

Death pays all debts, but some folks are desperately long-lived.

Some men are like last year's birds' nests. They are forever up a tree.

Little Porto Rico is preparing to leave a university. The professor follows the flag.

People who foretell bad weather by means of their rheumatism simply make you share their ills.

It isn't always safe to conclude that a man is a genius simply because he neglects his finger nails.

There is talk of an astronomer's trust, but they will have pretty hard work cornering the stars.

We would like to say just what we sometimes think about the man who always says just what he thinks.

Andrew Carnegie believes annexation to the United States is the destiny of Canada. He is usually pretty clear headed.

The man who stole a horse from Frank James and Cole Younger, who are running a Wild West show, certainly lacked delicacy of feeling.

No one will be surprised at the announcement that the bacillus of small-pox is the protozoa, the lowest form of animal life. We always knew he was a low down germ.

A Boston woman declares that "the need is not more children but better ones." She is probably going upon the old theory that her own are the only good children in the neighborhood.

At last a woman has spoken. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore advocates small families. She stands for child culture rather than child crops. And it is the woman who has the most right to speak on this question.

A locomotive combine has been formed in Great Britain embracing works that employ 7,000 men and turn out 600 locomotives a year. And its capital stock is only \$10,000,000! There must be a severe drought over there.

Friends and business associates of the late Abram S. Hewitt of New York are planning to erect a memorial to him. It will not be a bronze statue nor a heaven-piercing shaft, but an extension of the work of the Cooper Union in the education of the youth of the city. Five hundred thousand dollars will be raised for this purpose, a purpose which would commend itself both to Mr. Hewitt and to Peter Cooper, who founded the Union to help working boys.

The young man unchastened by experience goes forward by leaps and bounds, taking small heed of the little things by the way, a proceeding highly commendable in affairs of love and war, but full of dangers in matters of statecraft and business. The old men have been through it all; they have in years past been "jerked up standing," as the saying goes, and made to retrace their steps to remedy the damage done by some neglected small thing. Hence they are alert for trifles.

There are few fathers engaged in successful business who would not like to have their sons succeed them. Yet that does not happen so often as to make it the rule in the United States. The son usually sets up for himself, and the father's business is wound up at his death, or passes into the hands of strangers. This rule is not invariable, for a few years ago an association of centenarians was organized with the motto, "Gainst the Tooth of Time and the Basure of Oblivion." No firm which has not been managed for a hundred years by the same family is eligible for membership. The association already has nearly fifty members, and will hold a convention in Philadelphia this summer.

Look about you, gentle reader, and consider the solemn ass in every walk of life. Who so respected, so admired, so influential? He never takes sides. He never is a partisan. He goes along with knitted brows, his thoughts too deep for utterance. Smaller men may abandon themselves to hasty inclinations, to rash preferences, to robust views. He never does. If he speaks at all it is with such profundity and circumlocution and complexity that the most recondite cryptogram ever rescued from a pyramid would seem to burst in comparison. Yet he wears fine raiment every day. He enjoys the respect and confidence of the community. He prospers. The oil of opulence anoints him. He is the incarnation of success!

Men pay some regard to comfort in their clothes, but women seem to have an inborn aversion to it. The short skirt, which was popular a few years ago, has almost completely disappeared. Bicycle bloomers, although perfectly unsightly and ludicrous, seemed to hold forth the prospect of a reform, but a woman who would wear a pair now would probably be arrested. Instead of growing shorter skirts are growing longer and more cumbersome. Men, for both health and comfort, hang most of the weight of their clothes from their shoulders. Women, whose organizations are more delicate,

persist in suspending the heaviest parts of their apparel from their waists and then, to make matters worse, many of them continue, despite the warnings and the pleadings of their bodies and of every physician and physical culture teacher in the world, to harness themselves in until they can't breathe comfortably and to load their little heads with masses of millinery so heavy and mishapen it seems a wonder some have not their pretty necks broken.

