SUNDAY READING.

Success makes us soon forget the fight we made to attain it.

The road to home and happiness is over small stepping stones.

Knowledge of the world is dearly bought at the price of moral purity.

The waves of happiness, like those of light, are colorless when unbroken.

Genius at first is nothing more than a great capacity for receiving discipline.

There is nothing more necessary than to know how to bear the tedious moments of life.

We do not judge men by what they are in themselves, but by what they are relatively to us.

If you assume the garb of a fool, are you very sure that you have not a natural right to it?

Nature never sends a great man into the world without confiding the secret to another soul.

If you wish to be really happy take a good deal of outdoor exercise, and never run in debt.

Stillest streams oft water fairest meadows, and the bird that flutters least is longest on the wing.

Many persons entertain false views of real life, who yet have the justest perceptions of human nature.

The light of true friendship is like the light of phosphorus—seen plainest when all around is darkness.

As sad dreams betoken a glad future, so may it be with the often tormenting dream of life when it is over.

A writer who attempts to live on the manufacture of his imagination is continuously coquetting with starvation.

Good breeding is benevolence in trifles or the preference of others to ourselves in the little daily occurrences of life.

Knowledge is said to be sorrow. If this be true there are some men in the community who must be supremely happy.

It is a curious fact that no man in the world wants to be rich; he only asks for enough, and surely that is a reasonable request.

There is a power in being good and upright. True reform only comes from true beings.

Ambition is but the evil shadow of aspiration.

Politeness has been well-defined as benevolence in small things.

Opinion is one thing and truth another. One is maintained, the other exists and is of Deity.

Affection is the good man's shining scene, prosperity conceals his brightest rays; as night to stars woe lustre gives to man.

Books—light-houses erected in the great sea of Time, the precious depositories of the thoughts and creations of genius.

It is wonderful—wonderful and delightful, to think how long a good man's benevolence may be potent, even after his death.

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it.

Prefer truth before the maintaining of an opinion.

Without a belief in personal immortality, religion is surely like an arch resting on one pillar, like a bridge ending in an abyss.

There is one way of attaining what we may term, if not utter, at least happiness; it is this: a sincere and unrelaxing activity for the happiness of others.

Whipping a Dublin Garroter.

Kelly, the garroter, sentenced to ten strokes of the birch rod at the last sessions in Dublin by the Recorder, for garroting an old gentleman, received his punishment on Wednesday, March 10. The Dublin *Freeman* says: "The service of a stalwart man was procured for a small sum to administer the punishment, no prison official having applied for the objectionable job. Kelly having been stripped, heavy weights were attached to his feet and he was placed in a slanting position, so that that portion of his body which it was necessary to get at was easily flayed with the birch rod. This rod was of a very formidable character, and might be compared to three canes twisted tightly together. Few persons excepting those in authority or those on business witnessed the "performance." The weights attached to his feet were on the ground, so that it was impossible for the young garroter to kick while his wrists were held by warders. The doctor to the Richmond prison was in attendance. The strokes were administered a few inches below the spine, and not, as was the custom in the army, across the shoulders, back and sides. The strokes were inflicted with great strength, and after the first couple or so blood began to ooze. Kelly screamed and shouted in a most violent manner. He endeavored to wrench his wrists from the warders, while with his head, which was also in "custody," he tried the "butting system." The weights, however, bound him hard and fast. The whipping occupied about ten or fifteen minutes, and there was no doubt that the whipper, judged by the impressive zeal with which he performed his task, had little sympathy with the offence which Kelly thus expiated. The prisoner was not much marked, but it is not hard to believe that he will remember for a considerable time the severe flagellation.

A Feature of Tunisian Etiquette.

The heir-apparent, Sidi Ali Bey, the brother of the reigning *Mushir* (Bey), is a portly person, with a full Turkish-trimmed beard, who possesses the esteem of the Arabs. But he is seldom seen. Oriental etiquette requires that the man who is to succeed the ruler should be completely ignored. No minister or state officer could visit him or communicate with him without running the risk of losing his office or of being exiled. Even the representatives of foreign governments may not visit the heir, and personally he is quite unknown to them. For a native to show him any mark of attention would be high treason, and such an act by a foreign consul would be regarded as evincing a want of respect for the Bey—every manifestation of regard for the heir being tantamount to an intentional allusion to the transitory power of the Regent, and to his eventual death.—*Karl von Hoss-Wartegg, in the Century for April.*

SIDE DISHES.

