both as a memorial to the noble men who have gone to the various foreign fields from the colleges, and as a constant plea for more laborers. This building was erected in 1887. It is not large, and its principal features are a hall for general meetings, with small anteroom used as janitor's room and library. The outside is plain and modest, but the interior is a model of good taste and adaptation to its purpose. "The windows are small and high, leaving the side walls for a high wainscoting of wood surmounted by small panels filled with white painted scrolls bearing the names of men who have gone forth to mission fields, followed by the names of their particular colleges and the date of their departure for the field, and, if deceased, the date also of their departure from the field for a higher service above." Dr. Pierson says: "No student can come into this hall for a daily prayer service or an occasional missionary meeting without thus being compassed about with a great cloud of witnessbearers, whose constant and pathetic pleading for more laborers to enter the wide harvest-field he cannot but hear. Such a hall is the most effective and eloquent missionary advocate one can ever hear, and it is bound to make new missionaries so long as it stands." He then describes the various panels and inscriptions, beginning at the right hand of the platform-end of the hall and proceeding toward the right back to the point of starting. First is the inscription, "Ye have entered into his labors:" and underneath:

> Henry Martyn. St. John's. North India. 1805–12. James Hough. Corpus. South India. 1816-26.

Then in succession around the top of the wainscoting run the inscriptions: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;" "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth;" "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations;" "One soweth, another reapeth;" and underneath these are the names and dates as indicated above. Also beside the tablets are portraits, flags of the different missionary countries, fresco devices with symbols for the Apostles, and a large colored chart showing the missionary statistics of the world, etc. "This hall has been designed and admirably adapted to feed and foster an intelligent and devoted type of missionary heroism." Oxford University is planning to build a similar structure to be called "Bishop Hannington Memorial Hall." The site is already purchased, and a building standing on the site is to be remodeled for the purpose. The students are making a noble effort to secure the needed funds, but about £2,500, or \$12,500, more are required to complete it for use. Dr. Pierson suggests the erection of such a building in America, say in New York or Brooklyn, to be called "Brainerd Memorial Hall" or the "Judson Memorial." It would be an inspiration to missionary service and sacrifice, and could serve as a rallying point for departing and returning missionary students. He asks in closing: "Who will take the lead in providing this new nucleus for missions among our devoted young men and

Swedish Lutherans in America

The old Swede Church in Philadelphia, one among the oldest of the Protestant churches in the United States, celebrated recently its

one hundred and ninety-seventh anniversary. The present year marks the two hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Swedish Lutheran Church in America, it being in the year 1696 that King Charles XI. of Sweden issued the memorable royal order to the ecclesiastical state department to provide religious instructors for the Swedish colonies in America, then settled in what are now known as the States of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. In 1696 the Rev. Andrew Rudman was selected as the first clergyman, and he was permitted to select for himself a fellow-laborer in his office, and for this Dr. Svedberg, who was well acquainted with him, proposed the Rev. Eric Bjork. To these two clergymen a third was also added by the King's command-the Rev. Jonas Auren. Before they left Sweden they were granted an audience with his Majesty, who most kindly received them, and commanded them to be the bearers of the books which the King had presented to the Swedes in America. Among these books were 500 copies of Luther's Catechism, translated into the American Virginian language. Upon the books the King's name was stamped in gilt letters. These books are now very rare in Pennsylvania, the old families of Swedish descent prizing them very highly. On June 25, 1789, the Swedish congregations in this country were, by royal order, granted the independence asked, and virtually transferred to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. The above facts we condense from an interesting historical article by Louis G. Northland in the Chicago "Inter-Ocean."

This unique institution, which antedates the war, Berea College and is situated 130 miles south of Cincinnati, on the line between the "blue grass" and the mountains, has completed another successful year. Commencement, June 24, was held in the immense tabernacle, and attended by several thousand people. A notable scene was presented when Professor Rogers, who in 1859 was "warned" to leave the State by a company of sixty prominent citizens, shook hands with the Hon. John D. Harris, who pleaded guilty to having been one of that "gang"! Addresses were made by Dr. W. E. Barton, of Boston, the Rev. H. M. Penniman, of Chicago, who has recently become connected with the work at Berea, and the Hon. J. M. Ashley, of Toledo, O. Mr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, has headed a movement for securing \$200,000 endowment, pledging himself to give one-fourth the amount. The students have subscribed above \$3,000, and a considerable sum will be raised in Kentucky. President Frost has made many new friends in the East during the last year, and says in his annual report that "the tone of the school was never better than to-day, and the number of persons who are watching it with friendly interest was probably never so great." Berea is distinctively Christian, but controlled by no sect. Until larger endowments can be secured, about \$12,000 must be provided each year by contributions from friends of the cause.

A paragraph in The Outlook of June 13, on In San Francisco the condition of affairs in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, has called out

the following letter, which we print in this place that all sides of the question may be known:

I have read with interest your article on the First Church of this city. The writer is evidently not at all familiar with the affairs of the church as the to-day, and bases his opinion upon conditions which do not exist. W difficulties of the church confined to the Dr. Brown affair, our problem would be a simple one, but we have an accumulation of discords that have been disturbing the peace of the church for ten years past, and this, coupled with the fact that the supporting families of the church have removed to a portion of the city remote from the present location, has brought about a condition which renders it imperative that the church property should be sold and a spot more convenient to our church families be selected. The past six years have demonstrated that if we remain in the present location the property will be consumed in expenses and lost to religious purposes. If we move now, the property can be sold for enough money to build a handsome church situated in a more consumed to the consumer of the twenient location and leave a surplus in the treasury of from twenty to thirty thousand dollars. We know of no man, foot-loose, East or West, that could take that pulpit and save the property to Congregationalism. The men that might do it are doing in their own pulpits as great, if not greater, work than they could do in San Francisco, and there are no inducements that can be offered here that would warrant any minister of the Gospel in leaving a successful and useful work in the East to undertake a task which the Board of Officers of the First Church and Society and a large majority of its members consider, from past experience, hopeless, and we must submit that we have quite as good opportunities for correct judgment on this question as has the editor of The Outlook. Could the First Church have been left to settle its own difficulties, it is possible that in time the removal of the First Church to a more convenient location, and an endowment (which has been contemplated) of the present property for evangelistic down-town work might have been accomplished, but the ministers who have assumed control of Congregational affairs on the Coast seem to have lost confidence in the ability of the First Church to handle its own affairs and precipitated by their action a condition that rendered an *immediate* closing of the church and its sale an absolute necessity-Dr. Brown and his friends, who constitute a large majority of the church membership, have been at all times in full accord with the entire Board of Officers of the Church and Society, Dr. Brown himself being willing to leave this city and coast whenever the interests of Christianity will be best served thereby.

Brief Mention

Bishop Temple, of London, says that during the last twenty-five years Anglican Churchmen have contributed about \$400,000,000 to religious objects

A museum in Berlin has secured possession of Luther's Bible which he used in his study. Its margins are covered with notes in the Reformer's handwriting. It was printed in Basle in 1509, and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The Rev. George L. Robinson, D.D., pastor of the Roxbury (Mass.) Presbyterian church, has resigned in order to accept a call to the chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College, Toronto, Canada.

The Disciples of Christ in California have raised money to sustain an English Bible Chair in connection with the Stole University, to which Professor S. M. Jefferson, Professor of New Testament Literature in Bethany College, has been called.

The very handsome Methodist Episcopal church at Washington, N. J., was dedicated recently by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the "Christian Advocate," who preached from the text, "The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand" (Isa. xxxii., 8). The sermon was a particularly strong appeal for liberality in religious things. The new church is said to be the handsomest in northern New Jersey.

"The Congregationalist" says: "The call of the Rev. Dr. F. W. Baldwin, of East Orange, N. J., to the Chair of History and Economics, just established at Bates College, is another evidence that the partition between Free Baptists and Congregationalists is decidedly thin. If his own church permits him to accept this summons of his Alma Mater, his influence, we are sure, will promote still further friendly relations between the denominations."

The sum of \$18,500 has been raised for the semi-centennial in honor of the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Brooklyn, and the sum is constantly growing. The special committee hopes to complete the full amount of \$25,000 by November 19, when it is proposed to to complete the full amount of \$22,000 by November 17, when it is proposed to celebrate the semi-centennial of Dr. Storrs's pastorate in the Church of the Pilgrims by special services in the church, and in all probability a great mass-meeting in the Academy of Music. No doubt the citizens of Brooklyn will be glad of an opportunity to join in a general tribute of honor to one of the city's. most prominent preachers

The Home Club

The Homes and the City Franchises

Women, as a usual thing, do not pay much attention to the granting of a franchise, or to the forming of trusts, because they too rarely realize how close to the home the privileges realize how close to the home the privileges of a franchise may come. The housekeepers of Brooklyn have just had a lesson in this respect. Two years ago there existed in Brooklyn seven independent gas companies. Through competition the price of gas went down to ninety cents a thousand. It was possible then, if a housekeeper did not like the quality of the gas delivered, or was dissatisfied with the bills rendered, to change to some other gas company. But now the seven some other gas company. But now the seven gas companies are incorporated under the title of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, and gas has risen to \$1.25 per thousand, with no possible redress for poor gas or excessive bills. If the housekeeper uses gas in Brooklyn, she must take it from the Union Gas Company. This company represents a capital of \$15.000. This company represents a capital of \$15,000,-000. It is a well-known fact that a large part of this capital would come under the head of watered stock, but interest must be paid on \$15,000,000 by the consumers of gas in Brooklyn, whether that interest represents invested capital in fact, or whether it represents so much paper. There is talk of an attempt to destroy this monopoly. Probably the sudden rise in the price of gas in Brooklyn will do more to change the sentiment of the people and hasten the day when gas, like water, will be delivered by the city, than any amount of argument or printed matter could have accomplished. plished.

A Bird Day Suggested

The Agricultural Department at Washington has issued a circular calling attention to the fact that from all parts of the country reports come of the decreased number of na-tive birds. The causes given are the clearing of the forests, the draining of swamps, and more especially the killing of birds for feathers and for game. The egg-collecting is also held responsible, although there are many who insist that egg-collecting has but very little to do in the decreasing of bird life in our forests. Laws protecting birds have been passed in several of the States, but with the protecting of hirds as with everything else the law upseveral of the States, but with the protecting of birds, as with everything else, the law unsupported by public sentiment accomplishes its purpose but feebly. It is believed now that a day set apart in the schools, and known as Bird Day, would increase the knowledge of birds, and for the children to know them better would mean to love them better. The circular says that the general observance of a bird day lar says that the general observance of a bird day in our schools would probably do more to open thousands of young minds to the reception of bird lore than anything else that can be devised. In several of the States, at the expense of the State, lists of the birds peculiar to the States, and even to certain localities in the States, have been issued. The knowledge of birds should come to children, not through books, but through observation. They should be taught to observe them, to recognize them, to know something of their habits, and as to know something of their habits, and as soon as this is done the life of a bird will become sacred to a child. There has been issued a circular which shows that in some States, through ignorance, large sums have been expended in killing birds that are supposed to be injurious to farmers, and the authorities hoped, by calling special attention to the importance from a commercial point of the preservation of hird life to succeed to the importance from a commercial point of view of the preservation of bird life, to succeed in arousing a popular interest, that in the near future would result in our forests again reechoing to the songs of the birds as in former years. The proposition is made to combine Bird Day and Arbor Day, and this meets with approval.

Rational Requirements

The Philadelphia Board of Health enforces the act of June 18, 1895, which makes it obligatory for superintendents of Sunday-schools, parochial schools, and private schools to exercise the same care in regard to the health of the children as is enforced in the public schools; that is, each pupil must present a

certificate of successful vaccination, or else of certificate of successful vaccination, or else of having had smallpox. It is surprising that there are clergymen and Sunday-school superintendents who are opposing the Board of Health in this matter. Often, when the question of contagion is discussed, it is spoken of as though indifference to one's neighbor and ignorance of the danger of contagion were peculiar to the class commonly termed poor. Such is not the fact. People of intelligence, fully aware of the danger of their act, will let children attend school who have been exposed to contagion in their own homes. been exposed to contagion in their own homes. Only recently, when measles was almost epidemic on the entire Atlantic coast among children, a small boy attended one of the most expensive schools in an Eastern city when a rash was broken out on his face, neck, and hands. His companions of nine and ten years of age commented on his appearance to him and to each other. Twenty-three cases of measles broke out in that class-room within the next two weeks. The little seed-sower of this epidemic almost died, his exposure at the time bringing about complications that were most serious.

Diphtheria, that dread of every mother, swept over a school, leaving after it empty homes and almost broken hearts. This was a private school, whose circular stated that the number of pupils was limited. The price of tuition was very high, and the school consid-ered very select. Presumably the parents of all the children sent to this school were intelligent people, and yet one mother permitted her child to attend school regularly from a house where there were two cases of diphtheria, a fact not known to the community until the white ribbons were hung on the bell of that house. Terror seized the heart of every mother who had a child in that school, but it was too late, and every day one child and another dropped out of the ranks of that little school, and from twelve pupils eleven fell victims to the disease and six died. Character is the protection of the community. In-telligence, or law itself, protects fully only when enforced by character, and that, fortunately, is

not a question of income.

The church should stand for the highest in every community. If the church tries to evade the law, if it does not uphold it, it ranks as an evil with the saloon in just so far as it fails to live up to the law.

Eternal Vigilance the Price of Safety

The necessity of housekeepers exercising the greatest care as to the source of their milk supply is becoming more and more evident. In New York City there are thousands of cows stabled, whose milk is distributed through the city. The inspectors have discovered that these cows are not housed or cared for in obedience to the laws of sanitacared for in obedience to the laws of sanita-tion—or, to use a more homely word, in obedience to the laws of cleanliness; for sani-tation is cleanliness as every housekeeper should know it. Nothing will protect the people from unclean and diseased milk but their own intelligence and care. After the milk enters the house the most constant over-sight will not make it clean if it has not been properly protected in transit, or if it is not the product of a healthy cow. The consumer must be educated to high standards in order to compel the producer to protect his product and sell only that which is uncontaminated. Legislation can do much, but legislation will be a producted to the product of the not be enforced unless public sentiment demands it.

