### Life and Half Life.

It is frequently necessary to the gaining of daily bread that a human being stay in one spot for a term of years. It should not be always, however. The individual who is rooted to one spot and sees no more of life than is manifest among the neighbors and chums who are exactly like himself is mentally and spiritually a dwarf. He grows full of prejudices and cranky notions. Actions the most innocent in themselves appear to him full of all wickedness, because they run counter to his stiff and narrow prejudices. The little ailments, gossip and infinitesimal events in the lives of his acquaintances assume gigantic proportions.

To an outsider the person who has taken root in one spot affords material for infinite amusement. The ruralist visiting the city, the narrow lived city dweller visiting the country have been subject for joke time out of mind, and small blame to those who laugh at them.

Only the person who has traveled, who has seen life and nature in many phases, is well rounded and really intelligent. It does men and women good to get away from their own little cabin now and then and take in the fact that there are people handsomer, more graceful, learned and gifted than themselves and their neighbors. They learn that the matters which seem mountains to them at home are really pinheads in the grand round up. They become tolerant, wise, broad minded, better mannered and better looking.

There is really and truly no education like travel. Our race is by instinct a race of wanderers, and it is best that we should be so during intervals of our lives at least. Most people even succeed better financially away from their childhood home.

### Millionaire and Pauper.

A comparison of some census figures shows startling effects in the distribution of wealth to population in this country. Rhode Island as an agricultural section is perhaps the poorest part of the Union. Yet the gain in wealth made by Rhode Island between 1880 and 1890 was $41,000,000 greater than that of Mississippi, South Carolina, Indiana and Illinois all put together.

The same condition holds good of every part of New England, which is the poorest section of the country agriculturally. Massachusetts alone gained in wealth $11,000,000 more than ten of the southern and western states gained unitedly, although these states have nine times the population of Massachusetts. New York gained in wealth $7,000,000 more than the combined increase of 16 of the most productive agricultural states of the Union. All the northern Atlantic states made a like tremendous gain as compared with the rest of the Union.

The other side of the picture is that in the very states which grow in wealth so rapidly pauperism increases just as rapidly. The state of New York is so wealthy that year before last its riches increased more than $100,000,000. Yet this same New York contains nearly one-seventh of all the paupers in the country. In the three states of New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, where the largest fortunes of the country are concentrated, the pauper rate is twice as high as in the agricultural states. Splendid wealth and abject poverty walk hand in hand and with equal step. One grows as the other grows.

Charles Cavill will be notable as the man who swam the Golden Gate at San Francisco this autumn. Cavill is an Australian, and it is to be regretted that no American was found to perform the feat, but that does not take away from the credit of the performance itself. The distance straight across is only 1½ miles, only half the width of the historic Hellespont, which Leander swam to meet Hero and finally went once too often and was drowned. But the currents in the Golden Gate swim make it exceedingly difficult to accomplish. Cavill started out bravely enough, but a quarter of a mile from shore he met the ripple of the outgoing tide. Experienced swimmers agree that it is useless to attempt to swim against the tide. That pouring out through the narrow Golden Gate channel was like a mill race. The Australian turned and let it carry him out till he reached a point where he took advantage of a current from the opposite shore. Then he completed the long and heavy swim. It took him one hour and a quarter to do the whole distance. Cavill uses the right side stroke.

South Carolina has been blamed for many things in her day. But the crowning insult comes from the Baltimore Life, which makes a South Carolina passenger in a railway train ask a fellow traveler what a bathtub is. If this does not fire the South Carolina heart, then it is not what it used to be, that is all.

The drafted recruits that go from Spain this year to Cuba to help crush the rebellion are all boys under 20. All over that age went before. There is nothing since the drafting of boys by Napoleon in France to equal this ruthless conscription in Spain.

Time passes. Where will Spain get the $10,600,000 she has ordered spent for new warships?

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### Cotton Mills In the South.

The year 1896 will be long remembered as the culminating period of business depression. Not so in the cotton mills of the south, however. While the textile fabric industry in other parts of the Union has had to report idle mills, strikes and reduced wages the business in the southern states has gone steadily onward.

In 1880 there were only 164 cotton mills in the whole south. By 1890 the number had grown to 283. In 1880 the amount of raw cotton consumed by the mills was 87,610,889 pounds. By 1890 the quantity was 278,256,109 pounds, showing that the amount of cotton used up had increased comparatively more than the number of mills.