A wit being asked, on the failure of a bank, "Were you not upset?" replied: "No; I only lost my balance."

A hardy seaman, who had escaped one of the recent shipwrecks on our coast, was asked by a good lady how he felt when the waves broke over him. He replied: "Wet, ma'am; very wet."

"I'd have you know that my uncle was a bannister of the law." "A fig for your bannister!" retorted Mrs. Partington, turning up her nose; "haven't I a cousin as is a corridor in the navy?"

He slipped quietly in at the door, but catching sight of an inquiring face over the stair rail, said: "Sorry so late, my dear; couldn't get a car before." "So the cars were full, too," said the lady, and further remarks were unnecessary.

While preaching from the text—"He giveth His beloved sleep," a Toledo minister stopped in the middle of his sermon, gazed upon his sleeping auditors and said: "Brethren, it is hard to realize the wondrous, unbounded love the Lord appears to have for a good portion of this congregation."

There is a great deal of charity of this sort in the world. A gentleman said: "I have just bought a new dress for a poor woman and sent it to her." "How very like you, and how very kind of you," was the rejoinder," and pray who was the poor woman you made so happy?" "It was my wife," was the dry reply.

Sleighing incident: "Gussie, dear," said she, as she leaned a tender cheek on his manly, checked ulster, "why are these snow-flakes like your moustache?" This pleased him, even to have it noticed. "I don't know, pet," he murmured innocently, "why are they?" "Because they are slow in coming down." He drove with both hands after this.

"There are plenty of men who paint and powder." "Yes, but then they don't wear corsets." "No; they use something else in getting tight."

Teacher—"And how do you know, my dear, that you have been christened?" Scholar—"Please, mum, 'cos I got the marks on me arm now."

A tailor at Chicopee, Mass., puts the accounts of his delinquent customers conspicuously in his window, placarded, "These bills are for sale."

A middle-sized boy, writing a composition on "Extremes," remarked that "we should endeavor to avoid extremes, especially those of wasps and bees."

William Henderson has been arrested out in Utah for a desperate assault upon a Mormon. William seems to be a practical sort of Anti-Polygamy Bill.

The laziest man is on a Western paper. He spells photograph "4tograph." There have been only three worse than he. One lived out in Kansas and dated his letters "11worth;" another spelled Tennessee "10ac," and the other wrote Wyandotte "Y&."

When a sculptor digs out a statue that is too bad for anything else, he can generally, by labeling it with the name of some deceased statesman, induce Congress to buy it and set it up in Washington to scare horses. It's rough on the memory of statesmen though.

Long-haired visitor with poem to editor—"Would you be good enough to read that document?" Editor—"The editor-in-chief is out at present, and I cannot attend to it. You must see him." "James," to artilleryman on guard, man the Gatling gun and sight it. Ready!" Long-haired visitor—"Thank you, sir, I appreciate your feelings. Good morning, sir. I will call again."

Father of Hydraulic Mining.

A telegram from Auburn, Placer county, says: "R. R. Craig, father of ex-Senator Joseph Craig and Lee D. Craig, of San Francisco, died Wednesday at the residence of E. L. Craig, in this place. Mr. Craig was the original inventor of the hydraulic process of mining and the Little Giant and Monitor machines."

There are some errors in the above, as the *Transcript* is prepared to establish by numerous witnesses. In April, 1852, C. H. Seymour, of this city, made for a Frenchman named Chabot, mining on Buckeye hill, near town, a hose four or five inches in diameter and between 35 and 40 ft. long to convey water into the claim. It had no nozzle, but, by pressing together the end, it was found to be very useful in washing the dirt picked down from the bank of gravel, and also in cleaning the bedrock. In 1853, E. E. Matterson and his partners, at Mr. Matterson's suggestion, attached a nozzle to a similar hose, and by directing the stream against the bank of their mine at American Hill, found that a great saving of labor could be effected. That is the history of the origin of hydraulic mining in a nutshell, and the honors of the discovery and application really should be divided between Messrs. Chabot and Matterson.—*Nevada Transcript.*

Two Stories.

