

ACHIEVEMENTS IN IGNORANCE

General Barry's report concerning the deficient education of many candidates examined for admission to West Point Military Academy is interesting from more than one point of view. These young men were not taken at hazard from the mass of their fellows, nor were they merely young men of average ability. Each of them had been selected and chosen as a nominee for a cadetship. Each of them had presumably prepared for the examination he knew awaited him, says the New York World. Yet many of them disclosed a degree of ignorance concerning history and literature that could hardly be surpassed among illiterates. One of these aspirants for West Point stated that Lee and Stonewall Jackson had fought at Princeton and Trenton, another that the battle of Waterloo was fought between "Nepoleon" and "Wellington." Of Mason and Dixon's line it was said it "divides Maryland from Georgia." Among the "most important writers of the nineteenth century" were included "Eller Wheeler Wilcox, Elbert Huggard, Jack London and Dorothy Dix." These young men are graduates of American schools. To them have been open from their boyhood all the advantages of public libraries and an incessant and well-nigh countless stream of magazines and newspapers. They surely are not dull boys nor unambitious. Their ignorance, therefore, is as discredit to their teachers as to themselves.

The idea of reclaiming Russian swamp lands is not new. Like many other valuable ideas it sprang up in the fertile mind of Peter the Great, who built his capital in a swamp, because it was the only place he could find affording access to the sea. Peter selected the Holmogori district in the province of Archangel for raising Dutch cattle because he noticed the resemblance between the grass of Holland and that of the Holmogori district. It is now pointed out that at small expense the vast swamps of the province of Archangel can be turned into lands covered with the Holmogori grass, and that after a few years a large portion of it will be fit for raising cereals and vegetables. A systematic reclamation movement is now planned by the Russian department of agriculture.

Germany is fast becoming Americanized, according to the reports of the British consul at Munich, who notes the symptoms in altered trade methods, the greater use of advertising by business houses and the growth of luxury and restlessness in private life, says the New York World. But what will strike Americans themselves as the best evidence of American tendencies in Germany is contained in the mounting cost of living in Germany and in the imperial chancellor's suggestion that it must be accepted as part of the new conditions.

Geologists are claiming that the greatest underground river in the world flows from the Rocky mountains underneath New Mexico and Texas, emptying itself in the Gulf of Mexico. This river is thought to be in places several miles wide, and it is believed that it feeds rivers that flow upon the surface. The artesian well, belt of Texas is pointed to as the uplifting of the water from this river, often from eight hundred feet below.

A Chicago man who was arrested for kissing a girl made a plea for mercy by explaining that he was so badly under the influence of intoxicants that he didn't know whether he was kissing a girl or a horse. The judge, being unwilling to accept intoxication as an excuse, fined the offender \$25 and costs. Things are not as they used to be.

Massachusetts is preparing to put in force a law which will compel the retirement of state employees on age limit, but with a pension. Inasmuch as part of the pension fund is to be obtained from enforced contributions from these employees, based on certain percentages of their salaries, there cannot be so much objection to the plan as there might otherwise be.

Music is said to increase a cow's output of milk, but farmers who subject their cows to phonograph concerts are lacking in the milk of human kindness.

New York officials prohibit flying on Sunday, but Newport authorities place no restriction whatever on the high flying game.

Another American heiress has decided to cut herself adrift from her noble spouse, but the market price of dukes and earls is as high as ever.

The size of women's hats appear to increase as the sense of woman's importance grows.

UNDEFEATED CHAMPION OF THE NORTHWEST.

T. A. Ireland, Rifle Shot of Colfax, Wash., Tells a Story.

Mr. Ireland is the holder of four world records and has yet to lose his first match—says he: "Kidney trouble so affected my vision as to interfere with my shooting. I became so nervous I could hardly hold a gun. There was severe pain in my back and head and my kidneys were terribly disordered. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me after I had doctored and taken nearly every remedy imaginable without relief. I will give further details of my case to anyone enclosing stamp."

"When Your Back Is Lame, Remember the Name—DOAN'S." 50c. All stores Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

SUCCESSFUL COLLECTOR.



