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ERICSSON'S MONITOR.
The Monitor He Built in Getting the Government to Accept It.
Mr. Ericsson, soon after our acquaintance, let me take the Minutes glass. He had vowed that he would never go to Washington with the plans because the Government owed him \$12,000 for his engineering work in constructing the propeller Princeton, the first propeller ever built, but would not pay it. I took the plans to Mr. Wells, Secretary of the Navy, and also to Mr. Seward, Secretary of State. Mr. Seward gave me a note to President Lincoln, and the following day I called on the President. He said he did not know much about vessels, save flat-boats, but he agreed to meet me the next day with the Board of Naval Commissioners. Well, at this meeting President Lincoln heard a great deal of adverse criticism on the part of the naval officers, but he said that the idea reminded him of the expression of the girl who, when she put her foot in her stocking, said: "There's something in it." Then I requested the board to make a favorable report, that there might be a vessel constructed from the plans. Two were in favor and one was opposed, and I could not persuade him to consent. I was rather discouraged and I saw but one way to secure adoption of the plan, and that was to bring Ericsson before the board. I left Washington for New York that night. I saw Ericsson the next morning, and, by the way, I was admitted by a servant girl, Ann, who has been in Mr. Ericsson's service from that time until the present. I succeeded in persuading him to break his vow and return with me to Washington, telling him that all that I believed was in the way of the acceptance of the plan was the fact that one of the members of the board did not think that he understood the idea well enough to give it his approbation. So Mr. Ericsson returned with me, and under the influence of the man's enthusiasm and eloquence the board became convinced of the feasibility of the project and gave it their hearty approval. Thus approved the plan was carried out and the Monitor was built.—C. S. Bushnell, in Springfield Republican.

GENIUS AND CONCEIT.
Men of Great Minds Who Were Obsessed of Their Own Perfection.
Men of great genius are frequently men of great conceit. Albert Durer, wrote calmly to one who had found fault with his work: "It can not be better done." Haglit speaks thus of his "Table Talks": "I could swear (were they not mine) the thoughts in many of them are founded as a rock, free as air, the tone like an Italian picture." When John Dryden was congratulated on the beauty of his "Ode for St. Cecilia's Day," he answered: "You are right; a nobler ode was never produced, and never will be." John G. Saxe, coming one day from the Boston Post, said, exultingly, to the first friend he met: "I have just left with Colonel Greene the finest sonnet that has been written since the days of Sir John Suckling." When Hogarth was at work upon his "Marriage a la Mode," he told Reynolds that the world would soon be gratified "with such a sight as has never been equalled." Baron Bunsen tells us that calling once upon Thorwaldson, the sculptor, he found him greatly depressed. He had lately finished his "Christ," for Copenhagen, and he believed that his genius had reached its full height and must now begin to decline. "I have never before," he explained, "been satisfied with any of my works. I am satisfied with this, and shall never have a great idea again." George Elliot said that she had never finished a novel without throwing aside her pen in the despairing belief that she could never write another line. "Great God! What a genius I had when I wrote that book!" was Swift's cry over the "Tale of a Tub" in the sad days when he had become a driveler and a show.—Yankee Blade.

NEW BRAIN DISEASE.
An Affliction Which Requires Careful Treatment.
The New York newspapers have discovered a new disease, in advance of the doctors. This disease, which has not yet been given a distinctive name, may be explained as the effect of official bribery on the memory. It has been discovered that when an official has been bribed, not only does his memory suddenly fail, but that of the person who has bribed him fails at the same time. The mental weakness thus caused is not only total, so far as the recalling of a particular event goes, but is usually permanent. Persons so affected have been put upon the witness stand, and, though found to be in other respects in possession of all their faculties, could not recollect anything concerning the particular incident upon which light was most desired. Cases of this sort have multiplied until the disease has been recognized as one by itself and will doubtless soon be classified.
What particular form of treatment

is best adapted to the disease here referred to is yet in dispute, but there is something like a consensus of opinion that it should at least be allopathic. Large doses and heroic treatment generally is what is recommended. Solitary confinement of the patient for an extended length of time is one of the essentials. Old-fashioned methods have, in the few cases thoroughly studied, been found the best.—Washington Critic.

—The lamp-lighter goes post-haste to business and he always makes light of his work.—Detroit Free Press.

