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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE people of Scotland Neck remember the lectures of Dr. E. O. Taylor during the Christmas holidays. He has been lecturing in many places in North Carolina and Virginia. He recently lectured in Morganton, and Rev. M. L. Keeler reported his lectures to the Charlotte Observer as follows:

"Morganton is being stirred as never before in its history with a temperance revival. Dr. E. O. Taylor, of Boston, is giving a course of lectures on good citizenship and scientific temperance, by invitation of the pastors. His visit has no election significance, his work being purely educational. The Baptist church, where the meetings are being held, is wholly inadequate to accommodate the people. All available space is occupied every night with extra chairs, and standing room is at a premium. The rain does not abate the interest. It was generally believed before Dr. Taylor came that he would not get much of a hearing. It is now conceded that he is the most powerful advocate of temperance ever listened to in this town. The more intelligent classes of people are supporting the movement. Saloon men and their patrons are seen in the audience. A revolution of temperance sentiment will inevitably follow. The lectures, five in number, close Wednesday night. Dr. Taylor begins at Waynesville Thursday night, continuing till Wednesday."

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DR. OSLER, who recently at Johns Hopkins University made certain utterances about the uselessness of men over sixty and the weakness of men over forty, finds his counterpart in extremes in Dr. Lyman Beecher Sperry, of Oberlin, Ohio, who thinks "that it is possible to enjoy good health and activity up to a century and a half by a proper understanding of human possibilities, and the exercise of this knowledge." The Saturday Evening Post, as quoted by the Atlanta Constitution, settles them both thus:

"One of the many hopeful signs of the times is the apparent decay of the breed of so-called great men—those mighty personalities that in former times stood out like a solitary tree in a vast prairie. The reason for it, of course, is the distinction of all those old-time monopolies of brains which stunted all human beings except a few who, by chance rather than superiority of fiber, grew and developed. There are thousands, literally thousands, of men now living who, if they had lived a century or so ago and had done a work similar to that they are doing without any very sonorous fanfare upon the trumpets of fame, would have been the talk of the world and the main topic of history. And how many of the so-called great achievements, of so-called great statesmen, soldiers and thinkers of former times would be impossible to-day, because those achievements depended chiefly upon the ignorance and incapacity of the overwhelming mass of the men of their day."

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FROM some things that have been written recently it would seem that the responsibility of lawyers is being considered a little more carefully than formerly. It is openly charged here and there that lawyers play a prominent part in the framing of all the various bills that go before legislative bodies; and that whenever it is desired to make a law inactive and inefficient the lawyers are looked to to do the work. And this brings up the question whether or not business men are more moral than lawyers.

Colliers Weekly says: "Formerly the politicians were blamed exclusively for much bad legislation that is now charged in part to the business men who influence legislation. The role taken by the ablest lawyers in making legislation ineffective is being more rigidly expounded than it ever has been before." The impression conveyed is that the business men wish such and such a law enacted, or wish to evade the operations of some law already on the statute books, and resort to the lawyer's ingenuity to bring to pass that which is desired in the case. So much does this opinion prevail that the same writer quoted above thinks that the combined force of the keen business man and the shrewd lawyer must be met in defense of the law. He says: "The public faces the necessity of contriving laws so drawn that the very ablest men in the country can invent no trickery to beat them." This may seem rather a severe indictment against both the business men and the lawyers, but it has been made and they must rest under it or disprove it.

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THE Richmond News-Leader makes comment on the billion and a half dollar Congress, and intimates that both sides might have had something to do with the extravagance. It says:

Perhaps Some on Both Sides.

The shouters against Republican extravagance in the administration of the government now have another text on which they are already shouting themselves hoarse in expounding the doctrine of economy and the necessity of a change, due to that extravagance. The books of the Fifty-eighth Congress which has expired have been added up and the footing makes this showing: The appropriations for the first session aggregated \$781,172,275.18, and for the second, \$818,478,915.81. This gives a grand total of \$1,599,651,289.99, and the body passes into history as a billion and a half dollar Congress, and a little more. The figures represent an enormous expenditure, exceeding that of the Fifty-fifth Congress, which had to provide for the expenses of the Spanish-American war by \$31,538,652 and are calculated to give conservative people somewhat of a shock. But when we had the first billion dollar Congress, which raised such a howl, the late Tom Reed contributed a good deal to quieting the howl by his remark that this was a billion dollar country. Since then our growth has been so rapid that it is just possible that it would be apt to suggest that we have expanded to a billion and a half dollar country. We are no apologist for Republican extravagance of the Republican party, and we doubt not that the Fifty-eighth Congress made some unnecessary appropriations. But before joining very vociferously in the shouting afore-mentioned we shall await an itemized statement and an exposition as to Democratic share of responsibility for the big outlay. How far did the minority, by omission and commission and log-rolling, in order to keep in repair their fences, contribute to swelling the appropriations? Before this we have known a hue and cry about congressional extravagance to prove a boomerang to those who raised it."

