

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Country and City.

of Missouri speaks of the great advantages to armers of the telephone where it has been inroduced. The improvement, it is remarked, places city and country in immediate communication, rendering unnecessary four-fifths of the trips that have been made on country roads." Highways may be muddy and weather stormy, but the world can be rung up according to the necessities of the moment, facilitating business and social life, and saving an immense amount of time and effort. A marked tendency of the age is to bring the country into closer touch with the centers of population. Electric roads are multiplying and make their way into neighborhoods that could not hope for steam lines. Rural free delivery of the mails is moving onward with great strides. Over 20,000 routes are in operation. Missouri alone has 1,200. Farmers get their letters and the daily newspapers delivered almost at their

doors. Each day's events reach the country promptly, and

the old rural isolation is disappearing. Means of ready

travel grow better and keep on extending, and the good

roads organizations gain constantly in active support. Within a dozen years electric transit in the cities has more than doubled the area suitable for town residences. Office themselves are spreading further into the country, of which suburban sections are a pleasing modification. Labor on the farm has been rendered easier by ingenious machinery. All whose memories stretch back to ploneer days can bear witness to the enormous advance toward bringing country and city closer together. Progress in that respect proceeds at an accelerated pace. Going to that the Department at Washington has ordered the retenthe city or taking a run into the country is a commonplace incident. How far the space between will eventually be annihilated is beyond the range of confecture, but the old lines of separation are disappearing in so many ways that the future relations of country and city are full of

hopeful interest.

There is a redex side to the drift of the population b the cities. Love of country life is a natural and general leeling. The merchant who comes to the city as a youth to make his fortune often returns to the country when he feltres; and dreams of doing it all through his business sarcer. He would hardly be willing to admit the deep lenderness of the memories of the old farm. All the renoteness of that spilet nook has passed away. You can "mg up" the farmer of to day and find that he is abreast with the current news and that he has it in printed details. thanks to the rufal delivery carrier. St. Louis Globe Dem-

Leap Year Over Half Gone.

apidly passing. The number of weddings shows no in as to himself.—Youth's Companion. trease over ordinary years, and it is to be feared that the temining world has not realized how little potential energy there is in wafer which has passed the mill. The decay of he peculiar customs of Leap Year is strongly evidenced by be nimost conjugate lack of jokes on the subject in the sewspapers, since it is well known that topical humor ngers long after the vanishing of its cause."

So far from Leap Year sinking into noxious desuctude, & inight be expected that its peculiar privileges would se more widely used than ever before, now our young nese and Japanese are imitators, not inventors. women are becoming more adventurous and also much | But the present war between the Russians and the Japhave to be content with his degree of bachelor.

parties as exceptional in all respects. Novels are alto- toward the rising Sun.—Church Standard.

"AND YE VISITED ME."

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eyes," wrote the invalid to her friend

of former years, as she lay in bed and

painfully used her lead pencil, "I have

been out of sight so long. You can

never know how good it seems to be

Julia Graham-that was what every

one called her who remembered her-

had married and gone West "Mrs.

George William Osgood" was the name

on her visiting card. But she returned

for "Old Home Week" after an ab-

sence of nine years, and the return was

far from being an unmixed pleasure.

A pleasure it was, in many ways great-

er than she expected; but the changes

were many, and some of them sad.

No one can revisit the scenes of child-

hood or youth, or any locality where he

has spent much of his life, without

this mixed experience—the joy of re-

newing acquaintances which were

pleasant, and the sadness of finding

those whom he loved less prosperous

or less strong or happy. So it was

with Miss Graham. The "week" was

only a week for her, and it was a full

one. There were relatives to visit, old friendships to be renewed, and din-

ners to be eaten. But the thing watch

Julia Graham did that endeared ber

to some old friends was the looking

up of those whom she had known in

ly disinclined, to look her up. The

letter was from one of these. Julia

had learned that this old friend fived

th another town, and was bedridden.

It, cost her a whole day to go to her,

but she came back saying over to hersaid, "I know now why, our Lord blessed those to whom He said, I was

There was another old friend, a

ard, and who did not appear at any of the festivities of the week. "1

tive," said Julia's cousin.

mate, who had married a drunk-

ldn't call on her; she might be

sick, and ye visited me!"

looked up and visited."

