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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

A most intelligent and well-read gentleman said to us recently that profanity is certainly an ugly habit. He confessed to having fallen into the habit now and then himself, but deplored it in any one. This is the correct view to take of it; and it more people of real intelligence would think of it and speak of it as this well-read gentleman did, the habit would come into such disfavor that decent men would stop it altogether.

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The Raleigh Evening Times gives the following information concerning some bills that are to be introduced in the coming Legislature:

For Compulsory Education.
"It is learned from Editor Z. P. Smith, of the national organ of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Raleigh, that a bill will be introduced in the North Carolina Legislature, providing for compulsory education. He says the sentiment among the laboring men is in favor of such a law, and that the Legislature will be given a chance to put itself on record in the matter. The order is absolutely non-partisan. He says a bill will also be introduced, placing the American flag over every school-house. Such bills will also be introduced in the Tennessee Legislature and other states, where the order has strength. As he put it, 'The order is behind these measures. It is getting together.'"

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EDITOR MARSHALL of the Gastonia Gazette runs a query and answer column in which he answers questions of various import. To the question whether asafetida is helpful in keeping off contagious diseases in school, he answers as follows:

"When used right, it most certainly does. Some people attach it to a string around the child's neck. But that is not enough. In addition to two or three little bags full attached to the string and worn next to the skin, let your children carry a quantity of asafetida in all the pockets they have, and also sprinkle it freely on their shoes every morning. Write to the teacher to keep the room moderately warm, and after about a half day all the other pupils will voluntarily stay so far away that your children will not be in the least danger of catching anything from them but hints."

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A recent issue of the Manufacturer's Record gives the following information about copper mines in this State:

North Carolina Copper Mines.
"Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Ashboro Copper Mining Company of Ashboro, N. C., the capital stock being \$100,000, of which \$75,000 has been subscribed by New York and North Carolina investors. The company will develop copper mines on which considerable preliminary work has already been done. A shaft has been sunk to the depth of 72 feet. At 59 feet from the surface there is a vein which was followed by another shaft for 65 feet, and it is reported that a seven and one-half foot vein of copper is exposed. The company's incorporators are Messrs. H. D. Sanders of Putney, N. Y.; S. M. Bradley of Morehead, Ky.; W. L. Thurber, A. J. Thurber, D. M. Holiday and M. W. Parrish of Ashboro, N. C."

THE Biblical Recorder makes the following interesting observations concerning temperance progress in North Carolina:

Our Temperance Progress.
"The Revenue Department having issued its annual report, we are for the first time in possession of information about the effect of the Watta Act upon the distillery business in North Carolina. It appears from the report that the number of grain distilleries was reduced from 302 to 78. North Carolina ranked—1902—first in number of distilleries. She now ranks fourth. The number of retail licenses was reduced from 1,185 to 817; of wholesale licenses from 59 to 52. On the other hand, the number of brandy distilleries increased from 442 to 462. The Watta Act permits the manufacture of brandy. The amount of corn used by the distilleries was reduced from 228,714 bushels to 145,436. Two hundred and fifty-two illicit distilleries were found in the State. When we consider this information in the light of the fact that bar rooms have been prohibited in twenty-five cities and towns, we perceive that the cause of temperance has made more progress in North Carolina in a year than in any previous year in all our history. The statement that there are now 817 retail liquor licenses effective in North Carolina puzzles us. We know that there are not half that many bar rooms."

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THIS is the question frequently asked concerning the work of the General Assembly which is soon to meet in Raleigh. One has a suggestion for one thing and another for another; and now and then some one suggests that it would be a good thing for the State if the members would just stay at home and draw their pay. One man recently suggested that we ought not to have elections for the General Assembly oftener than four years and that the Assembly meet only once in four years, leaving it to the Governor to call the Legislature together whenever he sees a need for any legislation. Well, we do not know that either of the suggestions is wise; but when it comes to the question of elections we quite agree that we do not need them often. And as to the work for the General Assembly it looks like we are getting along pretty well now. There is some dissatisfaction with the divorce laws; but it should not take long to amend the statutes on this matter. But the lawmakers will doubtless find enough to do to keep them busy for the sixty days. Doubtless they will do some things that will be wise, and following the precedent of most Legislatures they will also doubtless do some things that are unwise. Let us believe that most of the men who compose the new body are earnest men and that they will do their full duty to the State as they see it.

NO MORE SUFFERING.

If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "I have had dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians, and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with indigestion or dyspepsia should use it." Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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"DeWitt's is the only genuine 'Itch Hazel Salve,'" writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of North Bush, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for 12 years that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Itch Hazel Salve, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Itch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

By Francis Scott Key.

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming;
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On that shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star spangled banner—oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where are the foes who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

How About It, Boys?

