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HOW VON MOLTKE GREW OLD.

Methods in Youth and Riper Years—To What He Attributes His Vigorous Old Age.

A Viennese educational society has had the good idea to ask a number of eminent men who have attained a "ripe old age" as to the best way to grow old. Fourteen men, whose combined ages amount to 1,160 years, have answered the questions put to them, and of these answers the most interesting are those supplied by Count Moltke. We give the questions, together with the nonagenarian's answers in full:

YOUTH.

1. At what age did your schooling begin, and how many hours a day did you study? In 1808, when I was 8 years old. I learned four hours a day; after 1810 I studied ten hours every day.
2. Was your health during youth delicate or strong? I was of a tough nature.
3. Were you brought up in town or in the country? In the country up to my 10th year.
4. How many hours daily did you spend in the open air? Regularly? Irregularly, and only a few hours.
5. Did you have athletic and other physical exercises? No methodical ones.
6. How many hours did you sleep? Ten.
7. Special observations? Joyless youth, scanty food, away from home.

RIPER AGE.

8. Did you finish your education in town or in the country? In town.
9. How many hours of mental work work daily? Differed greatly.
10. Do you attribute a favorable influence on your health to a special manner of living? Moderation in all habits. Outdoor exercise in all weather. No day entirely spent indoors.
11. How long do you sleep? About eight hours on the average.
12. What changes in your daily habits did you make on the approach of a riper age? None.
13. How long daily did you work in your 50th, 60th, 70th and 80th year? That depended on circumstances; often very long.
14. What were your recreations? Riding on horseback up to the age of 86.
15. How many hours do you spend in the open air? At present half the day during the summer on my estate.
16. How long do you sleep? Eight hours still.
17. What are your habits with regard to taking food? I eat very little, and substitute concentrated nourishment.
18. To what reason do you primarily ascribe your healthy old age (in which may God long preserve you)? To God's grace and moderate habits.

WHAT THE SHOP-GIRL WANTS.

She stood in a store down town.
She was both young and fair:
But her face wore a savage frown
As well as lines of care.
When I managed to reach her side
I asked what she'd like best
For a present, and then she cried,
"O, heavens! give me rest!"

—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

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TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

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

THE average width of the path of destruction for young men is wide and easy to follow.

SOMEBODY has coined the word "motorneer," to designate the person who manages the motor on an electric car.

IT is said that all fashionable women now wish to be tall, and to address a styiish lady as "Dumpy" or "Sawed-Off" is considered in bad form.

A CHICAGO man has had three men arrested for throwing a dollar at him. It must be that he was angered because they did not continue the assault.

AN old cathedral is still standing about seven miles from Tuscon, where it was erected by the first missionaries over three and a half centuries ago.

THERE are 55,000 Masons in Georgia, which has a larger proportion of Masons in its population than any other State in the Union. At a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge thirty new charters were granted.

IT is asserted that a velocity of six or seven miles a second will get a body away from the earth's gravitation, but a small boy laden with coal scuttles who falls down stairs with a velocity of ten miles a second will contradict the assertion.

A BOSTON chemist claims to have discovered a process of petrifying the human body. Of what utility it can be cannot be guessed. There are so many human fossils walking about now that an increase in their number is far from desirable.

AN old woman died in England lately who was said to have been the cook that lighted the fire with the manuscript of Carlyle's "French Revolution." Her name, Roxalana Buggles, deserves to go down in history with that of the aspiring youth who fired the Ephesian dome.

IT cost "Our Mary" $10,000 to secure her release from a professional engagement with Mr. Abbey in order to meet a matrimonial engagement with Mr. Navarro. In other words, Mr. Navarro cost Mary $10,000 in cold cash. Let us hope that Mary has not paid too much for Mr. Navarro.

EDWARD PAYSON WESTON, the once famous pedestrian, is 61 years of age, but he regards a fifty-mile walk of little importance, and he is at present thinking of organizing a walk across the continent which will take in all the big towns and stretch over a track that is roughly estimated at 4,000 miles. It will not be done for the love of sport alone, but for the purpose of booming a Western town.