Nowadays everyone, barring infants and valetudinarians, is more or less interested in athletics; nor are we quite sure about the babies since reading that Prof. Stagg of Chicago trains his heirs and heiresses to swing from the horizontal bar at the age of three months. But this is the point rising before us just now—the vast extent and effervescent enthusiasm of juvenile athletics. Without any painful stretch of memory many of us can recall the days when the schoolboy was eternally bidden to consider the great men who came to the city from the country with but a single coin in their pockets and the other great men who began to climb the ladder of fame by committing to memory the sayings of Burke and of Daniel Webster. Since that time it has dawned upon the schoolmasters and their allies that music helps a lot in climbing the ladder of fame. Hence this American cohort of youths in décollete clothes and spiked shoes. More heart to them! It's better for a boy who has studied his day's lessons to turn to the exercise of the field or the gymnasium than to shake incense before the statues of poets or statesmen. The place for poetry and politics—for a boy—is the school. We are sorry for the lad who, given two legs to stand on and two arms to swing, can't sprint and leap as well as scan verses. Scansion is essentially neither good nor bad. Exercise is essentially and decidedly good. We often hear a youngster who hasn't yet felt the scrape of a razor advised to be a man. We'd advise him to be a boy. One step at a time.

The navy of the United States through its hydrographic office, contributes much toward the safety of all who travel on the high seas. It publishes charts, sailing directions and other aids to navigation; it is constantly searching out the dangers of the ocean, and putting its results into convenient form. It is truly the "track-walker" of the great deep. The discovery of a new rock or shoal, the installation of a new lighthouse, any reported change in the position of buoys, or the knowledge of a fresh wreck is spread broadcast through "Notices to Mariners," which are issued weekly, and are designed as corrections to the permanent charts. The sources from which the facts come are typical of the co-operative spirit of the present day. The ships of war, the coast survey, the life-saving service and the weather bureau all assist, and hundreds of merchant vessels contribute to the work as volunteer reporters. The hydrographic establishments of foreign governments and foreign astronomical observatories are also large contributors. The messages reach Washington in fourteen different languages. Considerable judgment is needed in time of war in the use of foreign charts. Dewey's ships at Manila were drawing twenty-five feet of water, while following a chart which indicated but eighteen feet under them. In one recent war-time experience it was found that the soundings on the chart of an inlet were uniformly a certain number of feet less than the facts warranted. Every nation, including our own, is expected to conduct some confidential investigations, the results of which seem to be particularly necessary for emergency use. But as a rule the nations of the world present a united front against the perils of the deep. The United States, it is gratifying to know, is in the front rank in hydrographic investigations. It publishes a weekly bulletin containing reports as to temporary dangers, such as derelict vessels, ice masses and other moving bodies. Its pilot charts have proved so useful that England, the oldest sea power, and Germany, the youngest, have wisely undertaken similar publications.

Chronology of a Man. Baby Childhood..... Willy At school..... Jones In the office..... Bill At the bar..... William Wirt Jones, Esq. During the war..... Corporal Jones After the war..... Gen. William W. Jones In Congress..... "Our distinguished fellow-citizen." Representative William W. Jones After the landslide..... Ex-Congressman Jones "Taken care of." U. S. Consul W. W. Jones For his bread and butter..... "Our elevator man" Pensioned..... No. 1,935,610 Superannuated..... Old Bill Jones In the obituary column..... A once-famous soldier and politician..... Sznart Set.

The Largest of Creameries. The people of Lincoln, Neb., boast of having the largest creamery in the world, not only in capacity for butter-making, but in the size of the plant and the floor space of the building.

Cricket Still the Favorite Game. Cricket still holds its own in the British Isles in spite of the increased attention paid to football, golf and other sports.

Speaking of evolution: there is the princess who was at one time a bare-footed girl, who carried her father's dinner to him in a pail.

WOMAN'S REALM

Women and Great Wealth.

In the light of certain recent matrimonial experiences of an international character it is pertinent to ask what may seem at first blush to be an impertinent question, namely, Should women have money? Is it well to embarrass one of the sex with a great fortune like that, for instance, possessed by Miss Alice Thaw, of Pittsburg, now basking in the reflected glory of an English or Irish title? We are accustomed to frown upon things English, and one of those which we find it easy to condemn is the law of primogeniture—that harsh law which gives the bulk of the estate to the eldest son and permits the others to hustle for a living. But is there not, after all, a lot of common sense and business shrewdness behind the law? Your Englishman is not a sentimental creature, but when it comes to hard, rock-ribbed common sense it is difficult to find his superior.

