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Australia's Wild Oysters.
Oysters are sometimes regarded as
dangerous but they are not usually
considered so. A Queensland
judge, however, has decided that they
are wild beasts. Before a royal com-
mission on the pearling industry,
which has been sitting at Brisbane, a
witness stated that eight years ago he
had laid 100,000 shells in the neigh-
borhood of Friday Island. The Jap-
anese stole the shells, and the district
court judge held that as pearl shell
oysters were wild animals there was
no penalty for stealing them.

Delays Are Dangerous.
His years exceeded the allotted
three-score and ten, but he was
a capitalist with more dollars than
sense.
"Ah, my dear," he murmured to
the fair girl by his side. "I could die
for you."
"Then let us hurry to the minis-
ter's at once," replied the practical
maid. "I don't want you to give the
undertaker a job until I have the right
to inherit."
REGISTER Office for Job-Work.

The Scarcity of Men in the Teaching Profession.

(A paper read by Geo. L. Smith before the St.
Francis County Teachers' Association.)
(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

We do not say of the Normal
student "he is studying teaching,"
as we say of the other student "he
is studying medicine" or "is
studying law." Until we can
think these relations as the same,
there cannot be the same stability
of the personnel in the professions.
Men are attracted by that which
offers permanency. This must re-
main so long as it maintains that
the husband and father is the
support of family. If it shall
come to be that this responsibility
belongs to the other member of
the headship of the family, then
teaching may have attraction for
men regardless of the instability.

Again it is claimed, and there
may be some degree of justness
in the claim, that there is an
odium that attaches to the position
of teaching. If true, it finds its
origin in the cruelty of the old
school master. He was not in
accord with child nature nor in
sympathy with child life. He
was a terror to children. He was
cruel in exaction of tasks and in
his punishment for what he re-
garded as misconduct. It is not
uncommon now, especially of the
generation that is passing out, to
hear discussed the cruelties in-
flicted by the old school master.
By them he is yet regarded as a
necessary evil that had to be en-
dured. If this feeling has been a
hindrance to men entering the
profession, it will not much long-
er exist. It is fast giving away
before a more rational and hu-
mane pedagogy. The teacher is
becoming to be regarded as the
child's friend and as one in sym-
pathy with childhood. It is the
rule that men and women of the
younger generation have the high-
est regard for their former teach-
ers and their highest compliment
is "he was my teacher." Yet we
cannot get away from the fact that
there is in the public mind a
"mark," a "tag" on him who is
teaching. I want to believe that
as the teacher becomes a profes-
sionalist and believes in his profes-
sion, he will be like other peo-
ple—no marks on him.

Again men like the privilege of
self assertion. It is claimed that
city schools systems place teachers
in a straight-jacket, too tight fit-
ting for men who have sterling
character and distinctive individ-
uality; that there is too much
hampering by authority; too many
requirements; too much of the
tread-mill grind that leaves no
assertion, no individuality and no
chance to stamp impress on things
that will stand as a monument to
one's efforts. City and town
principalship and High School
positions should offer attractions
for men. But note what is re-
quired of men who would aspire
to those positions. Dr. E. Hill
says that High School teachers
should possess "Strength of char-
acter; decision and good judg-
ment; sound and healthy body;
great ambitions and a willingness
to work; intelligence; a knowl-
edge of methods and principles
of education and executive abil-
ity; honesty, honor, zeal and
loyalty; Graduation from a Col-
lege or University. He must be a
student, have an ever increasing
library of his own; he must be
interested in art, music and liter-
ature; and see the world by de-
voting his vacations to travel."

This is a high standard of re-
quirement, but it is about what is
demanded of men, not only for
High School positions but for all
positions where a living is offered.
Educational requirements to-day
must be high. High and mighty
things are demanded of educated
men in every profession and in
every occupation. Schools must
meet the requirements of the age
in which they exist. They must
do more; they must do the sub-
work and lay the foundation on
which the schools of the next gen-
eration build.