For the Public Good

An effort is being made to publish the old Dutch Records of New York. The Board of City Records some time ago agreed that these old annals should be translated and published old annals should be translated and published in a series of seven volumes. They limited the number of sets to three hundred. James Grant Wilson, of the American Authors' Guild, was President of the committee appointed by the Mayor to supervise the translation and the publishing of these records. It has been discovered, just at the point where the Board of Records was giving the contract

for printing, that the Board had acted without authority, and that the work could be done only with the permission of the Board of Aldermen. It is to be hoped that some agreement will be reached by which these valuable records can be placed on the shelves of the libraries for the use of the people. It is especially advisable that this should be done now, when the interest in colonial history is so active and is being so widely encouraged by patriotic societies and school-teachers.

School-Room Hygiene

The National Council of Education which The National Council of Education which convened recently in Buffalo brought together the leading educators of the country. One of the most interesting papers presented was the report by William A. Mowry, of Hyde Park, Mass., Chairman of the Committee on School Sanitation. The title of the report was "School-room Hygiene." This report was based on papers received from teachers all over the country, who had made a special over the country who had made a special study of the hygienic conditions of their own school-rooms. The report stated:

Throughout the whole country the deplorable hygienic state of the school-houses is such as to demand serious attention and prompt relief. Some years ago, in one large Eastern city having more than 1,200 school-rooms, it was found that the average of all the rooms gave less than seven square average of an the rooms gave less than seven square feet of floor-space and less than ninety cubic feet of air-space to each pupil, while it is now generally agreed that the necessary floor-space for each pupil in a school-room should not be less than twenty-five square feet, and with the best ventilating appliances every school-room should furnish three hundred

every school-room should furnish three hundred cubic feet of air-space per pupil.

Severe charges are also frequently made by oculists against the schools. They assert that studying injures the eyes, and that the school-room is responsible for numerous cases of defective eyesight. The evils complained of are chiefly the result of wrongly constructed school-houses. constructed school-houses.

The Council listened to a paper by Dr. Aaron Cove, of Denver, Chairman of the Committee on City School Systems, on "The Business Side of City School Systems."

Untrammeled Experts

It is interesting, in connection with the recent discussion of the value of expert opinion when the question of art for the public was being decided, to know that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees to decide on the decoration of the new library building at Peoria, Ill., one of the trustees, a physician, said, in response to the suggestion that a detailed scheme should be required of the artists before the question was decided: "When you call me in to attend a patient, you do not make me analyze my course of treatment and tell you analyze my course of treatment and ten you my reasons for prescribing certain drugs; and when you call in an artist, you should not ex-asperate him with questions, but give him the benefit of the same confidence." The logic of this declaration prevailed, and the artists, once this declaration prevailed, and the artists, once chosen, were allowed to follow out the bent of their genius and training. The result, according to report, fully justifies the course of action pursued, for it is said that the library decorations are in perfect harmony with the purposes of the building, making it one of the most restful of rooms.

The Evils of Coffee-Drinking

The leading medical societies of Paris and Germany have published a protest against the evils of excessive coffee-drinking. These evils, they declare, are almost as serious as those of alcoholism, and the victim of excessive coffeedrinking finds the habit as hard to over-come as does the victim of alcohol. The circoular protests against the use of coffee by growing children, which it claims is becoming more common every year. The symptoms of coffee poisoning are insomnia, depression of spirits, lack of appetite, and nausea.

Unity

The Daughters of the Revolution of New York have agreed on a new Constitution which unites the chapters. This settles the disputed questions that gave rise to so much trouble in the spring. The Long Island Branch of the society is recognized now as a separate chapter.

For the Little People

The Rose's Wonder-Book

By Edward A. U. Valentine If I only had the eyes Of the wingèd butterflies, I could read the words of wit That upon the rose are writ! How my curious spirit grieves O'er those flut'ring fifty leaves Nature has so nicely bound, When the insects hover round And within its pages peep!

Surely, its red leaflets keep
Wondrous tales and elfin lore,
Over which they love to pore!
There, I fancy, honey-bees
Learn the verses and the glees
They are all so fond of humming
In their going and their coming!

Polly Popcorn

By Jessie F. O'Donnell

The Popcorn farm-house was delightfully situated in a grove, where great spreading leaves waved over it, sheltering it from storms and sun. Popcorns were so numerous that it

afforded cramped quarters.

They were a branch of the Maize family, widespread through our dear America—a powerful and bounteous family, possessing broad

acres of rich land, and pouring wealth lavishly into the coffers of the Nation.

Phæbe Popcorn was one of the Maizes, but now mistress of a household of her own, comnow mistress of a household of her own, comprising Papa Phineas Popcorn, portly and dignified, as became the father of so promising a family; Aunts Patience and Prudence, dear old-fashioned souls! and a troop of little Popcorns—Peleg, with his smooth, broad head, "like a philosopher's!" said Papa Phineas, and his nose "like a pug puppy's!" said mischievous little Pat, who was too rull of pranks and possibilities ever to be taken for a philosopher: and solemn Peter, so puffed up with opher; and solemn Peter, so puffed up with the consciousness of his superiority to the rest of the Popcorns, his head could scarce hold its own wisdom.

hold its own wisdom.

Then there were the Popcorn girls: stately Penelope, and pretty Pauline, and precise, housewifely Priscilla, whom they called "Miss Prim;" plain little Polly, her brain full of impossible dreams; and Baby Primrose, the pet and posy of the Popcorns!

They looked exactly alike in their plain yellow garments, but even a Popcorn has an in-

low garments, but even a Popcorn has an individuality; and so it was that Polly, although she came of a practical and hard-headed stock, was a poet and prophet, dimly conscious of a power in her soul that promised something better and broader than this cramped life in

better and broader than this cramped life in the thatched homestead.

"I don't believe we are to stay packed away here forever!" Polly confided to Penelope, who shook her head as she answered:

"You will believe it, Polly, when you get to be a young lady. I used to dream of a prince who would take me away to a palace of pearl and opal. He hasn't come, Polly. I'm still plain Penelope Popcorn. Better put such thoughts out of your head, child."

Polly smiled brightly at her sister's pensive face. "I know the prince will come for her some time. There's a place where dreams come true, I know!"

"Miss Prim" pursed up her little lips in a

"Miss Prim" pursed up her little lips in a "prunes and persimmons" manner, and told Polly her time would be much better employed

Polly her time would be much better employed in packing away stores of starch and oil for family use; but Polly again whispered to herself: "All of us can't be housekeepers; there's a place for poets somewhere, I know."

Aunt Prudence pondered over Polly in much perplexity. "No good came from getting out of one's sphere," she said. "Polly must be content with her particular place in the Popcorn farm-house; she would surely get into trouble by reaching after outside things."

Then she would sing in a thin, piping voice a Then she would sing in a thin, piping voice a song caught from the farmer as he walked through the Maize forests:

Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest! Homekeeping hearts are happiest,

For those that wander they know not where Are full of trouble and full of care:

To stay at home is best.

But Polly went on dreaming her strange. But Polly went on dreaming her strange, beautiful dreams, in spite of ridicule and disapproval. Poets and prophets are rarely appreciated by people like the Popcorns, yet perhaps their pretty fancies are as true as the facts of the most practical philosopher.

Certain it is, in this particular case the little poet was right, for the Popcorn family had been bound in a strong enchantment by a powerful fairy called Dame Nature, and were not those prosaic, vellow-robed creatures at all.

powerful fairy called Dame Nature, and were not those prosaic, yellow-robed creatures at all, but beautiful white princes and princesses in disguise. The Popcorns did not know it. Ah, no! like many people in this world, they didn't dream they were enchanted, and possibly would never learn it, unless revealed by some greater power. Thus Dame Nature held the Popcorns in their commonplace disguise till they should meet the Heat Fairies who alone could set them free.

Through the beautiful summer the Popcorns.

Through the beautiful summer the Popcorns stored away starch, sugar, and oil in plenty. Autumn came; the waving green forests grew brown and withered, rustling drearily in the wind which crept under the eaves of the farmhouse, till the brothers and sisters snuggled closer together for warmth. One day, the farmer, gathering up all the Popcorn homesteads, carried them away to hang on rafters in a great barn for long weeks. Papa Phineas's family grew harder and drier than ever, and one people Polly could page 15. and even hopeful Polly could scarcely preserve her precious faith in the place where dreams

After many days, the little homestead was taken to a room where children played round taken to a room where content played round a fire in an open grate, and eagerly watched the Popcorns as they were taken from the farm-house and thrown into a spacious wire apartment, where they rattled against each other in profound amazement.

Then some one took this queer new house the profound and the profound amazement.

Then some one took this queer new house and thrust it directly over those glowing coals. The pleasant warmth permeated the Popcorns through and through, and, presto! change! What wonderful thing was happening? Papa Phineas was performing a polka; "Miss Prim," heretofore the model of propriety, hopping about in a marvelous white gown, with so many stiff skirts she looked like

gewn, with so many sun skirts sne looked like a balloon; Peleg, the ponderous philosopher, was light-headed as a poet; the twins were parading ruffled pea-jackets and puffed trousers; Aunt Patience wore a superb cap, with the daintiest of fluted ruffles; and placid Aunt Patience had flumes galore

Patience had flounces galore.
Polly could hardly persuade herself that she was awake, for poets are often as surprised as any one at the realization of their dreams; and it was bewildering, indeed, to see the Popcorn family skipping and leaping around each other, amid the clapping of fairy palms, for the little Heat Fairies were as delighted at the change they had wrought as any of the Pop-

It was the strangest, prettiest sight in the world—like the blossoming of white roses, or the bursting of snowy foam into bubbles and spray; like the flowering of some graceful fancy in a poet's brain; like white butterflies springing from worn-out chrysalides.

Polly rubbed her puzzled eyes as she saw Penelope holding up an embroidered petticoat and listening graciously to—was it the prince of whom her sister dreamed? Or was it only one of those poky Popcorn cousins, whose advances Penelope had always pretended to despise? How different he looked with those nodding plumes! and Penelope appeared pleased and content.

Funny little Pat was prancing about with Primrose in his arms; while solemn Peter was turning himself inside out in his delight, and executing a double somersault in the air; and even Mamma Phoebe was frolicking with the Popcorn uncles and aunts and cousins, till

Polly's head whirled.

How was it with herself? Polly looked at her unchanged dress with a thrill of dismay;

but just then she felt a sudden sharp pain, which set her trembling like a poplar-leaf, and, lo! Polly Popcorn was no longer an insignificant little person, but a beautiful maiden in a spotless, fluffy gown, with just a hint of the detested yellow garb in the golden slippers on her pretty feet, soon twinkling in and out to the tune of "Pop! goes the weasel!" as merrily as if she had never been pinched into a corner in the old farm-house. One of the Heat Fairies had touched her with his flametipped wand, and in an instant her dreams had come true! but just then she felt a sudden sharp pain,

Stories of Pigeons

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The story is told of a flock of pigeons that outwitted a hawk. Hawks can fly high with less effort than the pigeons, and they both know it. This flock of pigeons were terribly frightened one day by the appearance of a hawk between them and the cote. If the hawk flew higher than the pigeons, he would swoop down and catch at least one of them. The pigeons worked hard to keep above the hawk; he lazily rose in the air keeping just The pigeons worked hard to keep above the hawk; he lazily rose in the air, keeping just under them. Suddenly the pigeons closed their wings and literally fell below the hawk, falling so rapidly as to astonish the hawk. Before he recovered, the pigeons were safely housed in the cote, in the well-house, and two were in the kitchen. The other day—it was Sunday—a man came out of a stable with a bag in his hand. He came out into the middle of the street, and looking up. gave a pedle of the street, and, looking up, gave a pe-culiar call. There was nothing in sight. He culled again and again. Suddenly a beautiful gray pigeon dropped at his feet. In a moment another seemingly fell. In a few minutes about one hundred pigeons were on the street, all fluttering and crooning and bobbing about, a mass of beautiful grays, with touches about, a mass of beautiful grays, with touches of silver and green and gold and red, as the setting sun touched them. They almost touched the man, he was so close to them. He opened the bag and threw out cracked corn, and soon the flock were busily eating. They rose in a body, circled round and round, and then began lighting on the roof of the house and stable. Above the stable was a large cote, that had room for about fifty

The Elephant's Change of Temper

The Elephant's Unange or remper Do you suppose that when an elephant has a toothache the ache is in proportion to his size? If so, it must be terrible for an elephant to have the toothache. A dentist tells this story of an elephant that belonged to a circus. He have the toothache. A dentist tells this story of an elephant that belonged to a circus. He was very good-natured, but one day when his keeper went near him he made a vicious switch at him with his trunk. The keeper knew the elephant so well that he said at once the elephant was sick; something was the matter with him. He sat at a safe distance from the elephant and watched him. The elephant trumpeted loudly and acted as though he was trumpeted foundy and acted as though he was very angry, but no one could decide what was the cause of the change in this good elephant's disposition. This continued for three days. At the end of that time one of the men said, "Why, when Jack (that was the elephant's name) lies down, he keeps rubbing one side of his head; I think he has got the toothache;" and everybody immediately said, "Yes, that's what's the matter." The elephant was chained safely to posts and iron rings, so that he could not move, and the dentist was sent for. The dentist looked in his mouth and saw that one tooth was badly decayed. He touched it, and the elephant trumpeted as though in great pain; then the dentist went to work and filled the tooth. After a time the elephant seemed to understand that the dentist was trying to do something for his pain, and he gave every evidence of appreciating the attention. Some weeks later the dentist visited the winter quarters of the elephant and the elephant recognized him. It was rather an expensive operation, for it cost one hundred dollars to fill that one tooth. Doubtless then the elephant's one tooth. Doubtless, then, the elephant's toothache is a larger ache than either you or I ever know when our teeth ache.