The Englishman has found by long experience that the way to keep a fortune in the family is to fasten it down and hedge it in where fortune hunters, titled or otherwise, may not lay hand upon it by prevailing upon a weak woman that he is worth the buying. And, alas! experience has shown that some women are weak where a crest or a family tree or a chance to be dubbed "My Lady," "Your Highness," or some of the other titles which are so much thought of across the water, and by the few on this side also, is offered.

There is another kind of woman to whom it seems wrong to intrust a vast fortune. We mean the stingy kind, of whom there are, unhappily, many. For such a woman can out-Herod Herod, or out-Shylock Shylock, when it comes to a greedy grasp upon the dross that we call riches. Her safe deposit vaults are seldom opened, and then only to put money and securities in, not to take them out. From a stingy woman we would bet ten thousand times for success.

Should women have money? They are good stewards to a certain degree. But for their own sake, and for that of the public whom they affect, we think the question is one to be seriously asked, Do great wealth and womanhood travel well in double harness?—Washington Times.

Fastest Typewriter Operator. Miss Mary E. Pretty proved herself the most expert typewriter in the world a few days ago when she wrote 20,400 words in six hours and read her own copy from closely written manuscripts. Her work did not average one error to the page.

The young woman who has so suddenly gathered fame unto herself is just 21 and went from Philadelphia to fill a position in the Patent Office at Washington. She was appointed under Civil Service, having taken the examination last October. Her success is as much of a surprise to herself as to anybody else, for she never dreamed there was anything remarkable about her way of operating a typewriter. She does not claim to use any special system unless it be one of her own, which she would not know how to teach to any one else. Before going to Washington she worked for a commercial house in Philadelphia that paid her \$12.50 a week. She is now paid on a basis of \$20 a year, but has every reason to expect rapid promotions until she reaches \$14,000, the highest salary paid to a female stenographer.

Those who have watched her work say that the secret of her success is steady nerves and a power of concentration, which is better than any system ever invented.

A Champion Athlete. Miss Grace Craig, captain of the St. Louis basket ball club, is the leader of a team of girls who are the champions in the St. Louis basket ball field. Miss Grace is an athlete girl of the true type. She is lithe and graceful, with rosy cheeks, strong arms, and splendid health. She broke the world's record in throwing the basket ball, at O'Fallon, Ill.

Miss Grace does not hold the record, as Miss Lucile Withnell, also a member of the St. Louis team, outthrew her captain, establishing a record that surpasses the former record held at Vassar College by almost three feet. Miss Craig and several other athletic-inclined girls have gained the assistance of Martin Delaney to assist them in getting up a regulation field day for girls to be held next year.

Cultivate the Musical Taste. Mothers, do all you can to cultivate musical taste in your children; let them have as much pretty, melodious and animated music as possible. And make them understand that they must listen to it in silence. They are not

allowed to talk when others are speaking, neither should they be allowed to when any one is playing or singing. There is nothing to prevent children from taking up music as naturally as reading and writing. The notes and the alphabet should be learned at the same time as, I am glad to say, they have been for several years in some of our public schools. At 5 and 6 most children learn to sing easily, and little songs and exercises should be mingled with the lessons of the primary reading and spelling book. Some knowledge of music should form a part of every child's education. At the same time, it is very evident that it is useless to compel children to take a long course of musical study when they have no special aptitude for it. I have had girls confide to me that they dreaded the coming of the music teacher and would never do any practicing on the piano unless compelled to, and yet the mothers of these girls persisted in wasting money and what is still more precious, time in absolutely forcing their daughters to continue the study.

Such unwilling scholars can never become musicians in the mildest sense of the word and they should be let after learning the general principles of music, to give it up.—Exchange.

In northern India it is still considered not genteel for a woman, even when veiled from head to foot, to walk on a railway platform to get in to the cars. She has to be carried in a closed palanquin right up to the window of her compartment.

If the votes of the readers of the Berliner Tageblatt may be accepted as a criterion the five greatest women of our time are, in order here given: Berta von Suttner, Carmen Sylva, Sarah Bernhardt, Eleonora Duse, Marie von Elber-Eschenbach.

Some time ago the Russian government employed a number of women as officials on the Ural railway. The experiment proved successful and at a recent conference at St. Petersburg it was resolved to engage women for other railways also.

