

Sins are like places at court; we seldom resign them until we can keep them no longer.

Whatever you wish your child to be, be it yourself. If you wish it to be happy, sober, truthful, affectionate, honest, and godly, be yourself all these.

Whoever will simply do his best in the work that is laid out for him, resolutely aiming at real excellence, and bending his energies to attain it in every rightful way, will reap its highest reward in the increasing development of power and ennobling of character.

At a recent meeting of police chiefs the California representative remarked that in his State poker is not classed with gambling because it is considered a scientific game.

The young person who has been trained and accustomed to detect and enjoy the real beauties of nature and of art, whose taste has been educated to appreciate the best in both, will not be satisfied with or take pleasure in the worst.

Editor Astor appears to be getting along smoothly except when he takes up his pen and prints what he writes. The success of the Prince of Wales' horse in winning the Derby moved the millionaire-in-search-of-a-country to a rhapsody that is described by one London Journal as "a hysterical article which gave one the impression of its having been written in a lunatic asylum."

The Austrian Minister at Washington having been raised to the rank of Ambassador, a corresponding promotion awaits the United States Minister at Vienna, the Hon. Bartlett Tripp, of South Dakota.

Under the provisions of the interstate commerce law which require the equipment of trains with driving wheel brakes and automatic couplers all the new freight cars are now being constructed to meet this new requirement.

The death of Kate Field will be mourned by many. She was a woman of brains and heart. She was one of those women who excite the respect of men by their achievements.

The contestants on the base-ball field usually are so engrossed in naggng the umpire and the pitchers that the amenities of polite society have been somewhat neglected.

It must be welcomed heartily by the lovers of the game. It was "ladies' day," and a rain that providentially came to save the visitors from defeat also drove the Chesterfieldian patriarch and his lusty aggregation into the grand stand.

Farm, Stock and Home: The window of the den of the horse editor overlooks the work of excavating for a large building. Many men and teams are employed. The excavation is quite deep, and the wagon loads of earth are heavy burdens to the horses that must haul them up the steep inclines.

Theol. Col. P. Neville has invented an instrument for military and topographical surveying called the delineator. This consists of a small portable camera having a lens with a fixed focus.

Everybody who happened to be on Madison avenue in the vicinity of 29th street Monday morning viewed with undivided interest and amusement a bicyclist who was spinning down the avenue at a lively rate.

There is a good deal of natural satisfaction in seeing a liar confounded in the midst of his lies. The Harlem Life represents the owner of some property in the outskirts of a Western "boom city" conversing with a stranger.

The little town of Nasso, in Sweden, has a feminine department, 150 strong, in its fire brigade. The water works of the village consist simply of four great tubs, and it is the duty of the women "firemen" to keep these full in case of fire.

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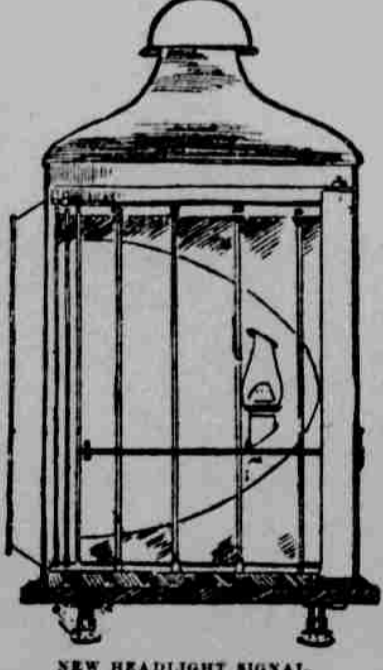
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According to the estimates of the President of the Reading Railroad, Mr. Harris, the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania originally contained 14,453,400,000 tons of coal.

According to the Scientific American the only effective way to protect furs and clothing against the ravages of moths is by keeping the moth-millers from laying their eggs in the goods.

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A new idea in headlight signaling has been brought out by H. J. Davis, of Pueblo, Col. Instead of using the simple curtain to darken the light when the train is in siding to clear, he employs a shade that shows a red headlight when the train is on siding, but not in to clear, and a blue headlight when they are in to clear.



Mr. Davis uses shutter slides made up of panels of red and blue glass. These slides are carried in the right side of the headlight case, and are shoved ahead and over the front by rods running back to the cab.

