

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

One of the best things going, as you might say, is an unwelcome guest.

Pierpont Morgan has bought a rug for \$17,000. Hard to beat that rug.

We often hear of ripe judgment, but most judgment is picked before it is ripe.

Evidently the Czar has no hope of winning immortal fame by being elected the first president of Russia.

A girl went to jail rather than tell her age on the witness stand. She does not deny, however, that she's over 7.

In his latest poem Alfred Austin declares "Nature Is Greater Than I." There is something memorable in the modesty of this concession.

At the age of 17 a Kentucky girl has been married three times and twice divorced. If she has started after the record her chance looks good.

We have often wondered why Luther Burbank, the wizard, doesn't try to do something in the way of producing a cantaloupe with a clear conscience.

Another man has almost succeeded in swimming the English Channel. Civilization is going to take a fearful slump unless somebody does it pretty soon.

While Niagara Falls will only last 2,500 years, picture post-cards will be out of date by then, and in all probability the falls won't be needed for anything.

A woman is suing for divorce because her 18-year-old husband smokes cigarettes. She ought to have made him show his fingers before she married him.

By boiling all the water and sterilizing all the milk and thoroughly cooking all the vegetables and killing all the flies, the average person may escape typhoid fever.

Eggs are now being recommended as products that cannot be adulterated, but if they could speak, what a tale of suffering in cold storage some of the fresh ones could tell!

Henry Phipps, of Pittsburg, pays \$500,000 a year for the use of a deer park in Scotland. Other Pittsburg millionaires have shown that he might put his money to a worse use.

With the promotion of the American minister at Constantinople to the grade of ambassador, Turkey becomes the tenth power to which the United States sends a representative of the highest diplomatic rank.

"An honest man has nothing to fear from investigations," says Governor Folk of Missouri. This is true, but it seems to be difficult to get some of the men who are in the oil business to agree that there is any reason why other people should in their desire to investigate use so much time that might be otherwise employed.

Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi, who died in New York the other day at the age of 63 years, was a pioneer, but she lived long enough to see the world come round to her early view that women are as much entitled as men to recognition as physicians. She was the first woman to go through the Paris School of Medicine, the first to be admitted to the New York medical societies and to the American Medical Association, and the first sent as a delegate from New York to the State Medical Association.

The American Library Association recently held its thirtieth annual conference. In thirty years the public library in America has become one of the most powerful agents in the intellectual development of the country. Those who remember the time when the librarian was an untrained person, placed in his position by accident rather than by special qualification, can appreciate the value of the work of the association. Without it many of the beautiful library buildings which adorn our cities and towns would be but storehouses for badly selected and unused books.

The congestion of population in cities has led to much moralizing on the decay of farm life and the indisposition of farmers' sons to pursue the father's calling. Yet our census reports show that between 1850 and 1900 the number of farms in the country increased from less than 1,500,000 to nearly 6,000,000. That this is not wholly due to larger population is shown by the fact that while in 1850 there was one farm to every 16 persons in 1900 there was one to every 13.3 persons, the farms growing in numbers faster than the popula-

tion. There is shown in this fact one reason why farm labor is so inadequate to the demand just now.

Man's devices for progress carry noise and commotion in their train. The trolley car, the steamboat, the telephone, the railroad are so many inventions that increase the clutter of the world. Even human character in these modern days makes a "to-do" in its growth. The child passes into girlhood with much talk about her feelings and preferences. When she has given up a bad habit or curtailed an indulgence for the sake of sweet charity, she talks over the acts with a dozen intimate friends. If she contemplates a college course or a matrimonial venture, she consults both interested and uninterested people about it. A religious experience is discussed until it vanishes in talk, and a high resolve comes to nothing because the words in which it was to be framed could not be satisfactorily defined. If the modern woman were to imitate less the methods of practical science, and take more lessons in the still workshop of nature, she would achieve results more beautiful, and perhaps even more useful.

Only to grow as the grass grows, Prating not of joys or woes,

is a good motto for July or January. It would be a strange, confused world in which the grass made a commotion about its upward climb, such as a puffing automobile makes as it thrusts its nose over the hilltop. Of the great forces of nature it may be truly said, as a scholarly version of the Psalm has it: "They have no speech nor language; their voice is not heard."

One great sacrifice is demanded by the American people of the man whom they honor with election to the presidency. That is, the absolute surrender of any notion he may have that he is entitled to any privacy in his life. The servant of the people, he must keep constantly in sight of the people, and must endure any disagreeable features of the official relationship. One of Washington's first queries, as he sought assistance from his cabinet in shaping the forms and ceremonies of the new republic, was: "What would be said if the President were sometimes to be seen at quiet tea parties?" There was a great gulf fixed between the state coach bedecked with Cupids supporting festoons, with its outriders and footmen in livery, and the seclusion and privacy of which the first President was so fond. He felt the need of catering to the public interest in the ruler of a people, but his heart often turned with longing to the old friends whose quiet companionship he craved. Long afterwards, when Jefferson and Jackson had had their leveling influence, criticism was directed to President Pierce, because he used to step out of his official surroundings now and then to call as a plain citizen upon old friends of his New Hampshire home. If President Lincoln, opening a closet door, found an office seeker hidden within, it was to be taken as a matter of course, and many a woman, forced for the time to share the White House with her husband during his term of office, has bemoaned the fate of "the first lady of the land" when cut off from that homelike seclusion which every man and woman wants at times. It is probable that the curious interest of the ruled in their rulers will not cease while our government lasts. But it must be trying, if not absolutely disgusting, to a man of President Roosevelt's good sense and democratic spirit to find a press dispatch informing the citizens of every State that during a sudden shower he and his wife had their clothes drenched, even though the added information was missing that the President's garments were at once sent to the tailor to be pressed. The President has a right to be put out by a tale of his habits of eating, particularly if almost every single paragraph of an alleged accurate account is found to be false. A certain amount of popular interest must always attend the routine of a public servant like the President, but it is difficult to believe that there are many American citizens who care a straw whether there are ten courses or two in the daily dinner in the White House.

Francis Financiering.
Uncle Prosdocio, looking at his two little nephews playing at taking a fort, promised 2 cents to the victor. Five minutes after, the fort was taken.
"Well, one of you is a clever captain. How was the fort taken?"
"Oh," said one, "I promised Gigi a cent if he would surrender."—H. Mondo Umoristico.

An Aggravated Assault.
"They have a cow out in Oregon that wiggles her horns."
"Gee! I'd hate to have a cow like that hook me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What the world is really looking for, according to the women's version, is some man who will hand conscience money over to his wife.

A woman's tongue is the important part of her running gear.

What Ails You?

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