N. E. Leonard, in Agriculturalist.
Did you lift your hat when meeting or parting with mother, sister or other women of your acquaintance on the street?

Does that same troublesome headache come off the instant you enter the house, or when you are acknowledging a favor? It should.

Do you know that it is common politeness to allow a woman to precede you when entering a room unless she requests you to go first?

Do you always remember to wait for women and older people to be seated first?
Straight in the face—is that the way you look at people when they are speaking to you? Remember to do it.

Are you aware that it is improper to play with knife, fork or spoon at the table or to gather up your napkin in a bunch?

Put these pointers down in your minds, boys. They are the little things that make for good breeding and ease in the society of others.

How Animals Prepare for Winter.

November—Woman's Home Companion.

The best-known example of such active preparation is probably that of the beaver, which first makes a pond by damming a stream and throwing water back over land that was formerly dry. The beaver first cut down trees with their sharp, chisel-shaped incisor teeth, and float them down stream to the point at which they wish to build the dam. Brush is also floated down, and with the addition of stones and mud the structure is made solid and waterproof. In the pond thus made the beavers erect staunch huts, chiefly of brush, with roofs well above the surface of the water, and doorways well below it. In these dwellings the little animals live all winter, from time to time swimming out under the ice in search of aquatic plants or the bark of trees and shrubs growing near the water. When this food fails or is unobtainable the beavers fall back on the bark of birch and other saplings which they carried down to the bottom of the pond and stored away near their huts in the autumn.

THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO LONG LIVING.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the rotund well-fed, but thin, spare men who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however, a man past middle age, will occasionally eat too much of some article of food not suited to his constitution, and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to cleanse and invigorate his stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to a good old age. For sale by all Druggists.



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It tones up the stomach and builds up the entire system.
Your druggist will sell and recommend Rheumacide.

Politeness.

Forward.
"I never liked Judge R—," said a young man speaking of a well-known citizen. "Oh, no. Nothing against his character in the general sense, nor against his conduct in office, but only a little incident back in my boyhood which brought a prejudice that has lasted. He was a judge even then, and I was only one of a group of little fellows playing marbles on the sidewalk. We had chalked our ring and were deep in our game when he came walking along, kicked our marbles right and left, and said, sharply: 'You have no business to be playing here, boys.' We were on ground sacred to pedestrians, no doubt, but it would have cost him little to turn out a step and left us to our innocent enjoyment, as many another passerby had done. It was years ago, but all my life since has but made me more sure that there is not so much happiness in the world that one can afford to spoil any of it needlessly. It's a poor path and a poor spirit that cannot turn a little out of its way rather than spoil another's enjoyment."

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For Father and Mother.

Selected.

Do not—mother at your housework, father in your study—do not be always "too busy." The little heart wants an outlet, the upraised rosebud wants a kiss, the little hearts have something to tell you, a little grief to bring, a small joy, a game of play expected now and then. Ah, beware! These requirements will slacken and cease, if it be too often, "Now, run away, dear; father is busy." "Don't be troublesome, dear; mother must do her work."

Of course there must be checks sometimes; of course over indulgence is worst unkindness. But be not, as a rule, repellent, unsympathetic; they will go elsewhere, after a while, with their little confidences, their little wants, their little losses, their little griefs and joys, their little winning ways, with the refreshment of their pure, delightful being. Perhaps you will be sorry then—then, when the mischief is done—sorry when the new toy is no longer, as a matter of course, brought first to "father" to see; when the toddling tot seeks elsewhere than to "mother" for drying of tears, when the pattering of unsteady feet always passes your door. Ah, you will be sorry then that you were so foolish, sorry you scared the birds away.

Francis Scott Key.

Francis Scott Key was born in 1779, was a native of Maryland. During the war of 1812 he went under a flag of truce to the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay to ask the release of a friend. The admiral detained him with the fleet for two days to prevent his carrying ashore information. The British admiral had declared that he would soon compel the Americans to haul down the flag of Fort McHenry. During the night Key watched the flag anxiously until the bombardment ceased, sometime before daylight. When he saw that our flag was "still there," his joy found vent in some hastily scribbled notes on the back of an old letter. He put them into above verse while returning to Baltimore—Selected.

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How it Feels to be Rich.

George M. Pullman, the possessor of \$50,000,000, once said, when asked how it feels to be a millionaire: "I have never thought of that. But now that you mention it, I believe that I am no better off—certainly no happier—than I was when I didn't have a dollar to my name and had to work from daylight until dark. I wore a good suit of clothing then, and I can only wear one suit now. I relished three meals a day then a good deal more than I do three meals a day now. I had fewer cares; I slept better, and I may add, generally, that I believe I was far happier in those days than I have been many times since I became a millionaire. And yet it is a comfortable feeling to be rich."

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