AN exchange tells how one can find the day of the week of any date by a simple mathematical calculation. But the simplicity of the figuring gives no value to the information, because when a "feller" forgets the day of the week he is generally in such a frame of mind that he cannot tell 2 from next Tuesday. Our mathematical exchange should now publish directions for finding key-holes with night keys by triangulation.

IT appears that luck was not always on Mr. Gould's side. He recalls that, when he first arrived in New York, he was told very confidentially that there was a gold mine for sale up in New Hampshire. He invested $250 in it, and he has never since been able to find either the county or the town where the mine was supposed to be. But he has kept the certificate, on which there appears a pretty picture of the miners at work. It has been a sort of beacon to him ever since.

TWO INDIANS have been lynched near Chamberlain, S. D. Some cattle had disappeared in that neighborhood recently and the settlers suspected that the Indians might know something about it. The illogical and untutored Lo, finding that a religious revival brings the whole United States army at his back, and that being discovered in the vicinity where cattle have disappeared is a crime which merits death, must have the most hazy and troubled ideas respecting the beliefs and codes of the intellectual pale-face.

FOR a choice bit of humor we commend the suggestion that the French yachtsmen may build a yacht to send over to this country to sail for the American cup. The Frenchmen have never been particularly distinguished as yachtsmen, and we are inclined to think that they would not make much headway against the American champions that have so often shown their heels to the best English boats. Probably the Frenchmen do not think very seriously of this scheme; but if they do, we advise them first to take a fly with the English craft that we find it so easy to distance. Then they will know better whether they ought to come over here or not. And they will never come.

IT is remarkable that enterprising whales who pass the summer season at Newport and Long Branch, generally slope around to Baltimore during the fall, and pass the winter season among the best society and best oysters of the South. Recently the captain and crew of a vessel in the Chesapeake had a racing match with a whale which was eighty feet long. The leviathan went off at a tangent in pursuit of his midday meal and the ocean race was abruptly terminated. But the mere fact that he was there, or thereabout, shows that Southern progress is not confined to literature, manufactures, or cotton-growing. All things are possible to the people who can have a real whale of their own.

FEW people in this country are aware of the fact that a great fair has been held at Tashkend, the capital of Russian Turkestan. The exhibition included the display of products of the central Asian region and was in many ways a remarkable enterprise. Perhaps its chief interest, however, lies in the evidence it gives of the oriental submission to western influence. An endeavor to consummate such an enterprise twenty years ago met with ridiculous failure. Now, with the increase of interrelationships, it has been carried through successfully, the Turks slowly acceding to the propositions of the dominant races, which are gradually extending their sway, together with their railroads, into the darkest of the unenlightened nations.

THE numerous inventions which have been developed in the past hundred years in the line of cotton-working machinery have worked a revolution in the industry, and cheapened the production of goods very materially. But there is one process which has never yet been materially aided or altered, no mechanical process having been successfully introduced to do the work. Cotton picking has always been done by hand. Now, however, it is reported that a machine for this work has been invented which promises to be successful in its operation. If this be true, and the Southern cotton planter can pick his cotton by machinery, and deliver it to the factory in as good condition as at present, a great step has been taken in the future progress and prosperity of the industry.

YOU can tell the manner of a man by the way he wears his hat. Your jovial, happy-go-lucky man wears it on the back of his head. Things do not trouble him much. One reason is that he has never had any trouble. If he had, he would be wearing his hat farther over. The man who walks along thinking of his work, who is a matter of fact sort of a man, never very happy, and never very blue, wears his hat squarely on his head. The man who has trouble at home, or who is a great thinker, wears his tilted over his face. If you want some one to laugh at your jokes, the first man is your friend. If you want good advice, go to the second, and if you want sympathy in trouble, go to the third. There is trouble in his eyes, and the tilted hat brim tells it instead of hiding it.

A MELANCHOLY case was brought to light in Brooklyn the other day when a man was taken to court on the charge of neglecting to provide for his family. He solemnly asseverated that he carried home all the money he earned. Being further questioned, he admitted that his sole means of livelihood was serving as a juror, and that he only got a chance to prosecute his vocation about once a year. This is sometimes scoffed at as the age of the decadence of faith. But think of the faith which this poor man has exercised day after day and year after year! Is it any wonder if he has sometimes doubted whether, after all, trial by jury is the palladium of our liberties? Certainly he were to be pardoned if questionings and suspicions sometimes arose in his mind. Still, the calm wings of his faith soared above such petty things, and he faced the future with confidence. As a family provider, though, it is plain that such a person has serious drawbacks. But there's no denying his faith; it might not be able to remove mountains, but it would not hesitate at a fair-sized hill.

