An Essay on Cranks.

BY ONE OF THE FRATERNITY, STEWART.

"And rowing hard against the stream Sees distant gates of Eden gleam, And cannot deem it all a Dream."

The dirtiest people, as a class, are the healthiest, those who live on the worst food have the best digestion, and the meanest men in the community, (the money-leaders), are the most respected, while those who devote time and means to improvements which have no money in them are called fools and cranks.

Crank is a word first coined by Mediocity to discredit those who surpassed him and made him ashamed.

Reference is here made more especially to that species of crank which has reached its his highest development in America-the inventive crank. (All inventors are more or less cranky). At universal expositions the American fine-art section cannot compare with those of other nations, but to the cranks' display-the department of inventions-the world pays the tribute of its admiration and its praise, yet nine-tenths of the men who produced these inventions reaped no reward, but plucked from the dying limbs of expectation the withered leaves of hope.

No, our reputation in other lands does not rest upon our statesmen, authors or artists. Among the one hundred of the world's greatest of the last fifty years, very few are claimed as American, even Americans, it is the American in-

ator who has given our country repuon abroad and prosperity at home. His footprints are on every shore and his improvements benefit every nation.

It is natural that the inventor should be under-estimated, for he is generally quite ordinary in everything but his inventiveness, and that is something not often revealed by his words or actions. Big talkers and fluent writers who have no originality themselves-who with weeks of study could not make an improvement in a lady's garter cannot believe in the originality of men seemingly inferior to themselves.

The crank is usually one generation ahead of time with his ideas, but the ory, and gives him ten dollars' worth of stone monument instead of ten cepts' but would rather have had.

they cannot reach, and it is also true that they often exagerate the value of countries as Spain and Mexico. their productions, but this is a wise provision of nature. If the inventor did by cranks within two generations were not over estimate the importance of his suddenly taken from us, we should exinvention he would rarely have the pa- perience incalculable inconvenience and tience to perfect and introduce it, for long through storm and wintry weather must Truth stand timid-knocking at the door of Incredulity.

The world gains enormously by the inventor's over enthusiasm, for when enjoy more, see more and learn more in the invention is bad it is rare that any one year than our grandmothers did in one loses except the inventor, but when three, which might be equivalent to it is good it benefits millions.

But inventors are not the only men in this country who are over-enthusiastic. When the inventor happens in court and | fogies-the crank wages constant warhears a lawyer declaring that he can see a band of white-robed angels placing a But for the foggy and the skeptic, the crown of innocence upon a New York progress of two hundred years could be alderman, or when he glances at mer- made in twenty, and man the jaded chants' advertisemens or listens to their slave of toil, might be master of nature. clerks he feels himself o'ershadowed. I would rather be a tumble bug by the The embryo Merchant-Prince when fifteen road side than to be a foggy foggy vears of age, having accumulated five perched on the tombstone of a defunct years of age, having accumulated five dollars, embarks in business, investing twenty-five cents in a peck of peanuts and four and three-quarters dollars in a sign which reads, "Great American Peanut Company. Depot for the United States and Canada. Dealers Supplied." Take exageration from our modern enterprise and thousands of our beloved than to be the toiling inventor's shamecountrymen would have little left to do

Within half a century cranks have made more improvements and greater changes than all the "well balanced" men could make in a thousand years. and have given the poor man comforts and luxuries which kings could not have had fifty years ago. Hundreds of inventions which, a few years ago were, by all well balanced men deemed impossible, are today in such common use that not | the sweet life, and after many days of one user in a thousand considers he owes anything to the sweat of the crank.

Cranks showed how to cross the oceans, tunnel the mountains and bridge the rivers. It required a thousand cranks to perfect hundreds of inventions before it became possible to send a message four thousand miles at high speed for (a postal card).

"Well-balanced" implies that the faculties are about equally developed. Such a development gives too much common sense and conservatism, and not half enough ingenuity, hope and perseverance say "Thy will be done." to force improvements on an unwilling world. A man with the inventiveness of Edison would, in order to be balanced, need to be able to equal or surpass Bismarck as a statesman, Napoleon as a today the death record is not very engeneral, Shakespeare as an author and couraging. Dr. Neal Mitchell, president of the board of health, reports 27 new Raphael as an artist. This would be ex-

pecting almost too much in one man. I saw an engraving of a passenger | 331.

packet which plowed the raging canal at a velocity of three miles per hour, which was not from Nineveli, Pompeii or the pyramids, but from a packet company's advertisement in the Phili. Ledger of March 28, 1836. The captain, pilot and they smother entirely.

hope, or a warm wish, cross my path."

changes; many a Stevenson has died and made no sign-too sensitive to undergo the "Pains of the reformer" and bear the cross of the crank.