Through all the financial depression lasting from the autumn of 1893 till the present time the cotton spinning industry in the south has gone on growing uninterruptedly. This year there are 352 mills, humming away night and day, some of them, and spinning and weaving 430,543,330 pounds of cotton. North Carolina has the most mills—139. Florida has none.

The ideal situation is realized in the location of these mills, the factories for the consumption of the raw material being on the ground where the raw material is produced. The south had little to lose by hard times in comparison to the manufacturing states of the north, while she had everything to gain. She is gaining, and that rapidly. Her mill workmen earn money to buy food and pay the farmers who raise that food the cash for it, and that means prosperity all around. Her climate is mild and healthful, her soil fertile. So sure are northern cotton mill owners of the future of the cotton factory in the south that many of them have actually furnished the capital to build the southern mills.

### The Campaign That Was.

Apart from the atrocious lies with which some speakers and writers deemed it necessary to embellish their contributions, the presidential campaign just passed has been conducted with remarkable intelligence and ability. It was more thoroughly a campaign of education than we have had since the war. It is notable that brilliant, fiery or sentimental oratory met with little favor. Facts, or what were believed to be facts, and solid arguments were called for by audiences. It is certain that the day of funny stories has passed in political campaigning. Men, women and children even down to a tender age read, studied and asked to be informed in monetary science. Never were the principles of finance in all their phases so generally searched into by the common people of any nation before.

Dr. Shaw remarks in The Review of Reviews:

> The spectacle of millions upon millions of citizens of a great nation debating the intricacies of the currency question certainly has its curious aspects. Nothing like it was ever seen in any other great country before. Whatever questions may at one time or another disturb the minds of the mass of men who hold the franchise in England, France, Germany or other European countries, the plain people have never for a moment believed it possible that they were competent to settle currency and banking questions on the plan of the popular referendum. These are matters involving scientific and expert knowledge. The intense discussion of 1896 in this country will not have resulted in making accomplished monetary scientists out of a majority of the population. Nevertheless the serious and honest effort of the voters to find out enough about these questions to act with reasonable intelligence and prudence can only produce valuable results in the end. It is a part of our education as a democracy.

It was a fitting mission, that lately brought to a close by Mr. Herman Stump, United States commissioner of immigration. He made it his business to go in person to Rome and explain to the Italian government our immigration laws and regulations, in order that there might not be so many disappointments suffered by Italians coming to this country or so many of them returned to their own land. The Italian authorities thanked the commissioner heartily for his trouble and for the friendship shown Italy by the United States. It would be as hard to get on without the Italians in the east as it would to get on without Chinese in the far west. The brawny, strong built, hard working Italian does now nine-tenths of all the rough labor in some sections of the east. The American will not do it, the German will not do it, neither the Irishman. They have learned better. Only the Italian remains, and it is a question how long it will be before he finds out how to live without hard work.

There was paid out for pensions this year of 1896 the sum of $138,000,000. The falling off in the number of old pensioners and the addition to the pension list of new names were about even, showing that 1896 marks the turning of the tide in the pension roll. From this time on the list will decrease in numbers unless a general pension law should be passed. This may be done at some future time, though not for several years yet. At present there are 970,000 names on the pension roll, including disabled soldiers, soldiers' widows and minor orphans.

With General Maceo in Pinar del Rio are the Cuban farmers and patriots from the rural districts. With General Aguirre in the province of Havana are many young officers and gentlemen of the best known families in the city of Havana. All alike, however, are devoted to Cuban liberty. The rich men fight as well as the farmers; the farmers fight as well as the rich men.


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### Stead on the Eastern Question.

It is a satisfaction to see how W. T. Stead roars at England in reference to the Armenian question. In The Review of Reviews he reminds his country that 20 years ago Russia undertook to liberate Bulgaria from Turkish rule and Turkish atrocities. Russia accomplished her work alone. Then England, through her jealousy of Russia, refused to allow that country to enjoy the fruits of victory. In the Berlin congress 20 years ago, at the making of the treaty of San Stefano, "it was England and none other that canceled the clause giving Russia the right to compel the Turks to guarantee the Armenians against outrages and massacre." At the Berlin congress England's ministers "re-enslaved one-third of Bulgaria, delivered over Armenia to the uncovenanted mercies of the sultan and then ran off with Cyprus as their wages for a crime almost unparalleled in history for its combination of Pharisaism and theft."