How Our Navy Used to Shoot.

The proficiency of American gunnery in this war is perhaps best illustrated by the Constitutions's first action with the Guerriere, in which she was hulled but three times, while her antagonist, to use the words of her commander, was reduced to a "perfect wreck" within forty minutes from the time the Constitution began to fire. This battle occurred on August 19, 1812.

In her action with the Java, December 29, 1812, off the coast of Brazil, the Constitution was hulled but four times, and with the exception of her maintopsail yard she did not lose a spar. The Java, on the other hand, was "totally dismasted," while her hull was so shattered and pierced with shot-holes that it was impossible to get her to the harbor of San Salvador, which was only a few hours sail.

In her action with the Cyane and Levant the forces opposed were: Constitution, 51 guns with 1,287 pounds of metal; British, 55 guns with 1,508 pounds of metal. In this extraordinary action the Constitution was hulled only thirteen times, while the Cyane had every brace and bowline cut away, "her main and mizzen masts left in a tottering state, and other principal spars wounded, several shots in the hull, nine or ten between wind and water." The Levant was also roughly handled.

Before dismissing the subject of gunnery we should take into consideration: 1. The inferior quality of American cannon and shot. 2. The deficiency in weight of American shot, 3. The fact that in two of the four actions between single frigates the English used French cannon and shot, which were eight per cent. heavier than their nominal English equivalents.—*Century.*

Can Weigh a Hair.

A delicate weighing apparatus, built in Philadelphia for the United States Government, has been completed and set up in the United States assay office in New York. The balance is made to carry 10,000 ounces (equal to about 700 pounds avoirdupois) in each pan, and the contract stipulated that the scales must be sensible to 1-100 ounce when loaded to full capacity. When the balance was placed in position, a careful test was made, the pans being loaded with 10,000 ounces of gold bricks. The addition of an extra 1-100 ounce immediately moved the entire mass, and effectually demonstrated the remarkable sensibility of the machine. The perfection of the working parts of the machine is more remarkable when it is considered that the beam with its hanging and full load weighs nearly a ton. And yet a weight of less than five grains sufficed to move this ponderous mass.

A Good Substitute.

A policeman who was patroling Brush street the other night heard some one growling and mumbling near Recreation Park, and after hunting around for awhile he located a man lying under a tree.

"What are you doing here?" he asked.

"It's my bed for the night."

"But you'll freeze here."

"Oh, no, I won't. I've got a substitute for bed-quilts."

"I don't see it."

"But I've got it. There's a chap in this town who has insulted me several times, and who's going to get an awful licking some day. I just imagine I've met him—peeled off my coat—called him a liar—knocked him clean through a fence, and I'm so warmed up that I wouldn't thank anybody for a blanket. You go right along and let me alone. I'm all right and as warm as natural gas."

To Commemorate the Sioux War of 1862.

A monument is to be erected by the State of Minnesota, to commemorate the battles and incidents of the Sioux Indian war of 1862, and especially as they relate to the massacre of New Ulm in that State. The inscriptions on the stone and the bas-reliefs of the whole are to be shown in two elaborate bas-reliefs.

IN DARKEST NEW YORK.

Dreadful Places and Dreadful Things in the American Metropolis.