But the time will come when nations will vie with one another in aiding and generation that comes after him generally stimulating cranks to work out all their tries to do the proper thing by his mem- ideas. I find the annual output of our colleges gives us more than enough lawyers, doctors, dealers and dudes. What worth of recognition which he didn't get | the country really needs is more cranks. To be successful in war or progressive in Many inventors float on the clouds of peace there is nothing so important as a enthusiasm pursuing rainbows which full assortment of well developed cranks. There are very few cranks in such

If one-fouth the inventions given us suffering. Thanks to inventions which double productions and cheapen transportation, we could, if we had and keep down pride and extravagance, living three hundred years.

Against two classes of our fellow citizens - chronic skeptles and foggy fare, giving and taking hard knocks. dea, sucking the dry bones of superannated notions and mouthings at the march of invention: I'd rather be a defunct monkey on the dead limb of a withered tree than to be a chronic skep tic-a scarecrow in the path of progress, pointing at improvement with the dirty finger of doubt: I'd rather be a polliwog and wiggle in a wave of mud less traducer-a spider on the wall of Truth weaving webs over its whitness.

Bashfully submitted to all whom it may concern.

Tribute of Respect.

The following tribute of respect was received by us for publication, on the death of Hazel Forbes, son of Mr. C. S.

Darling Hazel died October 19, 1888. Patient, unceasing efforts of loving hearts and hands were unavailing to save racking pain to the body, her pure soul was wafted to that eternal rest in Heaven, safe from sin, secure in the arms of Jesus. Little Hazel would have been two Water and other points in the country. years old on next Christmas day. A We hope to see Mr. Polk elected by a child, beautiful and lovable to an ex- good old fashioned Cass county majority. treme degree, she had entwined her little life around the heart strings of all the household. Her presence has been as a

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have the deepest sompathy of their many friends. May He who tempers the blast reconcile their hearts in this great grief, and may they

The Yellow Fever.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 22.-The last two days have witnessed a decided increase in the number of new cases, and cases up to 6 p. m today; deaths, 4; total cases to date, 3,796; total deaths, THE ACTION OF THE SIOUX.

Due to the Influence of Chiefs Call and Sitting Bull.

Why They Rejected the Treaty. Washington, D. C., Oct. 22 .- Is is nochambermaid had cracked many jokes ticed during the conference between the over "Fulton's Folly," a boat proposed Sioux Indians and Secretary Villas last to run at the dangerous speed of six week that while Little Wounded, Gray miles per bour, and entirely unaided by Eagle, and a half dozen other prominent jackass power. The canal boat is strand- chiefs had suggestions to make, and that ed on the shoals of other days. The they interpolated remarks from time to crew and the mule retired to the bank of time during the translation of Secretary the canal to go down with the country. Villas' proposal, Caiefs Sitting Bull and They slumber in the valley, but they all, Gall sat in apparent indifference in the axcept the mule, left descendants, and it rear of the room with their backs against will take several generations more to the walls. They appeared throughout breed the canal boat instinct out of them. | the pow-wow to have the least possible They retard many inventions and some interest in the proceedings. Yet these two men did more than all the rest to-Said the gentle Fulton to Judge Story, gether towards securing the rejection of "As I had occasion to pass daily to and Secretary Villas' proposals. In fact, it from the building-yard, while my boat is stated, now that the Indians have left, was in progress, I often loitered, un- that but for the opposition of these two known, near the group of strangers wary old warriers the majority would gathered in little circles, and heard vari- have acquiesced in the proposals, and ous inquiries as to the object of this new that, insteed of a failure, their visit vehicle. The language was uniformly would have been a success. Gall and that of scorn, sneer, or ridicule. The Sitting Bull understand that the acceptloud laugh rose at my expense; with the ance of the Sioux bill means the abolidry jest, the wise calculation of losses tion of the power and the breaking up of and expenditure, the dull but endless the tribal relations of this powerful narepetition of 'the Fulton Folly.' Never | tion of red men. From the first their indid a single encouraging remark, a bright | flueuce has been felt by the commissioners, and it was realized from the outset Watt and Stevenson were reviled as that more was to be feared from Sitting cranks. One envolved the steam-engine; Bull and Gall than from all the others the other put it on wheels and produced put together. The decision of the Inthe steed of the iron way, to feed on fire dians yesterday brings to a final end neand never tire. Not one well-balanced gotiations under the act known as the man in Europe would endorse it, for not Dawes bill, and it is not likely that anyone was tall enough to touch it; but its thing further will be done for some time snort startled myriads of fogies and to come towards the opening of the Sioux awakened thousands of clams. It spread reservation, as secretary Villas is detercivilization and unified the nations. It mined not to depart one iota from the changed the world more than the great- premises laid down by him when he inest 6 doz, warriors and statesmen that formed the Indians that they must sigever stradled steed or strided stage. nify their willingness to accept as indi-Many a Watt has lived and made no viduals before returning to their people.