Such being the fact, Mr. Stead thinks it not surprising that Russia nor any other European nation has any confidence in England now. In brief, the Armenian situation, horrible as it is, is due to England's crime of 20 years ago, when she refused to let Russia force religious liberty for all his subjects down the throat of the sultan.

To make amends for this contemptible conduct in 1878 Stead considers that England should now make redress and crawl out of the consequences of her act the same way she crawled in. Prince Lobanoff said shortly before his death that Russia was powerless to aid the Armenians because "England was committed by the Anglo-Turkish convention to defend the sultan against Russia should she take any action to protect the Armenians against their oppressors." Therefore England herself is responsible for the deplorable situation in Armenia.

To reform it England should, in the judgment of Mr. Stead, first evacuate Cyprus and turn it over to the porte as an earnest that she is not merely playing her old game of grab. Next there should be a congress of all the powers which should guarantee reforms in Turkey. Third, the carrying out of those reforms should be intrusted to Russia under the superintendence of the powers.

There are those fond of calling ours degenerate times and of saying that heroism and self sacrifice are dead, slain by greed and cowardly selfishness. But there are heroes still. There is as much of the spirit that would lay down life for another as there ever was. It comes to the surface when there is great occasion, as there was in that explosion in a coal mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently. A few men were at work in No. 1, changing the air course in the tunnel. Suddenly those on the outside heard an explosion. A blast of air and gas poured out of the mouth of the tunnel like the sweep of a tornado. There was a sound of wreckage and flying debris, then a horrible silence. Men rushed toward the mouth of the mine. The first thought of all was for the men inside. Were they living or dead? In less time than it takes to write it a rescue party was formed. It was a volunteer party, and those who led it were the old fire boss, William R. Jones, and the assistant mine foreman, John Joseph. They knew if they did not return their children would be fatherless, yet knowing this they hesitated not a second, but hurried down the shaft if possible to rescue their comrades. The rescuers had not proceeded far before the choking fire damp caught them, as they had feared it would. They made a hasty exploration and returned to the light and air. But they left two of the rescuers lying dead in the mine, William Jones and John Joseph.

A notable feature of the Hungarian millennial celebration was the formal opening of the Danube in the portion which has so long obstructed navigation. The Iron Gates of the Danube were a series of rocks that made its channel extremely dangerous for steamers for a distance of five miles in one portion of its length. For six years the Hungarians have been blasting out these rocks. It was an enterprise larger even than clearing East river at Hell Gate. But the work is done, and Emperor Francis Joseph himself formally dedicated the channel, amid the cheers of thousands of his subjects. The Danube is now open from the head of navigation to the Dardanelles.

Centenarians need not now hesitate to learn to ride the bicycle through fear they are too old. Gladstone will be 87 in December, and Gladstone is to learn to ride the wheel so as to accompany his favorite grandchild, Dorothy Drew. The sight of the greatest statesman of modern Europe, aged 87, scorching along the road on a bicycle will be not the least of the impressive sights of this strange end of the nineteenth century.

A Cuban patriot general declares that within his certain knowledge as many people, strictly noncombatants, have been slain in cold blood by the Spaniards during the present war in Cuba as have been put to death by the Turks in Armenia. All civilization is howling at the Armenian massacres, but no word is spoken in protest against the atrocities in Cuba.

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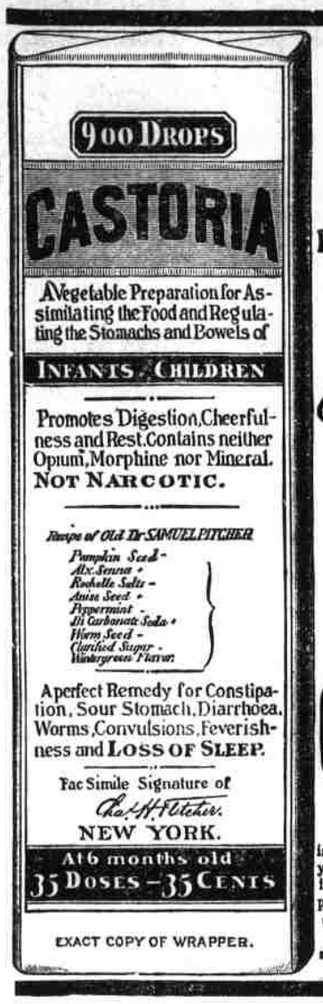


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Superseding Time Table No. 4, October 27th, 1895.

