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POETRY.

True poetry is but the rose That's painted by sweet Fancy's brush As it adorns the branch of prose, And beautifies Thought's thorny bush. —Leo Fairchild.

NOT YET OVERCROWDED.

The Earth Should Not Be Called Overpopulated—Resources. In a recent report of the German statistical bureau, the director expresses the opinion that population has not overtaxed any part of the empire, and that its resources, properly husbanded, are adequate to the support of an enormous addition to Germany's 45,000,000 people. It is inaccurate to say that any part of Europe is overpopulated. When the most of Germany was a succession of barren plains, and a large part of Holland was under water, those countries could have supported only a small part of the people who now inhabit them. It would have been a case, however, not of excessive population, but almost wholly undeveloped resources. So long as human ingenuity can add to the productiveness of a country it should not be called overpopulated.

Mr. Cadell of the Geological Survey of Scotland has recently shown that while the British public complain of overpopulation, and look with favor upon schemes of state aided emigration, a vast deal can yet be done to enrich soils, reclaim waste lands, develop new industries and improve methods of husbandry, all of which would add greatly to the resources of their little corner of the globe and enlarge its capacity for supporting its teeming population in comfort. The Dutch are still reclaiming from the sea an average of 2,500 acres a year, and Holland's resources are more than keeping pace with its increase of population. Though there are 343 people to the square mile, the Dutch live in comfort and few emigrate. China proper has only a little over one-third of our area, though her population is six times as great as ours; and yet, though the industrial knowledge of the Chinese is in many respects extremely primitive, China is far from being overpopulated. The Chinese treat their fields like gardens, gather fertilizers from every conceivable source, sow their grain in furrows, and hoe it as we do corn, wasting nothing in the processes of sowing and harvesting. Give the Chinese modern agricultural implements, enlarge their scientific and technical knowledge, and with their consummate painstaking a still greater population may live within their borders. It gives us a vivid sense of the grandeur of our own country when we reflect that we have as yet merely scratched the surface of its inexhaustible resources, and that hundreds of millions may live here in comfort.—New York Sun.

Nature and Treatment of Felons.

The so called felon is an acute inflammation of the sheaths of the tendons or of the coverings of the bone. It is accompanied with very severe throbbing pain, great tenderness, and often much constitutional disturbance, as indicated by fever and rapid pulse. This affection is not only very distressing, but is also attended with some danger. In persons debilitated and sickly, death has been known to result from poisonous absorption. The skin covering the fingers is very thick, so also are the deeper coverings, especially that which envelops the bone. When pus forms, it finds an opening upward difficult, and therefore, burrows back toward the hand. As the inflammation extends, the danger becomes intensified. The abscess, if not checked, sometimes proceeds up the wrist, and even to the elbow. In the meantime the sufferings are terrible, the parts are enormously swollen, and the skin seems bursting. If a knife is not used to make free incisions along the track of the disease, the pus will probably at last struggle to the skin and discharge itself; but before doing so the muscles will be broken down, honeycombed, and, to a considerable extent, destroyed. Partial death of the affected bone is not uncommon. A felon is easily recognized; none are so ignorant they cannot detect it in the early stage. While yet confined to the end of the finger, if it appears there, the sufferer, without waiting to test the efficacy of his neighbor's whims, and the virtues of "sure cures," should at once place himself in the care of a physician. If he is competent, the fact will be readily apparent, for he will, even before there is much swelling, insist upon opening the abscess without delay. If the physician urges this treatment, and the patient through fear of the knife declines, then the latter assumes all responsibility, and for what may happen subsequently can blame no one but himself. If, on the other hand, the medical attendant does not insist upon making an opening to admit of a free discharge of pus which may have formed, or which there is reason to believe will form, then he is liable for any misfortune dependent on the burrowing of the pus; for he has clearly and unmistakably failed, through ignorance or neglect, to perform his duty to his patient.—Journal of Health.

Before a Chicago Panorama. The panorama was a revelation to Chicago. Nobody could understand it, and the explanations of the imaginary causes producing the startling effect were often extremely ludicrous. It looks like "all out doors." Said one of the first visitors: "I can understand how you can have the soldiers painted, and the landscape, but what puzzles me is how you make the landscape fit the sky." He had noticed the shifting effects of natural sunlight on the canvas, and had no doubt that he was looking at the real sky. One night at the closing hour two rough looking but well dressed men swaggered up to the box office and called for tickets. "Top late," said the manager; "come to-morrow. The lecturer has gone home." With kindly oaths and quaint persuasion they gained admission, however. The instant they reached the platform their hats came off and their voices sank to whispers. They realized, rough and drunk as they were, that they were in the presence of death. Presently, encouraged by the perfect silence, a rat appeared in the foreground. That peculiar optical illusion which increases distance and magnifies objects on the canvas made that rat appear several times his real size. "It's a cat," said one, as he grasped the other by the arm, trembling as though Satan had clutched him. "It's only a mouse," responded the manager. "Tom, it's time for us to go!" said the first speaker, pulling his stupefied companion to the stairway. They spoke not another word and went out upon the street perfectly sober.—Chicago Times

WOODS FOR FURNITURE.

