

# Topics of the Times

The New York Police Department costs the city \$31,252 a day.

There are 14,000 actors who claim their homes are in New York City.

There are in New York City 168,000 members of clubs that have an enrollment of more than 300 members each.

All missionary societies at work in Africa have now in round numbers 1,000 principal mission stations, with about 5,000 substations.

Twenty-seven women complained on one day to the police magistrate of Tottenham, London, of having been beaten or kicked by their husbands.

According to a report from the Amur district, quoted by the Japan Times, Russia is fortifying Harbin, with the intention of making it a second Port Arthur.

Evangelists Torrey and Alexander are under engagement to conduct meetings next winter in the following cities: Nashville, Omaha, Winnipeg, Buffalo, Pittsburg and Montreal.

D'Annunzio had a dog that killed chickens. The owner of the chickens killed the dog, and D'Annunzio had him arrested. It is a harrowing tale, but fearfully unpoetic.—Washington Star.

There is in Vienna a woman of 30, who, though blind, is passionately fond of climbing mountains. She recently ascended, with her husband, Monte Cevedale, the summit of which is about 11,000 feet above sea level.

In reference to the statement that \$4,000 was the highest fee Mme. Patti ever received, Colonel Mapleson writes to a London paper to say that he and his father paid the prima donna in America \$5,000 for each performance.

A gift of \$100,000 has recently been made to the Tufts Theological Seminary by Albert Crane, of Stamford, Conn., in memory of his father, Thomas Crane, formerly of Quincy, Mass. The gift is in the form of an endowment.

Nearly one-half of the fishes caught in the Indian ocean by the Sladen trust deep sea exploring expedition belonged to species not heretofore described in any books. Enormous specimens were found of black corals, the rarest of all corals.

In the first half of the year 1906 Scotland produced an amount of tonnage from her shipyards unprecedented in the history of shipbuilding. In these six months the shipyards put into the water no less than 207 vessels of all sizes, with an aggregate tonnage of 300,480.

Provision has been made in next year's estimates for a sum of £2,000 toward the cost of cleaning and restoring the famous Rubens ceiling in the old banqueting hall of Whitehall Palace. The work, which has become urgent, is to be carried out next summer.—London Tribune.

At Hochheide, in Germany, 1,020 school children had their teeth examined, with the result that 90 per cent of all the teeth were found to be defective. Only thirty-five of the children had sound sets of teeth, and in 396 children a poor bodily condition was directly due to poor teeth.

Appropos of the London movement to abolish Sunday street trading, a costermonger said to Canon Jephson, vicar of Walworth: "I don't see why you parsons should bother us costermongers. We are both of a trade. I make my living by hollering outside, and you make yours by hollering inside."

A Roumanian leper was sent from England to his native country the other day. He crossed Germany in a sealed freight car. When he arrived in Austria the authorities refused to let him proceed, as his passage was not paid, and he was sent back to Frankfurt, to be returned thence to London.

Counsel for a hotel head said to a London magistrate the other day that the prisoner's father was willing, if the magistrate would deal with the case then, instead of holding the prisoner for trial, to "send him to an island in the Pacific from which it would be practically impossible for him to return."

A lama living at Lhasa has issued a series of predictions for 1907: "The king of the year," he says, "is Saturn, under whose malign influence meritorious people will suffer and thieves will prosper. Great disorder will prevail. The rich will satisfy their hunger at the expense of the poor and the earth will quake thrice."

The fortification of Stockholm, rendered possible by funds collected by the union for the defense of Stockholm, is now so far advanced that the armament can take place. The union has further offered to pay for modern guns for one of the forts, an offer which King Oscar had accepted with much appreciation.—Engineering.

The "absence habit" is a menace to the United States army. This is the

statement made by Brigadier General Bubb, commanding the Department of Dakota, in his annual report. He calls attention to the great number of officers now absent from their regiments, and says that the number is steadily increasing from year to year.

## ABOUT PUBLIC UNTIDINESS.

**American Streets Dirty, Sidewalks Rough and Parks Ill-Kept.**

The average American is pretty well satisfied with his own country and people. However small his knowledge of foreign lands, he has always—at least until recent years—been noted for his confident assurance that his own land is the best that the sun shines on. He has been wont to look upon the old world as "effete" and to resent criticism of American ways; retorting usually upon such criticism by shifting the issue to something on which he could advance a tu quoque to the advocate of the British or German or Italian example. This provincial complacency has, however, received many rude shocks of late years and tends to disappear through larger contact with the world about us. Wider horizons are already beginning to broaden our views of our own institutions and we are occasionally subjected to searchings of heart which are no doubt good for our souls.

Amid the varied shocks which our national self-satisfaction is bound to receive in the process of our graduation from insularity to world power, there is one preparation which may come as a surprise, even to well-educated Americans, although its cause has long been a matter of painful consciousness to individuals, especially to Americans who have traveled abroad. We are slowly learning that we are the most untidy among all the great nations of the world. We are gradually awakening to the humiliating embarrassment of one who, entering a company of his fellow men, discovers that he alone among them is shabby and unkempt and that he has entirely failed to apprehend the ideas of dress and the standards of personal appearance that prevail among those whose company he is to frequent.

The discovery that there is more of filth, squalor and general slovenliness in public places and works, in streets, squares, river sides, docks, quays, roads and bridges in the United States than in any other country of the first or even second rank is a humbling but salutary experience. In what may be called our public housekeeping, in the outward appearance and maintenance of places and works administered by public or semi-public enterprise, we rank with Turkey rather than with England or Germany. Oriental Japan, tiny Switzerland and slow-going Holland stand far ahead of the United States in this respect.

Our national slovenliness is seen in dirty streets and unsightly water fronts; in ill-kept squares, ragged sidewalks and abominable pavements; in shabby railway stations and embankment walls built up of rotting sleepers; and in a thousand shiftless substitutes for solid permanent works. The unspeakable country roads which abound in so many regions not only illustrate the existence, but also demonstrate the folly of this semi-barbarous slackness of administration, for they constitute the most costly means of transportation possible, impose a heavy tax on every farmer and other residents, and are a clog upon the general prosperity of the regions they traverse. Tidiness and the efficient maintenance of public works cost more in the first outlay than negligence, but they save this excess many times over in the end.

Dirt has been defined as "matter out of place"; disorder as "things out of place." When both "matter" and "things" are out of place we have in the combination of dirt and disorder one of the commonest manifestations of untidiness. Now, untidiness is the unfeeling concomitant of wastefulness and we are a notoriously wasteful people. We possess abundance of energy, but perhaps little thrift, says A. D. F. Hamlin in the Forum. Tidiness, like thrift, requires attention to details; wastefulness scorns details. But untidiness is also often, and largely, due to ignorance, and is thus amenable to the corrective influence of education.

### Great Scheme.

Cyrus—I hear Hank Crawford is making barrels of money hiring out opera glasses.

Silas—Opera glasses? Why, there ain't been a show in this town for six months.

Cyrus—Oh, yes, that is a show over on the hill every afternoon. The hired man makes love to the milkmaid and Hank hires out the glasses to the city folks so they can enjoy the fun.

### A Toast.

Let us eat, let us drink and be merry,  
And with never a thought of the gout,  
Let's forget every sorrow to-day, for to-morrow  
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