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There is plenty of lively competition among men of big capital and those who have talent for mechanics. The cost of any system of Rapid Transit will be up in the millions, and in a work of such gigantic proportions there will be big money for the contractor in all probability.

But it is the every-day business man who has more work than money that is most to be profited, and he is the one who should feel the greatest desire to see the big work pushed through.

It cannot be done in a day. Even the preliminary but essential step of selecting a plan will consume time. There ought to be no precipitation here. Let every plan and suggestion be carefully weighed. Then, when after mature deliberation the one which promises the best results is accepted, expedition in carrying out the plan cannot be too great.

But to examine the plans carefully, and let the public not be misled in attention.

CHILD SUICIDES. An appalling fact is brought before the public by recent publication of statistics in Germany. Within the past few years scores of school-children have committed suicide.

What can seem more horrible than that the childish soul which, in its ignorance and hope, is supposed to lead so much happier a life than the soul of the developed human being, should experience and numberless trials, should live in mad despair or weariness cast itself into the embrace of death?

Many of these school-children were impelled to this suicidal madness by the fear of punishment. The majority of them, too, are in the ranks of the grammar, or lower, schools.

In the high schools, mortification at having failed in examination has been the dreadful burden which made life unendurable.

Cannot the powerful intellect of German philosophers find some means of injecting into the immature minds of children some principle of duty, some motive for fortitude which will be an antidote to this unreasonable dejection which leads them to lay violent hands upon themselves in a moment of petulance?

Such a record is a stigma upon any civilization.

MORE THAN SKIN DEEP. That was a more glorious spectacle than was ever presented before the footlights which took place in Chicago yesterday.

One hundred Knights Templar stepped forward in the Emergency Hospital and let their skins to be transferred to a gaping wound in the body of one of their Commanders.

Glory to these gallant fellows! Their names should be published and scattered through the land. Doubtless most of them would step up to a bar with you and take a drink, would be glad to smoke a good cigar and are cheerfully interested in the gossip and news of the day. Some of them may even chew tobacco, use bad grammar and expropriate, whether the Virginia leaf is in case or not.

But in the souls which lay beneath these commonplace aspects of the life of to-day there lurked a spark of romantic dejection of feeling such as kindled the crusaders. All honor to their charity and grit!

EPOCH ADJUDICED. It may be rated as rather a low-down thing in a husband to desert his wife, and, years after, when, having every reason to think herself a widow, she did as good-looking widows do—paid the compliment to her supposed defunct half of marrying another man who might console her for his loss—to

reappear upon the scene and disturb a beautiful state of domesticity. In a late case of Epoch Anderson, the two husbands pulled straw, and whether to the wife's gratification or not, the first husband won. He went West with his former family and one addition to it attributable to his temporary successor.

A savage man, blind with drink, shot a poor young bartender who refused to sell him more liquor on the reasonable grounds that he was too drunk already and that it was Sunday. The wretch who did this has a record for affairs of this kind, several of which have been hushed up because the man when not in his cups is a good-natured fellow. He should be made an example of now.

The coming course of Free Lectures is a promising one. The subjects are popular, the lecturers are able, and, as a rule, capable of imparting their information in an entertaining way. The people reap the double profit of instruction and amusement. Whatever contributes to the education of the people is a fine thing and cannot be too heartily applauded.

Chill is still revolting in great shape, according to late advices from here. The insurgents seem intelligent, they have plenty of money, and what will happen as the outcome of their skilful manoeuvres is problematical.

SPOTLETS. Now, what will be good to drive away that tired feeling which the Republican party is suffering from?

Some of New York's belles feel that they could furnish beautiful sweeps to the Holland Society man.

A young swell is going to give a dinner to his friends on the "Riprap." Was the dinner built for swells, and most swells are built for the swells.

Really item: A pruning knife should not be used to eat prunes with.

Now doth he take up a sword's end. And such it follows. For soon he will take him up To above of the snow. —Judge.

When the papers get to howling over a new grievance it must not be regarded as a sign of new moon.

Hans Beattie may seem idle, but yet he finds plenty for his "hands" to do.

How let the Indian be encouraged to play lacrosse? This is so much nicer than shooting soldiers.

German night has one consolation. It will be buried in the Abbey. No English, you know!

Carroll must have felt like a Christmas Carol when he bestowed a burning kiss on Fitzgerald.