Italian Justice disregards sex. It seems. A teacher in a boys' school at Florence, Signora Bartelli, has won her case against the city, which she sued because she was given less salary than men teachers doing the same work. She was also awarded arrears of salary due for eleven years.

The women of Alaska are taking an interest in the Lewis and Clark Exposition and have offered to send a fine collection of native curios. There is a museum at Sitka which contains a wonderful collection of ancient baskets, wood carvings, totemic emblems, copper and silver objects, etc., and the governor of Alaska has another fine collection, including some magnificent furs, which he has consented to lend.

Paris Women Doctors. For many years the medical men of Paris violently opposed the granting of licenses to practice to women. They held that the profession of medicine was not suited to women and that women were not suited for the profession. But after a long and determined struggle the women won the day. While twenty years ago only seven women had taken their medical degree, the 3,000 physicians now established in Paris include fifty-seven women.

Every year the faculties of medicine of Paris and Montpellier grant degrees to many feminine candidates, but French women are in the minority, most of the doctresses who pass in that country being Russians and Roumanians. No woman physician has yet been rewarded with the cross of the Legion of Honor, but one midwife, Mme. Gross, holds this high and coveted order, which has been conferred upon her for gallant conduct in the Franco-Prussian war.

Ellen Terry's Toe. Years ago, when Miss Ellen Terry was a little girl about 10 years old, she played Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and had to make her appearance through the stage floor on a trap-door. The trap-door was shut too soon and one of the child's feet was caught. She screamed with pain, and Mrs. Charles Kean whispered to her: "Be a brave girl, Nellie; finish your part and you shall play Arthur in 'King John.'" The trap-door by this time was opened, but the child's toe was broken. She, however, pluckily pulled herself together and finished her speech.

Cross of a Queen. A contemporary gives the history of a certain cross that the Queen of England wears suspended from a diamond and pearl necklace given to her by her father, King Christian, just before her marriage. This is one of her favorite ornaments and is a replica of a cross found on opening a tomb of a former Queen of Denmark, Dagnar by name, who was noted for her beauty. The original is greatly prized by King Christian, it being one of the earliest specimens known.

A PROMINENT COLLEGE MAN

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MR. JOHN W. MENG.

Mr. John W. Meng, 54 Jefferson Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., State Representative of Indianapolis Business College, writes:

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The most common phases of summer catarrh are catarrh of the stomach and bowels. Peruna is a specific for summer catarrh. Hon. Willis Brewer, Representative in Congress from Alabama, writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman: House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.: Gentlemen—"I have used one bottle of Peruna for lassitude, and I take pleasure in recommending it to those who need a good remedy. As a tonic it is excellent. In the short time I have used it it has done me a great deal of good."—Willis Brewer.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

There is no evidence of race suicide in the family of Thomas Wilson, a stage driver of Stockton, Utah. He and his wife are the parents of sixteen sons each of whom is over six feet in height. The fish hooks used today are of precisely the same form as those of two thousand years ago. The only difference is in the material; then they were made of bronze, now they are of steel.

A Woman's Back. Dublin, Mich., June 29.—To the many women who suffer with weak back and pains and tired feelings in the small of the back, the experience of Mrs. Fred Chaiker of this place will be interesting and profitable. Mrs. Chaiker had suffered a very great deal with these back pains and although she had tried many things, she could find nothing that would relieve her. The pain kept on in spite of all she could do.

At last she determined to read the story of another lady who had suffered with the backache, and said she had been cured by a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and Mrs. Chaiker thought she would try the same thing. After the first two boxes had been taken according to directions, she began to feel some better, and she kept on till at last she was cured. Her pains are all gone, and she is very grateful. She says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills helped me greatly, and I will always recommend them as a cure for Pain in the Back."

Bishop Fetter's Conundrum. A conundrum propounded by Bishop Porter was told as follows: "Why is it that in the many pictures and statues of angels exhibited the angels are always either as women, or young men without beards or mustaches? The bishop's answer, which always affords him keen enjoyment, is: "Everybody knows women inherit the kingdom of heaven, but men only get in by a very close shave."

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A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever! advertisement with image of a woman's face.

Ten Things for which no one has ever yet been sorry advertisement.

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