"Your letter brought tears to my

gether unreliable, and the government has not added ques PAPER published near the southern boundary tions concerning the methods of matrimonial negotiations to the census queries, although many more personal and less important vital statistics are procured. It may even be doubted whether matrimonial engagements are necessarily or even commonly preceded by formal declarations any more than are military engagements.

However that may be, we do not recommend our maidens, no matter how desirous they are, and should be juired, but later investigators found to obtain the best men for husbands, to adopt the conven tional form of proposal. Breaking the ice is a disagreeable process. It is better to thaw it. And let no one abstate from such maldenly maneuvers as she can advantageously use for fear lest the man should, through gallantry, accept her unwillingly. It is rare that a man is persuaded into lay. doing anything he really does not want to do; much more rare than women think. A man's affection for the opposite sex is in the beginning general and diffuse. A mar is naturally so altruistic that be normally loves all women and on which one of them he ultimately focuses the full force of his affection depends on circumstances-and on the woman.-New York Independent.

Fraud Orders.

HEN a business concern in the United States begins suddenly to receive a large number of a half. letters dally, it may be sure that, although no ripple has disturbed the surface, a quiet in vestigation is going on, and if there is anything dishonest about the business a notice will soon appear from the postmaster, to the effect

tion of all letters addressed to that man or company. The dishonesty which is held to justify the issuing of a fraud order may not be a mere barefaced attempt to sten! an effort to get something for nothing. The charging of an excessive profit, or misleading advertising, has called forth such an order. A recent case in point is that of a company which advertised to furnish seed for an agricultural product and to buy the product at market prices. The order against the company was issued because it was earned that it sold in small quantities, for a total of \$800, seed which it bought in bulk for \$3; and because it represented the product as easy to raise, when, in fact, it is

This fearless attitude and action of the Government is of the greatest passible benefit to the country at large in two ways. It checks, indeed it stops absolutely, one kind of fraud, and it protects innocest persons from loss through that fraud. The thing on which stress should be laid is the availability of this strong arm of protection.

There is always a large number of fraudulent schemes E do not wish to urge anyone to rash and pre- affort, dependent upon the publicity which they get through ipliate action, but it is our duly to call the advertising. When one's attention is attracted by such an ittention of young ladies, and, indeed, of all advertisement, he has only to call the attention of his inmarried ladles, to the exceptional privileges postmaster to it, and to ask him to notify the Department which immemorial custom allows them in the at Washington. To do this in every suspicious case is a quarternary period through which we are so duty which every honest man owes to his neighbor as well

Japanese Inventiveness.

T has long been supposed that the capacity for initiation is the characteristic of Western 想 nations alone. According to some leading an thropologists, as one goes from West to East he finds this capacity disappearing and the capacity for imitation taking its place. The Chi-

harder to suit. The requirements for admission to mat-anese is rapidly proving the idea to be mere assumption. timony imposed on the young men by the opposite sex have It is the Eastern rather than the Western people which, in sizen as rapidly as the standard of scholarship in the uni- this contest, are exhibiting the capacity for initiation and rersities, and a young man whose attainments a few years invention. Their strategy is almost faultiess, and it is ago, would have been considered sufficient to qualify him their own. Their artilliery is astonishingly destructive, or the position of master of a household would nowadays and, in some of its most deadly features, is the product of ve to be content with his degree of bachelor.

| Japanese invention. Their navel tactics have been so un| Really, it is not at all certain that women do not do expected and successful as to promise a revolution in the most of the proposing every year. Very little is known future methods of naval warfare. When peace comes and about this mysterious though important topic, anyway, the Japanese carry their genius into the industrial world? Each person's experiences are limited to a comparatively they will demonstrate perhaps in a more telling way that lantly furnished with hair that in win lew instances, and these are always regarded by both the capacity for initiation does not diminish as one travels

A RUSSIAN HEROINE.



MRS. E. W. VORONOBA. Mrs. E. W. Voronoba, wife of the commandant of the marifime provides dragoons, has organized at her own expense a transport system for the wounded. She has also joined the Sisters of Mercy during the war. She has even signified her willingness to go to the front and sore in the Red Cross ranks. Her purse is always open to any demand having for its object the promotion of deeds of mercy in connection with caring for wounded Rus-

other days who were unable, or timid- Julia went to her in her poverty and sunshine to her old friend.

sian soldiers.