In a trial before a justice at Dodge city, Kansas, a witness who was being bullyragged by a cross-examining lawyer called on the court for protection. The justice handed him a pistol. "I have no further questions," said the lawyer. Another story of the same character is of a horse and two men in Missouri. The owner of the animal was trying to sell it, and meeting a stranger said, "How much do you think my horse is worth?" After looking at the gothic steed the stranger replied, "About eighty-seven cents." Reaching behind him the owner of the horse pulled forth and presented at the stranger a revolver, with the question, "How much did you say this hoss is worth?" The reply quickly came, "Under the circumstances I think that horse is worth about $200."

A man travelling in the northern part of New Hampshire discovered that in that region they call a skunk a "well enough." He regarded the name as inappropriate and so informed an old farmer. Said he: "Why drat it! When I was a boy I recollect crawling under a barn and I found one of those critters there, and by the left ear of Judas Iscariot, I didn't consider it well enough." And said the farmer: "Well, you see up here we go on the theory that it's best to let well enough alone."

Diamonds.

The most valuable diamonds are those which are almost entirely colorless. Those with a blue tinge, though still more rare, are not so highly valued, as the actual beauty of the pure ones outweighs the rarity of the blue variety. One of the finest of the blue variety is, we believe, in the collection of Mr. Beresford-Hope. Diamonds of a red tinge take still a good place; green diamonds are tolerably numerous, and rank lower; yellow ones are very common and the least esteemed. The estimation of the value of a diamond is made according to a regular system of appraisement. It will surprise many of those who are not conversant with the subject to learn what a large proportion of the diamond is often ground away to dust in cutting it so as to make the most of its brilliancy. The greatest diamond in the French Treasury, the Regent, weighed, we are told, 410 carats before cutting, and 136½ after cutting, which seems an immense loss in size; but we presume it increased the marketable value of the gem. Of course, the diamond dust taken off in cutting is not allowed to be lost. But it is useful chiefly for practical purposes in forming in its turn the means of grinding down the faces of other diamonds, for this superb stone will yield to no tool but one from its own substance.

Sharp Strategy.

One day in Summer street a very neatly dressed and venerable lady approached me. Her dress was an old-fashioned silk, such as I had seen my grandmother wear; her hands were incased in mitts, a ruffled cap and antique bonnet covered her head and she carried a small reticule. "Will you please give me 10 cents to get a cup of tea?" she asked. I gave it, and with a polite "thank you" she passed on. Pretty soon she stopped another gentleman, and I saw his hand thrust deep into his pocket, coming forth with a coin; another soon executed the same movement. Ever one she encountered fell a victim, while if she had been poorly clad it is doubtful if the result of her negotiations would have been one-tenth so much.—*Boston Courier.*

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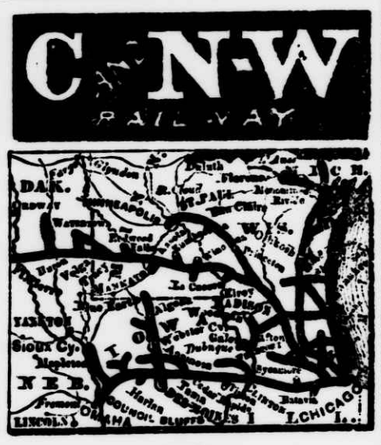

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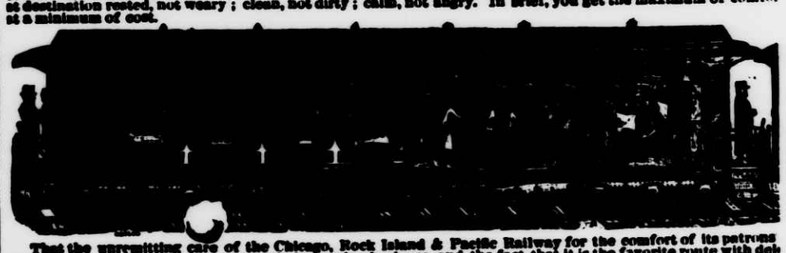

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