A Terribie Catastrophe.

Hooper, Neb., Oct 21.-A terrible aceident occured at this place last night by which three persons were killed and two were seriously injured.

About 10 o'clock p. m. Henry Schaffer, living four miles west of town, started for home. Accompanying him in the wagon was his stepson David Minnick, his sons Percival and Henry Schaffer, his son Daniel Schaffer. Thomas Roe and a Mr. Lenig. As they drove up to the Elkhorn road a stock train was approaching from the west at a high rate of speed. It seems that the occupants did not see the train until it was upon them. Just before the engine struck them the mule team they were driving turned down the track in the same direction that the train was going. The engine struck them, killing Henry Schaffer, sr., David Minnick and Percival Schaffer, and injuring Thomas Roe and sense enough to be frugal and temperate, Lenig. Both lie in a precarious condition, with some chances of recovery. Henry Schaffer, jr. escaped, after being thrown about forty feet away. One of the mules was killed. The coroner's inquest was held today and a verdict rendered censuring the the train crew for running at too high a rate of speed and not giving proper signals. One thing noticeable was that each of the victims was killed by being struck in the head.

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Mr. Maynard Spink was in town Thursday.

Sickness threatens to break up our

schools at present. Dr. A. V. Robinson made professional

calls in the city Tuesday and Thursday. Elder Mayfield was booked to preach at Elmwood last Sunday and Sunday

Dr. G. W. Meredith of Ashland, passed through town Thursday on his way to Southern Kansas.

Rev. Miller of the M. E. church is trying to get up a Chautauqua circle here. We hope he may succeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton were at Plattsmouth Saturday. Mr. Sutton conducted an examination for Supt Spink.

R. P. Loucks arrived home from Kansas the latter part of last week. He brought with him a span of nice horses. He came overland. Two men from over the river were

badly hurt last week while at work in the quarry. They were brought to Louisville for treatment. Mr. M. D. Polk passed through the city Thursday enroute for Weeping

-It is said that W. D. Jones, a candidate for county commissioner, spent a shaft of golden sunlight in the home, the whole day and lots of money in another removal of which makes it oh! so dark county while out soliciting votes last week. He went beyond his bounds.

HAZEL.

TO MR. AND MRS. C. S. FORBES. Only a little silent form,
Covered with flowers white;
A snowy face, two dimpled hands
Now hidden frem our sight,

But oh ! the lonliness and grief, That little grave has left; Within that home so desolate, And parent hearts ber-ft, Oh Bazel ! little ar gel child. Thy mission here is done; God lent thee for a few short months; He has but called his own.

Believe that she is happy now.
At home in heaven with God.
That over those he loves the best,
He holds the chastening rod.

Some New Found Indian Tribes.

The great table land of Matto Grosso, in the western part of Brazil, is still one of the least known portions of South America. When Dr. Clauss and Dr. von den Steinen penetrated it several years ago, and followed the large Xingu river from its head waters to the Amazon, they floated down about 1,000 miles before they reached the known portion of the river. They did not have time to adequately study the strange and unheard of Indian tribes they met amid these dense forests and barren uplands, and for the purpose of making further researches among them Dr. von den Steinen returned to the upper Xingu last year. He visited the villages of nine of these tribes, and in a recent lecture in Rio de Janeiro he gave the interesting results of his studie

There is hardly a corner of the earth whose people have not had some inkling of the great world beyond them. But these primitive natives of the upper Xingu had, apparently, never seen a scrap of trade goods or heard that human beings existed outside their little circle of observation. They use no metal implements, but fell trees with stone axes to clear the ground for their plantations of Indian corn, cotton and tobacco. Wearing shell ornaments, they use hammers and nails of stone to perforate them. They make knives out of shells and the sharp teeth of a certain fish, and with these poor tools they carve their rudely orna mented stools and weapons

Dogs and fowls are found in all parts of the Amazon valley that have been visited by traders, but these Xingn tribes have never heard of them Neither have they any knowledge of the banana, sugar cane and rice, with which n tropical zone are generally familiar. They have not the slightest conception of a God, but they believe they will live again after death. Their most important myth relates to the creation of the world. which, in their view, consists wholly of the head waters of the upper Xingu and Tapaios rivers.