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Most pathetic of all was her looking ing than I gave.", and an oblive The experience of one woman may be up an old man, feeble now and oblivlous of most that had happened recently, but with a mind that came back when recalled by suggestions of former years, and whose life was brightened to such as ye have done it unto one for many a day afterward by his memories of the visit of "little Julia Gra-

"The pleasantest things about Old Home Week," said Julia to her hus- dress she hasn't worn in months, band, "were those which I was most somehow it doesn't create the sensation bet be reluctant to undertake. It cost me a sine expected; it is full of creases, and But real struggle to do it, and there were doesn't hang right.

4 and made die belle ben and Julia went to her in her poverty and so many things I wanted to do. I'm sorrow, and her visit was like a ray of afraid I did it just because it was my duty. But I received a greater bless

> a suggestion to other people, returning for Old Home Week. Theirs, too, may he the blessing of Him who said. "Inhe least of these, ye have done it

When a woman puts on a black silk

ard rûbber phonograph plate which alls out the hours loud enough to be heard twenty feet away. Sentiment an be had by having the words reorded on the plate in the tones of a tear friend-as those of a man's wife said: or children.

The amount of albumen necessary in man's food has been proven by French physiologists to be much less than has een supposed. From three to five sunces dally was thought to be rethat two and oneshalf and even one and one-half ounces would suffice. In he new experiments, continued for hirty-eight days, the real need was shown to be less than one ounce per

Eucaine, the new local angeothetic, is danted for many operations where chloroform cannot be used on account of heart weakness. It is injected unler the skin at the point of incision. Jutting may begin in a few moments without pain, and more of the drug a dropped in at intervals of a few minates as new portions of tissue are exposed. A recent successful operation n London was continued an hour and

A recent French invention is a ship's compass so mounted that as it swings found with the variations in the pointing of the vessel it produces automatleally, through electric connections, a thart on a sheet of paper, by consult ing which the ship's officers can see what the course was at any moment of the voyage. The same apparatus also registers the speed of the vessel by recording the number of revolutions of the screws, each stroke of the pla ton closing an electric current.

The accelerometer, designed for neasuring the power exerted in startng a train and to indicate the prope speed for curves, is the invention of F. M. Gilley, a teacher of physics. It sonsists essentially of two glass vessels connected by a tube and containing liquid, such as mercury and red ticohol. As the train starts, the liquid passing from the forward glass to the tear one shown by suitable graduadons indicates the force exerted, and Francisco Post, n the same way the instrument, when placed on its side, makes evident the erk or centrifugal force in rounding My mother's got a cooky jar, a great big sum proq Am 1001 'njupju ut Suistung

Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia, mggests, in a paper read before the American Philosophical Society, that n the prevailing searcity of platinum he metal palladium might be a practiable substitute. It belongs to the It's dathum group, although in some remeets it resembles silver. Among its aluable characteristics are hardness. juctility and malleability. It is also tecidedly non-corrodible. It occurs. dong with nickel, copper, silver, gold, datinum, fridium and rhodium, in the ires of the Canadian nickel mines in Intario. Out of 300,000 tons of these res about 3,000 ounces of palladium tre annually produced.

Dr. J. C. Ewart, in discussing the problem of the origin of horses, describes as one of the most distinct finds now living the Celtic ponies, which are found in the most northern jarts of Iceland. They reach a height of only, four feet, and are so abuner storms they are practically snowcroof. Dr. Ewart observed the conluct of one of these ponies during a mowstorm. As soon as the storm began she turned her hind quarters to it. ind in a short time the snow had formed a kind of shield or disk upon he long hair growing about the root if the tail. Thus protected, the pony lid not shift her position while the storm lasted, except to turn with a hange of the wind.

The Submerged Seventh.

Just after the convening of the new House of Representatives there was a member from the West who was given him by the voters of his dis-

"Why," the new member would exslaim, "do you know I was elected by the suffrages of - seven different nationalities?"

One day some one asked him to name he nationalities. He gave them: tright, German, Polish, Bohemian, swedish and Greek."

"But you have named only six nadonalities," said the seeker after de Figure

The new member again ran over his fittle list, but could not remember the seventh pationality. At this juncture some facetious bystander chipped in with the remark: "Maybe there were ome Americans in the bunch." "Good for you!" shouted the lew

tepresentative, lustily, sispping his high. "But it was funny that I should orget them, don't you think?"

Words for the Wordy. Two good phrases for the people who peak long and wearisomely have come is useful weapons.

One is the comment of a politician in a Washington orator: "He has a good train of thought, but it lacks terninal facilities.

