

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

After a man has been married about so long he joins the peace-at-any-price advocates.

How dear everything is when you want to buy, and how cheap when you want to sell!

Shortly after her marriage a woman is apt to realize that her vanity has been all in vain.

The President uses no stronger expletive than "By George!" And he smiles when he uses it, too.

"There were fools in Noah's day," says a Washington paper. Still, we never heard of one of them rocking the ark.

Sweden has an organization called the "Dammklub." Its members are women exclusively, and it was probably named by their husbands.

It is reported from Paris that Count Boni de Castellane and Mme. Gould may be reconciled. Has Boni promised for a larger allowance to be good?

Perhaps, after all, spring this year was only trying to escape from the mollycoddle class. However, it came very near landing among the nature fakers.

Several years of crop failures in succession might give the people of this country a faint idea of what the famine-stricken districts of China are suffering.

A student of human nature claims that nobody can lie with the hands open. Presumably he has also noticed that it is difficult for a man to tell an untruth with his face closed.

The story of the fond father who, being without scales to weigh his newborn heir, borrowed the leaman's, and was astonished to find that the infant weighed forty-five pounds, is good enough to be true, if it isn't.

The eldest son of the Prince of Wales has joined the Royal Naval College, and it is cabled from London that he will be treated exactly as the other cadets are, being restricted to 25 cents a week pocket money. The sons of some of our millionaires will be likely to decide that it must be a good deal of a hardship to be a prince.

Itinerant booksellers on the East Side in New York always find a market for manuals of etiquette. The foreigners, who crowd the district, are anxious to learn how to behave in the free society of America, and eagerly read instructions on eating soup, when to rise and when to sit down, what to say and when to say it.

Some medical expert announces every few months that Americans eat too much. Such a man said in a lecture before a medical school class the other day that there is as much nourishment in a slice of bread and butter as in three slices of lean beef, or in an egg and a half, or in sixteen oysters, or in two and a half apples, or in two bananas. Although bread and butter is nourishing, most of us like to vary the diet with something of higher flavor, whether it is nourishing or not.

The fire losses of the United States and Canada, as recorded by the New York Journal of Commerce, aggregate \$64,500,000 for the first three months of this year, contrasted with \$54,700,000 for the same period last year, and \$56,720,000 for the first quarter of 1905. This is not particularly favorable for an easy and quick recovery by the fire insurance companies from the unprecedented losses of last year growing out of the San Francisco disaster. The country is making no perceptible progress in its mastery of the problem of scandalously excessive waste by fire.

How to get enough qualified teachers for its schools is a problem which continually perplexes New York City. A member of its board of education recently introduced a resolution instructing the superintendent to ascertain if teachers cannot be obtained from other cities. He said there are three hundred vacancies. With salaries beginning in the lowest grades at six hundred dollars a year, and increasing at the rate of forty dollars for each year of service, the pay is much better than that offered in smaller towns; but it costs more to live in New York, and one does not get so much for one's money in the way of pleasant human intercourse as in the country.

In the acquittal of Judge Loving, at Houston, Va., of the murder of young Estes, advocates of the "unwritten law" are finding a great deal of satisfaction. It should be remembered by them, however, that while the unwritten law was pleaded in justification of Judge Loving's act his counsel saw fit to couple with his plea that of emotional insanity which was the basis of the jury's verdict. Therefore, it does not seem that advocates of the unwritten law have much cause for the satisfaction they express. Judge Loving's acquittal may yet prove to have been a matter of sentiment more than of justice. The judge had been in his better days a conspicuous political figure and a social factor in his county.

He had friends everywhere, and almost as many in adjoining counties as in his own. The crime of which he was charged was caused by representations which always appeal most strongly to men of the South; yet these representations remain questionable, the prosecution not being able to introduce impeaching testimony.