If taken this month, keeps you well all summer. It makes the little ones eat, sleep and grow. A spring tonic for the whole family. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. —E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and John N. Brown, Halifax.

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E. A. Brimbleton.  
You can drive the clouds away  
With a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Oh, there's nothing, when a man  
Feels the weight of sorrow's yoke,  
In this whole wide world that can  
All distress and grief revoke,  
As a smile,  
Just a smile.

How the way is brightened up  
By a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Sweetened in the bitter cup  
By a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Oh, the world may frown at you,  
And your spirits try to blight,  
But the skies are ever blue,  
If you always have in sight  
Just a smile;  
Merry smile.

It's a simple little thing,  
Is a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Many hearts will dry their tears  
And go singing on their way,  
And they'll put away their fears,  
Thinking of the glad to-day,  
By your smile,  
Glad some smile.

How the heavy burdens fall,  
By a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Hope again beams over all,  
By a smile,  
Just a smile;  
Lonely lives are cheered each day,  
Duties lightened, hearts made glad,  
Heaven's beauty fills the way,  
If to kindly words you'll add  
Just a smile;  
Happy smile!

### The Man Who Lost His Fortune but Enriched a Nation.

J. O. Atkinson, in Christian Sun.

The man who invented the cotton gin was not born in the South nor was he a farmer. Eli Whitney was born in Massachusetts December 8, 1765, educated at Yale, came South in 1792, and settled in Georgia as a school teacher. Mrs. Greene, widow of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, was a patron and friend and she suggested to him that he undertake to contrive a machine for separating seed from cotton, it then being a day's task for one person to pick the seeds from one pound of green seed cotton. Whitney toiled incessantly on his machine for a long time, having first to make the tools and even draw the wire with which to work. But perseverance began to bring its reward, and after awhile his model was made when, the rumor of it getting abroad, a mob broke into his workshop one night and stole his machine before he could get it patented. Before he could make another the country was rapidly filling up with cotton gins. South Carolina, after litigation, allowed the unfortunate inventor \$50,000 for his invention and North Carolina granted him a percentage on machines purchased, about all of which Whitney spent defending his rights as inventor. His efforts being fruitless in this behalf, without fortune, but not without courage, he left the South, went to Connecticut where by getting assistance of a partner with some money, he engaged in the manufacture of fire arms and made a fortune.

It is not possible to conceive of the influence of this one invention on subsequent history. It revolutionized the chief industry of the South and affected, in one way and another, practically every industry in the United States and most industries of the entire world. In 1791, 199,316 pounds of cotton were exported from the United States. Whitney's invention was in 1793. Seven years later, in 1800, 17,789,803 pounds of cotton were exported. Now our cotton exports average per year considerably over two hundred million dollars worth. And the increased consumption at home has been no less marked. Before Whitney it took one man at least two years to turn out one average bale of cotton. Now fifteen to fifty bales per day are not considered high averages with a good gin and three men.

Before Whitney there were no cotton factories, no cotton exchange, no cotton export trade, no large cotton farms. Eternity alone can measure the possibilities of one human life. Moral: Every life is a fountain out of which flow many streams, some to bless and to enrich, others to blight and to impoverish mankind. If we keep the fountain clear God will look after the streams.