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PHYSICIAN ADVISES CUTICURA REMEDIES

"Four years ago I had places break out on my wrist and on my shin which would itch and burn by spells, and scratching them would not seem to give any relief. When the trouble first began, my wrist and shin itched like poison. I would scratch those places until they would bleed before I could get any relief. Afterwards the places would scale over, and the flesh underneath would look red and feverish. Sometimes it would begin to itch until it would waken me from my sleep, and I would have to go through the scratching ordeal again.

Our physician pronounced it "dry eczema." I used an ointment which the doctor gave me, but it did no good. Then he advised me to try the Cuticura Remedies. As this trouble has been in our family for years, and is considered hereditary, I felt anxious to try to head it off. I got the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills, and they seemed to be just what I needed.

"The disease was making great headway on my system until I got the Cuticura Remedies which have cleared my skin of the great pest. From the time the eczema healed four years ago, until now, I have never felt any of its pest, and I am thankful to the Cuticura Soap and Ointment which certainly cured me. I always use the Cuticura Soap for toilet, and I hope other sufferers from skin diseases will use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment." (Signed) Irven Hutchison, Three Rivers, Mich., Mar. 16, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 17 K, Boston.

Adam Bede on Pittsburg. Pittsburg patriots twisted their faces awry at a Smoketown pan delivered by former Congressman Bede of Minnesota.

Bede put it over in the climax of a sparkling speech at a chamber of commerce banquet.

After telling how dearly he loved old Pittsburg and her fine old people, her rich people and her toilers, he said:

"I like Pittsburg because if I ever get tired of the town I can wash it off."

Proved. Orator—I thought your paper was friendly to me? Editor—So it is. What's the matter? Orator—I made a speech at the dinner last night, and you didn't print a line of it. Editor—Well, what further proof do you want?—London Opinion.

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When one is sad or out of sorts for any cause whatever, there is no remedy so infallible as trying to make somebody else happy.—J. W. Carney.

Smokers like Lewis' Single Binder cigar for its rich mellow quality. The man who is envious of evil-doers will soon be one himself.

FIRST AID FOR MINE DISASTER VICTIMS



FIRST-AID TEAM USING PULMOTOR. PRESIDENT TAFT and the other prominent men who attended the mine congress at Pittsburgh were especially interested in the demonstration of developments in first aid to those injured in mine disasters. Among the new devices exhibited was the pulmotor, used to resuscitate those who are asphyxiated by noxious gases.

WOMEN AS FARMERS

Outdoor Life Is Luring to Dwellers on Prairies.

Daughters of Two Men, Who Were Disabled, Prove Expert Agriculturists—Perform All Kinds of Manual Labor.

Topeka, Kan.—Many Kansas women are turning to agriculture and to a life out of doors. Within the last two years a score or more of young women have chosen the farming vocation in preference to teaching and to clerkships in stores and stenographic positions. Some of them declare that much of the work may be done by women now that modern machinery has lightened the burdens of the farmer. But the greatest benefits come, they say, from the needed exercise and the life in the open air.

Prominent among the young women of Kansas who are making a success at farming are the Misses Ruby and Olive Herd of Hodgeman county. These two sisters own a farm seven miles west of Jetmore. Preferring a life of independence, they bought the land and built a modest cottage and turned their attention to small farming, poultry raising and fruit growing. There are no Saturday half-holidays with the two Herd sisters, for they are not seen at the county seat or the local trading place on that afternoon talking politics.

These two young women were formerly school teachers. Their little home is comfortable, and it shows every evidence of refinement.