Value of Walnut—Preparation of "Quarter Oak"—Staining.

There are many crazes in the furniture business in respect to the different woods and their imitations, which are extensively used. For many years walnut was a wood that held absolute predominance over all other woods for furniture. But while other woods have become very popular, and walnut is apparently on the decline, yet, really, walnut will always be a fashionable wood. The price will gradually increase, for the large demand is fast consuming the supply. In many states fifteen years ago the farms were inclosed with walnut rail fences, as the wood was not so valuable in those days. But in these states where walnut grows, the lumber that would have been formerly cast aside with the "culis" is today sold for high prices. Even the small limbs of walnut trees are now sawed up into materials for rungs and posts of parlor chairs. The old stunted limbs and knots of the walnut trees are sought after with avidity by buyers through the country districts, who sell them to firms that manufacture them into ornate works for antique shelves, fancy hassocks and other similar furniture. Rail fences in these districts are now a rarity in the extreme.

But as to the various woods that are used in the manufacture of furniture, maple, ash, poplar, gum and cherry comprise the list. What is known as quarter oak is the latest craze. Quarter oak is made by first sawing a log from end to end through the middle, then each half is sawed from end to end through the middle, thus leaving four quarters. Each quarter has only three sides, one the bulge part of the log, and the other two sides being flat and coming to a sharp edge. The boards are sawed off the sharp edge, and each sawing, therefore, throws off a board wider than the one before it. Sawing the quarters of the log in this manner the lumber is beautifully cross grained. The cross grained lumber is "worked" into the finest parlor furniture at present. The wood is susceptible of a very fine polish, and the cross grain produces an effect, made of by both nature and the saw, that is far superior to the art of the most experienced grainer.

But one of the prominent features still in the furniture business is the staining of wood. There are tricks in all trades, and this is the greatest one in the furniture manufacturing. A very simple preparation, composed of crude oil and lampblack, is rubbed upon the highly polished surface of oak, and when it soaks into the pores of the wood the wood then takes on a dark hue. The varnish is then applied, which gives a neat finish to the wood, and this is then a fair imitation of antique oak. The common gum is often stained to represent cherry. Cherry itself is very valuable, and is left in its own natural color, although it is sometimes stained to represent rosewood. Soft maple, poplar and gum are stained with preparations of burnt umber, crude oil and lampblack, to produce an imitation of mahogany. Ash has a very pretty grain that stands out prominently under color, and it can be stained to imitate red cherry. Bycamore is a wood largely used for bed posts, and it stains nicely in imitation of walnut.—W. L. Mitchell in Globe-Democrat.

Lincoln to Morton in 1861.

Your letter by the hand of Mr. Prunk was received yesterday. I write this letter because I wish you to believe of us (as we certainly believe of you) that we are doing the very best we can. You do not receive arms from us as fast as you need them, but it is because we have not near enough to meet all the pressing demands, and we are obliged to share around what we have, sending the largest share to the points which appear to need them most. We have great hope that our own supply will be ample before long, so that you and all others can have as many as you need. I see an article in an Indianapolis newspaper denouncing me for not answering your letter sent by special messenger two or three weeks ago. I did make what I thought the best answer I could to that letter. As I remember, it asked for ten heavy guns to be distributed with some troops at Lawrenceburg, Madison, New Albany and Evansville, and I ordered the guns and directed you to send the troops if you had them. As to Kentucky, you do not estimate that state as more important than I do; but I am compelled to watch all points. While I write this I am if not in range at least in hearing of cannon shot, from an army of enemies more than a hundred thousand strong. I do not expect them to capture this city; but I know they would if I were to send the men and arms from here to defend Louisville. There is not a single hostile armed soldier within forty miles, nor any force known to be moving upon it from any distance. It is true the army in our front may make a half circle around southward and move on Louisville; but when they do we will make a half circle around northward and meet them; and in the meantime we will get up what forces we can from other sources to also meet them. I hope Zollicoffer has left Cumberland Gap (though I fear he has not), because, if he has, I rather infer he did it because of his dread of Camp Dick Robinson, re-enforced from Cincinnati, moving on him, than because of his intention to move on Louisville. But if he does go round and re-enforce Buckner, let Dick Robinson come around and re-enforce Sherman, and the thing is substantially as it was when Zollicoffer left Cumberland Gap. I state this as an illustration; for, in fact, I think if the gap is left open to us Dick Robinson should take it and hold it; while Indiana and the vicinity of Louisville in Kentucky can re-enforce Sherman faster than Zollicoffer can Hucker.—The Century.

Pathos of the Humorous. "There goes my vacation!" exclaimed a Norwich working woman the other day, but no one saw it go or could comprehend the meaning of the remark until she took her plate of false teeth from her mouth in two pieces. With working people vacations held by a very slender thread.—Norwich Bulletin.

A Fine Distinction. The Court—How is this, Mr. Johnson? The last time you were here you presented to me a sworn, and now you simply make affirmation.

Mr. Johnson—Well, yo' bonah, de reason am dat I spects I ain't quite so swah about de facts ob dis case as de cdder.—Life.

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