In Mr. Nehrling's treatise on North American birds, now being published in successive parts, he calls attention to a singular arrangement of bird songs, a kind of daily musical program, which nature seems to have fixed. The robin, he says, opens the music from the earliest daybreak, singing in a serious and solemn strain.

The earliest daybreak, singing in a serious and solemn strain, the bobolink, with its cheerful and "colleking" notes, does not begin until sunrise, when the robin has almost ceased.

A Chicago physician dropped into a restaurant on his way home from a "case" not long ago, and ordered a modest luncheon. When he had finished eating, he called to the girl who had been waiting upon him, and asked for his check.

"Excuse me—but you have not paid your check." "I have paid it." "Excuse me—I am sure you have not."

"I paid that girl," said the indignant physician, "and after wasting fifteen minutes waiting for my change I am going away without it." The proprietor summoned the waitress.

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Among certain of the natives of Panama and other Central American towns there is a sport called bull-teasing. The animal is turned loose into the street or led by a rope, and is then tormented by those who have hired it from the butcher.

Every woman over 40 years of age seems to be taking something to make her thinner. People pretend to hate sin, but they all love it.



Commencement was only three weeks away, but Helen Gordon had not even chosen a subject for her essay. "I can't think of anything to write about," she said, disconsolately, to her mother.

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"Oh, that would be good," chorused a number of the girls. "But I found I didn't know anything about it, and when I began to read up there was so much to learn it just discouraged me."

"I heard Flora Faulk's subject this morning," said one of the girls "it was, 'Shall We Let Fall the Unfinished Weath?' Of course I don't know what it means, but doesn't it sound nice?"

"That night Helen went home much disheartened. "I can't write about any of those things," said Helen, disconsolately to her mother, "I don't know anything about them."

But the more Helen thought of it the more she felt that her mother's advice was good. And so it happened that when the programs were printed the title set opposite Helen's name was: "A Little Flower Garden."

Commencement day came at last, and all of the girls in their white dresses and flowers were gathered in the big hall with all their friends and relatives admiring them from a distance.

Then came Eva Wharton, and when she finished every one was certain she'd take the prize, there was so much cheering. At last Helen's turn came. She was the last because she had been chosen first.

Her essay was as plain and simple as Helen herself. It was all about flower gardening—the subject that Helen herself knew best—how carefully a garden must be cared for and the kinds of flowers that were best and where to plant them.

When it was over the applause was deafening, but Helen couldn't tell whether it was more than Eva received or not and when she saw the smile on her mother's face she didn't care much whether she was awarded the prize or not, for it was prize enough to make her mother so proud of her.

"We have awarded the Greer prize to Helen Gordon." A cheer went up. "We did this because Helen chose a subject which she knew all about and over which she could grow enthusiastic. She told us something new,

something that we couldn't read in the books, and she told it plainly and simply."

And when the exercises were over Eva Wharton came forward impulsively. "You deserved that prize, Helen," she said in her charming way. "I'm glad you have won it. The professor was just right. I chose my subject because I thought it sounded nice, and I just couldn't get interested in it or tell anything new about it."

Interesting Story of a Stork. Slatin Pasha relates that one day during his captivity in the Sudan he was summoned before the Khalifa to read an inscription on a metal tag found on a stork shot in the desert.

Some children, living in a northern province of Germany, discovered a stork's nest upon their roof, and all the summer shared their tidbits with their long-legged friend, which became very companionable.

They fastened the note to a ribbon, tied it round the bird's neck, and tucked it under its wing. The next day they sadly watched the stork wing its way toward milder skies.

It was from a missionary in Africa, stating that he had read the child's note, and had cared for the stork, and thought that children whose good hearts had prompted them to provide for the comfort of a bird through the winter would be willing to help clothe and feed the little destitute children of his mission.

Other letters came and went by post between them until by and by the children learned to know the missionary and his little black waifs almost as well as they knew the beloved stork who had proved so trusty a messenger.

The latest development of the bicycle craze is a cycle wedding, and it is not improbable that the fashion will spread.

The first known event of the kind took place in England not long since, when the bride and groom so far outraged tradition as to invite the curate in place of the vicar to perform the ceremony.

A glance at the eyes of many of the Baltimore street car conductors shows that something is the matter. The eyes are red about the edges of the lids and are sometimes inflamed.

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They say that a man is not naturally polite. But think of the old jokes he laughs at every day.

It is the people for whom the hint was never intended, who take it.