The Spectator

Among quiet people of only ordinary means hospitality has its penalties, and under most conditions it is something of a trial to both of the parties to it. The Spectator has long been of the conviction that those not in the habit of being entertained had as well not be invited out, and that those not in the habit of entertaining had much better not make except enfertaining had much better not make excep-tions to the general rule of their lives. For these convictions he has good reasons founded on personal experience, strengthened by the confessions of many others who have been bored as the Spectator has been bored. When the unaccustomed grand dinner or ball must be attended, the whole course of the must be attended, the whole course of the family life of the quiet man is disarranged, and he says-fifty times to himself on the momentous day, "I wish this abominable thing were over." Now, this is not a very-festive mood of preparation for the entertainment that is provided; the consequence is inevitable. He is not entertained, he contributes nothing to the enjoyment of others. Of course he keeps all this to himself and his of course he keeps all this to himself, and his women folk are left ignorant of the suffering he tries to conceal. But they see that something is the matter, and they contrast the head of their house unfavorably with the men who are more at ease on such occasions, with men who are trained by long experience to know what to do and what to say at such solemn functions. For the head of a family to be thus depreciated in the opinion of his to be thus depreciated in the opinion of his own nearest and dearest is a loss very hard to make up, and one that the Spectator cannot contemplate unmoved. The going out to unaccustomed places works its active hardship most upon the man; but when the unaccustomed entertainment is given, then the women are apt to get a dreadful amount of punishment. Something is sure to go wrong. The ducks will be tough beyond experience; the salt will get into the ice-cream; the champagne will be put on the hearth to warm, and the claret will be placed in the ice-buckets. These things are sure to happen. The guests will notice them and be uncomfortable for fear that the hosts are suffering; and the hosts—well, the hosts will wish that it was all well over with. And when it is over, what will happen? Mrs. Host will be sure to have a good cry, and waken in the morning with a will happen? Mrs. Host will be sure to have a good cry, and waken in the morning with a headache that gives promise never to get any better. So the Spectator is convinced that real kindness would permit the quiet people to stay quietly at home, and that real wisdom would prevent such quiet people from turning their home upside down and spending more money than they can afford in order to make both themselves and their friends uncomfortable. fortable.

The Spectator has said what he has with around, as some writers have been known to do, and ask his friends if they have read his piece in The Outlook on mistaken hospitality. No, the Spectator will "lay very low" about this, because he knows, just as well as he knows that he is a simful man that he will if his this, because he knows, just as well as he knows that he is a sinful man, that he will—if his life be spared a few years longer—have to go to many places of entertainment which will afford him no more enjoyment than two or three hours in a dentist's chair. Indeed, he would not say what he does if he did not hope that some one else would take up the matter in the come view, and expressing these ideas would not say what he does it he did not hope that some one else would take up the matter in the same view, and, expressing these ideas in better and more popular fashion, work a reform which might result in the Spectator's exclusion from the twelve-course dinner and the post-midnight ball. And yet, when he thinks of it, the Spectator would not be left out. To be left out entirely would indicate that the Spectator is a surly fellow and only fit for social Coventry. No, he does not wish to be left out; he only desires that within his little and usually happy circle such things may not be. Then there would be no question of inclusion or exclusion, and all of such could take their slippered ease without the dread of those other times when a man, with the feelings of a trooper or the thoughts of a monk, would have to tie up his neck in stiff white linen and imitate the manners

and the sentiments of a waiting gentle-

But balls and dinners are not the only forms But balls and dinners are not the only forms of mistaken hospitality. There is such a thing as house company—house company which suffers and makes to suffer. The Spectator, in what he is saying and what he has said, makes no allusion to those who have ample places and generous means. To them hospitality is a matter of course, as much a matter of course, as the comfortable balance in the of course as the comfortable balance in the bank. The Spectator alludes only to those quiet people who live in small houses which re not larger than the regular occupants need are not larger than the regular occupants need for their comfortable and decent lodgment. Why such persons should stuff their houses with visitors passes the Spectator's comprehension. Who enjoys it? The guests certainly don't, for they are placed in narrower quarters than at home; the hosts don't like it, for they are frequently all but crowded out of house and home; the servants like it least of all, for their work is doubled and trebled, and their wages only increased by inadequate tips house and home; the servants like it least of all, for their work is doubled and trebled, and their wages only increased by inadequate tips which insult rather than compensate. When such a visit is over, the hosts are apt to say, "Well, thank goodness! that is over," and the guests when they get home will congratulate themselves, and possibly remark with sighs of satisfaction, "Ah, bless us! are we not glad indeed to be at home again!" Writing these things down, they look cynical. And yet the Spectator is not a cynical man. On the contrary, he loves his kind as much as the next one. Upon this occasion, however, he speaks plainly, because he feels deeply. A man with five thousand dollars a year cannot be expected to do the things that a man with ten times that income would do without a second thought. Then why should Mr. Rusticus in his cottage, or Mr. Suburban in his Queen Anne villa, be expected to fill up his few little rooms in imitation of Mr. Midas, who has half rooms in imitation of Mr. Midas, who has half a dozen houses of fifty rooms each, and servants so numerous that they can hardly keep out of each other's way? If he happen to be in himself a pleasant fellow, it is Mr. Midas's bounden duty to be hospitable to the utmost; but the others, unless they have gifts approaching genius, should entertain as little as possible, and then on the smallest possible scale. This suggestion is made out of kindness to all concerned, for the visited suffer no more in such times than the visitors; both are thoroughly uncomfortable, and both are heartily glad when the encounter at close quarters finished.

The Spectator has known persons so illadvised in their hospitality that they have invited guests to stay with them even though they live in flat or apartment houses. Few flats that are constructed are large enough to accommodate more than two persons; and then the relations of these persons should be most intimate and confidential—such, for instance, as husband and wife. Flats are so small that the amount of individual privacy to small that the amount of individual privacy to be enjoyed in them is most inconsiderable. Even the privilege to sigh, to sneeze, or to snore must be shared with the other occupants. Under such circumstances, what could be more uncomfortable than to be in a flat with visitors—visitors with whom a degree of formality needs to be preserved? The Spectator knows whereof he speaks, as he has in such circumstances been both the visited and such circumstances been both the visited and the visitor. Emerson in one of his essays gives this counsel: "Lovers, preserve your strangeness." That advice might be given to friends quite as well. An intimacy which has no reserve is sure to end in disenchantment, if not in estrangement and active hostility. An intimacy was disented to be sufficient to the content of the content intimacy accompanied by great discomfort is sure to end that way. So this is why the Spectator, from a full and a sad experience, has written in this way and counseled against ill-considered and mistaken forms of hospitality. Cherish the kindly feeling with all your heart, do the good and the generous deed with an open hand, but do not make both deed and feeling costly alike to him who gives and him who receives.

Notes and Queries

I am just entering the pastorate of a Congregationa church in a town of some 3,000, where probably one-third of the inhabitants do not go to church. Our church during the last two years has been through very trying experiences and has had no settled pastorate. Can you advise me as to methods of work, etc.? As far as I have read, I am a strong believer in Christian evolution. Am inclined to the taking up of the social questions of the day, believing that they are vital questions for Christian churches to consider and deal with. What commentaries would you recommend me to procure on "Acts" and "Romans" dealing with the practical life of to-day? M. Lacking definite information, we can only in a

Lacking definite information, we can only in a general way respond to your request for advice. Draw around you the most faithful and active of Draw around you the most faithful and active of the church, avoiding all semblance of personal partiality. Through these as a nucleus endeavor to quicken all with the spirit of Christian service. To draw in the unchurched, the "Men's Sunday Evening Club," presenting a varied programme for the second service, the core of which is a short but earnest address on some vital subject, has proved very effective. Probably Dr. Abbott's commentaries come nearest to what you inquire for. We succest. come nearest to what you inquire for. We suggest that you read Dr. Gladden's "Ruling Ideas of the Present Age."

"Till I fancy but thinly the veil intervenes Between the fair city and me,"

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closes the second verse of Mrs. Ellen H. Gates's hymn, No. 20, Gospel Hymns No. 1, or No. 15 Gospel Hymns Complete, "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land."

Kindly quote the first line of the hymn on the topic "The Church," containing

"There my best friends, my kindred dwell,
There God my Saviour reigns."

W. R. R.

W.R.R.

It is in one of Watts's versions of the 122d Psalm, beginning "How did my heart rejoice to hear."

Can you give me the remainder of the familiar quotation commencing "I'd rather be a toad and live upon the vapor of a dungeon—"? Also, can you tell me who is the author of these lines?

The remainder is:

"Than keep a corner in the thing I love For others' uses."

-Shakespeare's Othello, Act III., Sc. 3.

Please inform me where I can get the poems written by Eugene Field. Some of them have been published of late in "McClure's Magazine." B. D.

Collections of Mr. Field's poems are published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Will you kindly inquire for us through the columns of your paper whether any art school in our country or elsewhere has among its students a Christian organization or any united effort on a Christian or philanthropic basis? At present we know only of an art students' church in Paris, which has given pleasure to American students abroad. In one art school in Ohio a short weekly prayermeeting found favor with many of the students. During the past winter several students have taken classes in a mission Sunday-school, and now a plan is made to work through the churches. We very much desire to have Christian fellowship with other art schools such as exists between colleges, in order that our own work may be encouraged and strengthened. Any one who can inform us concerning anything that is done elsewhere will do us a great favor.

ART STUDENTS.

Can any of the older readers of The Outlook fur-ish me with a sonnet called "April," published at ast twenty years ago in the "Atlantic Monthly"?

"No days such honored days as these, When first fair Aphrodite reigned."

I had supposed it was by Helen Hunt Jackson, but I am not able to find it. E. H. K.

I see that credit is given to Julia Gill for the poem "Christ and the Little Ones." The poem was written by Mrs. Marcia Locke Bailey, of Providence, R. I., and after her death published with other beautiful pieces of hers in a little volume called "Star Flowers." It was published by G. P. Putnam's Sons in 1882. Mrs. Bailey also wrote "The Mistakes of My Life Are Many." C. V. W.

Any church desiring to dispose of about fifty copies of "The Church Hymn-Book," compiled by Edwin F. Hatfield, 1872, or twenty-five copies of "Gospel Hymns Consolidated," in fair condition, will please correspond with Rev. Chas. N. Gleason.

Edgartown, Mass.

To whom does T.B. Aldrich refer in the words,

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"There's one, a later-laureled brow,
With purple blood of poets in his yeins,"
etc., in No. XXV. of his "Later Lyrics," entitled
"When from the tense chords of that mighty lyre"?
J. J. W.

Can some one please inform me the name and address of the proper person to correspond with to know definitely about "The Society of Mayflower Descendants," and to whom to apply for membership?

F. R.

Correspondence

What Converted Me to Silver Coinage

To the Editors of The Outlook:

Up to a few years ago I had given little attention to the currency question. So far as I considered it at all, it seemed conclusive that one standard was all there could legitimately be, one final money article into which all currency, and thus all financial tran-sactions, must be convertible. How simple most of the public questions seem when regarded superfi-

When the political prominence of the currency question became accentuated by the panic, the withdrawal of gold, the loss of business, and the idleness of men with families to support, I began to read and think. I was a gold-standard man, and was prejudiced by the fact of silver advocacy coming almost whelly from the small silver producing States. This wholly from the small, silver-producing States. This looked like protection in the manufacturing States—self-interest carried into public affairs. I first read President Andrews's "Honest Dollar." I saw clearly enough that contracting the standard money meant a corresponding reduction in prices. General Walker and other authorities confirmed my own opinion that the quantity of standard money had a direct and marked effect on prices. On a steadily de clining market men will hold back from investing and clining market men will hold back from investing and buying; they will buy as little as possible; the enterprising men will suffer, failures will be more frequent, debts will be harder to pay. Industries are chiefly carried on by energetic, sanguine men who use borrowed capital and credit to the fullest extent. A regular decline in their merchandise in hand adds greatly to their chances of failure. The disinclination to invest tends strongly to repress industry, the failure of employers dislocates employment. Thus failure of employers dislocates employment. Thus it was apparent that appreciation of the standard money and depreciation of prices tended to depress industry, precipitate panics, and throw industrious men into unsteady employment or enforced idleness. The rate of wages is a small matter compared with the steadiness of work. The personal demoralization of workers and workers' families is greatly increased by lack of work and broken income

Next my attention was directed to Mexico, where my own business connections gave me some personal knowledge. In the twenty years of our gold standard we had been beset with panic and depression. Almost half of that period has been "dull times," and three distinct financial panics had turned business men gray, and had converted numberless wageearners into vagrants and tramps. Starting from a revolutionary collection of States, with almost no industries, and with an ignorant population, Mexico

had progressed and prospered in a phenomenal way.

My own business with Mexican merchants, manuever a failure occurred, and frequent interviews with Mexican customers brought the information that wages had advanced, that business and employment was steady, and capital abundant. Foreign investments flowed in freely.

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All this while Mexico had free coinage of gold and silver, and, consequently, a silver currency which was steadily depreciating in comparison with foreign currency and gold. But prices did not depreciate. A house or a machine or a horse or wheat was worth as much this year as last, and would be worth as much next year, barring minor fluctuations. Fears of a decline retarded no one the actual decline bank. of a decline retarded no one, the actual decline bankor a decime retarded no one, the actual decime bank-rupted no one. Men had regular work. Imported goods were converted from the foreign invoices to the local currency, sold and paid for accordingly, without other difficulty than we find in pounds sterling or francs or marks into dollars.

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International exchange is exchange, and a bushel of wheat or an ox's hide will bring a yard of woolen, a cwt. of tin, just the same whether a pound sterling stands for five American dollars or nine Mexican dollars. It will take no more work to produce the wheat or the hide, whether it is rated at two shillings or at four. I thus found that no disadvantage had accrued to Mexico by reason of her free coinage and silver standard, but manifest advantage. Our own conditions are not identical with those of Mexico, but the unfavorable influences of a coin contraction but the unfavorable influences of a coin contraction and lowered prices are intensified by our greater dependence upon trade and credit. As we have suffered vastly more than Mexico, as we are better situated to stand on our own feet, I reached the conclusion that free coinage had no terrors in store for us, but, on the contrary, would immediately restore prosperity, and thus I became a free-coinage man at the old ratio independent of other nations. By your leave I shall later say a word about the so-called 50-cent dollar and repudiation.