Men are not afraid of high
standards nor of difficult things.
Gigantic things are done in all
fields of activity. Men were never
more courageous than now.
But men must see at least the pos-
sible fruit of honest efforts.
There must be reward, and in
this reward there must be a mon-
ey consideration. Money can
never be the full measure of the
teacher's reward. Rewards come
to the teacher with which money

values can never be compared.
But no man should be called upon
to rise above and overcome all
detering influences and enter a
profession that will keep him face
to face with the bread-and-butter
proposition all his life. It is a
difficult matter to live in the full
enjoyment of the spiritual rewards
that belong to the true teacher
when a man knows the money
pittance doled out to him will not
bring to himself and family the
comforts and the social favors
that come to the family of him
who chose more wisely his life
work.

I have no sympathy with the
flimsy patronizing sentiment that
because a man is a teacher he is
exempt from the requirements of
other citizens or barred from the
privileges that are accorded to
men in other professions or occu-
pations. When the same require-
ments are made and the same
privileges accorded, then the at-
tractions will be the same. A
man ought to have all the profes-
sional equipment and other qual-
ifications now required of a school
man and still be a man on the
same plane with the well equipped
business and professional man,
entitled to the same recognitions
and subject to the same business
and social requirements.

Men who enter the teaching pro-
fession should not be called upon
to leave anything behind that any
other self-respecting, honest and
upright man should take with him
into his profession. Business in
teaching will bring men into the
profession and keep them there.

Now, real candidly, when we
come to think of it, how does it
seem to them? May there not be
in the very fact of our assembling
ourselves together one answer to
why the scarcity of men in the
teaching profession?

The scarcity of men in the
teaching profession is not without
cause. If the cause is in the pro-
fession, the profession should be
changed. If it is in the education
and training of men there should
be changes. If it is in the attitude
of public sentiment toward teach-
ing, then public sentiment should
be educated to a different view
point.

It is my opinion that all the
causes named in this paper have
operated to lessen the number of
men in the profession. I believe
the remedy is a positive and
earnest public opinion built up on
business ideas of the teacher and
his work. I believe that such a
public opinion has already begun
to work. I believe that as tra-
ditional impressions yield to the
influences of the work of the mod-
ern teacher, a public sentiment,
rational, strong and stable, will
bring to the profession a supply
of men fully equal to the demand.

Do not miss seeing the Christ-
mas goods at B. N. Brown's, Iron-
ton.

Sale of Fine Horses at Iron
Mountain.

(From The Farmington News.)
What will be, beyond any ques-
tion, one of the greatest sales of
fine bred trotting stock ever held
in this State will be that to be held
at Iron Mountain on Tuesday,
December 22, commencing at
twelve o'clock noon. This sale
will be given by W. H. Smollinger,
the proprietor of the great Iron-
Mountain stock farm. This im-
mense tract of land, comprising
over ten thousand acres, contains
not only the site of the world-
famed Iron Mountain, but also the
beautiful large lake and great pas-
tures of blue grass.

Mr. Smollinger bought the en-
tire property four years ago and
at once converted it into a gigan-
tic stock farm for the raising of
thoroughbred racing stock. The
abundance of pure water and the
luxuriance with which blue grass
grew on the land impressed him
with the peculiar fitness of this
place for a great stock ranch.

His stables are headed by some
of the greatest trotters in the
whole country, and some of them
have won for him numerous stakes
of \$10,000 and \$5,000. Mr. Smol-
linger has been raising racing
stock for a good many years and
is one of the best posted men in
the country on the merits of a
racing animal. He is at present
secretary of the Great Western
Circuit, which is the owner of
twelve one-mile tracks. He is also
secretary of the Galesburg
(Ill.) race track.

Stockmen from far and near
should attend this great sale.
See ad. of same in another col-
umn and write Mr. Smollinger at
once for a catalogue giving de-
scription and complete pedigree
of each animal to be sold.

Try a sack of that Hen Feed at
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TREASURE PROTECTED BY MUD.
Effort to Be Made to Reach Stored
Riches in India.

A good story of hidden treasure
comes from India on the authority of
the late tutor to the heir apparent of
Bhopal.

