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WHAT STANLEY SAYS.

Henry M. Stanley's account of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, in the June Scribner's, will attract attention, if only because of its distinguished author. It is not a direct narrative, but is disconnected and at times rhapsodical and egotistical.

Mr. Stanley offers a simple remedy for the slave trade which curses the Dark Continent—two remedies in fact: First, a solemn combination of England, Germany, France, Portugal, South and East Africa, and the Congo State, against the introduction of gunpowder in any part of the Continent, except for the use of their own agents, soldiers, and employees; and, second, the seizing of every tusk of ivory brought out, as there is not a single piece nowadays which has been gained lawfully. For, as he says, "every tusk, piece and scrap in the possession of an Arab trader has been steeped and dyed in blood. Every pound weight has cost the life of a man, woman, or child; for every five pounds a hat has been burned; for every two tusks a whole village has been destroyed; every twenty tusks have been obtained at the price of a district, with all its people, villages, and plantations."

He ridicules, as Quixotic, Cardinal Lavigerie's scheme of putting down the slave trade, classing the Cardinal with such "enthusiasts" as Gladstone and Gordon—but, then, Mr. Stanley is rather inclined to look down on most people, which is hardly to be wondered at in view of his own marvellous achievements.

Perhaps there is an element of Quixotism in his own plan of keeping British and other traders from smuggling powder into a Continent with so long a coast line as that of Africa.

A NUMBER of ex-Confederate soldiers have pledged themselves to contribute \$50,000 for the building of a monument to General Grant, the magnanimous leader of the Federal forces to Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The first proposer of the subscription offers as his personal contribution \$20,000, and says he wants to see the remains of the hero laid to rest in the soldiers' cemetery at Arlington. The offer is a stinging rebuke to New York's apathy in the matter, and whether it be accepted, or whether the Government pay the cost, it is time that Grant's body should receive a suitable resting place. The further away it is from the sordid, shameless metropolis, the better for the honor of the nation.

Now is the time for Democrats to organize. They should organize in every State in the Union. They should organize thoroughly, and as soon as possible. The Democratic Congressional Committee at Washington should be at work now. The Democratic committees of every State should be at work now for the most vigorous Congressional campaign ever conducted, for the Democrats must be satisfied with nothing less than the biggest and most telling victory on record.

A MARVELLOUS thing the young Kaiser William has done in upsetting an old bulldozing autocrat like Bismarck, and changing him in two weeks from a terror of the earth into a vain, loose-tongued

and impotent old man. A tremendous lesson for those important people who think that if they drop out, things in general will go to everlasting smash. The Kaiser has courage, and he may have brains, too. Bismarck was insidiously spreading the belief that he was a featherhead who needed leading strings.

ALFRED CARTER, a Lancashire weaver, was brought to trial the other day, charged with having proposed marriage to Queen Victoria. The fact was not considered criminal, but it was held to be prima facie evidence of lunacy, as indeed it was. Nevertheless, the howling maniac was acquitted, and will probably continue to press his suit. It would serve him right if he should be accepted by the royal object of his passion.

Expecting too Much.

The value and importance of ballot reform are impressing themselves more and more on public sentiment as experiment discloses the merits of the system; but the tendency already manifests itself to overload the reform and expect from it what it is by no means calculated to accomplish. The guaranty of secrecy and independence in the casting of the ballot can do a great deal. It can, to a great extent, prevent bribery, which is a great point gained; and it is a practical preventive of the dictation and intimidation which have been in the past among the great evils of our voting systems. But it should be borne steadily in mind that neither the secret ballot nor any combination of the two will assure suitable and proper nominations. And of what avail will it be to have the voter free from the supervision of "boss" or employer and compelled so to cast his ballot that nobody will dare attempt to buy his vote, if he is limited in his choice to one or two men or one or two sets of candidates equally unworthy of support?

We are moved to make this inquiry because of an assumption in one of our esteemed contemporaries that the secret ballot and the official ticket are going to revolutionize the whole business of elections and assure the public pure officials and honest servants without any special effort on their part. This is a great mistake. The worst evils of our present system are not due to the bribery and intimidation which we may reasonably expect will disappear when secrecy and independence in the casting of the ballots are assured. Reform must reach further back and go deeper to touch the real trouble. It must in some way assure good nominations to office; far no amount of purification at the ballot-box will atone for bad nominations. These are due mainly to the indifference of the citizen; and it is the misfortune of our system that the more real interest the citizen has in good nominations the less attention he seems to pay to securing them.

