that he had not.

"No, sir; he resists the court," replied Mr. Slagg.

"Call Walker to assist you," said Mr. Jagger.

Walker, a thin man in drabs, had anticipated something of the kind, and had accidentally withdrawn as soon as he saw that there was a prospect of difficulty; so that the whole court was set at defiance by the dog.

"Witness!" said Mr. Jagger.

Mr. Rawley looked the court full in the face.

"Will you oblige the court by removing that animal?" said Mr. Jagger mildly.

"Certainly, sir," said Mr. Rawley "Bitters, go home." Bitters rose stiffly and went out, first casting a glance at the man with the wig, for the purpose of being able to identify him on some future occasion, and was soon after seen from the window walking up the street with the most profound gravity.—John T. Irving.

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Ladies' Home Journal. It is better to be frankly dull than pedantic.

One must guard one's self from the temptation of "talking shop" and of riding one's "hobby."

Whatever sets one apart as a capital "I" should be avoided.

A joke or humorous story is dependent upon its freshness for appreciation. Some emotions will not bear "warming over."

It is no longer considered good form to say a word against any one. All-natured criticism is a social blunder. Gossip, too, is really going out of fashion.

True wit is a gift, not an attainment. Those who use it aright never yield to the temptation of saying anything that can wound another in order to exhibit their own cleverness. It is natural and spontaneous. "He who runs after wit is apt to catch nonsense."

Talk that has heartiness in it and the liveliness and sparkle that come of light-heartedness and innocent gaiety, is a fairly good substitute for wit.

Offer to each one who speaks the homage of your undivided attention. Look people in the face when you talk to them.

Talk of things, not persons. The best substitute for wisdom is silence. It is a provincialism to say "yes, sir," "no, ma'am" to one's equal.

Have convictions of your own. Be yourself and not a mere echo.

Never ask leading questions. We should show curiosity about the concerns of others only so far as it may gratify them to tell us.

Draw out your neighbor without catechizing him. Correct him, if necessary, without contradicting him. Avoid mannerisms.

Strive to be natural and at ease. The nervousness that constricts itself under affected vivacity should be controlled, as should the loud laugh.

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