In the hills of Amarkantak, in the
central provinces, close to the sources
of the Nerbada and the Son, there
stands an old deserted fort called Ran
Bakall, where, so tradition says, are
collected vast stores of treasure and
jewels formerly the property of the
Hindu rajahs of the country, but for
ages no one has been able to gain
access to the fort because it is sur-
rounded by miles of impassable mud.
The late Sir Richard Temple when
Lieutenant governor of Bengal tried to
reach it, but his elephant stuck deep
in the mire and he was forced to aban-
don the quest. It is now suggested
that a syndicate should be formed to
exploit this treasure house by means
of billions, and a Calcutta capitalist
has promised a large subscription to-
ward the enterprise.

The question which puzzles most
people is how this ocean of mud ever
came to invest the fort. An effort
will be made to enlist the co-operation
of the maharajah of Rewa, the ruler
of the district, who is said to be an en-
lightened prince, though how it comes
that he has not already taken steps
to solve the mystery is not stated.

Second-Hand Buttons.

What becomes of all the old but-
tons? Is there a market for them?
There is no accounting for pins, needles
or hooks and eyes; but buttons are
far more expensive. I know a young
matron who has more than 4,000 but-
tons of all sizes and styles and mat-
terials, but she will never sew one on
a child's garment. "I could never think
of using a second-hand button!" she
says, putting her little foot down.
When she wants a button she sends
to the shop for a card of new ones.
"Give the old ones to Johnny and let
him sell them," she said to her hus-
band; and the poor man has been try-
ing for a month to find a purchaser for
Johnny's stock.

An Americanizing Influence.

"If any proof is needed that base-
ball tends to promote good citizenship
among newly-arrived immigrants, just
keep your ears open when at a rat-
tling good game and hear the inter-
national rooting," said a veteran
"fan." "Foreign visitors of aristocrat-
ic tendencies deride our national game,
but there is no doubt that it is one
of the first of American institutions to
appeal to the average new-comer.
Even before familiarizing themselves
with the national yell they seek true
Americanism by the baseball route,
and every day the bleachers resound
with the 'Roche's' and 'Bravos' of our
embody citizens."

Proof of Japanese Enthusiasm.

The spectators at wrestling matches
in Japan pelt the winner with their
hats. This is a custom with the Jap-
anese for showing their appreciation
of the skill of the winner. The hats
are gathered up by the attendants and
handed to the champion.

Eventually the owners come for-
ward and redeem their hats with pres-
ents of various kinds. The custom in
question is, it is explained, due to a
recognition of the fact that enthusi-
asm is likely to cool down shortly
after the event which excited it is
passed. So to prove the genuineness of
his admiration the Jap gives his hat as
a pledge, to be redeemed in his cooler
moments.

INTO SERE AND YELLOW LEAF.
Eighteenth Century Women Seem to
Have Willingly Settled Down.

In an English novel of the eight-
eenth century the author thus refers
to a certain woman: "She had reached
the age of 35, an age beyond which no
woman can hope either to feel or in-
spire deep affection." In one of
George Meredith's early novels he re-
fers to a character as a woman "on
the criminal side of 30." A Boston
woman in the last century, after reach-
ing the age of 30, put on, over her
abundant natural hair, a false front
and a cap. These were the outward
and visible signs of the matronly ma-
turity she had reached. She gave up
at the same time all the gayer forms
of social intercourse. She confined
herself thereafter to the mild and
elderly variety. She had "come out"
into Boston society at 15. After two
years of social gaieties she had mar-
ried. At 30 she was the mother of
eight children. She had lived the ac-
tive part of her life. In accordance
with the conventions of her time she
settled down to a life of vegetating
domesticity. She was not an excep-
tion. She was the normal woman of
her day, registering its customs, just
as a good thermometer registers the
temperature.—Appleton's Magazine.

Made Carlyle "Shell Out."

Rev. Thomas Alexander, a Presby-
terian minister, long resident in Chelsea
and well known as a brother Scot,
was most anxious to know Carlyle, but
had no opportunity of getting an in-
troduction to him. One day in the
King's road he saw Carlyle coming in
his direction and took advantage of
the opportunity by going up to the
sage and saying: "Thomas Carlyle, I
believe?" Carlyle's reply was: "Tom
Alexander, I know!" They became
good friends, and later Mr. Alexander
wrote to Carlyle for a subscription to-
ward a school building fund, and Car-
lyle wrote back a refusal in doggerel,
whereupon Mr. Alexander replied that
if he did not send him £5 (\$25) he
would sell his poetry to a collector or
publish it. The £5 was at once
forthcoming.