From the languages and pottery of all but one of these tribes the explorer derived the idea that these isolated peoples are allied to the original stock of the once powerful Cariba, who journeyed from the south to the sea. One tribe differed so greatly from all others that he was unable to trace its relation to any other people. These people are almost wholly isolated even from each other, and their languages, though of the same derivation, are so dissimilar that the tribes cannot understand each other. Few people exist today who are so primitive in their ideas and so low in the social scale as these new found Indians of South America. - New York

B. & M. Time Table.

GOING WEST. GOING EAST, No. 2.—4 :33 p. m. No. 4.—10 :30 a. m. No. 6.—7 :13 p. m. No. 10.—9 :45 a. m. 7.--7 :30 p. m. 9.--6 :17 p. m. No. 11-6;27 a. m.

All trains run daily by way of Omaha, except Nos. 7 and 8 which run to and from Schuyler daily except Sunday. No. 30 is a stub to Pacific Junction at 8 30a m No. 19 is a stub from Pacific Junction at 11a.m.

LEGAL.

Order for Hearing.

In the District Court of Cass county, Neb-In the matter of the application of the Ad-ministrator of the Estate of Mary S. Beaver, deceased to sell real estate. Plattsm ath, Cass county, Nebraska, October 13th, 1888

On reading the polition filed, of the Administrator of the Estate of Mary S. Beaver, deceased, representing among other things that said deceased died, seized of certain realestale therein described, and that it is necessary to sell the same to ray the debts of sid deceased, and praying for license to sell the same, and it appearing to the court that it is necessary to sell the same for that purpose; It is ordered that said petition be heard at the fine of the Clerk of it a Discrict Court of Cass county, in Plattsmouth, Nebra ka, on the 10th day of Clerk of the District Court of Cass county, in Plattsmouth, Nebra ka, on the 10th day of November, A. D., 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, and cause be shown there, if any, by all persons interested in said estate, why license should not be granded.

This further ordered that this order be published at loss, four weeks before said day fixed for the Learing of said petition, in the Plattsmouth Herald, a weekly newspaper published in that smouth and in general circulation in said county. ished in Charles and doubty.

John in said county.

Dated October 13th, A. D. 1888.

SAMUET M. CHAPMAN.

Ludge of District County

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Judge of District Court. BYRON CLARK, Att'y for Adm'r 31-4

Order for Hearing.

In the District Court of Cass county, " ebraska.

In the matter of the application of the Administrator of the Estate of Peter T. Beaver, deceased, to seil real estate.

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It is further order d that this order be published at least four successive weeks before
said day fixed for the hearing of said petition
in the Flatesmouth Hersald, a weekly newscader rublished in Platesmouth and in general
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Girculation to said roll 17.

Duted October 1810, A. D. 1888.

SAMURI M. CHAPMAN,

Judge of District Court

BYRON CLARK, All'y for Adm'r. 31-4

Sheriff's Sale.

Ry virtue of an order of sale issued by W, C, Showalter, clerk of the district court, within and for Cass county Nebraska, and to me directed. I will on the 2ath day of November A, D, 1888 at 2 o'cleck b, in of said day at the south door of the c urt house in said county, sell at public anction, the following realestate to-wit: The west half (14) of the s. utheast quarter (14) of section twenty-one (21) township twelve (12) range nine (9) cast of the 6th P M, in Cass county, Nebraska, with the privileges and appertenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appendances thereunto belonging or in anywise appendances thereunto belonging or the same being levied apon and taken as the property of Samuel L. Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Lembard Investment Company, H. W, Curris & Co, and Jacob L, thi-lips, decendants: to satisfy a judgment of said yeourt re-By virtue of an order of sale issued by W.

ants: to satisfy a judgment of said court re-cevered by Alia A. Coleman, plaintiff, against

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 17th, A.D. 1888.
J. C. Etkenhary,
31w5 Sheriff Cass County, Neb.

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By virtue of an execution issued by W. C. Showalter, clerk of the district court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the residence of Samuel L. Thomas, in Plattsmouth Precinct, in said county, sell at public anct on the following personal property, to-wit:

The undivided one-half interest in two bulls, and the undivided one-half interest in two bulls, and the undivided one-seventh interest in eight cows, five steers one to two years old, eight calves, one bull one year old, and two one-year old heliers.

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Thomas J. Thomas, defendant; to satisfy a judgment of said court recovered by George E. Dovey, plaintiff, against said defendant.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 2md, A. D. 1888.

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J. C. Eikenbary.

Sheriff Cass County, Neb.

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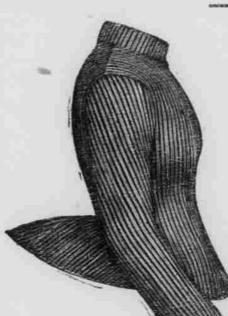
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