

A SELF MADE MAN.

How John P. Hopkins Advanced From a Lumber Shover to Mayor of Chicago.
 John P. Hopkins is the youngest man ever elected mayor of Chicago. He is a native of New York and was born in Buffalo, Oct. 25, 1835, and received his education in the public schools of that city. His father was a poor man and had a large family, so John was obliged to quit school early and go to work. His first job was in an iron foundry, heating rivets, and he kept it till he got a better one at Evans' elevators. He went to Chicago in 1859, after the death of his father, and his first employment there was shoving lumber in the Pullman company's yards.
 His advancement was rapid, and in three years he was paymaster of the company, a position he held until 1885, when he organized the Arcade Trading company, a general merchandising concern, which did business in Pullman for a year and then changed its name to the Secord-Hopkins company and moved to Kensington, where it has since continued to do business.
 During all this time Mr. Hopkins had taken considerable interest in local politics. In 1885, while paymaster of the Pullman company, he was also treasurer of the town of Hyde Park, which had not then been an-



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nexed to Chicago, and for five years he was treasurer of the school board of Hyde Park and Calumet. In 1889, when the annexation fever was epidemic, Mr. Hopkins was chairman of the annexation committee and the success of the movement was largely attributed to his endeavors.
 Since that time he has been influential in Democratic councils. He was a delegate to the last Democratic national convention and chairman of the Chicago campaign committee during the canvass. He has been president of the Cook County Democracy for several years and is a member of the Iroquois club, the "silk stocking" Democratic organization. Last July Comptroller Eckels appointed him receiver of the Chemical National bank. Mr. Hopkins is a well to do man. His money is all invested in his business, where it has been made. The only real estate he owns is the lot in Kensington on which his store stands.

Partners.

"I suppose you extend the courtesy of your hotel to people who are in the same line of business?"
 "Certainly, sir. What hotel do you represent?"
 "I don't represent any hotel, sir, but I'm in the bank business in New York just the same."—Hochester Post-Express.

Supplying One.

"Papa," said Jimmie, who is just learning his multiplication table, "why isn't there a subtraction table?"
 "There is, my son. When you sit down to dinner and begin to eat, that is a subtraction table."—Harper's Bazar.

"Pituri" For Assuaging Hunger.

Not a little interest, physiologically considered, has been created by the accounts given of a singular plant found in Queensland and Australia, known to the people as the pituri, or as it has been popularly spelled pitcheri, pitchour, or even billigery, known to botanists, however, as Duboisia or Antheocercia hopwoodii. The leaves, it seems, are gathered annually during the month of August, when the plant is in blossom; they are dried, first by a process of straining, and then packed in hemp bags for purposes of trade.
 In preparing the article for consumption it is damped, mixed with ashes and rolled up into the shape of a cigar, which the people chew, sticking it during the intervals of chewing behind the ear. The effect of the smoking of this novel cigar is very peculiar, rendering the smoker for the time being almost insane when indulged in too freely, but when smoked in moderation the leaves have a powerful stimulating effect, with symptoms similar to those produced by excessive strong drink. A more important use of pituri is the chewing of a small quantity of the leaves for the purpose of assuaging hunger, a person using them in this manner being enabled to undertake long journeys without fatigue and with little food.—New York Tribune.

Began in a Humble Way.

A conspicuous figure on the streets of Pittsburg is a tall, dignified looking colored man who dresses in a long coat and high hat, both of brilliant red. Every bit of available space on his outer garments is emblazoned with announcements, painted in white letters, of astonishing bargains in wearing apparel. That he feels the importance of his position is evident, not only from the self satisfied smile he wears, but also from an incident which occurred yesterday. In his ramble about the streets he stopped to look at a gang of men who were excavating in order to repair a water pipe. "Look at them," he said, turning to a friend who was with him. "That's just the way I got my start in life." Several of the workmen looked up at the sandwich man, wondering, evidently, how they could find encouragement in the result of his experience.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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The Rod Was His Slave.

The late Dr. Johnson said that Dr. Busby used to declare that his rod was his slave, and whoever could not pass through that was no boy for him. He early discovered the genius of Dr. South, lurking perhaps under idleness and obstinacy. "I see," said he, "great talents in that sulky boy, and I shall endeavor to bring them out." This indeed he effected, but by means of very great severity. Several letters from his scholars have been lately discovered, by which it appears he was much beloved by them.—Sala's Journal.

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FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

Some insects while in the larva state never sleep, but eat incessantly.
 Bats fly easily, but their movements on the ground are labored and clumsy.
 The hare is particularly shy in March, notwithstanding the old saying, "mad as a March hare."
 The osteologist of the Smithsonian institution says that it is a fact that pythons and several species of boas have real legs and feet.
 The pigeons of St. Mark's, Venice, can tell a foreigner from a native. If one of the tourists appears, they flock about him to be fed, according to guidebook; if a Venetian, they keep away.
 Long legged birds have short tails. A bird's tail serves as a rudder during the act of flight. When birds are provided with long legs, these are stretched directly behind when the bird is flying, and so act as a rudder.
 The Florida tarpon, the Pacific coast salmon and the Canadian black bass are about the gamiest and strongest pulling fish inviting the hook. The muskellunge of the St. Lawrence is a splendid fish, but not any too common nowadays.

THE COUNTESS OF ESSEX.

Miss Adela Grant of New York recently in London became Mrs. George Devereaux de Vere Cap'll, countess of Essex. And oh, girls, is not that just too aristocratically lovely a name?—Pittsburg Times.
 Another American girl was married to an English count recently. Uncle Sam can supply the entire nobility of the British Isles with lovely wives if necessary and then have enough left to insure the fondest hopes of this nation.—Pittsburg Dispatch.
 Another fair American has joined the ranks of the nobility. At this rate it will soon be as appropriate in Europe as in America to speak of the "foreign peerage." In the meantime, perhaps an infusion of brisk American blood will put more life into that languishing institution.—Baltimore American.

What lends a peculiar interest to the latest international marriage is the fact that the young American woman in the case who has become the Countess of Essex is not rich. Her income is said to be only \$4,000 a year. It is safe to infer, therefore, that she was wooed and won for her beauty and loveliness. She possesses these in profusion. All happiness to the pair!—Boston Herald.

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 "And now, Mike," he said adapting his style of talk to the vocabulary of the class, "what sort of kids do you think go to heaven?"
 "Dead ones," answered Snubnose Mike solemnly.
 And the moral lecture ended right there.
 —Chicagoan's "Pail-burner"

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