Truly Rustic Bridge.

A rustic bridge at Beach Haven, Ga.,
contains 16 kinds of wood and vines,
grown on the 50 acres of Beach Haven
park. Following is a list of the woods
and vines: Short-leaved pine, long-leaf
pine, post oak, white oak, Spanish oak,
water oak, red oak, poplar, sweet gum,
black gum, red haw, black haw, red
bud, prickly ash, chinquapin, wild
plum, persimmon, cedar, wild sloe,
walnut, sumac, red elm, pig hickory,
scaly-bark hickory, hick or sugar berry,
willow, china, black elder, crab ap-
ple, wild mulberry, wild cherry, dog-
wood, sourwood, winter whortleberry,
black locust, sassafras, cottonwood,
buckeye, laurel, bosch, holly, ash, iron-
wood, birch, magnolia, sycamore, wal-
nut, sweet bay, evergreen, spruce,
Vines—Grape, muscadine, bellflower,
rattan, bamboo.

Science and Wheat.

Science has many aids and sugges-
tions to offer to the future wheat pro-
ducer, such as rotation of crops,
methods of soil tillage, seed selection,
etc., by means of which wheat may
be profitably grown in a permanent
system of agriculture, says the Cen-
tury. The future should bring to us
as much, if not more, knowledge of
soil fertility than has the past, and
such knowledge will eventually be-
come effective in the hands of the
producer and put off the day when
population will cease to increase be-
cause of insufficient food supplies.

SHREWD SCHEME OF MOTHER.
No Roseate Postcard Without Its
Thorn of Suggestion.

Harold's mother—we'll call him
Harold—went abroad a month ago,
leaving Harold under the somewhat
unsubstantial control of his elder sis-
ters.

In spite of the itemized directions
which even unto the moment of
final leave-taking she had not ceased
to bombard him, Harold's mother
was far from sure that her efforts
would have any lasting effect.

Her voyage was more or less dis-
turbed by these doubts, but before she
landed on the other side she had de-
termined on a course of action. Like
all small boys, Harold is most covet-
ous of picture postcards and had
looked forward to a harvest from his
mother's trip.

He got it.
Every day she sent at least one
card. And, whatever else it bore in
the way of inscription, there was not
one which failed of this introduction:
"Just as soon as you get this go and
brush your teeth."

A Cure for Rheumatism.

Capt. Dibble, who lives on a farm
near this place, is in his ninety-sixth
year, and says he never had a rheu-
matic pain in all his life, and but little
of any other kind of sickness. He ac-
counts for this by having sailed 50
years on the salt seas. He says salt
renders you immune from rheumatism,
as well as other ills to which the
body is heir. The captain drinks
freely of salt water and sprinkles salt
in his bed every night. He is a well-
preserved man, and although near the
100 milestone, gets around as well as
the average man of 50 or 60.—Rolla
Sharpshooter.

A Dangerous Roll.

H. Engels, an Oakland, Cal., boiler-
maker, met with an experience which
nearly cost him his life, while at work
inside a 28-inch water pipe. The line
of pipe ran along a steep hillside and
was held in position by wooden sup-
ports. While Engels was riveting two
sections together the supports gave
way and the section in which he was
working started down the hill at a ter-
rific speed. It rolled several hundred
feet and finally dropped into a ditch in
which a stream of water was running.
Engels' companion supposed, of course,
that he had been killed, but rushed to
the ditch. The in-piped man was
taken out alive, but seriously cut and
bruised and almost drowned.—Detroit
News-Tribune.

His Vacation Method.

Miss Lillian B. Hill, the writer of
humorous advertisements, told a num-
ber of Duluth Jewelers, at a recent
jewelers' banquet, a good way to get
off for a vacation without being missed
from business.

"During the last Easter holidays,"
she said, "I met a jeweler at a seaside
hotel.

"Why, I thought you were such a
busy man," I said. "How do you man-
age your affairs here at the shore?"

"O," said he, "I am just keeping my
advertisements out of the papers until
my return, and so, you see, there are
no affairs to manage."

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