The men who have most at stake in the community, who have the most to lose by bad or corrupt government, rarely participate in the business of making nominations. It is distasteful to them, they say. The surroundings of the caucuses or the convention do not suit their fastidious tastes. And so they leave the business of nomination to those who are less fastidious and who care more for getting themselves or their friends into positions of profit or of influence than they do for securing acceptable servants for the public. We have a beautiful theory about the office seeking the man and not the man the office; but how often does it occur that the theory is wrought out into practice? Are not most of the candidates of both parties—and especially of the party, in any given locality, with the best apparent chance for success—men who have sought the nomination earnestly and persistently? When the office really seeks the man is it not usually the candidate of the minority party who receives that honor? The men who have a "sure thing," or think they have, do not wait for the office to seek them. It is not only a mistake to suppose that ballot reform, of the Australian or any other pattern, will cure this evil of bad nomination, it is a positive injury to teach such a doctrine. If the people get the notion that under any new system of new enactment elections are going to run themselves in a perfectly pure way the new system of enactment will do more harm than good. What the people want to be told is that eternal vigilance

and the manifestation of a lively interest in everything that pertains to election, from the caucuses to the vote, are indispensable requisites to the choice of pure and able men. The worst system with these can be made to give us honest and capable servants. The best system cannot give us such servants without the vigilance and the interest. It is with ballot reform, as we had occasion to say recently, as it is with municipal government; the method is of small importance if the people really and earnestly want reform.—Detroit Free Press.

SUNDAY READING.

Made Up of Divers Clippings.

I hoped this feeble fumbling at life's knot might end copiously—but I failed to die. As formerly I failed to live—and thus grew willing, having tried all other ways, to try just God's Humility's so good. When pride's impossible.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

They who reject suffering do not love; for love is ever ready to suffer for the Beloved One.—M. de Bernieres Lovingsny.

The clouds which rise with thunder, shake our thirty souls with rain; The blow most dreaded falls to break From off our limbs a chain; And wrongs of man to man but make The love of God more plain. As through the shadowy lens of even, The eye looks farthest into Heaven. In glimpses of star and depths of blue The glaring sunshine never knew.—John Greenleaf Whittier.

The true climber knows the delight of trusting his path, of following it without seeing a step before him, or a glimpse or blue sky above him; sometimes only knowing that it is the right path because it is the only one, and because it leads upward.—Lucy Larcom.

But Love Lives not alone immured in the brain; But with the motion of all elements, Courses as swift as thought in every power, And gives to every power a double power Above their functions and their offices. It adds a precious seeing to the eye; A lover's eyes will gaze an eagle blind; A lover's ear will hear the lowest sound, When the suspicious head of theft is stopped.—Shakespeare.

For valor, is not Love a Hercules? Still climbing trees in the Hesperides? Subtle as Spine; as sweet as musical; As bright Apollo's lute, strung with his hair; And when Love speaks, the voice of all the gods; Makes heaven drowsy with the harmony, Never durst poet touch a pen to write: Until his ink were tempered with Love's sighs; Oh, then his lines would ravish savage ears, And plant in tyrants mild humility.—Shakespeare.

Let us cheerfully offer our brief, frail, troublesome life to God—it is service rendered to Him by the renunciation of what is really worthless. Bear patiently your cross of sickness. Your present vocation is to be silent, to obey, to suffer, to give yourself up to God for life or death. Acquiesce in all He does, without anxiously inquiring how He will do it.—Fenelon.

The lily we see, The mysteries of sorrow deep and long, The dark enigmas of permitted wrong, Have all one key; This strange, and world is but our Father's school; All chance and change His love shall grandly over-rule.

How sweet to know, The trials which we cannot comprehend Have each their own divinely-purposed end; He teaches us, He trains us, For higher learning, ever onward reaching, For fuller knowledge yet, and His own deeper teaching.

He traineth so That we may shine for Him in this dark world, And bear His standard danceless unfurled; That we may show His praise by lives that mirror back His love, His witness on earth, as He is ours above.

Look on to this—Through all perplexities of grief and strife—To this thy true maturity of life. Thy coming bliss; That such high gifts thy future power may be, And for such service high the God prepareth thee.—Francis Ridley Havergill.

We are conscious to ourselves that there is a great admixture of earthly motives in our service of God. Nay, it almost appears as if we should never have dreamed of loving God, if He Himself had not been pleased to command us to do so; and therefore we do it just in the way in which men always do a thing because they are told, and which they would not have done if they had not been told. Many of us, perhaps, have already given the best of our lives to the world, and now it is the leavings only which go to God. Oh! how often is he asked to drink the dregs of a cup which not the world only, but the devil also, have well-nigh drained before Him, and with what adorable condescension does He put His lips to it, and dwell with complacency upon the draught, as if it were the new wine of some arch-angel's first unblemished love!—Father F. W. Faber.

EXECUTION SALE.

By virtue of executions in my hands vs. A. J. Harrell and Clara Harrell, one in favor of J. T. Gray and the other in favor of Henry Lee & Co. to use of J. D. Spicer, I will sell on the 15th day of June, 1890, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in Goldsboro, a tract of land, situated in Wayne County, conveyed by Harris Barfield to A. J. Harrell and Clara Harrell, the lands of A. J. Harrell and Clara Harrell, containing 225 acres, subject to life estate of Harris Barfield, and a mortgage to Geo. G. Kenney, to satisfy all executions. As by Grant. June 5th 1890. Sheriff of Wayne Co.

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