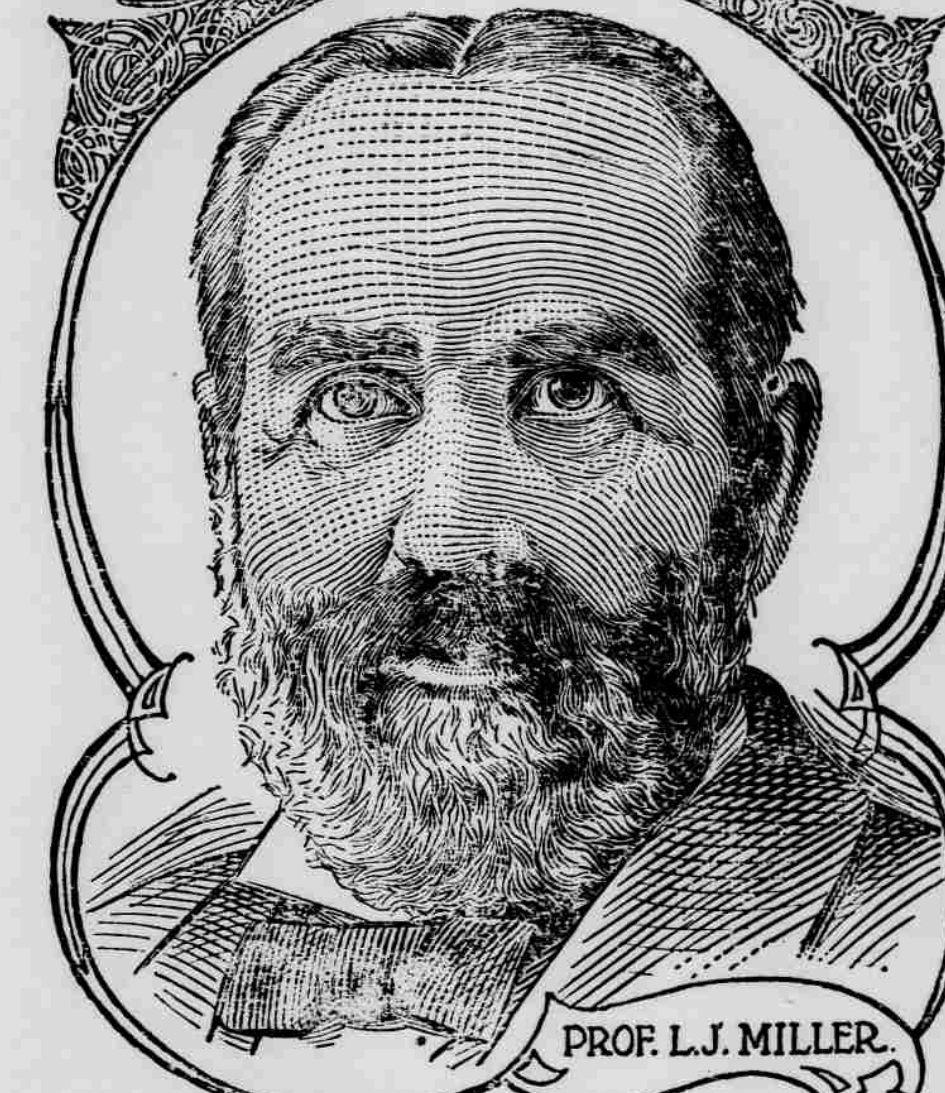
### STARTLING MORTALITY.

Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co., druggists.

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Reveals That "Pe-ru-na is Calculated to Tone up the System, Restore the Functions and Procure Health."

SO SAYS PROF. L. J. MILLER, CHEMIST.



PROF. L. J. MILLER.

Prof. L. J. Miller, late Professor of Chemistry and Botany of the High School of Ypsilanti, Mich., writes from 327 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., as follows: "As several of my friends have spoken to me of the favorable results obtained through the use of Peru-na, especially in cases of catarrh, I examined it most thoroughly to learn its contents. "I found it composed of extracts of herbs and barks of most valuable medicinal qualities combined with other ingredients, delicately balanced, calculated to tone up the system, restore the functions and procure health. "I consider Peru-na one of the most skillfully and scientifically prepared medicines, which the public can use with safety and success."—PROF. L. J. MILLER.

### Rebuilding a City.

Christian Sun.

Just a little over twelve months ago one hundred and fifty acres of the finest business blocks in Baltimore were laid in ashes and millions in property went up in smoke. Today over one-half of the burned district is replaced with buildings far finer than those that were burned, while the remaining portion is rapidly building up. Streets have been widened and beautified, and the city docking facilities considerably enlarged; warehouses and business houses that are built tower much higher in the air and cost more money. A great Municipal Improvement Association has been formed to consider and plan for a better sewerage system, larger school buildings, park improvements, etc., that will cost the city nearly or quite thirty million dollars. Baltimore's finances are strong and her balance sheet clean, and it is proposed to bond the city and carry on a splendid work of city enlargement and improvement so that when the city is rebuilt it will be a far finer city than heretofore.

We hardly know in this life what we are capable of till pressure comes and necessity forces. After the civil war, the South, with desolate homes and untenanted fields, rose Phoenix-like, from the scene of her own ruins. We never know what we can do until we have to try. What wealth man could create if he labored and husbanded all the time as he does when pressure comes! Yet we hear people speak of the "poverty of nature and the nigardliness of the soil."

### FOR AN IMPAIRED APPETITE.

Loss of appetite always results from faulty digestion. All that is needed is a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will invigorate the stomach, strengthen the digestion and give you an appetite like a wolf. These Tablets also act as a gentle laxative. For sale by all druggists.

Four State Senators were expelled from the California Legislature for receiving bribes.