One Phase of the Higher Life of Brooklyn

To the Editors of The Outlook.

The articles in The Outlook upon the higher life of different cities have been a means of instruction

and stimulus to all readers. Brooklyn is behind and stimulus to all readers. Brooklyn is behind many other cities in some respects. It is badly lighted. It is not as well paved as it ought to be, though during the past year so many improvements have been made that this reproach will soon be but a matter of history. Brooklyn has not many art treasures, no good book-store, only a few monuments, and it is lacking in trees. But it has a splendid park, is crowded with fine churches, and has one of the best libraries in the country. Besides "the bark, is crowded with fine chartenes, and has one of the best libraries in the country. Besides, "the Brooklyn Institute" is already becoming world-famous. There is one aspect of the higher life of Brooklyn which is not receiving the praise it de-serves. In one respect she can hold herself head and serves. In one respect she can hold herself head and shoulders above other cities, and that is because of the concerts which are held every summer at Brighton Beach. These concerts owe their existence to the self-sacrificing efforts of a few noble and clever Brooklyn women who have formed themselves into a society for the cultivation of musical taste among the masses. For eight years they have worked and striven, in the face of discouragement and sometimes almost overwhelming odds, to not only exalt the musical taste of the public, but to furnish to that public the best music obtainable in the country, at a cost within the reach of the humblest lover of music. As I am not a member of this society, nor acquainted with its president or officers, I can say all this without suspicion of flattery, or in any way as an advertisement. It is a simple act of justice. The public is far too insensitive to its benefactors. It often takes as a matter of course opportunities, advantages, which it would not have were it not for the vantages, which it would not have were it not for the self-sacrifice of some people whose sole motive is the public good. Here we have the opportunity of hear-ing the finest music in the world, rendered by one of the best orchestras in the country, conducted by one of the greatest conductors the world has ever seen, a man famous on two continents. What do we pay for these concerts? Twenty cents apiece, occa-sionally forty cents! I can buy as many tickets for the whole season as I have time to use, and they will cost me no more than the price charged for one seat in the Opera-House during the winter. It seems to me that when the Music Hall at Brighton is not well filled, it shows a singular disregard of great opportunities for culture, for recreation, for refreshment of the spirit, for the uplifting of the soul. The "Evening Telegram" had the other evening an article on the "Music Cure." It spoke of how music soothes tired nerves, and gives rest and relaxation to worn-out hearts, acting as medicine in many cases of troublesome disease. When I read this article, I thought of these Seidl concerts this summer.

The great difference between this "Seidl Society" and many others is that its object is not self-interest, it is pure benevolence. It is plain that such music cannot be furnished at such a price without some people putting their hands in their pockets and giving largely. Is this not as good as endowing a library, giving to a college, as good as many of the charities which win applause from every one? I have often thought that if some rich men would endow the Metropolitan Opera-House in New York, and make it possible for these great singers and musical artists to be heard by the great mass of music-lovers, of hungry, thirsty, aspiring men and women, who now cannot afford even a glimpse of the inside of the Opera-House, or one strain of glorious song to gladden and refresh them, it would be ous song to gratten and refresh them, it would be as noble an act as the founding of the Astor Library, or the building of the Chicago University, or President Low's gift to Columbia. For it cannot be denied that music has an indispensable place in the culture of the community. Even if it did not minister to the culture of the mind, the higher development of to the culture of the mind, the higher development of the whole nature, it would have its glory in that it is a recreation, a solace amid the whirl and stress of daily life. The people cannot do without it. If the higher forms of it are denied them, they will seek it in places which are a disgrace and a blot on our civilization. It is not alone for the people of Brooklyn that these noble women of Brooklyn are working. They are of help to the development of the higher life of New Yorkers as well. Of course it takes longer for people in New York to reach Brighton than for people in Brooklyn. But the concerts are worth the journey. Indeed, the whole community cannot be too grateful to Mrs. Langford and the cannot be too grateful to Mrs. Langford and the other women who are doing so much for the cultivation of taste for the higher forms of musical art.

Non-Resistance

To the Editors of The Outlook:
Will The Outlook please explain the difference between non-resistance in extreme cases and selfish-

It is so easy to let things go as they are and to feel that we need not interfere in other people's affairs, that the doctrine of non-resistance as explained by Tolstoï seems to me a very dangerous one.

Already, not only Congressmen, but some Church members, are saying that the missionaries in Arme-

nia ought to come home, that they really have no right to be there if the Turks do not want them.

Must we believe that England and Russia did right in not resisting Turkish wickedness by force if need be? To some of us it has looked like selfishneed be? To some of us it has looked like sensingless, but is it to be counted to them for righteousness? Must my sympathy, my love for my neighbor, be wholly for the Turk, and not for the Armenian, especially the Armenian woman? Is it, after all, through love for the Turk that Christendom has used only mild persuasion?

How is it possible to love one's neighbor as one's

self, and not defend her when she is in danger. whether it be from a wild beast or a devil in human

Are we to suppose that if the good Samaritan had arrived a few minutes earlier he would have stood by until the thieves had pounded the man into a state of unconsciousness, and then have come forward and offered his services?

ward and offered his services?
And, taking the other side, would not the greatest love of the robber try to prevent his committing a crime, using force if necessary?
It is better for a robber to be killed than that he should commit a crime.
Christ teaches resistance in time of the contractions.

Christ teaches resistance in time of danger in

Matt. xii., 29.

The extreme doctrine of non-resistance seems to me pernicious. Christianity is positive, not negative. The slaves would be slaves still but for the Union Army. Christ cast out devils. We have not that power, but we can restrain them. A man who does not believe in government ought to live where there is none, or he is not true to his convictions

G. W. S.

Regents' Examinations

To the Editors of The Outlook:

Now that the final examinations in the public schools of New York State are over for the year, and those of our Seniors of the High Schools who "passed the Regents" have received their diplomas of graduation and have gone forth to prepare for more advanced education, or have entered the career of business life—to them I send this first appeal, trusting that by and through them the Faculties of our High Schools may be influenced; that they may arouse our Boards of Education throughout the State, and through that power that the Board of Regents may awaken to the great importance of a

decided change in their examination papers.

Every year come the reports of mental and physical "breakdowns" caused by over-exertion and strain of study to pass "the Regents." While the general plan of examinations may be beyond criticism, a proper change in details would prevent the constantly recurring cases of positive injustice to individual students.

I would suggest a uniformity in the text-books used, or the preparation of several sets of examination papers, so that each school may have papers whose questions apply directly to the books that have been there studied. I have known of cases where Regents' papers have contained questions that could not be answered by any information contained between the covers of the text-book on the subject that has been used by a particular school, although the book had been carefully selected, and ranked among the best to be obtained.

I would suggest a system of substitute papers, so that a student who, for any reason, is unable to take the examination with his class may have an oppor-tunity for a private examination at another time. tunity for a private examination at another time. A case occurred recently in one of our largest schools where a student who was prepared to take them found that Regents' examinations upon three of his subjects were set down for the same date. An appeal was made to the Board of Regents to secure change of date or permission for a private examination. This not being granted, the student was obliged to omit the subject, solely on account of lack of time for taking it.

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We frequently have cases where students who are fully prepared for the work fail to secure their diplomas because of illness at examination time.

I would suggest that all papers securing a mark of seventy or more from the local teacher should be forwarded to the "Regents" for revision, so securing a thoroughly impartial marking. Upon a close paper it is often next to impossible for a teacher to avoid being somewhat influenced by personal prejudice, or by the previous work which the student has done in the class-room.

I have known a case of this kind where a teacher I have known a case of this kind where a teacher had marked a paper below a pass—thrown it out as beyond question a failure. An appeal was made, and, against strong opposition by the teacher, the paper was forwarded to Albany, and the pupil promptly and unhesitatingly given a "pass."

A high standard for examinations is what makes the diplomas of value, and while I would not reduce the standard I would also die prepare and and event

the standard, I would plead for more equal and exact justice to individual students and individual schools. What can be done about it?

[Publisher's Department]

THE WESTERN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

ORTY years ago, at Oxford, Ohio, two young women were graduating from a new institution which was destined to become an important factor of educational life in the Central West. Mount Holyoke Seminary, at South Hadley, Massachusetts, was then laying the foundations for the present system of women's colleges The associates and friends of Mary Lyon, who were familiar with the Mount Holyoke system, as it had been applied with such happy results in the East, were desirous of seeing the same system introduced under favorable auspices in the great States west of the Alleghanies. Seminary Miss Helen Peabody was a graduate, and for a time had been a member of its Faculty. When, therefore, the Western Female Seminary received its charter, in the year 1853, and a little later called Miss Peabody to inaugurate the Mount Holyoke system at Oxford, it was as a daughter of Mount Holyoke that the school began its work. No better selection could have been made for the responsible duties that awaited her. The school to-day is a living monument to the long, faithful, and capable service of its first Principal. Added to her natural endowments and training, which abundantly qualified her for her position, were indomitable courage and perseverance. On January 14, 1860, she saw that first, dearly bought home of the Western burned to the ground. A second structure and a better one rose from the ruins. On April 7, 1871, she again saw the Seminary building in ashes. A third edifice

was placed on the same foundations in the latter part of the same year, to reward her devotion and express the esteem in which her work was held by the pupils and patrons of the Seminary. Through stirring providences of fire and pestilence and war her woman's faith never wavered; her hope for the future of the

The Front Porch

school was unfaltering. Since her resignation as Principal, eight years ago, Miss Peabody has lived in Pasadena, California. Her home is a kind of Mecca for those who were her students in the thirty-three years during which she presided over the institution. Their reverence for the godly woman, whose days of active service are over, has been handed down from mothers to daughters, and all who know her history delight to do her honor.

Miss Leila S. McKee, of Danville, Kentucky, a graduate of Wellesley, succeeded Miss Peabody, and is now the able and capable President of the College. She has raised the standard of instruction to full college work, and is keeping it abreast with the best colleges of the country. Until her administration the school was continued on the Mount Holyoke plan, and each student was required to do a certain amount of domestic work daily. In later years this plan has been greatly modified, both at Mount Holyoke and Oxford. Although the lighter housework is done by the students, it occupies but half an hour daily, and is really more in the nature of relaxation than that of serious work.

A prominent feature of the College is its location. The buildings rise from an eminence which overlooks the

Miami country, in one of the most beautiful and healthful regions of Ohio. There is a campus of sixty-five acres, and the picture one has of it from the pike, a mile out of Oxford, is not soon forgotten. The long drive winding up to the main building; a glimpse of Alumnæ Hall, with its ivy-clad tower; the pretty little brook; the summerhouse; the smooth-clipped lawn; the acres of woodland stretching away at one side; the great front porch, embowered in rose and honeysuckle-all of these are gathered up in one's first impressions of the very agreeable outdoor surroundings with which the Western is favored. Nor is the impression indoors less pleasing. The cool and quiet library, with its handsome alcoves, its inviting shelves, and its splendid Tillinghast window; the art gallery; the pretty parlors; the pleasant chapel; the well-lighted reading-room, with its tables of fresh periodicals and its easy chairs; the neat and restful rooms for the pupils—all add to the favorable impression made upon. the visitor.

The Western is a home as well as a school. It has never been an ambition of the management that the College should be large in its numbers. The wish is rather to select students who will maintain in scholarship and in character the high standard of excellence of which it is justly proud. The number admitted to its classes is limited, and for this reason the home feeling is the more easily cultivated. It is a household where each pupil comes

into intimate relations with all the members. A visitor almost invariably speaks of the sympathy that seems to exist between the faculty and the students. This is a recognition of a factor great constantly operative in the life of this College. Each teacher knows every girl in the institution, and the girls all know each other. The in-

terest of one is made the interest of all, and a staunch little democracy exists within the boundaries of the campus, in which character is constantly acting upon character. And this feeling of kinship does not cease when the school-days The alumnæ are thoroughly loyal to the institution, and are its most devoted friends. They have a lively organization and several branch societies in which good fellowship and kindly interest are cultivated and perpetuated. These meetings and reunions of the alumnæ have given a stability to the College as helpful to its work as they have been delightful to the members. A substantial proof of this is a handsome fire-proof building presented to the College in 1893 at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, and known as Alumnæ Hall. A library having a capacity of one hundred thousand volumes occupies the whole north end of this building. The cases and shelving for the books are of electroplated bronze, made after the pattern of the new Congressional Library at Washington. Laboratories for the departments of physiological and biological sciences occupy the ground floor; a lecture-room and several of the recitation-rooms are located on the second floor; while the whole upper floor of this building is devoted to art. The departments of Art and Music offer silla maka maka mengalak mengabah

exceptional advantages under the direction of six competent instructors.

It is an aim of the Trustees of the Western to select for the members of the Faculty teachers of thorough Christian culture from the best colleges of the land. The object of this policy is to secure for the Western the best and most approved methods of instruction pursued successfully in other institutions. The University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, Oberlin College, Vassar College, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College and Seminary, and Wellesley College, and several of the leading schools of music,



Sophomore Shepherdesses—Tree Day

are thus represented in the work of the Western, while many of its Faculty have done advanced work abroad. While the College is undenominational in character, it has always been in active sympathy with the practice and precepts of the Christian religion. The Bible is systematically and thoroughly studied under instructors whose attitude toward it is devout and reverent.

The Western is often, and justly, commended for the health of its students. A prime necessity for this was secured at the outset in a healthful location. But in the complicated conditions of modern social life much more is required. In light, heat, ventilation, plumbing, water supply—and diet, exercise, physical training, cheerful surroundings, and agreeable companions as well—there are sanitary conditions requiring vigilant and intelligent care. These are matters for experts, and no expense has been spared to secure the best hygienic results. Col. Latham Anderson, of Cincinnati, a sanitary expert of wide experience and observation, was employed last year to make a

thorough examination of the sanitary condition of the buildings and premises, and closed

his report in these words:

"I desire to express my admiration for the high state of discipline of the institution everywhere apparent, especially as affecting the cleanliness and sanitary condition of the place. An unusual degree of intelligence and sound judgment has been evinced by the management in the precautions which have been taken for maintaining good hygienic conditions. The conservatism of the general management is also shown by the fact that tank water, as I am informed, has never been used for cooking purposes, although, as shown by the above examination, it is sufficiently pure for such purposes.