We must leave the tenements without attempting to reproduce any of the shocking cases of crowded rooms in which almost incredible numbers of poor wretches are huddled together even in summer, when Mr. Riis has found the thermometer to rise to 115 degrees. We must pass over his description of Jewtown and its sweat-shops, in which miserable Jews spend eighteen hours a day at slop-work for the clothing manufacturers, and from which the clothing is often sent out loaded with the infection of small-pox and typhus. We must omit his terrible account of the degradation of Chinatown with its opium joints, ruining both men and women. We cannot follow him to the wretched holes where poor Bohemians barely make the day's bread by the labor of whole families at cigar making. We cannot even condense what he tells of the swarming thousands of patient Italians. In some of these places there is more than struggle; there is often starvation. "Every once in a while," he says, "a case of downright starvation gets into the papers and makes a sensation. But this is the exception. Were the whole truth known it would come home to the community with a shock that would rouse it to a more serious effort than the spasmodic undoing of its purse-strings. I am satisfied from my own observation that hundreds of men, women and children are every day slowly starving to death with my medical friend's complaint of 'improper nourishment.' Within a single week I have had this year three cases of insanity, provoked directly by poverty and want. One was that of a mother who, in the middle of the night, got up to murder her child, which was crying for food. Another was a case of a truck-driver unable to work for many months. In the house there was neither food nor a scrap of anything on which money could be raised, and his mind gave way under the strain of physical and mental suffering. In the third case I was just in time with the police to prevent the madman from murdering his whole family." Worse than even that is the case of thousands of ill-fated working girls. The average wages of 150,000 of them is sixty cents per day; and that includes the incomes of the stylish "cashiers" who earn $2 a day as well as the pittance of girls who earn thirty cents a day in east-side factories. The lot of the average saleswoman who does not partly depend on her family is hard indeed.—*The Churchman.*

Sad Fate of an Indian Maiden.

The life of the mission Indian maiden is not altogether a happy one, especially if she is pretty, judging from the fate which befell a comely daughter of the tribe at Mesa Grande recently, says the San Diego *Union.* A letter received here from one of the most reliable residents of that district relates a thrilling and barbarous incident. The correspondent says:

"In the autumn, after harvest is over, the Indians hold this fearful orgie—human sacrifice. Each clan by itself, at the burial place of its own tribe, gathers in from all the country round and proceeds to frighten away the evil spirit by offering a human sacrifice to the gods, the sacrifice always consisting of the most comely young maiden belonging to the clan. This was practiced here recently. In this case it was a young girl 13 years of age, whose race was nearly as white as my own and whose tresses would have graced the head of a queen. She has been attending school at one of the white schools of the neighborhood for several years, and is as well educated as the average country maiden of that age as far as school books go.

"But alas, when at home she is in that hotbed of vice, the Indian rancherie, and all the outside influence counts for naught in counteracting the pernicious influences which surround her there. A huge fire was built and the usual preliminaries of groaning, chanting, flat-footed stamping and all that sort of jugglery that is common on such occasions was gone through with in extra fervor on this occasion, and while this was in progress the fire had burned somewhat and lost its fiercest heat.

"When it reached this stage a huge pile of very green brush is brought and thrown upon the fire, making the most blinding smoke you can well imagine, and while this is at its height the maiden is bound, a blanket is thrown over the smouldering green brush, and amid the most demoniacal cries and shouts she is thrown thereon, and the whole mad crowd vie with each other in piling brush over her until, in this case, it was as high and broad as a squatter's cabin. Of course all this brush is green, and is not calculated to cremate the girl, but only to come as near to it as they dare. The smoke is enough to kill anyone but an Indian, and if the pile should blaze up, as green brush sometimes does, nothing can save her from instant death. It was a terrible scene, and all this in the midst of a civilized community that is constantly contributing to foreign missions."

THE relations between the emperor William of Germany and his mother have subsided from bitter hostility into what Lord Beaconsfield would have defined as "a sort of bad tempered understanding." The emperor has a morbid jealousy of his mother.

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Never a breath to ruffle
The calm of life's placid seas?

Or wouldst thou have it bring thee
Honor and fame?
The diadem of the victor?
A mighty name?
Touches of burning genius?
The gift of the "golden tongue?"
The pen by whose magic power
The world's great heart is wrung?

Ah! wouldst thou pray 'twould bear thee
Love's rosy dreams?
Days when thy life with wildest
Ecstasy teems?
Moments when lips will meet thee
Warm with a waiting kiss?
Hours that brightly greet thee
Laden with pure bliss?

What will the New Year bring thee?
Crowned desires?
Hope's unfulfillment? Grief's
Ravening fires?
Riches or love or laurels?—
What'er to thy lot be sent,
God grant the New Year'll bring thee
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An Object Lesson in Taxation.

