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THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The Schley controversy seems to be at an end. Schley appealed to the President and the President has answered. He agrees with the court of inquiry, and even goes further and says less for Schley than the court said. He says the battle at Santiago was a battle of captains and not of ship commanders.

The enthusiasm for good roads has become general, so much so that it might almost be called a fad. It has been engaging the attention of the Governor of Virginia of late. But if it is a fad, "goodness knows," as the old-timers would say, it is one fad that has not struck too soon. If there is anything the people of North Carolina need now next to what it takes to keep soul and body together, it is some improvement in roads. Agitation is a great thing when it is properly done, and we hope some good may come of it, for we need good roads.

"One of the most salient features of to-day's Southern progress in manufacturing, mining, railroading and commerce," writes Edward Ingle in the Twentieth Anniversary Number of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, "is its realization of dreams of Southern men of fifty and more years ago. When the strivings of the fathers are recalled, when their records still surviving are scanned, when the lines of present achievements are followed back to their origins, the conviction is clear that the spirit of the South of 1902 is identically the spirit of the South of 1850 and earlier. Circumstances have changed. A great load has been lifted. Obstacles of many kinds which had made almost insurmountable have disappeared. Ambitions and energies, no whit reduced in force, have been permitted to follow channels leading most directly to all that makes a country substantial and progressive. The South is well on its way to settlement in the Promised Land, viewed longingly, though vainly, from afar by the elders, who, unable to go forward, in spite of their courage, were given visions of the route and the inspiration to map them accurately for these that were to follow. Reading after them, appreciating their hopes as revealed in speeches and writing, and studying their efforts and their accomplishment, one cannot fail to recognize in the far-sightedness of their imagination, without which no notable advance may be made in any field, in their instinct to make their section mighty through a balancing of agriculture, industry and trade, and in their broad-minded desire to place the South in the relation to the whole country and the civilized world justified by its wonderful stores of natural wealth, the unchanged characteristics of Southern workers, who are now winning success and bringing the attainments of their section into due proportion with those of other parts of the country."

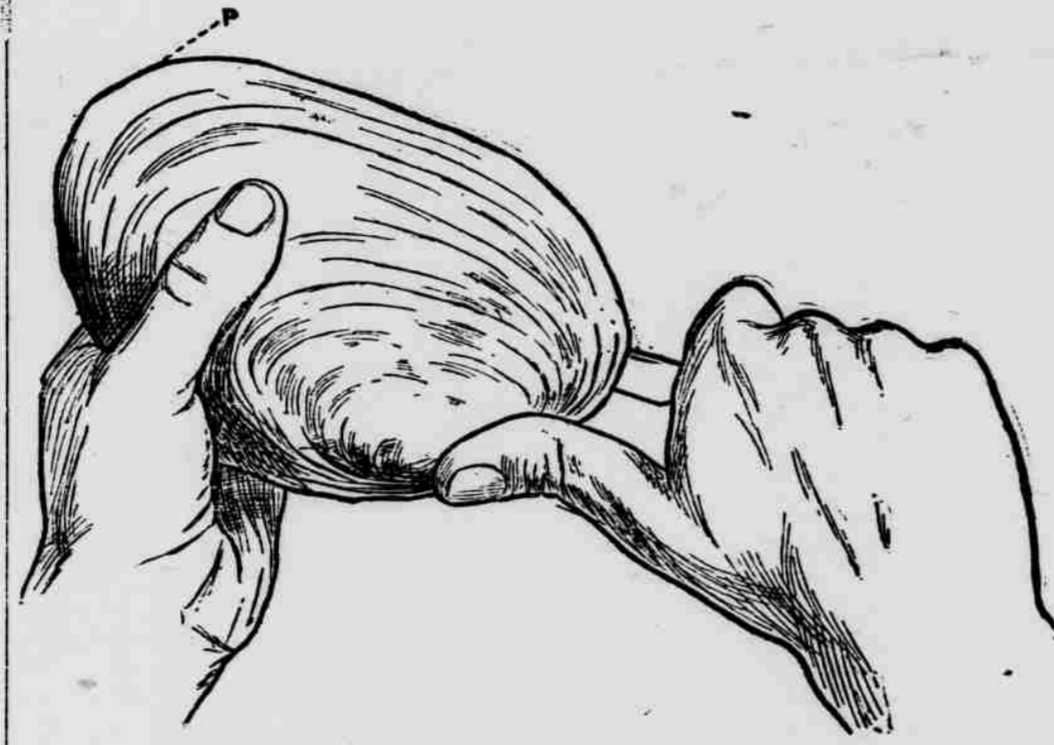
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PEARLS

How to Find And How to Value Them.