"It would be well for the rising generations of students if all educational institutions were managed with the same care and intelligence apparent here."

Every student is required to receive a systematic physical education under the

direction of a competent expert. The system of training is after the method of the Anderson School of Gymnastics at New Haven. In cases of defective muscular development the intelligent application of such a system to the wants of a particular individual often secures results of the highest value. In addition to the regular gymnasium

work, a large athletic field gives ample opportunity for outdoor sports, and athletics are in high favor with the Western girls. Tennis, cricket, basket-ball, baseball, and bicycling vie with each other in popularity, and doubtless contribute in no little degree to the excellent health the students enjoy.

The campus of the Western, beautiful at any time, is never more attractive than at the "Tree Day" season. May and June divide honors with October, for the trees are then in their glory, and its bit of woodland is the pride of the College. "Tree Day" is celebrated in the month of May, and the Western is the only "Western"

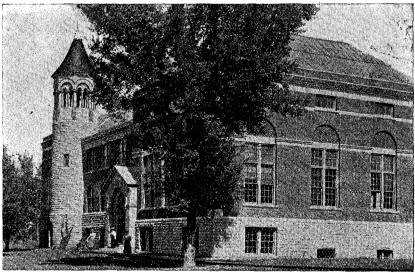
college which makes a special feature of the ceremony. It has become the grand fête of the year, and guests attend from miles around. The students appear in costumes of every contrivance and color, and a spirit of fun and good will and merrymaking pervades the ex-The ceremonies consist in farewells by the Senior Class to the tree they planted in the Freshman year, followed by the planting of another tree by the present Freshman Class. A splendid pageant forms part of the ceremonies, and there are many speeches, witty and learned, and much hilarity and frolic. The Western should be visited on "Tree Day" to be seen at its best. The grounds are in gala array, the girls are more charming than any landscape, and the mirth and light-hearted gayety in which the exercises

are conducted realize a college girl's idea of a "good time.'

The Trustees and Alumnæ Association are now engaged in an undertaking to raise a fund of fifty thousand dollars to endow the Chair of Christian Evidences, and to be known as the Helen Peabody Endowment Fund. Mrs. Calvin S. Brice has lately sent to her Alma Mater, by cablegram from St. Petersburg, a subscription of one thousand dollars to this fund.

The Western has undoubtedly a future before it. With its unique and most creditable history; with the affection of its alumnæ; with its unsurpassed location; with its handsome grounds and buildings; and with its excellent Faculty, there is every prospect that it will continue to grow in its influence and usefulness.

The accompanying cuts give some idea, though an inadequate one, of the beauty of the place. The graceful outlines of Alumnæ Hall; the stately proportions of the Main Building, with its vine-covered chapel; the charm of the winding drive; and the hills and dales of the rolling



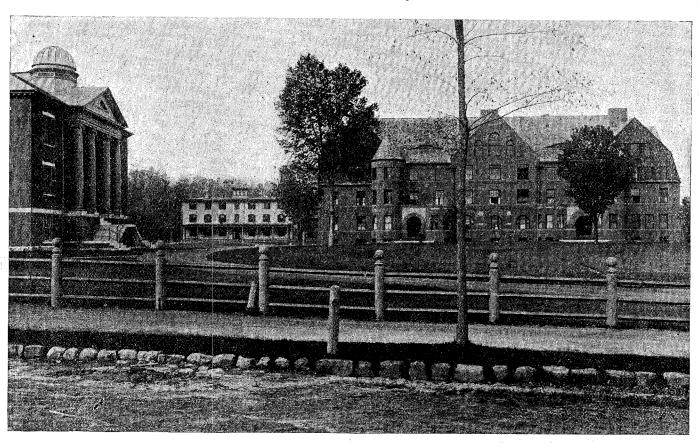
Alumnæ Hall

campus, cannot be reproduced by the photographer's art. To realize it all you must visit old Oxford town and look with your own eyes over the fair possessions of this queen of "Western" colleges.

JESSIE TRIMBLE.

Cincinnati, July, 1896.

[Publisher's Department]



Abbot Academy, of Andover

As a school distinctively Christian in influence and instruction, Abbot Academy aims to prepare its girls for useful, earnest lives, and provides exceptional opportunities for thorough intellectual culture and the best development of character. Founded in 1829 in the old historic town of Andover, Mass., twenty-three miles north of Boston, it enjoys a healthful climate and is surrounded by the most beautiful scenery. The Academy grounds comprise twenty-three acres laid out in beautiful walks and lawns, including a large grove of majestic oaks. Abundant opportunity is thus offered for healthful outdoor exercise, which is required of all. As Andover is the seat of several other educational institutions, certain incidental benefits are thus derived from mutual sources, while its proximity to Boston renders available the advantages in art and science which that city offers. The equipment of Abbot Academy is acknowledged to be exceptionally complete. Draper Hall, the largest and most imposing of the school buildings, is one of the finest of the kind in the country. No care or expense has been spared in its arrangement and construction. It is admirably ventilated, lighted, and heated. The rooms are mostly arranged en suite, allowing a parlor and bedroom for two pupils. Each young lady has a separate bed, her own bureau, closet, and toilet conveniences. The building stands at an angle which permits every room to have the sun during some part of the day. Separate floors entirely distinct are devoted to Music and Art. The wing of Draper Hall is devoted to the German classes, while Smith Hall is the home of the French students. Here the most pleasant accommodations are provided, each pupil having a room to herself. The pleasant parlors and dining-room present a homelike appearance which adds to other attractions. Abbot Hall, the old academy, contains the assembly hall, class-rooms, laboratory, and gymnasium. In the Academy library of five thousand volumes, catalogued by the card system, are found carefully selected books, many of which are especially supplied as an aid in the studies of Literature, History, Science, and Art. The library is open at all times, as is also the reading-room, which contains all the desirable magazines and newspapers of the day. Attendance at Sunday morning service is required. Those who have been reared in the

Episcopal Church worship in Christ Church; all others attend the South Congregational Church, where free sittings are provided for the school. No visits are made or received on this day, as Tuesday evening and Wednesday (not Wednesday evening) are set apart for recreation. Visitors may also be received out of study hours on other days. For 70 years Abbot Academy has drawn its pupils from all sections of the country, thus establishing a service equally adapted to all. Until 1853 the Academy was in charge of a male Principal. At this date the

principalship passed into the hands of Miss Nancy J. Haseltine, niece of the celebrated Abigail Haseltine. Six years later she was succeeded by Miss Philena McKeen,under whose charge the Academy enjoyed thirtythree years of unprecedented success. 1892 Miss Mc-Keen was ably succeeded by



Miss Laura S. Watson, Principal

Miss Laura S. Watson, in whose charge the school now is. Abbot Academy certainly enjoys an enviable position among the educational institutions of the United States, won by time-honored efforts in behalf of the young women intrusted to its care. The illustrated annual catalogue contains full information of the facilities and opportunities of the several Literary and Scientific courses, and also of a thorough College Fitting course, offered by this institution.

[PUBLISHER'S DEPARTMENT]

Chicago as an Educational Center for Women

The University of Chicago, with its great money endowments, its splendid equipments of special buildings for the natural sciences, its facilities for post-graduate work, its equal opportunities for men and women, has drawn the attention of the entire country away from the far East as the educational Mecca of students, and bids fair to change the educational center of the United States from New England to the southern shore of Lake Michigan. The single fact that this great university in its incipiency provided three commodiums and this great university in its incipiency provided three commodious and finely equipped buildings for the accommodation of its women students shows the importance it attaches to their higher education, and

dents shows the importance it attaches to their higher education, and sets a standard for their intellectual development such as no other city in the United States can boast.

It has long been known to well-informed people that the standard of intellectual culture among women in Chicago has for many years been the highest, and while it is well said that comparisons are odious, yet it is true that as long ago as the meeting of the Women's Congress in 1882, when the Chicago Woman's Club entertained that highly cultured and dignified body of women, the superiority of Chicago women as speakers, parliamentarians, and in general ability to guide and inform audiences was generally and generously recognized. At that time a distinguished woman from New York City said: "I feel as if the Chicago women were a deep sea in which we Eastern women swim as small and unimportant boats."

The women's clubs of Chicago are the most numerous and enroll the largest membership of those of any city of the United States.



Academy of Sciences

They also contain the largest proportion of women who are college graduates. Two of these clubs, the Fortnightly, with a membership limited to 200, and the Chicago Woman's Club, with a membership of nearly 800, have very handsomely equipped club-rooms which occupy the entire fifth floor of one of the great business blocks in the heart of the city. Here, over a quiet cup of tea or chocolate, which can always be obtained on call, the best women of Chicago meet to discuss matters of general interest or to formulate plans for the humane and Christian enterprises for which they are so noted. The presidency of the National Confederation of Women's Clubs, with its 200,000 members, has, for the second time, been awarded to a Chicago woman, Mrs. Charles Heurotin, notwithstanding a vigorous attempt on the part of Eastern members to remove it to New York.

All the pupils of Chicago schools, public and private, have the advantages possessed only by great cities, of access to the great libraries of the city; to its Art Institute, now among the finest in the country; to its museums, which contain many of the most valuable things shown at the Columbian Exposition; to its great Academy of Science, etc. The musical and other entertainments are also an important factor in a liberal education for girls. The Thomas concerts continue throughout the winter season, and as the rehearsals are given on Friday afternoons they are attended by hundreds of pupils from the schools. The best musical artists come to Chicago every winter.

The great Chicago Conservatory of Music and Elocution, under the direction of Samuel Kayzer, with its finely equipped studios in the Auditorium, and its corps of teachers in each department, from the front ranks of the profession, offers the opportunity to the pupils of Chicago schools for education in all branches of musical and dramatic art which New York and Boston have until recent years monopolized.

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A great deal of the credit of the general high standard of culture among Chicago women is due to the Chicago private schools for girls, which, ever since the great Chicago fire, have been doing singularly effective, if quiet, work. Among the twelve or fourteen long-established schools for girls in Chicago, only two receive more than twenty boarding pupils, none receive over thirty, while the majority receive only ten or twelve in the families of the principals. This restriction has had the effect of bringing the young girls who are boarding pupils into close personal relation to the principals of these schools, to the great advantage of these pupils, since among the principals of the private schools of Chicago are to be found women distinguished not only as educators but as scholars and writers to a degree scarcely equaled by any other city in the country.

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Another interesting fact in regard to these private schools is that all make a specialty of fitting girls for college, and every September witnesses the interesting spectacle of special trains for college students. Usually these trains are decorated with flowers furnished by the officials of the various reade and the repure ledges leave Chicago for cials of the various roads, and the young ladies leave Chicago for Vassar, Smith, and Wellesley under the happiest auspices of attention and éclat.

One of Chicago's leading schools for girls is the Loring School, on Prairie Avenue, founded in 1876 by Mrs. Stella D. Loring and Miss Howells, a sister of W. D. Howells. This school is now under the Howells, a sister of W. D. Howells. This school is now under the principalship of Mrs. Loring, a most cultured, scholarly woman, who, besides her large number of day pupils, receives into her family twelve young ladies as boarding pupils. The Loring School gives especial attention to college preparatory work, and its certificates admit to the leading colleges for women and co-educational universities without entrance examinations. At Mrs. Loring's home the pupils meet the literati of the city, as Mrs. Loring gives frequent evenings when distinguished people read papers or give musical recitals or meet with members of her family socially.

On Indiana Avenue near Twentieth Street are the two spacious buildings occupied by the Holman-Dickerman School, under the principalship of Mrs. L. C. Holman and Miss F. S. Dickerman. The course of instruction embraces all the studies included in a thorough English education, and especial attention is also given to the study of French. The school numbers among its pupils and alumnae the daughters of some of Chicago's most prominent families. While this has been strictly a day school in the past, Mrs. Holman and Miss Dickerman intend receiving a few boarding pupils into their home in the fall.

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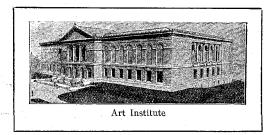
Further south—for these are South Side institutions—is to be found the Kenwood Institute, on Forty-seventh Street, near the Lake. The principal, Miss A. E. Butts, receives into her large and finely appointed home about twelve boarding pupils. This school has the distinction of being the only girls' school affiliated with the University of Chicago, thus obviating the necessity of entrance examination. A certificate from the principal of Kenwood Institute admits to the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Vassar College, Smith College, and Wellesley College without examinations. Special attention is given to the study of art history, illustrated lectures being given regularly on this subject.

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On Oakenwald Avenue, also near the Lake, is Ascham Hall, a school for young ladies. The principal is Miss Kate Byam Martin, a sister of Mrs. Charles Henrotin. Miss Martin's school is noted for the attention it gives to modern languages and to art. Examinations for the University of Chicago are given quarterly at Ascham Hall. Miss Martin, having lived many years abroad, speaks French and German with fluency. She is the author of several well-known works of fiction and travel. Miss Martin receives twelve young ladies into her house.

Eight miles west of the city, but connected with it by numerous lines of electric and steam cars, in the beautiful suburb of Oak Park, is the Scoville Place School, Mrs. Helen E. Starrett, principal. This school is named for the gentleman whose spacious mansion, surrounded by five acres of lawn, the school has occupied since his death. On account of its size, large and finely furnished rooms for pupils, and its general superior equipment, this school has been named the Ogontz of Chicago schools. It accommodates twenty-five boarding and one hundred day pupils. It is especially noted for the attention given to the use of good English in speech and composition. Its certificates admit to all the best colleges for women. Mrs. Starrett is well known in the literary world, not only for magazine articles on educational topics, but for several books on ethical and social subjects. Her "Letters to a Daughter" have been read by thousands of young girls during the past ten years.