A learned English physician, Sir James Crichton-Browne, comes forward to tell you that you eat too much. But you know that already. Your own stomach has told you so many a time. Yet you have gone on heedlessly, just as though you were put here to live to eat, rather than to eat to live. Eating is largely a matter of habit—almost as much of a habit as drinking whiskey, smoking a pipe or sleeping several hours a day. Neither whisky nor tobacco is necessary to the well-being of any man. Neither is ten hours' sleep. No more are three meals a day, especially in hot weather. Is it any wonder that you fret and fume and grumble at the heat when the mercury gets up into the 90s, when you go around with your stomach distended and sagging with a lot of unnecessary food? What good does it do you to fill up on beef-steak, potatoes, pie and pudding and to go around sweating like a carthorse, when you could get along with one-half or one-third of the food which you crowd into your stomach on a hot day? Yes, what good does it do you? The human stomach has been compared to a furnace, which burns up food as a locomotive burns up coal. But the careful fireman never overloads his engine, though his tender may be heaped up and running over with coal, but you overload your stomach simply because there is an abundance of food on the table. The result is that you are dull and stupid afterward, and are compelled to slow down in your work, just as an engine would do if it were choked with coal until there was no draft to consume it. You think you are generating energy when you are only inviting discomfort. Gentle reader, and still gentle purchaser, allow us to suggest a little plan to you. Try two meals a day for a while. It cannot possibly hurt you. You may lose a little avoirdupois at first, but you will experience a joy in living such as you have never dreamed of before.

STAR BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

Besides Technical Knowledge She Must Possess Diplomacy and Tact.

The star lady who now comes from the front of the house, feeling her way to the stage with the box-office gentleman guiding her footsteps through the dark and the assistant stage manager yelling to the electrician for "house lights for Miss X"—this star lady has learned the necessity of watching that unruly member, her tongue, and also of picking her friendships with unerring aim, says a writer in the Bookman. Repression, diplomacy, instinctive judging of men and women are some of the unadmitted qualities that make a star. It is not all bursting genius and technical knowledge of the stage. She must be a diplomat and a business woman. If the company is small, as a rule, all other members are presented to her. Many of them she may know, and she moves from one group to another, recalling old associations and laughing over old-time escapades. The head of a company is no snob. She may conduct herself before her people during the working hours with dignity and reserve, she may confer with the leading actors, showing them much deference, while with the smaller members she may have very little to do, but in her friendships she gives herself great leeway, and the girl with whom she is most intimate out of the theater is more often than not a subordinate in her company.

When the reading of the play begins she sits by the side of the author at the table, the company fills the half circle and a great quiet falls as the portfolio containing the manuscript is opened. A playwright will find no more critical audience than this first one. Each actor listens for the appearance of his own part in the play and eagerly follows the development of the plot to see how deeply he is concerned in it.

Kaiser and Carnegie.

The Kaiser Wilhelm says, "Vot iss Der reasons why at Carnegie Some Yankess laughs? Do not they dis-Remember he gifts money free? I much am wishing that to stay To this my country come he would And gift to us his gold away Where peoples all would treat him good; I'd like to meet him side by each—Has he not said I am vun peach?"

Says Carnegie: "The Kaiser is The bravest man wi' me acquent; He muckle kens about his biz And a' that's guid in government; He has an unco' canny mind 'That's crammed fu' weel wi' high ideals And they are daft or maur than blind 'Who say his head is lined wi' wheels; The proof o' this is plain to see—He has appreciated me."—Kansas City Times.

Onto the Boy.

"Don't you think," suggested the old friend of the family, "that you don't do well to keep a watch on your son?" "Impossible!" replied young Galley's father, "it wouldn't be long before he'd exchange it for a pawn ticket."—Philadelphia Press.

Content is like our eyes, nose, or any other feature. To have it, you must be born with it.

You never hear of anyone troubled with insomnia early in the morning.

No man need feel hurt if people say he is not good-looking.

Old Favorites

A Leap for Life.

Old Ironsides at anchor lay, In the harbor of Mahou; A dead calm rested on the bay— The waves to sleep had gone; When little Hal, the captain's son, A lad both brave and good, In sport, up shroud and rigging ran, And on the main-truck stood!