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SECTION II.



HOW TO OPEN A SHELL.

Introduce blade at point shown in illustration. Press down. This cuts one ligament. With large shells it is necessary to introduce the blade in the other end of the shell near the hinge and cut the other ligament before the shell can be opened. Keep the knife blade away from the point "P" as far as possible, by keeping it near the hinge of the shell.

Usually the pearls are seen as soon as the inside of the shell fish is examined with the eyes. They appear either perfectly plain in view or partly shining through a small watery blister. Generally they are in the outside transparent part or mantle of the flesh near the shell. If no pearl is seen, examine the flesh thoroughly with your thumb, as before directed.

The best pearls are found in the point of the shell near the part marked P in the illustrations. Pearls found in the flesh through this part of the two halves of the shell are usually of better shape and brighter lustre than those found in any other part of the shell. Many pearls which have little or no lustre and of numberless queer shapes, but almost no value are found near the hinge. Occasionally somewhat better ones are found under the ligament where it is fastened to the shell. Sometimes fine ones are found attached to the shell. Do not break such off, but send the whole shell with pearl attached. The better shaped ones are found in the flesh near the outer edge or lip of the shell.

As before stated, those which are found nearest the point are most apt to be brightest. For this reason you should use care in opening the shell so that the edge of the knife blade may not touch a pearl, should one be found at this spot. (See illustrations.) You should also use great care in opening the shells so that the best pearls may not be lost. Pearls are often lost when opened while you are standing in the water, or when the shells are carelessly examined and thrown aside. Do not let a small fortune slip through your fingers because of a little carelessness.

After the flesh is examined as directed, the shell is thrown aside and a new one is opened and examined in the same manner. This is continued with patience, remembering that while every ten to fifty shells contain some sort of worthless pearl, that only about one in every thousand contains a salable pearl, and only one in ten salable pearls is of much value. But as a man can open from 1,500 to 5,000 per day it is readily to be seen that the work is quite remunerative.

Remember that the value is not in the trash found every few minutes, but is in the occasional fine pearl, which it takes a few days to find, but which brings money enough to pay for weeks or months of labor. Remember, also, that while a man may work for several days and obtain no reward, the next shell may bring him from five to one thousand dollars. I knew a boy whose find of many small pearls amounted to \$680.00 in three weeks. The next three weeks he worked in the same spot and had only one 50-cent pearl. Many \$1,000.00 pearls are found each year, and vast numbers of \$100.00 ones. I lately paid \$1,125.00 for a pearl. Perseverance wins in all things. Nothing is obtained without labor.

You will find that pearl search will pay you an average of fully three times as much as any other form of labor, while the season lasts. It is well to get several others to go to the river with you at the same time, because when a dozen or more go at once some one of us is sure to find a good pearl in a few hours. The sight of this pearl will encourage the others to keep at it until they get their first pearl. After that they are sure that good ones are there, and each day and season will return to the river to win a rich reward.

Remember, also, that the work can be done in odd days and at odd hours and even when no other work offers. It requires no tools and no experience—just the least bit of patience. For this reason the gentler sex make excellent fishermen. In many localities women constantly search the streams and daily send valuable pearls to the market.

If you favor me at any time by a visit to my office (and I shall welcome you) I will show you among many other interesting things some photographs of a stream in Arkansas. These were taken just after several thousand dollar pearls had been discovered in a few days. In these photographs there are over five hundred people searching in the shallow water, which varies from a few inches to three feet in depth. Standing in this water, you will see people from a small black negro boy to the best dressed and wealthiest men and women of the community. They include the president of the local band, and the wife and daughter of the Circuit Judge of that Judicial Circuit. I daily receive many, many dollars' worth of pearls from that spot, and its output has been increasing year by year. Your locality may prove as good. Give it a good trial.