The other comes from the village hu norist, who said of the village orator; 'He's the only feller I ever knew who ould set his face talkin', an' then go "an' leave It"

It is one of the inexplicable attrirutes of women that they really like o get a long letter.

TRAINS BUTTERFLIES

California Woman Can Do Many Things with Her Peta. Miss Mabel Adams Ayer, of 1922

Clay street, a prominent Sunshine Ciul worker and a member of the Forum Club, has succeeded in training butter

surd, but if one can see the way Miss Ayer handles her pets it seems the most natural thing in the world, . In speaking of them-to-day Miss Ayer

"Why, it doesn't seem at all strange to me. They are just like any other trained pet. They have their likes and dislikes, and they are really lovable little things when you come to know them

"The first thing that started me to studying them was when I was asked to deliver a lecture before the Forum Club. I chose for my subject 'Butterflies and Rainbows,' and, wishing to give something more than could be learned from books, I went into the garden and captured one or two of the butterfiles. The more I studied them. the more I loved them and now they are almost like people to me.

"When I first get one I uncoll his tongue and feed him with sugar and water, and the rest-why. I don't know; they just come to know me; that's all. You know, the buterfly has six legs, and the two front ones he uses to wash his face and preen him; popuadxa snqn fauou aqu iiu tusan self much as a cat would.

"They live on sugar and water, and I always keep plenty of flowers in the room for them. One big fellow, called a 'Morning Clonk' I was unable to do anything with. He seemed to have no affection. They are sensitive, and nervous temperaments affect them siways. Some of them are quite playful, and two or three would run after and try to catch the end of sistickoin when drew it in front of them.

"One evening I wore several of them on my shoulder as an ornament. Of course, it was in my own home, but they stayed on my gown all evening. "I have had in all over forty butter ffles, but, you know, they live only three or four weeks, and most of themare dead now.

them. I simply go out and pick them up. I always breathe on them, and it inq 'no illis aram Acqi 'spiriq in that seems to, warm them, and they lol sy klajes mo to Zunapuox put get so they will fly all around me and | wear 'pezep 'primaino guitoods elem bathe or eat from my hand."-San pur 'paddorp pay an sono is ils nada

The Cooky Jar.

crock'ry one, An awful large and heavy thing, seems if | 184M Joj 1841 Ajuo Mous I "posu) it weighed a ton.
It's got a lid that's crock'ry, too, and has

a knob on top; take both hands to lift it off, for fear you'll let it drop. in the kitchen closet, there, down

underneath the shelf. And if you're good she says that you can go and help yourself. keeps it solid, brimmin' full of

cookies all the time. And when a feller's hungry-say! well, ain't those cookies prime!

And when the long vacation's here, or posid a to word and in backrid , and And you've been playin' all forenoon as hard as you can play

"hide-and-seek," or "three old cat," or marbles, like as not, Till you're all tired and tuckered out and sort of starved and hot,

And dinner time seems if it was year off or more, then's the time you want to

that old closet door And step in where it's dark and cool and smells so good and sweet, reach down in that cooky jar-and eat and eat and eat.

sometimes when I sit in school and everything's so still you can hear the outdoor sounds, the splashin' by the mill rattle of a cart, or else a red wood-

pecker's drum, close around is quiet 'cept the sleepy, schooly hum, think of that old closet shelf and of

the jar beneath. And how the cookies crack and crunch between a feller's teeth. And how tremendous good they taste, till

seems if, I declare! couldn't wait till school was out-but. when it is, I'm there.

A feller's mother always knows just what is good for boys. in't like aunts and other folks who hate to hear a noise;

She understands a chap, she does, and knows just how he feels And that he has to ent a lot besides his reg'lar meals,

knows that school and playin' makes you have an appetite. And that to wait and starve to death till diener time ain't right: And so she puts the cooky jar beneath

And fills it full of bully stuff-and lets you help yourself.
-Saturday Evening Post.

A Giant in Strength. "How's the baby getting on?" asked family friend. "Growing bigger and stronger every day, I suppose."

"He's growing bigger every day," said the proud father, "and he's plenty strong enough now to suit me. You remember what a tremendous voice he had when you saw him three months ago? Well, it's still more tremendous now, yet he lifts it a dozen times a day."