A shudder shot through every vein; All eyes were turned on high! There stood the boy, with dizzy brain, Between the sea and sky. No hold had he above, below; Alone he stood in air; To that far height none dared to go— No aid could reach him there.

We gazed, but not a man could speak! With horror all agast— In groups, with pallid brow and cheek, We watched the quivering mast. The atmosphere grew thick and hot, And of a lurid hue As riveted unto the spot Stood officers and crew.

The father came on deck. He gasped, "O God! Thy will be done!" Then suddenly a rifle grasped And aimed it at his son. "Jump, far out, boy, into the wave! Jump, or I fire," he said. "That only chance your life can save; Jump, jump, boy!" He obeyed.

He sank—he rose—he lived—he moved, And for the ship struck out. On board we hailed the lad beloved With many a manly shout. The father drew, in silent joy, Those wet arms round his neck, And folded to his heart his boy— Then faintly on the deck.—Walter Colton.

RYAN TO GROW PEANUTS.

May Go to Africa Soon to Look Over New Interests.

When Thomas F. Ryan interests himself in any enterprise he is more than likely to get everything out of it that can be made to yield a profit, says the New York Tribune. When he acquired the 70,000 acres in the Kongo district it was generally supposed that he would be satisfied with the gold, copper and rubber in sight there. But Mr. Ryan, as a Virginian, knows the potentiality of rich soil, and as there would be many thousands of idle acres in the Kongo principally which he had acquired, and as his idle land would yield any of the three great crops from which the greater part of his profit was supposed to come, he determined to put it to practical use.

Virginia is a great peanut State. The soil conditions in Mr. Ryan's Kongo domain are peculiarly well fitted for peanut culture. The best-paying grade of peanuts that come from the Virginia market are the so-called Jumbo variety, a large, rich nut, abounding in oil and general all-around nutrition.

Mr. Ryan is going to raise Jumbo peanuts in his mid-African property. These Jumbo peanuts will bring a big price in this market, and will be instrumental in breaking many a corner as now engineered by the shellers in Mr. Ryan's own State. Men with all technical knowledge of the matter have been sent to the Kongo.

Probably the most-used peanut is what is called the Spanish, an offshoot of what used to be exclusively grown in Spain. This is the little round peanut so much used for salting. In Virginia a greater part of the crop grown there is called Spanish No. 1. When the crop is short there the original Spanish is imported from Spain, but in fact, it is grown in Northern Africa. The conditions of the Virginia soil make it superior for this nut over any other section in the world except the Kongo district.

The Jumbo variety brings the highest price, however, and naturally it was that variety that Mr. Ryan selected for his crop. He will later grow the Spanish peanut, which, although cheaper, has a greater sale than the Jumbo. But Mr. Ryan's advisers, knowing that the Jumbo would have the greater sale if the price were lower, advised him to try that grade first. And that is the grade that Mr. Ryan will grow in the Kongo district, and from the proceeds thereof he hopes to be able to pay no inconsiderable part of the expenses of the working of his rubber plantations, gold mines and copper enterprises.

The Teeth.

The accumulation of tartar on the teeth makes them unsightly and is often the cause of a bad breath. If the teeth are properly brushed each day tartar will not have the chance to accumulate, but if it has already been allowed to do so it can be removed by a very simple treatment. Moisten the toothbrush in warm water and dip it into magnesia. Rub on the teeth, and after three applications the tartar will have entirely disappeared.

The Bane and the Antidote.

Gabe Gashall (on the southeast corner of the dry goods box)—It must be turble t' be ketchet out in a brain-storm. Hi Hemlock (on the southwest corner of the dry goods box)—W'y, all a feller'd hev t' do 'ud be t' h'ist one o' them paranofas, an' he'd never know 'twuz rainin'.—Puck.

When you do exactly as you please, remember you are the only person pleased.