GOING SOUTH. SCHEDULE. GOING NORTH. *No. 7. Passenger Trains. No. 8.

| Lve. A. M. | STATIONS. | Ar. P. M. |
|---|---|---|
| 9 20 | New Berne | 5 20 |
| 9 55 | Pollocksville | 4 44 |
| 10 09 | Maysville | 4 30 |
| 10 42 | Jacksonville | 3 58 |
| 12 40 ar. P. M. | Wilmington Lve. | 2 00 P. M. |

No. 6 PASSENGER AND FREIGHT No. 5

Leave Wilmington Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Leave New Bern Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

| Lve. A. M. | | Ar P. M. |
|---|---|---|
| 7 00 | Lv Wilmington Ar | 3 20 |
| 7 10 | W. Sea-Coast P. R. Crs'g | 3 12 |
| 7 26 | Baymead, | 2 56 |
| 7 31 | Kirkland | 2 40 |
| 7 42 | Scott's Hill, | 2 30 |
| 7 58 | Rampstead, | 2 14 |
| 8 05 | Cypress Lake, | 2 [illegible] |
| 8 11 | Annandale | 1 [illegible] |
| 8 18 | Woodburn, | 1 40 |
| 8 32 | Edgecombe | 1 30 |
| 8 52 | Hollywood | 1 [illegible] |
| 9 06 | Folkstone | 12 55 |
| 9 19 | Dixon | 12 42 |
| 9 34 | Verona | 12 27 |
| 9 50 | Arr. Jacksonville Lv. | 12 [illegible] |
| 11 10 | Lv. " Ar. | 10 25 |
| 11 19 | Northeast | 10 16 |
| 11 38 | Whitecoak | 9 56 |
| 11 58 | Maysville | 9 38 |
| 12 18 | Ravenswood | 8 58 |
| 12 30 | Pollocksville | 8 [illegible] |
| 12 53 | Debruhls | 8 [illegible] |
| 1 30 P. M. | Arr. Newberne Lv. | 8 00 A. M. |

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STATIONS.

| Going East, Mixed, No. 5 | | Going West, Mixed, No. 6 |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. p. m. | | Ar. a. m. |
| [illegible] | Goldsboro, | [illegible] |
| [illegible] | LaGrange, | 10 [illegible] |
| [illegible] | Kinston, | 1 12 |
| [illegible] | Ar. New Bern, Lv. | [illegible] |
| 3 25 | Lv. " Ar. | 9 1[illegible] |
| 6 [illegible] | Ar. Morehead City, Lv. | 8 0[illegible] |

| No. 1 Mixed Pass. Trains. | STATIONS. | No. 2 Mixed Pass. Trains. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. a. m. | | Ar. p. m. |
| 7 20 | Goldsboro, | 8 00 |
| 7 33 | Best's, | 7 2[illegible] |
| 8 16 | LaGrange, | 6 50 |
| 7 36 | Falling Creek, | 6 20 |
| 9 24 | Kinston, | 6 00 |
| 9 38 | Caswell, | 5 18 |
| 9 53 | Ar. Dover, Lv. | 5 00 |
| 10 15 | Lv. " Ar. | 4 20 |
| 10 40 | Core Creek, | 4 00 |
| 11 15 | Tuscarora, | 2 38 |
| 11 31 | Clarks, | 2 2[illegible] |
| 12 05 | Ar. New Bern, Lv. | 2 50 |
| 1 30 | Lv. " Ar. | 10 17 |
| 2 12 | Riverdale | 10 12 |
| 2 16 | Croatan, | 10 06 |
| 2 33 | Havelock, | 9 40 |
| 3 12 | Newport, Lv. | 9 06 |
| 3 [illegible] | Wildwood, | 8 47 |
| 3 41 | Atlantic, | 8 38 |
| 3 46 | Ar. Morehead City, Lv. | 8 20 |
| 3 51 | Ar. M. City Dept, Lv. | 80 00 |
| P. M. | | A. M. |

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