Almost Eavesdropping. Among the public men in England is well-known speaker whose remarks are inaudible twenty feet away, and

of him a wit said: "No one admires Mr. X; more than I do, but I always feel that I am taking a liberty in overhearing what he

"You are eight years old," a man said to his boy, "but you have already had more school books, more slates and more vencils than I had all my life."

bet eclipses going to visit where they maing preacher kin who come to visit There is a distinction attaching it

case areay not sonedxia dirow so at 1danodi ton saw fadt idali antroqu of some comparatively likelimificant not by his farming, but by the letting farmer is being kept, and well kept ject in view. Many a small Yorkshire of town life with some distinct ob idea being to get out of the turnol in remote parts of Yorkshire, the one men pak ab the spooting and treining instance, bait a dozen small trades brovinces. In places like Leeds, for betstively bumble people in the ing has even extended down to com Thore bus gaided to gathust sidT

bie in pusiness. advantage of them are nearly all peosuch privileges; and those who take fers to, or is compelled to, part with leges as a sportaman. He either presporting rights ever enjoys his privibundred of the owners of ancient the fact that only about one in every markable features of this letting is tilling them. One of the most resalmon they kill, plus the sport of ES for every front and £20 for every ing as much as £100 for every deer, ore lots of men who did not mind pay mentary evidence proving that there moob bework svoda of berreler insga bas been made in commerce, and the

tived from the letting to grant and sacty penny of whose income is de the society of an exclusive kind. the writer a list of a dozen people mix the West End of London drew up tot of the best known property agents of whatever; and only the other day one sense, have no means of livelihood toodly title would, in the most literal many people of ancient names and paid, for fishing and shooting rights, Were it not for the enormous sums

and Titled English Families. only Source of Income of Many Ancient

FISHING AND HUNTING RIGHTS.

TRABEBUT -Century -xs mess for bib serugh soff gradion puesnoqi e 101 ujeze il op 101 pinom in the back seat announced that he nost in our laps. An unknown man impulse to close up like an accordion. rearing in a well-defined centiflugal tar from being up, that my body was seemed an eternal instant we were -uoo sum puju au luqu ssojuoo 1 -

Lown to inevitable annihilation! wave curis backward; we were darling chiff; we were curling over as the ed spillow that breaks against the the loop. We were shooting upward were the shock! We were on Trip at a loosening hat, and an in-A flerce upward rush of air, a wild

-ed of ibnuorg biles ne the end. Oh, to be for a single instant pice, with a corkecrew revolution at cline was steep, but that-why, that discovered that we were on the verge. Heavens! I had reslized that the inof a sudden jerk. lafting our eyes, we ably to avoid losing it, as the result inuctions to keep my head up-probwas near. I recalled the starter's instretch at the top now, and the brink The car had reached the level

great a pair of fools as walked the I reflected that we were probably as pur names would be in the head lines. trip for it to occur. The next day limster, and doubtiess this was the intidgial some in some trightful ing a similar warning. These contrivpale and distrait, perhaps rememberwole a look at the artist. He seemed

traught with a special meaning. I now that her words might have been uing at the moment, but I realized tary risk of life. It seemed a trivial bad warned me against any unnecesnempéred that the princess of the Alle tected in that way! Suddenly I'rewould be the consequences to one atd I had bear disease, and what ing all a swift revolution; also, belf wondering if people ever fainted plenty of time to think. I found my-During this gradual ascent we had

HOME RECENTING THE PREPARATORY INpresently we were seated in a car, word for the folks at home. Then, ege. I had an impulse to leave some soats, as it starting on a cold voybe was hypnotized. We buttoned our my intention, but he did not, Perhaps the artist to demur when I announced the record of that trip. I expected tetting burt, and I should like to have m my blood, Nobody seemed to be Finally I felt the thing fermenting

twalts impending disaster. Ment in the sort of fascination that and another, and another. We became imusement. Another car went around, trenuously against this appailing ng beyond our view. We declared straight away up another incline, passtecending, hanging, descending-and tor an instant it was in the circleneitne, Suddenly it shot down; then onded car was at the brink of a long of their own momentum. A tround which cars are earried by the ab at the pair of great steel loops We entered the inclosure and gazed

.put it is worth while to see the oth-"Of course we wou't ride," he said, that it was worth seeing. de way, and the artist reminded me The "Loop the Loop" was just across

Pierce Ungard, Rush of Air, Wild Orip at One's Mark, and Then the Shock.

LOOPING THE LOOP.