The Pennsylvania farmers' real estate is assessed at $1,180,433,540. On this they pay an average tax of 18.8 mills.

The property of the corporations is valued at $1,800,000,000. To this add personal property to the amount of $542,000,000, making $2,342,000,000. This pays an average tax of 2 mills.

The state receives from mercantile business, collateral inheritances, fees, escheats, licenses, etc, $3,479,000.

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FOR COUGHS AND THROAT DISORDERS use BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES. "Have never changed my mind respecting them, except I think better of that which I began thinking well of."—*Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.* Sold only in boxes.

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THE only true and safe intestinal worm killer is Dr. Bull's Vegetable Worm Destroyers. It has brightened the lives of many children and gladdened many a parent's heart.

IT is said the tourist season brings £4,000,000 pounds yearly into Switzerland.

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Prevention

Is better than cure, and people who are subject to rheumatism can prevent attacks by keeping the blood pure and free from the acid which causes the disease. This suggests the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, unquestionably the best blood purifier, and which has been used with great success for this very purpose by many people.

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SUBTERRANEAN PIGMIES.

Singular Discovery of Little Folks Who Dwell in a Cave.

Stanley and Du Chaillu have rivals, says a New York special to the San Francisco *Examiner.* According to a dispatch from Indianapolis, some boys have discovered a cave in Crawford county, Indiana, and which is inhabited by a race of humans averaging less than three feet in height and forty pounds in weight.

Of course the boys were laughed at when they told their story. Then they returned to the cave, and, after convincing themselves that they were not dreaming, came back and excited the curiosity of hundreds of citizens by reiterating their story. A large expedition has been organized to visit the cave.

The underground cave-dwellers appear, according to descriptions by the boys, to be the lowest type of humanity. They run upon all fours when they tire of the erect position. They exhibited extreme fear of the intruders and clambered with agility over heaps of stones in their frantic flight.

Not a vestige of clothing covered them, and the boys say they noticed no signs of hirsuteness or other physical marks of the low order of the animal kingdom. The form is not well developed, and the males are little if any superior to the females. Their food can be nothing except fish from the streams which abound in the cave, for long before their place of abode is reached every vestige disappears of the animals which haunt the caves or seek refuge therein.

When the youthful explorers were observed a baby-like chatter arose, which, awakening the echoes of the cave, was almost deafening. Efforts will be made to capture some of these remarkable people.

Disorders Which Affect the Kidneys

Are among the most formidable known. Diabetes, Bright's disease, gravel, and other complaints of the urinary organs are not ordinarily cured in severe cases, but they may be averted by timely medication. A useful stimulant of the urinary glands has ever been found in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine which not only affords the requisite stimulus when they become inactive but increases their vigor and secretive power. By increasing the activity of the kidneys and bladder, this medicine has the additional effect of expelling from the blood impurities which it is the peculiar office of those organs to eliminate and pass off. The Bitters is also a purifier and strengthener of the bowels, an invigorant of the stomach, and a matchless remedy for biliousness and fever and ague. It counteracts a tendency to premature decay, and sustains and comforts the aged and infirm.

DON'T be old fogy about your time. The modern "improvement" is to drop the "m" in the abbreviations a. m. and p. m., as for example 9 a., 4:30 p.

THE women bill collectors in New York were, as a rule, a failure. They made too few calls in a day and then they were too lenient.

"German Syrup"

Here is something from Mr. Frank A. Hale, proprietor of the De Witt House, Lewiston, and the Tontine Hotel, Brunswick, Me. Hotel men meet the world as it comes and goes, and are not slow in sizing people and things up for what they are worth. He says that he has lost a father and several brothers and sisters from Pulmonary Consumption, and is himself frequently troubled with colds, and he often coughs enough to make him sick at his stomach. When Hereditary Consumption ever he has taken a cold of this kind he uses Boschee's German Syrup, and it cures him every time. Here is a man who knows the full danger of lung troubles, and would therefore be most particular as to the medicine he used. What is his opinion? Listen! "I use nothing but Boschee's German Syrup, and have advised, I presume, more than a hundred different persons to take it. They agree with me that it is the best cough syrup in the market."

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