Miss Tillie Rheischmidt, eighteen years old, has demonstrated this year that she knows how to run a farm. Her father is a well-known citizen of Sumner township, Reno county, but in the summer he was disabled by a serious accident and the burden fell upon his daughter to manage the work. Bossing a hired man and a

boy, and doing a lot of the work herself, this bright Kansas girl has put in nearly 100 acres of wheat, and personally helped in the work of gathering the corn from a field of 80 acres. She proudly boasted that hers was the first field of corn gathered in Sumner township. Probably the best record made by young women on Kansas farms this year is that of the three daughters of Rennie Griem, a Kingman county farmer. One of them was teaching school near Zenda, and the other two were attending Kingman high school. When their father was taken ill the three girls came home from their schools and sailed in to run that farm. The elder sister, the school-ma'am, prepared the ground and planted several acres of corn with her own hands, besides putting out other

Says Our Music is Trashy

Dr. Brunner of Berlin Declares Ragtime Will Drive Us All Crazy—It Jars Nerve Centers.

Los Angeles, Cal.—That Ragtime music will eventually drive the American public crazy because of its effect upon the nerve centers and brain cells of the human system, and that it is mainly responsible for many business failures and cases of hopeless insanity, is the belief of Dr. Ludwig Brunner, late instructor in the Imperial academy of medical research at Berlin, who arrived here recently.

"Your ragtime air jars the nerve centers and causes an irritation of the brain cells," says the doctor. "While the roll and thump of ragtime is exhilarating to the senses and acts as a stimulant, it has the after effects of an injurious drug that will eventually stagnate the brain cells and wreck the nervous system. "I have been in this country several months and everywhere I have visit-

ed, New York, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco, the little minds are crazy with ragtime.

"If something be not done the classics of the long ago will be a thing of the past entirely, and they will be singing national hymns in ragtime."

Good Eye Removed, Sees. Carlisle, Pa.—By removing his active eye, Jacob Shields, who has been blind in the other for 17 years, has been enabled to see perfectly out of the one formerly defective.

Recently Shields suffered a sudden attack of total blindness from the strain imposed on the good eye by the blind. He was removed to a Philadelphia hospital, and there the physicians determined that his good eye, which had been affected, would have to be done away with. They discovered, however, that the blind eye was made so by a cataract. That removed the blind eye regained its sight.

RELIGIOUS HOAX IN INDIA. People Drink From Stagnant Pool Scented With Stolen Perfume and Story Spreads of Spring. Calcutta.—One of the most extraordinary religious hoaxes ever recorded even in India has just occurred in the northern part of Calcutta. A pool of stagnant water formed from the accumulation of sewage from roadside drains suddenly began, according to the local inhabitants, to emit a sweet perfume which had a lovely lemon flavor. Many people came, smelt, and were conquered, and the rumor spread that the pool was holy and that a new goddess would soon rise from its waters to redeem the world.

The pool became a place of pilgrimage. Diseased people bathed in it and drank of it, and those of uneasy conscience washed away their sins in it. The water was carried away in jugs and bottles and a brisk trade sprang up under the aegis of an astute young Bengalee in selling the "holy water" in all parts of the city at as much as \$1.50 a bottle.

News of the holy perfume came to the ears of Bose & Co., scent manufacturers, who sent a connoisseur to investigate. His nose immediately provided him with a clue to the mysterious disappearance of several cases of essential oils belonging to the firm. The police found that several broken bottles of the oils had been thrown into the pool. This was the explanation of the holy smell.

The young Bengalee and a carter, suspected of having stolen the oils, were arrested.

Dog Has Costly Gold Teeth

Little "Mexy" Had Bad Toothache and His Owner Gave Him Brand New Set of Incisors.

Chicago.—In the future, when Mexy's playmates laugh at him for having no hair, he will open his mouth in a yawn, carelessly displaying a mouth full of gold teeth that would fill the soul of some people with envy. The set of bridgework cost \$112.

At least, those were Mexy's plans when he was interviewed. Not that he was so ill-bred as to say anything about his teeth. In fact, he said nothing intelligible to the average man, for he is a Mexican dog.

He belongs to Dr. Henri Grosser, a student at the Western Dental college, and lives with Grosser and his wife at 934 La Salle avenue. Dr. Grosser took Mexy from the refuge of the Anti-Cruelty society several weeks ago and soon afterward discovered that the dog was suffering from toothache.

An examination disclosed the presence of two abscessed incisors and several other teeth that needed attention.

The basement of the Grosser home was turned into an operating room, with Mexy as the patient and Dr. Grosser the dentist.