Beautiful Kenilworth, a few miles north of Chicago, on the heavily wooded bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, possesses one of the most



thoroughly equipped schools in the country, Kenilworth Hall. Within thoroughly equipped schools in the country, Kenilworth Hall. Within easy reach of the city by numerous suburban trains, with a most beautiful natural environment, are situated the home of Mrs. Babcock, the principal, and another building devoted exclusively to the purpose of recitation and study. Mrs. Babcock is an experienced teacher of widespread reputation. While, if desired, pupils are prepared for college, the special inducements offered by this school are delightful home associations and a most thorough course of study along general lines under Mrs. Babcock and a corps of competent assistants. Numerous graduates of Kenilworth Hall, prominent in society and literary circles, attest the thoroughness of Mrs. Babcock's society and literary circles, attest the thoroughness of Mrs. Babcock's training. Mrs. Babcock receives twelve boarding pupils into her

The truth is, that Chicago, possessing its unsurpassed opportunities for general culture, with such finely equipped schools, offers inducements which are proving sufficient to cause parents to turn their eyes thitther when considering the question of the education of their daughters.

Bits of Fun

Making His Mark.—She—Have you heard that our minister is to be tried for heresy? He—Yes, it is quite a distinction for so young a man.—Brooklyn Life.

He Wondered .- "Dearest," she said, coo-He. Wondered.—"Dearest," she said, cooingly, "I wish you were a great statesman, with your picture on our greenbacks." "I wonder if she knows that a man has to be dead to get his picture on the currency," he thought to himself. There are some things it is better not to know. Indianatolis Journal it is better not to know.—Indianapolis Jour-

Mr. Anstey, the author of "Vice Versa," tells a story to illustrate the inappropriate way in which Scripture texts are sometimes used. At a small seaside resort in England a generous citizen presented a number of free seats for the promenade, each adorned with an iron label stating that "Mr. Jones, of this town, presented these seats for the public use. The sea is his and he made it."—New York

In one of the smaller towns of Kentucky lives a negro familiarly known as "Tim White." On one occasion it was necessary to White." On one occasion it was necessary to record his full name. The not unusual supposition that "Tim" stood for "Timothy" was met with flat denial. "No, sah! My right name is What-timorous-souls-we-poor-mortals-be White. Dey jes' calls me Tim fo' short, sah."—*Exchange*.

It is not often that the House of Commons has the chance of enjoying a good and inno-cent joke. But it found the occasion the cent joke. But it found the occasion the other night, and at the expense of Mr. John Burns, who is far too earnest a man to indulge in jokes of malice prepense. "Since I came into the House, four years ago," Mr. Burns said, "the confidence of the public in it has much diminished." The laughter that here broke forth prevented him from finishing the sentence.—Household Words.

"It is a wonder to me," said Willie Wishington, "to see how quickly the minds of some men act. There are people who can decide in an instant what it would take others a long time to consider. I met a man the other evening who is that way." "Was he a lawyer?" "I don't know. But he had an intellectual green, that was actounding. I intellectual grasp that was astounding. I met him in the hall just as he was reaching for an umbrella. 'Is that your umbrella?' he inquired. 'No,' replied I. 'In that case,' he answered, 'it's mine.'"—Washington Star.

Mark Twain has been telling the South African pressmen some yarns and cracking some jokes at his own expense. One of the latter is related by a Johannesburg paper. Mark was talking about South Africa's numerous recent afflictions. "Yes," he said, "you have had a fearful time here lately-what with wars, revolutions, rinderpest, locusts, drought—and me. I guess you can go no further with plagues. Now that I've come, you must take a change for the better."—Westminster Gazette.

The preacher spoke of little things, Their influence and power, And how the little pitted speck Made all the apple sour.

He told how great, big, sturdy oaks From little acorns grew, And how the tiny little stone The burly giant slew.

But the cyclist sat there unimpressed By all the speaker's fire, Until he went outside and found A pin had pierced his tire. –Wilkesbarre News Dealer.

One old-fashioned divine of my early youth (writes A. K. H. B.) preached every Sunday upon "The Broken Covenant." At length the long-suffering parishioners could stand it no longer, and a deputation was organized to visit the manse. The deputation informed the minister that they were extremely weary of hearing continually of "The Broken Covon hearing continually of "The Blocker Covenant," and that there was a general desire to have at least one new sermon. "You shall have it," said the worthy minister, in conciliatory strain; "you shall have a perfectly new sermon next Sunday." Accordingly the church was fuller than usual, and a thrill of satisfaction are round when the text was appropried tion ran round when the text was announced

in these words: "And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack." "Let me tell you, my friends," said the preacher, "the day is coming when all your sacks will be rypit. And what, think you, will be found in them? Yes, what will be found in them? The first thing found in them will be 'The Broken Coverant,' on which I will now proceed to speak enant, on which I will now proceed to speak at great length." Thus was hope dashed to the ground, and the congregation fell back into the state of utter misery in which they had listened to that dismal orator on many past days.

An Electrical Fancy

The astonishing progress of electrical science is neatly satirized by a Parisian paper, which imagines Mr. Edison, in his laboratory, hearing the news of a declaration of war between Great Britain and the United States. A young man, his assistant, rushes in, pale and out of breath, and exclaims to the great electrician: "Oh, master, war is declared! It is terri-

"Ah!" says the master. "War declared, eh? And where is the British army at this moment?"

"Embarking, sir." "Embarking where?"
"At Liverpool."

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yes. Now, my friend, would you please join the ends of those two wires hanging there against the wall? That's right. Now bring them to me. Good! And be kind enough to press that button."

The assistant, wondering and half-amused, presses the button.

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"Very well," says the inventor. "Now do you know what is taking place at Liverpool?"
"The British army is embarking, sir."
The inventor pulls out his watch and glances at the time. "There is no British army," he says coolly

"When you touched that button you destroyed it."

"Oh, this is frightful!"

"It is not frightful at all. It is science. Now, every time that a British expedition embarks at any port, please come and tell me at once. Ten seconds afterward it will simply be out of existence, that's all."

"There doesn't seem to be any reason why

America should be afraid of its enemies after

this, sir."

"I am inclined to believe you," says the master, smiling slightly. "But in order to avert future trouble, I think it would be best to destroy England altogether."

"To—to destroy England, sir—"

"Kindly touch button number four there."

The assistant touches it. The inventor counts ton.

counts ten.

"—eight, nine, ten—it is all over. There is no more England."
"Oh! oh!" screams the young man.

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"Now we can go on quietly with our work," says the master. "And if we should ever be at war with any other nation, you have only to notify me. I have an electric button connecting with every foreign country which will destroy it when pressed. In ten minutes I could destroy every country in the world, the United States included. Be careful, now, that you don't touch any of those buttons accidently—you might do a lot of damage!"—Youth's Companion.

[Publisher's Department]

Exit the Spinning-Wheel Woman's Work in New Fields

When the spinning-wheel and the loom went from cottage to factory, there began a world-revolution not equaled by any overturning of an old order which civilization has witnessed. When cloth was no longer spun and woven and bleached and fashioned by home skill, but came from factories and called for a price instead of for effort at first hand; when baking and brewing and churning became great separate industries, like soap-boiling, candle-making, and a score of other tasks which had once filled woman's days to the full, civilization stood on the threshold of a great

new era compared to which those were un-important times when slaves were turned loose into the condition of self-dependent freemen, and vast armies were disbanded after having forgot all crafts but the craft of war. History took on a new turn in this revolution, or evolution, to which almost no other can compare. The hands and hearts and minds of millions of women, born and yet to be born, stood ready for new occupations in large degree, and some of the gravest questions this old world has propounded stared in the faces of both men and women then, nor have they ceased their insistence or their gravity even now.

In what may woman engage to do best

In what may woman engage to do best justice to her powers and most good with them, and suffer least detriment to her womanliness? We are told that there are over two thousand occupations open to women to-day, as against only three to which they could turn a generation ago. The general aspect of the world to-day toward a woman at the bar or on the jury, for instance, is far different from what it would have been thirty years ago, but there it would have been thirty years ago, but there are still thousands who are unreconciled to such conditions, and among womankind there are almost as many, proportionately, who view with dread the prospect of going into the world as bread-winners, as there were a halfcentury ago. To these the first choice of occupation is one of the very first which opened to the woman in search of opportunity. Teaching is the nearest and dearest work to the ing is the nearest and dearest work to the truly feminine heart, and although it was one of woman's first resources, it has been outclassed by none subsequent to it, either in the extent of its demands or the rewards they offer. From the college presidency to the teaching of babes, there is call in every field for the capable woman; but in no branch of labor, educational or otherwise can women labor, educational or otherwise, can women find a field so peculiarly their own as in the

Kindergarten.

Kindergarten! Beautiful word, suggesting the flowers of childhood and the tender study and love and care of the coaxing gardener, who is wise beyond the point where men expect roses to flourish under the same treatment as violets, but give to each tender plant the care which, by minute, individual study, they have found it to be in need of. This branch of education is offering, perhaps, the most and the choicest inducements of any occupation open to women. It is a field in which they need fear no stress of competition except among themselves, for in it there can be none of the vexed strife between men and women, such as works so sorely on the spirits of those women who choose the more advanced stages of educational work. In it, moreover, women find a vocation which is more than breadwinning, a calling next of kin to their crown of glory, motherhood! For that sacredest of offices it fits such as God may, in time, elevated the stage of the same of th thereto; and for those who may always find their work outside the walls of home, it opens their work outside the walls of home, it opens up opportunities of a depth and breadth and beauty any one might well envy. The science of child-study, to which it has given birth and impetus, is assuming proportions and revealing charms which take captive the finest minds, and from being first misunderstood as a scheme for "amusing children," kindergartning has come to be recognized as one of the most whelf delicate and beautiful as well as one subtly delicate and beautiful, as well as one of the most important, of all sciences.

From Mrs. J. N. Crouse, the Principal of the Chicago Kindergarten College, No. 10 East Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ill., where many of the best teachers in the country have been trained, best teachers in the country have been trained, it was learned that the demand for good teachers far exceeds the supply, and that places are sometimes open months looking for "the right woman." Further inquiry also brought out the facts that a knowledge of kindergartning is a strong recommendation for applicants for ordinary positions the country over and that salaries may be said to be try over, and that salaries may be said to be better in this than in almost any other branch of woman's work. For instance, teachers who have had but two years' instruction receive from \$500 to \$600 per year for services during half a day through the school year, and students who have had three or four years of theoretical and practical instruction receive from \$800 to \$1,500 per year. These, then, are some of the facts of one of the promising and honorable avecations open to women and honorable avocations open to women.

About People

—Dr. George Taylor Winston, President of the University of North Carolina, was unani-mously elected President of the University of Texas. He has accepted.

—Christina Rossetti is to have a memorial in Christ Church, Woburn Square, where she attended for nearly twenty years. It will consist of a series of paintings for the reredos by

Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

—In an interview on the late Jules Simon, Rochefort said: "Although he was Minister several times, he accomplished the feat—a rarity, under the circumstances, which deserves emphasizing—of acquiring no fortune and

John Hardy, the inventor of the vacuum — John Hardy, the inventor of the vacuum brake, died recently in Vienna, where for many years he had been employed by the State railroads. He was born in 1820, worked for a time under George Stephenson, and is believed to have been the last survivor of his assistants. assistants.

-Besançon was the birthplace of Victor —Besançon was the birthplace of Victor Hugo and Pasteur. Its Town Council recently had a warm debate over the question whether the town lycée, now named after the former, should be named the Lycée Pasteur instead. The advocates of the change declared that Pasteur had cured many people in the department, while Victor Hugo had never done anything for them. But a majority of the Council voted to retain the present name.

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—Miss Kingsley, the African traveler, gives an amusing account of the beginning of her love of adventure. She was at the Canary Islands, and, hearing "very dreadful accounts of the dangers and horrors of traveling in West Africa," she felt she must go, out of mere feminine curiosity. She continues: "I asked a man who knew the country what I should find most useful to take out with me, and he replied: 'An introduction to the Weslevan mission, because they have a fine leyan mission, because they have a fine hearse and plumes at the station, and would

hearse and plumes at the station, and would be able to give you a grand funeral.'"

—The wife of Bishop Wightman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has given to Bishop Hurst, for the American University, an autograph letter of John Wesley, written March 31, 1790, the closing paragraph of which is as follows: "As soon as possible you should put the Believers in Bands and introduce ye whole Methodist Discipline. But, I pray, do not introduce slouched hats; let us not imitate Clowns or Quakers. Next to the Bible, I love Common Sense. Therefore I wd never be singular for singularity sake. I am, dear Billy, your affectionate Friend and Brother, J. Wesley. Beware of women."

Women."
—Writing of Dr. Newman Hall, a correspondent of the London "Daily News" says:
"Never were fourscore years borne more brightly and buoyantly than by the great Constant of the light with the light of the light. on May 22, 1816. It is but a brief while ago that I watched him chasing an omnibus in the Strand with all the nimbleness of a man of thirty; and when, one day this week, he came into the library of Vine House, Hamptend to great me it required a distinct of figure 1. came into the library of Vine House, Hampstead, to greet me, it required a distinct effort of the imagination to realize that Dr. Newman Hall was within a day or two of eighty. No stranger who met him and conversed with him, without being informed beforehand of the fact, would dream of charging the famous successor of Rowland Hill with the burden of forescore years. His good health Mrs. Hall cessor of Rowland Hill with the burden or forescore years. His good health Mrs. Hall attributes in large measure to her husband's bright way of looking at things in general, and to his singularly happy temperament."

—A letter in the daily papers suggests that some lasting memorial of Mrs. Rundle Charles, the well known outbor of "Chronicles of the

the well-known author of "Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family," would be in harmony with the wishes of the large circle of friends and readers who hold her and her work in warm appreciation, and to whom her death is a deep sorrow and an irreparable loss. Mrs. Charles, the writer adds, took a great interest in the North London Hospital for Consumptives, near which she lived, and for many years she regularly attended its committee meetings. She also frequently visited the sick and suffering in the wards. It is felt that many would like to contribute towards the endow-

ment of a bed to be called "The Elizabeth Rundle Charles Bed," thus forwarding the work so dear to her, and at the same time work so dear to her, and at the same time appealing to the sympathies of the public at large. Contributions may be sent to Basilwoodd Smith, Branch Hill Lodge, Hampstead Heath, London, N. W., England.

