

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

A statement is made on the best authority that the czar of Russia has read George Kennan's papers on Siberia in the century.

The novelist Hulwer's wife once wrote to Wilkie Collins that he did not know how to describe a villain: "Now," she said, "if you want a genuine villain, write up my husband."

Thomas Bailey Aldrich writes slowly and fastidiously, revising and correcting the most unimportant articles with poetic care; all his articles before they reach the printer are written and rewritten at least three or four times.

William Dean Howells writes from 1,000 to 1,500 words daily, and after his pages have been copied on the typewriter he goes over them again, adding a word here and erasing a line there, until they are perfect.

Edward A. Freeman, the English historian, is short, but stout and robust. Like most Englishmen, he has a well-fed, roset-leaf-tinged appearance. He wears a long, white patriarchal beard. He has a son married and settled in Virginia, and he is very proud of his American grandchildren.

William D. Howells believes with Anthony Trollope that a novelist should no more wait for inspiration in his work than a shoemaker or a tailor chandler. They both set upon the principle that writing novels is purely mechanical work, like writing lawyers' briefs, for instance, or book-keeping.

Frank R. Stockton had a great deal of cheap fun poked at him for being "a rising young man of letters at the age of fifty-five." But it should be remembered that he had served a long and laborious apprenticeship to literature before he surprised the world with his fresh and original story, "The Lady of the Tiger."

Edward Lloyd, the proprietor of the Daily Chronicle and Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, London, not only makes the paper on which he prints his news, but also grows the grass from which the paper is made. The visitor to his office is shown a large photograph of his Algerian glass farm, with laborers busy gathering and packing copra for his paper mills at Bow.

George William Curtis is described as "a bland gentleman with a clerical appearance, and looking as though he ought to part his hair in the middle." He stands five feet ten, wears English whiskers, and darkish light looks shade a handsome face. For twenty-eight years he has been the literary adviser of Messrs. Harper & Brothers, receiving the splendid salary of \$25,000 a year.

The French Academy gives a prize of 4,000 francs every year for the best verses upon whatever subject it may select. This year the assigned theme was labor, but of the 200 poets who entered the contest not one considered labor in any other light than that of pessimism. They all dwell upon its pains, its hardships, its drudgery and its miseries, without once touching upon its benefits, its duties or its saving influences.

HUMOROUS.

Ethel—"What makes that man hold his head so high and strut about so?" Mother—"Why, didn't you observe him drop a copper in that blind organ-grinder's tin cup?"—Exchange.

Tired Child—"Maama, how much did you put in the collection?" Mother—"A quarter, my dear. Why?" Tired child (gaping):—"Well, this preacher gives an awful lot for the money!"—Newport News.

"Why, my boy, you've spelt window without an n. Don't you know the difference between a window and a widow?" "Yes, sir. You can see through one—and—and—you can't see through the other, sir."—Punch.

Emma—"I guess you are a little fond of Mr. Boutwell, aren't you?" Nellie—"I don't know; what made you think so?" Emma—"I noticed at the whist party last night that whenever he lead a heart suit you always trumped and took it."—Kearney Enterprise.

Feminine Penetration.—Lily—"Dearest Sophie, do tell me what you think of my hat. Is this rose-color becoming to me?" "Oh, yes, it is just the color for you, dear." Lily (an hour later, to the maid):—"Take the rose-colored hat to the milliner's and tell her to change it for pearl gray."—Fitzgerald Blatter.

Yellowly—"You've married a rich wife, I understand." Brownly—"I have." Yellowly—"Well, then, I think you ought to pay me that fifty dollars you borrowed a year ago." Brownly—"I'll have you pay by installments, then, my boy." Yellowly—"Why so?" Brownly—"She never allows me more than a dollar at a time."—Boston Courier.

An Irishman who is noted for being in scrapes was lately waiting examination in the matter of a fight in the police court when there entered a dignified young lawyer who had a case in court. "Hello," said the dignified young lawyer, "what are you doing here?" "I'd have you understand, sir, I do not practice in this court. I am a diffident."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Justice—"So you are here again, are you?" Old Offender—"Yes, sir, as it please yer honor." Justice—"Charged with larceny again, I see." Old Offender—"Yes, sir, I'm sorry to say." Justice—"Why is it that you are brought up here so frequently charged with the theft of small sums?" Old Offender—"If yer honor will use yer influence to get me a job as confidential clerk, or will try to get away with me, so much that nobody will make any trouble for me."—America.

In the "Dry-Goods Emporium."—Mr. Figg—"Well, have you selected that five cents' worth of ribbon yet?" Mrs. Figg—"No, not yet. Did you get tired of waiting outside?" Mr. Figg—"No, I have been around to the office and cleared seven hundred dollars in a real estate deal since you came in here." Mrs. Figg (sighing):—"Indeed, then you will just buy that five cents' worth of ribbon." Mrs. Figg—"I have been waiting so long, and Mr. Figg stood on one foot and looked all to himself that there were times when a man got really and entirely too smart for his own good."—New York Express.



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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

There are six public schools in Ireland where the old Erse or Irish language is still taught.

Five schools were closed in the town of Georgia, Va., recently on account of the teachers having illegal certificates.

It is understood that Tollman Wheeler, the wealthy Chicago grain shipper who died a few days ago, has left the Episcopal church about \$600,000 in bequests.

At Rutgers three hours' work in the gymnasium is required of freshmen and sophomores, and all the students are required to take special lines of work recommended.

The champion woman preacher of the West is Rev. Eliza Froyo, of Wisconsin, who recently preached thirty-two times in four weeks. Miss Froyo is a Methodist.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., has just received \$60,000 as an addition to its permanent endowment fund, a gift from Mr. William Bucknell, a Philadelphia capitalist, who has given over \$800,000 to the university.

The First Congregational Church of Newton, Mass., recently observed the 925th anniversary of its organization. A large attendance of former members and friends and pastors of churches of other denominations joined in celebration.

A census was recently taken of the attendance at Episcopal and Non-conforming churches in Wales, with the result that 85,498 were found in the churches of the establishment, and 91,078 in the various Non-conformist places of worship.

The vestry of an abandoned Episcopal church in Philadelphia has just refused to rent the church to an Episcopal clergyman, who desired to hold popular religious services in it, on the strange ground that it would be a desecration of the sacred edifice to allow "motley crowds" to enter it.

There are not now less than 60 Protestant churches in Tokio, Japan. Nearly one-fifth of the whole Protestant membership in the empire live in Tokio. The whole number in the empire is about 25,000. Most of the Christian publishing work is also done in Tokio. There are scores of book-stores there where Christian literature is sold.

The completion of the tenth fall year of work of the Harvard Annex finds it a strong and successful institution. Beginning with twenty-five students in 1878-79, the attendance has steadily increased to 115 in 1888-89. It is no longer laughed at as a useless fad, but is accepted seriously as an important factor in the educational system of Harvard.

Recently the observatory of Carleton College, at Northfield, Minn., was put in electrical connection with the Washington Observatory, and the tick of the Washington clock was heard here and the tick of our clock there. Observations signals have been exchanged with Iowa College Observatory for the purpose of determining the difference of longitude.

According to a regulation just established for Prussian schools corporal punishment "sufficient to be felt," while not endangering life or health, is enjoined whenever deemed necessary by a teacher. Scholars may be chastised outside of school-houses, as their conduct outside is equally amenable to discipline. Religious instruction may likewise be legally emphasized by means of corporal punishment "to be felt," without, however, leaving permanent results; but blue spots, swollen stripes or bruises are considered allowable and not as permanent wounds.

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