THE WHITE GRUB.

How to Prevent Its Destructive Work in the Strawberry Patch.
This creature has a history, briefly, as follows: The egg which is deposited in the ground by the mother bug in the latter part of May or early June, after a few weeks is developed, but during that season is little noticed; the next season is its chief destructiveness. At the decline of the second season it takes on the aurelia state and so remains through the winter months and until May or June of the next year, when it is developed into the perfect insect, and goes forth on wings as did its predecessor, and becomes the progenitor of another generation. The synopsis of this is: One year for the deposit of the egg, another for the development of the grub and a third for the coming forth and maternal duties of the flying insect.

Now the question arises, how can we take advantage of its inherent characteristics so as in a measure to avoid its devastations upon our growing crops, particularly in this exposition, the strawberry? The parent deposits its eggs in some field of growing vegetation—preferably grass—so that the young larvae will have roots to live on. A barren field will have no charms for a creature like this; hence a newly plowed field, with undeveloped vegetation at the time when the insect deposits its eggs in the ground, will not be chosen; it places its eggs in some grass field instead of a potato, corn, or other hoed crop field. Thus it may be seen why a field one year planted is a safer place to set strawberry plants in than a grass field. In the grass field of last year, the eggs were deposited and the grub partially developed; this year those grubs will become fully developed, and their destructive power fully developed also; so that should one plow such a field, and set strawberry plants this year, the plants will be liable to damage, because the worm, being already in the field, must live on the strawberry plant, from the fact that there is nothing else there to live on.

One noteworthy phenomenon, corroborative of the above principles, was observed two years ago in a strawberry patch where beets had been raised the year before. In cultivating the beets, three rows in the middle of the piece were neglected and the weeds allowed to grow; the strawberry plants set where these weeds grew, were more than half-killed by the white grubs, but not one was touched by them in any other part of the field. In view of all this, are farmers to set strawberry plants only upon "old ground?" The conclusion is imperative that greensward is an unsuitable place to attempt their cultivation. It is true that strawberries have been raised to perfection on new-plowed grass land, but no person is safe in attempting it. The earlier cultivation of the fruit lost acres by so doing. But yet the grub is not always a pest; some seasons there is such a dearth of them that that their depredations would be of minimum importance; hence, were a greensward we adapted to strawberry growth, the need be no fear of failure, but unusual pains must be taken with it to insure a fair yield of berries, hence it would be advisable to plant invariably upon ground that was planted in some cultivated crop the previous year.—C. C. Coover.

CULTURE OF HEMP.

A Crop That Can Be Grown Wherever Corn is Produced.
Any soil that will grow a full crop of corn will produce hemp to perfection. America being the best country in the world for this crop. The soil must be dry and well drained, for, if wet, hemp will not thrive upon it. This is very important; use tile drains. Sow the seed in spring as soon as the ground is well settled, broadcasting from two to four pecks of seed per acre. American grown seed is the best. I have tried Russian grown hempseed, but it is no good, though that from China promises well. Cut the hemp in September with a mowing machine, or you cut timely hay. Let it rot on the ground till the fiber separates. Then rake it with a horse rake and stack or shock it the same as you do corn. A hay derrick will be useful in this if you have one. Thrash with flail when dry. A mill and machinery to work hemp will cost about \$1,500 and the dry rotted hemp straw is for the

mill is worth \$10 per ton; 1 1/2 tons is the average yield per acre, but some get two or three tons. I have had 15 years' experience in growing and working hemp and am foreman in a hemp mill, which will have 600 acres of hemp grown for it this year. Such an outfit as above referred to will work from five to 10 carloads of fiber in a season, and employ from eight to 10 men. The machinery for making hemp tow includes 24 fluted rollers with breaks; two scutching machines, provided with loose beaters, and two scutching machines with solid beaters, made of 2x4 oak and provided with pickers of steel one inch long revolving on a drum four feet in diameter. This will clean the hemp. In order to save hemp seed, the crop should be cut by September 20, with a reaper, three men following and shocking it as you would corn. When the hemp is cured, thrash out the seed with flails, clean the seed with a fanning-mill and spread the straw to rot. Farmers should know that all the corn land in the West will grow hemp and that a crop of hemp is worth four times as much as a crop of corn.—Cor. Farm and Home.

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