—Major J. B. Pond, in a recent article in the "Cosmopolitan," writes as follows of Jonn B. Gough:

It is strange, but it is a fact, that although Gough never broke down in his life as an orator, and never failed to capture his audience, he always had a mild failed to capture his audience, he always had a mild sort of stage-fright which never vanished until he began to speak. To get time to master this fright was his reason for insisting upon being "introduced" to his audiences before he spoke, and he so insisted even in New England, where the absurd custom had been abandoned for years. While the chairman was introducing him, Mr. Gough was "bracing up" to overcome his stage-fright. By the way, let me say right here (as the phrase "bracing up" has two meanings) that the slanderous statements often started against Mr. Gough, to the effect that he sometimes took a drink in secret, were that he sometimes took a drink in secret, were wholly and wickedly untrue. In his autobiography Mr. Gough has told the story of his fall, his conversion, and his one relapse, and has told it truthfully. He was absolutely and always, after his first relapse, a total abstinence man in creed and life. There never lived a truer man.

—Ernst Curtius, the well-known German Hellenist, who died in Berlin on July 11, was born at Lubeck on September 2, 1814, and, after a preliminary training in the college of his native town, pursued his studies at the universities of Bonn, Göttingen, and Berlin, and in 1837 visited Athens, in company with Professor Brandis, in order to begin at headquarters his researches into Greek antiquities. Subsequently he accompanied Otfried Müller Subsequently he accompanied Offried Müller in his archæological expedition to the Peloponnesus. On the death of that eminent scholar in 1840, he returned to his native country; was made doctor by the University of Halle; taught for some time in the colleges of Berlin; became professor extraordinary there, and was appointed tutor to Prince Frederick William, the father of the present of Germany and Secretary of the Emperor of Germany, and Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences. In 1856 he Royal Academy of Sciences. In 1856 he succeeded Hermann as professor at Göttingen. He went to Athens to undertake excavations at Olympia in April, 1864, and in 1875 was sent by the German Government to Greece, where he concluded a convention with the Greek authorities, by which the Germans obtained a monopoly of the excavations at Olympia. Since 1870 he had been director of the antiquaring department in the Board of the antiquarian department in the Royal

They Didn't Know What to Make of It

Once upon a time there was an island in the Pacific Ocean inhabited by a people that had no acquaintance with matters outside their own domain. On a certain day there was a terrific storm at sea, and among the things thrown upon the shores of the island was a

When the islanders saw the ladder they marveled much as to what it was and for what purpose created.

Some thought one thing and some another.
Finally there were but two opinions, and behind each was ranged half of the people, the other half being behind the other opinion.

One party held that the rungs of the ladder were intended to hold the sides together, while the other party are travely reprised.

while the other party as stoutly maintained that their purpose was to keep the sides

However the people might agree or differ as to what the ladder was intended for, upon the rung question they stood unalterably divided, one side holding to the keep-apart theory, while the other side clung to the theory of hold-

together.

If an islander set the ladder upon its side and proceeded to prove, at least to his own satisfaction, that it was the section of a fence (although he would not go so far as to explain what kind of an animal it was that was so large that he could not get through the palings and yet so sluggish that he could not top so low a wall), it was only for a moment that he received attention; for it was only a question



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of time how soon the old contention asserted

of time how soon the old contention asserted itself, and the people began again the old question as to the object for which the rungs were created and put in place.

The same result was sure to follow when some other theorist placed the ladder flat upon the ground and sought to show that it was the skeleton of a raft, or possibly a well-ventilated palanquin. The keep-apart and hold-together controversy was sure to rekindle.

There is no knowing how long this condition of things might have gone on had not a sailor from some far-off country been washed ashore.

He was shown the ladder, and was asked in signs what it was for. He replied by standing it on end against a tree and mounting into the latter's branches.

The islanders were astonished, but their minds, as usual, reverted to the old puzzle—were the rungs designed to keep the sides apart or to hold them together?

The sailor explained that both parties were could in the wards the rungs were there.

equally in the wrong; the rungs were there neither to keep the sides apart nor to hold them together. But the sides were there to hold the rungs in place.

Moral: Very much depends upon the point of view; and, ten chances to one, notwithstanding you think you know it all, there may be a few things not included in your mental stock-in-trade.—*Boston Transcript*.



The Sherman Statue

National Sculpture Society has re-The National Sculpture Society has replied to the Sherman Statue Committee of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee in regard to the criticism by the Committee that the National Sculpture Society did not protest until after the award for the statue had been made to Mr. Rohl-Smith. Mr. Ward says that that is true. The National Society was in entire ignorance of what had taken place in the Committee after the decision of the committee after the decision of the committee. the Committee after the decision of the committee of experts had been given until the announcement of the successful artist's name was made public. As soon as this was known the Society made its protest. Mr. Ward calls attention to the fact that \$80,000 of public attention to the fact that \$80,000 of public money, money that belongs to the people of the United States, is to be expended on this statue, and that the National Sculpture Society wishes to call the attention of the people to the way in which their money is used. Mr. Ward says: "The question is whether, by trusting to your own, in neglect of more competent because more instructed, judgment, you have undertaken to misspend this public money by directing the expenditure of it upon a less worthy work of art than might have been obtained for it." That is the controversy in a nutshell. The qualifications which would make a man a good general would not would make a man a good general would not necessarily make him a competent judge of art. Mr. Ward says: "It is a question whether the training and experience that confer authority in every profession and in every trade shall confer authority in the choice of public works of art, to be paid for with public money. This is the question upon which we have notified you that we should appeal to the public." The method of appeal adopted by the National Sculpture Society is to request the competing artists to put their models on the National Sculpture Society is to request the competing artists to put their models on public exhibit, not only in the city of New York, but, as far as practicable, in other cities, in order that the people who have contributed the money may have the opportunity, so far as their education permits, to judge of the merits of the work selected, and also that these models may be made the occasion for educating the people to the value of on art not advecting the people to the value of on art not so highly appreciated in this country as it should be. All the artists, with the exception of the successful competitor, have agreed to meet the request of the National Sculpture Society. Mr. Rohl-Smith doubts his ability Society. Mr. Rohl-Smith doubts his ability to meet the wishes of the Society, because of illness and his absence from the country until autumn.

Baptist Young People's Union

The Baptist Young People's Union of America, which held its sixth annual International ca, which held its sixth annual International Convention of four days, July 16-19, at Milwaukee, Wis., is an organization within the Baptist Church similar in purpose and work to the Epworth League in the Methodist Church, and to the Society of Christian Endeavor in the various denominations in which it is active. The Milwaukee Convention was attended by about 12,000 delegates from local State and provincial unions in all parts local, State, and provincial unions in all parts of the United States and Canada, and was a fine exhibition of religious zeal and enthusiasm. One of the peculiarities of this Union is in the geographical subdivisions of the territory which it covers and the emblematic color of each. Canada is represented by red badges and banners; the Northern States west of the Mississippi River by blue; the Northern the Mississippi River by blue; the Northern States east of the Mississippi River by gold; and the Southern States are known in the Convention by their green emblems. The general headquarters of the Union are in Chicago, where "The Baptist Union," the official organ of the movement, is published, and is supported by a \$50,000 fund. The Union was organized in Chicago in 1891 in pursuance to a call issued by the Baptist Church. It has enjoyed a wonderfully rapid growth. One of the encouraging features of this denominational union is its tendency toward union in the Baptist denomination, for toward union in the Baptist denomination, for it brings together in annual convention the young people of the Northern and Southern branches of the Baptist fold, and cannot but be a strong factor in preparing the way for

union between these branches. Another spe cial work is the Gospel car service which it sustains. Four of these "churches on wheels" are kept busy in the work of evangelism, especially on the frontiers of the West, where

pecially on the frontiers of the West, where they have done a splendid service.

One of the cardinal features of the forces which the Milwaukee Convention represents is the "Christian Culture Course," especially prepared by scholarly pastors and professors and pursued by thousands of young Baptists all over the country. These courses are recognized to be invaluable to the increased intelligence and efficiency of the Baptist young ognized to be invaluable to the increased intelligence and efficiency of the Baptist young people. The early prayer-meetings each morning were seasons of spiritual refreshing. The first was termed a "Surrender Meeting;" the second, a "Praise Meeting;" the third, a "Promise Meeting," and the fourth, which was held on Sunday morning, was an "Enduement Meeting." These were held simultaneously in four Baptist, churches in different parts of the held on Sunday morning, was an "Enduement Meeting." These were held simultaneously in four Baptist churches in different parts of the city. The Convention proper was held in the Milwaukee Exposition Building, with a seating capacity of 12,000, and it was crowded to overflowing at each session. President John H. Chapman delivered the opening address, and the welcome of the "Cream City," her churches and people, was extended by representative ministers and city officials. The annual reports of the President, the Board of Managers, the Secretary and Treasurer, were all received with demonstrations of great joy, as they showed evidence of spiritual and material prosperity. One whole afternoon was profitably devoted to the topic "The Young People's Society a Training-School of the Church." "The Young People's Society as a Working Force" was the general topic of a number of conferences on "New Members," "Literature," "Temperance and Evangelism," "Junior Work," "Social Work," and "Missions," all of which were subdivided and each sions," all of which were subdivided and each phase of the subject presented by those best able to do so. These conferences were new phase of the subject presented by mose bust able to do so. These conferences were new departures in this Annual Convention, and were warmly welcomed. Three other new features in this Convention were the "State features in this Convention were the "State and Provincial Rallies," "Departmental Rallies," in which each of the four distinctive colors held separate rallies, and the "salutation of the flags," consisting of a beautiful service in which the departmental colors, the American flag, and the Union Jack were all greeted with great enthusiasm. Almost every pulpit in Milwaukee was occupied by Baptist divines on the Lord's Day. The Convention was conceded to be the best in the history of the Baptist Union. the Baptist Union.

Reason Enough

A party of women once had the privilege of A party of women once had the privilege of inspecting a factory devoted to the manufacture of spool thread. Their cicerone was the proprietor of the factory, one of the largest and most complete in the world.

and most complete in the world.

What most impressed the visitors, however, was not the size and evident prosperity of the plant, but the beauty of the place. Not only was every hygienic and commercial comfort attended to, but, so far as possible, every esthetic consideration was observed as well. Around each wall of the spacious, well-windowed apartments where the work was done an a broad exquisitely painted frieze. The ran a broad, exquisitely painted frieze. The figures upon the frieze were a dainty dancing company, beautiful in color as well as in form, and fit to grace the walls of a dwelling rather than a mill.

Finally one of the women, a practical, plain-spoken dame, asked the owner why he made

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leauty such an object.
"I don't see the use of a frieze like that in
"she said, bluntly. "Why do you have it?

The mill-owner smiled. "Well, come to think of it, it is a very practical reason," he said. I find that it makes better thread."— New York Sun.

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grade you honestly consider it belongs.
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"Good.
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This is not an exhaustive classification by any means, and the criticism thus conveyed would be of small value. But imagine the would be of small value. But imagine the writer's wrath at getting back his (or her) communication marked "poor" or "middling"! An editor makes enemies enough by simply returning MSS. which the writers feel to be much better than most that he prints: why should he go out of his way to add insult (as it would be considered in many cases) to injury?

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These two sentences don't seem to fit together. If you have formed a definite and together. If you have formed a definite and positive opinion on a given subject, why ask for another fellow's, unless to prove (what you may have already suspected) that he is an ass? It is a free country; nobody denies your right to believe, if you like, that your work is admirable, that you are an unappreciated genius, and that those who think otherwise are soulless numskulls. An editor, if he understands his business, does not pretend that his judgment of a MS. is final and infallible. It may contain heauties that escape lible. It may contain beauties that escape his hasty glance; some one else may like it, if he does not. He has no desire whatever to offer an opinion on its merits or demerits; his concern is simply to determine whether he wants to use it or not. If he doesn't, you can't force him to buy it; it is a free country for him too, thus far at least.—Lippincott's

Laughter

There ought to be societies formed for the encouragement of laughter. A real laugh is not common, for it must be remembered that a snicker is not a laugh.

The Puritans were inclined to frown upon

The Puritans were inclined to frown upon laughter as frivolous, and therefore wicked. Life was a very grave affair to them, an almost constant struggle for existence, and they had no time to make merry. The first two centuries of their national life were busy years. Privations were many, and the Indians were almost continually on the war-path. It is small wonder, perhaps, that they rarely enjoyed a hearty laugh a hearty laugh.
Philosophers and cynics sneer at laughter.

Coldsmith (who was always laughing) tells us of "the loud laugh that spoke the vacant mind," and the scornful Byron says, "And if I laugh at any mortal thing, 'tis that I may not weep."

Many people are afraid to laugh because

Many people are afraid to laugh because they think it common; so they repress their merriment with a smile.

They do wrong. Nature evidently intended us to laugh, or children would not know how. Laughter is healthful, and provocative of good Laughter is healthful, and provocative of good morals as well as of good health. Hamlet says that "one may smile, and smile, and be a villain," and so one might; but no one could laugh and laugh, and be a villain.