WORDLINGS. The Duke of Edinburgh has one of the largest collections of postage stamps in England. There is one private collection in the Kingdom that is valued at \$250,000.

Mrs. Nelson, the inventor's wife, is quite a clever needlewoman. She takes great interest in her husband's work, following with the keenest interest the successive steps in the process by which he thinks out his inventions.

Queen Victoria has five medals to assist at her toilet. Some of them being drawers and two wardrobe doors.

Joseph Azias, who died in Stark County, O., a few days ago, was an old soldier of Napoleon's army. He saw service at Austerlitz, but his division ordered to take it Waterloo to be of use to the Emperor.

Prince Victor of Hohenlohe is a sculptor of some ability, and many of his works have been exhibited at the Royal Academy and the Grosvenor Galleries.

NOT TO BE VANQUISHED. How a Maine Lunatic Stopped a Train with a Rusty Sword.

The first appearance of a railway train in the city of Portland was a source of great wonderment to most of the country people who used to visit the place for the purpose of marketing their produce, says the Lewiston Journal.

Large crowds used to gather about the time for the incoming train. Among those who used to lounge about the depot was an elderly man who for several years had been an inmate of the poor-house.

His tall, manly form, erect carriage and finely cut face plainly indicated a good intellect originally and a man who had seen better days. It was said that he once held an office of high rank in the State militia, but insanity had brought him to the point where he had to be committed to the city throughout each day arrayed in his regimentals, with a dilapidated cocked hat, a pair of rusty spurs and a high-topped boot, armed with a long, rusty sword and waving a tattered flag. For many years he was known as "Gen. Warren."

One day an uncommonly great crowd stood in and about the depot awaiting the morning train. Soon after the train had started the general was heard in the distance. The crowd was used to start from among the crowd and rush along the track waving his flag and shouting violently with his sword, at the same time in a loud and peremptory tone ordering a halt. The engineer, thinking some obstruction was on the track, whistled down the track and quickly, as if in obedience to the general's order, came to a stop.

The Gen. stood his ground without uttering a word.

"What's the matter?" inquired the engineer, as soon as he came within halting distance.

"Why," coolly replied the General, "I have fought and vanquished lions, bears, tigers, and men. I do you suppose I am going to turn back for a cook-store on tracks?"

DECLINED TO BE FOOLED. A Wife Who Didn't Believe Her Spouse's Jury-Duty Tale.

A well-known citizen was summoned to serve as a jurymen, but he failed to make his appearance, says the Arkansas Traveller.

After remaining out until nearly 3 o'clock in the morning he entered his home. His wife asked him why he did not come home. In that peculiar voice which is heard on such occasions, a man of whose tones words fail to furnish a suggestion, he replied:

"Hing jury. I thought we never would get a jury case. Argued with the other fellows till they gave in. Mighty hard work."

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That Delight the Gentler Sex.

Slit Brocaded Table Cloths—Credit Leads to Extravagance—Expensive Whisk Brooms—Miniature Paintings in Demand—Refreshments at Afternoon Teas.

An attempt is made to introduce brocaded silk tablecloths. It goes without saying that a meal served on a \$9 a yard cream brocade should be extra dry.

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In the series of the second course there will be seventeen lectures in each of the six schools designated.

Those are Grammar School No. 88, corner Seventeenth street and First avenue; Grammar School No. 81, at 54th West Forty-fourth street; Grammar School No. 27, at 906-910 East Forty-second street; Grammar School No. 43, at 80 Allen street, near Heater; Grammar School No. 83, at 316 East One Hundred and Tenth street; and Grammar School No. 14, at 728 Fifth street.

The general management of the lectures will be under the charge of Dr. Henry M. Leipsiger, but many of the lecturers for the second course will be new, and the subjects will all be changed.

Following is a list of the lectures to be given during the coming course:

Mr. James Bowler—"Paris and the Great Exposition." Illustrated by many beautiful stereoscopic views.

Mr. Stephen Heim—"Small Builders in the Great Ocean." Illustrated by charts, drawings and many objects through the microscope.

Mr. Edward King—"How to Prevent Strikes." This lecture suggests better methods of settling difficulties between labor and capital.

Mr. Garrett P. Service—"How Worlds Are Made." Illustrated by many stereoscopic views.

Mr. L. J. B. Lincoln—"The Newspaper." This lecture treats of the history and power of the press.

Dr. Wendell C. Phillips—"How to Breathe." This lecture will be illustrated by stere