Nearly every one imagines he is getting more than his share of hard

Diplomacy.

"Listen," said the girl as the woman came in from the party at 3 o'clock in the morning and stood at the head of her bed. "Do you hear her sob, the woman above? She has been sobbing like that for an hour. Now, listen to his big, queer voice snoring at her."

"I'll put a stop to that," the woman declared, as she hurried out of the flat on up stairs.

"Well," said the girl, when she had come down again, "what did you do? Threaten him with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Wives?"

"Not at all," said the woman. "I simply rang his bell and asked him if there was anything I could do for his wife. Wasn't she ill? We could hear her crying beneath in our bedroom, I told him. He thanked me and said there was nothing I could do; but you don't hear any more sobbing, do you?"

Perseverance.

Born in poverty, reared in obscurity, little Tad suffered many handicaps through youth, and never knew what it was to have a penny to get gum drops or licorice root.

Did he lose hope? No; he persevered until he is now opulent, for little Tad has become a plumber.—Indianapolis Star.

Prejudiced.

"The grand jury that indicted me," said the grafter, "was grossly prejudiced."

"How was it prejudiced?"

"By the evidence, of course."—Washington Star.

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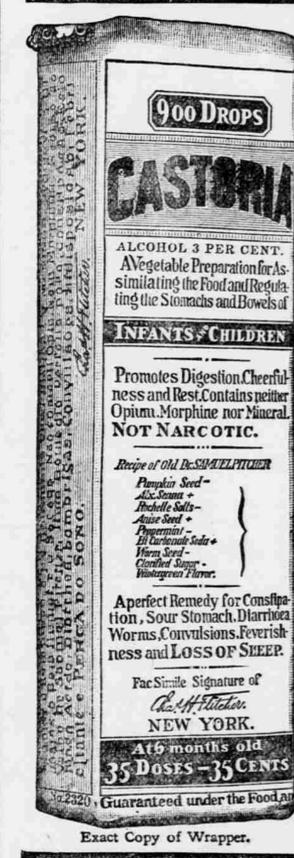
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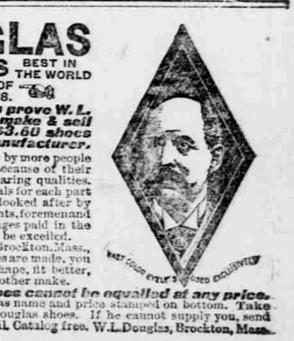
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Bulls in an Irish Paper.

Speaking about Irish bulls, how is this paragraph from the editorial columns of a recent issue of the Western News of Galway, Ireland? "To rob a man of his purse and then maltreat him for not having it would pass muster among pitiless brutal crimes, but to kill and slay a man to the point of death and then murder him for not flying quick enough is one point better in the catalogue of human infamy. It is enough to make Irishmen set their teeth and talk silently in groups."

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Formalin for Fruits.

Some important experiments on the preservation of ripe fruits by means of formalin have recently been carried out at the Jodrell laboratory, Kew, says the London Globe. If the fruit is one which is eaten without peeling, as the strawberry or raspberry, it is, first of all, immersed for ten minutes in cold water containing 3 per cent of commercial formalin. It is then taken out, and allowed to remain five minutes in cold water. If the fruit is one of which the skin or rind is not eaten, the latter treatment is omitted. It was found that damsons thus treated kept nine days, Victoria plums five days, black currants five days and red currants four days longer than fruit not so treated.

Pitted or slightly diseased apples thus treated were found to keep several weeks longer. It is pointed out that the spoiling of ripe fruit is often due to the various bacteria and ferments occurring on their surfaces. The development of these is prevented by the formalin. It is suggested that the use of formalin may render it possible to bring certain perishable ripe fruits from distant countries.

Her Sweeping.

"I suppose your new servant girl is like the average new broom," said Mrs. McCall.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Hiram Offen. "She really sweeps clean, eh?"

"Very likely. At any rate, she doesn't sweep the dirty places."—Philadelphia Record.

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