"Mexy seemed to know that I was doing what was best for him," Dr. Grosser said, "and, although he objected a good deal at first, he gave me no trouble after the teeth were out. It was a great relief to him, you

see, for as soon as I had removed the teeth the pain stopped.

"He used to lie perfectly still when I was taking the impressions and made no trouble, even when I was fitting the new teeth in place. They are good and sound, too, and not a dog in Chicago is better able to chew bones and meat than he."

By reason of his teeth, Mexy has become one of the celebrities of the neighborhood.

KISSES RETARD A WEDDING

Occulation Nettled Kansas Justice Who Was Performing Ceremony—Bride Was 40 Years Old.

Kansas City, Kan.—William W. Shannon will be known about the courthouse in future as the kissing bridegroom. While he and Minnie I. Stockey, both of Ottawa, Kan., were being married by Justice Cass Welch in the county recorder's office, he kissed his bride five times. After every question the justice asked Mr. Shannon insisted on kissing the bride before the question was answered.

"If you don't cut out the kissing I won't go any further with this ceremony," Justice Welch told the bridegroom. "You not only violate the anti-kissing rules of this office, but interrupt a most solemn ceremony."

"Guess I can wait 32 seconds if you finish up in that time," Mr. Shannon told the justice. He kept his promise. Mr. Shannon is 39 years old and until the ceremony was a bachelor. The bride is 40 years old.

Prejudice Is a Serious Menace

Prejudice is a hard thing to overcome, but where health is at stake and the opinion of thousands of reliable people differ from yours, prejudice then becomes your enemy, and you ought to lay it aside. This is said in the interest of people suffering from chronic constipation, and it is worthy of their attention.

In the opinion of legions of reliable American people the most stubborn constipation imaginable can be cured by a brief use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. You may not have heard of it before, but do not doubt its merits on that account, or because it has not been blatantly advertised. It has sold very successfully on word of mouth recommendation. Parents are giving it to their children today who were given it by their parents, and it has been truthfully said that more druggists use it personally in their families than any other laxative.

Letters recently received from Mr. Harry Hackenberg, Elliott, Iowa, and Mrs. E. Goding, Dix, Nebr., are but a few of thousands showing the esteem in which Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is held. It is mild, gentle, non-gripping—not violent, like salts or cathartics. It cures gradually and pleasantly so that in time nature again does its own work without outside aid. Constipated people owe it to themselves to use this grand bowel specific.

Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

In Strange Company. The Visitor—And what is that gray stone structure over there? The Courier—Zat ees ze armory for ze soldiers.

The Visitor—Ah, yes. And that long, low building that looks like a train shed—what is that? The Courier—Zat ees ze arsenal.

The Visitor—I see. And what is the big factory with the immense smoke stack? The Courier—Zat ees ze gr-a-re-er!

Iron works where is made ze big gun an' ze shot an' ze shell.

The Visitor—And that peculiar looking structure across the river—the one with the rounded roof? The Courier—Zatees ze powder magazine.

The Visitor—And what is this magnificent marble structure with its wonderful dome and countless columns? The Courier—Oh, zat ees only ze palace of peace!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Hunting Story. An old backwoodsman that Abraham Lincoln often told of had very heavy, overhanging eyebrows, and wore big spectacles with brass rims. One day he came rushing into his cabin and seizing his rifle, aimed it carefully through a crack of the door at a great oak tree that stood near, and fred.

"What is it?" whispered his wife. "A wildcat, Sairy," he said, excitedly, "an' I missed him!"

He hastily loaded and fired again, and then again.

"Now, hold on, Joshua," said his good wife. "Let me look at you, why, laws-a-daisy, it's nothin' but a little bug on one o' your eyebrows!"—Housekeeper.

One of the Accessories. Quiet-Spoken Customer—You keep everything for the piano, don't you? Salesman—Yes, sir. We do, sir. Quiet-Spoken Customer—Give me an ax!—Puck.

Consequences. "The men came to clean the furnace out." "Yes." "Then they cleaned me out."

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