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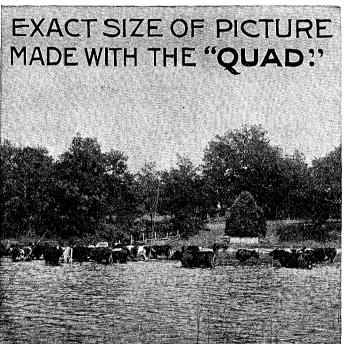
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These touch our liking, yet no passion stir. But when the rose comes, Hafiz—in that place Where she stands smiling, we kneel down to her. -The Critic

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So yearning souls essay the heights Of spirit, setting dangers by,
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"How many anvils have you had," said I,
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"Just one," said he; then said, with twinkling

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fessor Marcou gives this sketch of Gressly, one of Agassiz's early companions:

"Agassiz had to pay for his lodging, which consisted of a small bedroom poorly furnished, and which soon became a true pandemonium of the most sordid kind. He boarded when in Neuchâtel at a third-rate inn, called Le Poisson. kept by the sister of the artist Jacques Burkhardt. When traveling—always on foot—there was even less expense; for Gressly entered the first farm on his road, and asked for food and lodging. He had already roamed all over the Swiss Jura Mountains to make the observations which had resulted in the excellent 'Observations géologiques sur le Jura lent 'Observations géologiques sur le Jura Soleureis,' and was well known personally or by reputation by almost all the country people, who always received him kindly, giving him a place at their table and a bed to sleep in—or more exactly on; for he slept with his clothes on, even with his shoes on. The farmers liked Gressly extremely, because he not only told good stories, but also gave good advice for finding springs, digging wells, and he indicated good places for marls and clays used in agriculture, and for stone quarries. Like a child, as he was all his life, he played with the children, making cocks and boats and dancing frogs out of pieces of old almanacs or newspapers. As an example of his cheap way of traveling, he once started with a small sum of money in his pocket, then he forgot that he had any money, and remained two or even three months without spending a penny, going from farm to farm, and returned loaded with the most splendid and rare fossils. And when asked why he had stayed so long without writing—'Why,'said he, 'you forgot to give me any money, and I was obliged to do as well as I could with my friends the paysans, who generously gave me board and lodging as I went along; a slow process,' he added, 'which took much of my time.' 'But, Gressly, I gave you some money before you started, and I saw you, if I remember rightly, put it in that pocket,' indicating the pocket. Gressly put his hand in his pocket and brought out the gold pieces which had been there, forgotten, ever since he started two months before." lent 'Observations géologiques sur le Jura Soleureis,' and was well known personally or

Whaling by Electricity

That the field for the application of electricity is practically unlimited is again demonstrated by a seafaring man who proposes to go out and kill whales with it.

The salt had so much faith in his scheme that he engaged an electrician to build a dynamo that would generate an alternating current of 10,000 volts. That dynamo he will have rigged up in his ship, and then he will sail away to the north to capture the whale in a fin-de-siècle manner.

Captain Charles W. Hershell, of Halifax, owner and commander of the whaling ship Rosalie, is the man who intends to wipe out the customs and traditions of the whaling industry with a small wire and a large dynamo.

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As to the method of application, the captain explained it to a New York writer as

follows:

"I am going to place the dynamo on the whaler, and not put it into operation until the whaling grounds are reached. On board I will have a big reel of heavily insulated wire.

"The reel will be placed in the smaller boat in which we go out to meet the whale. We shall have several thousand feet of wire on the reel. One end will be connected with the dynamo. At the other end, which will be in the smaller boat, will be a hard rubber stick, about four feet in length. The wire will run through that stick, so that it may be handled easily and safely.

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"At the end of the stick will be attached a piece of metal twenty-four inches long and one inch in diameter. The point of that needle will be sharp, so as to penetrate the flesh of the whale easily.

"The hard-rubber stick and the big needle will be used just as we use the harpoon to

will be used just as we use the harpoon to-day. When near the big fish, as near as we get in the old way, the harpooner will throw the electric barb.

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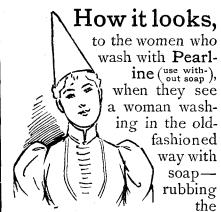
10,000 volts running through the wire. When the point of the needle strikes the whale a current connection will be formed with the dynamo, and the whale will get the full shock of the high voltage and be dead in the fraction of a second."—Boston Globe.

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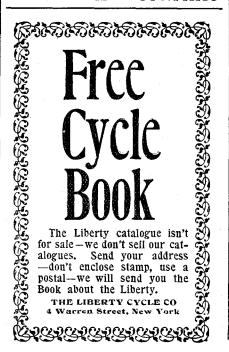
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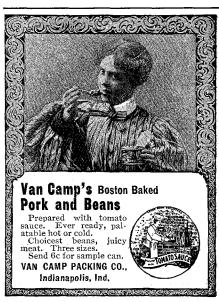
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The Business World

The alarmists, pessimists, and bear speculators had their own way with the stock market last week and on Monday of this week. The political situation, the cessation of London Lurius of tradion, and the control cold. buying of stocks, and the increased gold exports gave them their opportunity, and even the illness of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt was most unreasonably urged as a reason for lower most unreasonably urged as a reason for lower prices. It is noted that the average of prices fell as low or lower than that at the time of the Venezuelan "panic," but professional critics term the week's condition as "depressed" rather than "panicky." There was a rally on Friday and Saturday, but an accented decline on Monday of this week, checked only at the close of the day. Railway stocks suffered almost universally and evenly, and the losses ran from one to eight per cent.; the so-called "Granger" stocks showed the greatest reductions. Governments showed the greatest reductions. Governments declined to about 112 for coupon bonds. The industrials suffered considerably, especially Sugar, Leather, and Tobacco. The exports Sugar, Leather, and Tobacco. The exports of gold formed a very serious feature of the week. The reserve is rapidly reaching the \$90,000,000 level, and talk of a new bond issue is again current, but is generally denied. It is announced that the New York bankers have decided to turn \$15,000,000 of their accumulations into the Treasury, and it was this report which on Monday afternoon backed the deposition to the Treasury. Checked the depression in the market. On Monday Burlington closed at 63¾ (asked), Louisville and Nashville at 45%, Lake Shore at 139, Missouri Pacific at 17, New York Cenat 139, Missouri Pacific at 17, New York Central at 91½, St. Paul and Omaha at 33½, Western Union at 78, General Electric at 22, Manhattan at 93½, Michigan Central at 95, Chicago and Northwestern at 93, Illinois Central at 91½. As might be expected, the volume of general business trade is small, and the industrial markets dull; exports of wheat, however, were 2,963,000 bushels, as against 2,167,000 bushels the previous week, and 1,652,000 bushels in the corresponding week of last year. The total number of business failures for the week is given by "Bradstreet's" as 255, as compared with 219 the previous week, and 214 the corresponding week last year. week last year.

Chinese Railways

The London "Times" says: "The text of the edict of the Emperor of

China respecting the construction of railways China respecting the construction of railways in that country has now reached London. The Emperor begins by stating that he has read the memorial of the Ministry of War recommending the appointment of a high officer to take charge of the construction of railways. The latter, the Emperor observes, are most important for the maintenance of trade as well as for the employment of the trade as well as for the employment of the masses of the people. Hence he has decided to encourage railways in every way. Recently he instructed the princes and ministers to commence with a line in the neighborhood of commence with a line in the neighborhood of the capital, and they put the work of survey-ing a route between Peking and Tientsin under the care of Hu, a provincial judge. Hu's report has also been read by the Em-peror, and from this it appears that the line, starting from Tientsin, would take the route of the western banks of the Grand Canal, and, passing porthwards, would cross the and, passing northwards, would cross the southern parks and terminate at the Lukon bridge, in the western suburbs of Peking, traversing a distance of about 80 miles. The estimate for the construction is 2,400,000 estimate for the construction is 2,400,000 taels. The Board of Revenue and the Viceroy of Chi-li are to supply the necessary funds. With reference to the grand trunk line from Peking to Han-kau, the Emperor says that, as the distance is great and the cost immense, he grants the privilege of constructing it to wealthy men in the various provinces who can show a capital of 10,000,000 taels or more. As this line will, therefore, be a purely commercial affair, government offia purely commercial affair, government offi-cials are ordered not to interfere with the gains or losses of the company, and the promoters are promised tokens of imperial approbation if they are successful. The edict is addressed not only to people in the capital, the provinces,

and other dependencies of the empire, but also to 'our people laboring in other lands.'"

A struggle is going on between British and French, Will be Built tween British and French, or Russo-French, syndicates competing for railway and other public works contracts in China. The French, on the whole, says a London press telegram, "seem to be getting the best of it. The Pekin government, according to advices received in London and Paris, besides assenting to the construction of a narrow-gauge single line from Tungchow to the Tonquin frontier, where it will join the French line, have given the Russo-French syndicate contracts for a projected trunk line between Hankow and Canton. Nominally this big enterprise will be carried out by native contractors, but with French money and by rench engineers. Ten civil and railway engineers have just left Paris for the East in connection with these contracts. On the British side contracts have been secured for railway extension from Tientsin to Pekin. German and American private enterprises in the new development of China are not heard

A manifesto on recent **British Armaments** political events bearing on Imperial policy, trade, and Trade

and armaments has been issued by the British Increased Armaments Protest Committee. "It concludes by stating (1) that the total of British trade has not by any means advanced in proportion with the area and population of the Empire—that, in brief, trade does not follow the flag, and that the disproportionate growth of armaments forms an increasingly severe strain upon industry; (2) that by far the greatest proportion of our trade always has been and still is, not with our colonies, but with foreign countries, and especially certain of them which are affected by our political policy; (3) that the proportion and in some cases the amount of colonial trade is not incases the amount of colonial trade is not increasing, and that recent acquisitions which have involved a heavy political and financial burden have only infinitesimally increased that trade; (4) that British labor is losing and not gaining, and will probably lose still more heavily by the extension of the Empire; (5) and, finally, that a large and increasing portion of our wealth accrues from loans to and investments in foreign countries, a fact which investments in foreign countries, a fact which helps to show the folly of perpetually increasing armaments, and gives a new reason for a non-provocative and conciliatory foreign pol-

Some of our far Western The Biggest Farms ranches are still pretty in the World large, but the Australian "station" has nothing to equal it on this side of the globe. An Oregonian paper thus describes some of these "stations:" in the World

One James Tyson has about 2,000,000 acres, or One James Tyson has about 2,000,000 acres, or a territory nearly as large as three States like Rhode Island, one and one-half Delawares, or even one-third the size of Vermont, or one-seventeenth the size of Iowa. He has nearly 1,000,000 sheep or the equivalent in cattle. One Mr. McCaughey has one station of 1,214,877 acres, with some 500,000 sheep. James Wilson has 640,000 acres, or just 1,000 square miles, in one station, and over 400,000 sheep. I have a friend in the interior, whom I visited recently, who has 500,000 acres and 300,000 sheep. One can drive 100 miles on a straight line on his estate. Of this 100 miles on a straight line on his estate. Of this 500,000 acres, 70,000 are freehold, and the rest is leased from the Government of New South Wales leased from the Government of New South Wales on long time, for a definite annual rental. I have another friend, a member of the New South Wales Parliament, who holds 240,000 acres in Queensland on long lease, at an annual rental of one farthing, or one-half cent, per acre. Recently the Government sunk an artesian well on this land that flows 3,000,000 gallons per day, according to newspaper reports. Most of this station, I am informed, is good land. All these stations, like the petty dukedoms of Europe, are named, and the names, when pronounce-able, are not easily forgotten. But their names serve able, are not easily forgotten. But their names serve a better purpose than mere ornament. As there is a considerable difference in altitude, latitude, soil, vegetation, breed or care of sheep, there is a very noticeable difference in the wool, and the reputation of the station has no little influence on the price of the respective clips. In the English trade reviews, or prices current, the names of the stations of Australia become as familiar to a large business class as

are the names of the nations of the globe to the average educated man

The "Engineering and Mining in Mining Journal" says:
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The experimental culture of flax in the Puget Sound country, conducted this year over a wide conducted this year over a wide area under the supervision of the Puvallup station, promises to be attended with satisfactory results. The establishment of a plant for handling the raw product on Bellingham Bay is also in progress, and next season may see Puget Sound flax culture assuming commercial importance. Many tests of the product have been made by manufacturers and experts, in every case returning the most encouraging results by comparison with the best product of Europe, both in quality of fiber and amount of yield, and also in the value of the seed for commercial purposes. The Seatle Chamber of Commerce, which recently sent a large quantity of flax straw to Barbour & Sons, the great manufacturers of Lisburn, & Sons, the great manufacturers of Lisburn, Ireland, have been informed that the samples were excellent and very similar to that grown in the Courtrai District, Belgium, the recognized home of superior flax.

The British Consular Service

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The British Consular Service and coxical statement is made by the English trade paper, the "Iron and Coal Trades Review," that the United Kingdom has perhaps the most complete and costly consular service in the world, and yet that it has on the whole unquestionably the most ineffective, from the traders' point of view. "This," the journal quoted says, "is a broad and sweeping charge to make in reference to any branch of the service, but, unfortunately, it is 'an ower true tale.' Every trader, every manufacturer, every exporter knows to his sorrow how difficult it is to get the consular and diplomatic officers of her Britannic Majesty's Government to meet their reasonable views and aspirations in reference to commercial affairs. Our old tradition of the service, which has become crystallized into a confirmed habit, is that the consular officer is not required to take any initiative in introducing or promoting business, but has simply, like Captain Cuttle, to 'stand by' until he is called on to do something, which is usually a mere matter of routine, and of no particular service to anybody. The German consul is a mere matter of routine, and of no particular service to anybody. The German consul is generally a much more sentient being. He is always ready, perhaps for a substantial consideration, to aid in advancing the interests of his country's commerce, whether it affects the community or merely the individual."

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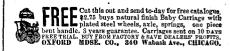
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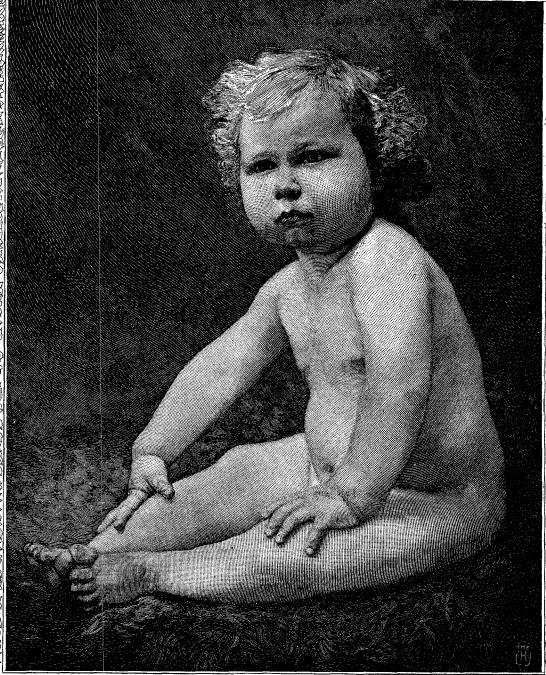
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