### INCREDIBLE BRUTALITY.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye. Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

### FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

"How did Blank happen to marry a dress-maker?" "For her money. She made all of his first wife's clothes."—Detroit Free Press.

### A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

To draw the fire out of a burn, or heal a cut without leaving a scar, use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A specific for piles. Get the genuine. J. L. Tucker, editor of the Harmonizer, Centre, Ala., writes: "I have used DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve in my family for piles, cuts and burns. It is the best salve on the market. Every family should keep it on hand." Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Bilkins—I never knew Cocksure to make a mistake.  
Pilkins—I did once.  
Bilkins—He got the lighted end of a cigar in his mouth.—London Tit-Bits.

### PLEASANT AND HARMLESS.

Don't drug the stomach to cure a cough. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the mucous, draws the inflammation out of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes, heals, soothes and cures. A quick cure for Croup and Whooping Cough. One Minute Cough Cure relieves a cough in one minute because it acts first on the mucous membrane right where the cough troubles—in the throat or deep-seated on the lungs. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

"A man that walks right up to a job of reformin' de whole world" said Uncle Eben, "very often talks at so simple a matter as breakin' hisself of chewin' tobacco."—Washington Star.

### BY THE TONIC ROUTE.

The pills that act as a tonic, and not as a drastic purge, are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, etc. Early Risers are small, easy to take and easy to act—a safe pill. Mack Hamilton, hotel clerk at Valley City, N. D., says: "Two bottles cured me of constipation." Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

### "Tune up the System."

Hon. Joseph H. Ridgeway, Secretary of the American Anti-Treat Society, writes the following letter from the Grand Central Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.: "It is with great pleasure that I endorse Peru-na as an honest medicine, competent to do all it claims. I have used it several times and know of nothing that cures so completely, and at the same time builds up the system."



Joseph H. Ridgeway.

"I have recommended it to a number of my friends and always feel that I do them a service for I know how satisfactory the results invariably are. I only wish every family had a bottle—it would save much sickness and doctor bills."—Joseph H. Ridgeway.

### "Feel Better Than for Five Years."

Mr. James B. Taylor, Roberts, Ind., writes: "I am at the present time entirely well. I can eat anything I ever could. I took five bottles of Peru-na, and feel better now than I have for five years. I have doctored with other doctors and on for fifteen years, so I can recommend your medicine very highly for stomach troubles. I take great pleasure in thanking you for your free advice and Peru-na."—James B. Taylor.

### "I Enjoy my Meals as I Used to."

Mr. J. W. Pritchard, Wolf Lake, Ind., writes: "I am pleased to say that I have been cured of catarrh of the stomach by Peru-na. I could hardly eat anything that agreed with me. Before I would get half through my meal my stomach would fill with gas causing me much distress and unpleasant feelings for an hour or two after each meal. But, thanks to your Peru-na, I am now completely cured, and can eat anything I want to without any of the distressing symptoms. I can now enjoy my meals as I used to do, and it is all due to Dr. Hartman's and his wonderful medicine, Peru-na."

"It has been one year since I was cured, and I am all O. K. yet, so I know I am cured."—J. W. Pritchard.

Dyspepsia is a very common phase of summer catarrh. A remedy that will cure catarrh of one location will cure it anywhere. Peru-na cures catarrh wherever located. That it is a prompt and permanent cure for catarrh of the stomach the above letters testify.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

### Always Liberal to Churches.

Every church will be given a liberal quantity of L. & M. paint. Call for it. 4 gallons Longman & Martinez L. & M. Paint mixed with three gallons linseed oil, will paint a house.

W. B. Barr, Charleston, W. Va., writes: "Painted Frankenburg block with L. & M., stands out as though varnished."

Wears and covers like gold. Don't pay \$150 a gallon for linseed oil, which you do in ready-for-use paint. Buy oil fresh from the barrel at 60 cents per gallon and mix it with L. & M.

It makes paint cost about \$120 per gallon. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

### Cobwigger—When did your home cease to be happy?

Doreas—When my wife joined a lot of clubs that made a business of making other people's homes happy.—Watson's Magazine.

### THE COLONEL'S WATERLOO

Col. John M. Fuller of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Kidney and Liver trouble. In a recent letter he writes: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50-cent bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Diseases by E. T. Whitehead & Co., druggists at 50c a bottle.

The oldest United States land office, that at Huntsville, Ala., has been discontinued; it was established in 1810.

### A TWICE TOLD TALE.

We wish to repeat what we have said once before in these columns that Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liment is the best liniment ever produced for use in the family and on animals. Best for rheumatism, lameness, stiffness and soreness of joints or muscles. Best for bruises, contusions, sprains and swellings. You get a full half pint for 25 cents and get your money back if it does not do all it is recommended to do.

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