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Towns boasts that its percentage of literacy is the lowest in the Union.

The London Lancet wants all doctors to wear a distinguishing style of hat.

It is a mistake, asserts the Chicago Herald, to suppose that polar research has cost enormously in human life.

Count Von Moltke understood the virtues of silence. At no time during his ninety years was he much given to speaking.

Nut farming is a new industry in North Carolina. Small manufacturers are prosecuted with vigor in many parts of the South.

The Mail and Express thinks that one of the most unique railroad stations in the country can be seen on the Greenwood Lake Road at Soho.

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ILLUSIONS.

Go stand at night upon an ocean craft And watch the folds of its imperial train.

UNCLE FLAXLEY'S HOBBY.

BY HELEN FORRETT GRAVES.

The white, vertical light of a February day shone down through the skylight of Julian Dover's studio.

"Oh, the dence!" he exclaimed, abruptly. "What made you jump so, Charlie? A man don't want the current of his ideas disturbed just when—"

"I hear Kitty Flaxley outside," said she. "Outside she must stay, then!" remarked Mr. Dover, frowning at his palette.

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It's really true that you are engaged! Kitty, Kitty, an artist's wife is a first-class martyr!

"An artist's wife is the happiest creature in the world, Kitty!" counter-asserted Claire, her soft eyes lighted up with love.

Uncle Elimelech Flaxley walked around the house of his cousin's widow, with his hands hooked under his coat-tails.

"What!" Uncle Flaxley had cried, "three girls, and not one of 'em taught to earn her living! That's no way to bring up a family, sister Annabel.

"I've always thought I should like to learn dressmaking," said Kitty. One could clothe one's self at half the expense.

"I know ever so many nice girls who do type-writing," said Constantia, a tall, willowy girl, with yellow hair and pallid skin.

Young Rembrandt Alison's studio was far smaller and less picturesque than that of his compeer, Julian Dover.

She was a skilled embroiderer, and worked her finger-ends off, while her brother, rapt in visions of Titian and Buonarroti, stood before his canvas.

A marvelous piece of mechanism has recently been exhibited in Paris. It is an eight-day clock, which chimes the quarters, plays sixteen tunes, playing three times every hour.

The clock shows the hour of the day, the day of the week, the day of the month and the month of the year.

The balm of Gilead, which is alluded to in the Old Testament as being extremely precious, and which is spoken of by Strabo, Pliny and other ancient writers as being a cure for almost every disease.

The Derivation of Backram. Backram, so called from Bokhara, where it was originally made in the Middle Ages, was much esteemed for being costly and fine.

Leanness and Self-Reliance. The razor-back hog, the yellow dog, the lopsided Thomas cat, despised of the world, the hard-featured billy-goat.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A Bethlehem (Penn.) hammer weighs 135 tons. Electricity runs a Wurttemberg (Germany) iron works.

At Pittsburgh the Second Avenue Electric Street Car Company is equipping its lines with vestibuled trains.

A fire engine that does away with the use of horses and forces the water by means of power generated by a storage battery is a recent electrical invention.

English manufacturers are bleaching paper by an electrical process without, it is stated, impairing its strength.

A newly-devised insulated screwdriver has the shank so thoroughly insulated, that it can be used in the most dangerous places.

A handy lock is now used upon tricycles, boats, chests and boxes. It weighs about half a pound, and although not much larger than a watch, is considerably thicker.

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The Papal Swiss Guards. Most foreigners, who have been in Rome, remember the entrance to the Vatican with the Pontone di Bronzo at the end of the semi-circle.

I need not describe these guards, with their heavy mustaches and beards; their fresh-colored faces and their unconscious swagger and their doubts, which seem so woefully out of place in modern Rome.

On a little triangular place, at the foot of the high and massive wall of the Sixtine Chapel, between the great stretch of the Pontifical garden and the colossal sides of St. Peter's Church, there is another Swiss guard.

The most amusing part of it all is that one bureau keeps a list of men—divinity students and steady college boys—who will perform all the above-mentioned services for the youthful visitor from the rural regions.

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SHOWING THEM THE TOWN.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY.

In purple and fine linen—A bandaged black eye.

A burst of eloquence is a consequence of mental dynamite.—Boston Courier.

Not intimate: "Have you met with success?" "I know it only by sight."—Puck.

Marked down—The young man's mustache when it begins to be visible.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

The fact that riches have wings may be the reason that they enable a man to fly high.—Washington Post.

When a bachelor is asked to rock the cradle he feels more like stoning the baby instead.—Somerville Journal.

Consider the man who is always punctual—how much time he wastes waiting for other people.—Elmira Gazette.

Tramp—"Will this dog bite a poor old tramp?" Hired Girl—"Just as quick as a fat young one. Git!"—Epoch.

When the other man begins to quote statistics you may assume that you have won the argument.—Elmira Gazette.

If you wish to be entertaining just forget yourself long enough to talk to somebody about himself.—Dallas News.

Boulanger is having another desperate wrestle with obscurity, and with all the chances in favor of obscurity.—Boston Post.

Fogg says that, after all, your true huesers of wood and drawers of water are your landscape artists.—Boston Transcript.

He—"So Jack isn't devoted to Kate any more. Did they fight?" She—"Yes; they had an engagement."—Yale Record.

"The man I'll wed," says sweet Sixteen, "Must beauty have and youthful be." "Of him I'll wed," says Thirty-five, "I but demand that he'll have me."—Puck.

The saying, "Nothing succeeds like success," was probably invented before the modern "business failure" system of succeeding was discovered.—New York Herald.

Really Enthusiastic—"Oh, Mr. Brown, your picture is absolutely enchanting. Only one Italian word can describe it—and I have forgotten that."—Fijiende Bladter.

"Here's your bill," said the milk dealer to the dissatisfied customer. "Well, turn about, only fair play; suppose we chalk that up awhile."—Washington Post.

"It strikes me that Russian authors have a remarkably venerable and careworn look." "Yes; but then look at the language they have to do their thinking in."—Washington Post.