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The Red Days Far Exceed the Black.

AMELIA E. BARR.

This poem was a favorite of the late James W. Tufts, at whose funeral it was read.

I said one day a year ago,
I wonder if I truly kept
A list of days when life burnt low,
Of days I smiled and days I wept—
If good or bad would highest mount,
When I made up the Year's account.

I took a ledger fair and fine,
And now, I said, when days are glad,
I'll write with bright red ink the line:
And write with black ink when they are bad.

So they will stand before my sight
As clean apart as day and night.
I will not mind the changing skies,
Nor if it shine, nor if it rain;
But if there come some sweet surprise
Of friendship, love, or honest gain,
Why, then, is shall be understood,
That day is written down as good.

And if to one I love
A blessing meets them on the way,
That will be a double pleasure prove,
So shall it be a happy day;
And if some day I've come to dread,
Pass harmless by—I'll write it red.

When hands and brain stand labor's test,
And I can do the thing I would,
Those days when I am at my best,
Shall all be traced as very good.

And in red letters, too, I'll write
Those rare strong hours when
right is right.

When first I meet in some grand book,
A noble soul that touches mine,
And with his vision I can look
Through some "Gates Beautiful" of time;

That day such happiness will shed,
That golden-lined will seem the red.

And when pure thoughts have power
To touch my heart and dim my eyes,
And I, in some diviner hour,
Can hold sweet converse with the skies,

Oh, then my soul may softly write,
"This day hath been most good
and bright."

What do I see on looking back?
A red-lined book before me lies,
With here and there a thread of black,
That like a passing shadow flies;
A shadow, it must be confessed,
That often rose in my own breast.

And I have found 'tis good to note
The blessings that are mine each day,

For happiness is vainly sought
In some dim future far away.
Just try my ledger for a year;
Then look with grateful wonder
back,
And you will find—there is no fear—
The red days far exceed the black.

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"I am 42 years of age, and have had catarrh of the head for over half of my life, as a result of scarlet fever, followed by typhoid fever. I got so bad that I was almost constantly coughing and clearing my throat. The cough greatly impaired my eyesight, and the hearing in one ear, and reduced my weight to 110 pounds.

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In Dr. Edward Everett Hale's "Memories of a Hundred Years," now appearing as a serial in The Outlook, he tells an amusing story about Monroe's visit to Harvard in 1817:

The President, as soon as he was in trade and knew nothing about it," arrayed himself to see the commercial States, and even to cross the new-born West and show himself to the people who were creating a nation there. In my boyhood, this journey of his, which began on the 31st day of May, 1817 and did not end until October of the same year, was called "The President's Progress." Washington's similar journey in 1791 was always called "Washington's Progress."

There is a little touch of burlesque when one reads that President Monroe arrayed himself in the old buff and blue of the Revolution with an old-fashioned three-cornered soldier's hat. There is just a touch of absurdity about this, because his military exploits were, of his whole life, the enterprises which his friends would have most gladly forgotten.

There is a good Harvard tradition which I may put in print without hurting anybody. At a meeting of the little college faculty in the year 1817, it was announced that Blank a spruced senior, must be "suspended." I supposed his marks were not high enough, or his attendance at chapel had been irregular. Dear, courteous, kindly Dr. Kirkland, who was the President, was supposed to be dozing in his chair as the march of college government went forward; but at this proposal to suspend Blank he roused to life and activity. "Send away Blank, when Monroe is coming? Who will command my Harvard Washington Corps when the President visits the College?" The Harvard Washington Corps was the military establishment of the college boys at that time. Dr. Kirkland could put his foot down when he chose. And so it chanced that Blank was retained in college and that the Harvard Washington Corps, which he commanded, presented arms at the proper time and in the proper way to the President of the United States. And so it happened that, fifty years after, Harvard University received a very important and very expensive new building from an alumnus who on that day commanded the Harvard Washington Corps.

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