

Who is the man who can keep appearances up and expenses down. It would be pretty tough on some men if others did the right thing by them.

When a fool parts with his money the chances are that some other fool gets part of it.

A New York man died while looking at a check for \$10,000. Maybe it was a forest of heaven.

A St. Louis paper refers to him as "Pierp" Morgan. Doesn't this come under the heading of Jeez majesty?

After failing in all other efforts to avoid dying rich, Andrew Carnegie might try a few church affairs.

Miss Maud Gonne foresees the early extinction of England. In pity's name, has William Waldorf Astor to move on again?

England declining to agree to that isthmian canal showed instead of a waterway for the world it wants its own way.

The rumor that the title "Prince of Wales" was to lapse may have been due to a fear that nobody could dress the part properly.

Instead of saying Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are, the up-to-date astronomer goes to work to find out with his spectroscopic.

Fortune seems to be still turning her wheel at the old stand. The man who organized the Sugar Trust and the American Cotton Company is now a bankrupt.

Over in Ontario there is a woman who says the men ought to be operated on as Mrs. Nation operates on the saloons. Her husband should take the precaution to sleep in the barn.

This country now surpasses all others in the total of its exports. It also surpasses all others in the vast multitudes of contented, prosperous and happy people within its borders.

The magnitude of the toy-making business may be judged from the fact that a Philadelphia firm has just brought 50,000 acres of timber land in North Georgia, for the use of a branch factory to be started there.

A railroad is actually building from Saint Sante Marie to Hudson Bay. It has long been a dream of the Canadians to have a water route for Winnipeg wheat through this great bay; and although that may not be feasible on account of the obstructive tactics of Jack Frost, the railway line is certain to bring down to the Lake region great stores of lumber, and it is said of iron, copper and gypsum. A modern seaside hotel on Hudson Bay is also proposed.

Queen Alexandra's capacity for self-control was shown when she was taking one of her Incognito excursions about Copenhagen. A nobleman saw her entering a "bus," and as she was doing so a stout man and two women forced their way in front of her. Not a sign of displeasure or indignation was there; merely a sort of naive surprise. There was absolutely no comment. As she was unknown, she was free to make an angry protest, but she ruled her spirit, and was thus a model of self-restraint in the hardest of all places to avoid impatience—a public vehicle.

One of the noticeable results of the recent war with China is the establishment in New York of a new newspaper printed in Chinese. Heretofore the Chinese have relied upon educated Chinamen who every evening would translate for them the leading news of the day. The fact that the colony has become wide enough to want to read the news of the world for itself and above all else that it is willing to pay for the reading, promises a great step forward in the near future. China's misfortune has been that being her seclusion she has never learned of the other great powers of the world.

The idea that the city answers very well for business, but that the country is the place for wealth in existence has been getting every year a firmer hold upon the fancy of the merchant, the manufacturer, the broker. To own a farm has become the aspiration of the same class who used to dissipate their surplus time and money upon the race track or the country club in Europe. Busy men are learning that the key to recreation lies in a complete change of environment, not a mere transfer of attention. They wish to get away from contact with the "grind" which is wearing their nerves to shreds, to the quiet souls in limbo in peace, pure air and an expansive outlook.

It is rather surprising to learn that our modern cup-defenders sell no sweeter than a vessel of about the same size built in 1803. That statement, however, is made by a noted naval architect of Boston. He declares that the famous Salem privateer, America, of the war of 1812, sailed faster on her best point of sail—with the wind on the quarter—than any of the crack racing yachts of today. Her log shows that she frequently made thirteen knots with the burden of a warship, while the best speed of the defenders of to-day is little better than fourteen knots in perfect trim. It is an interesting fact that the architect in question, a lineal descendant of one of the builders of the privateer, is himself designing a boat to defend the cup this year. He does not expect to surpass his ancestor.

Fiction writers throughout the world should take warning from the recent Seattle case in which a woman after reading one of Marie Corelli's novels arose and killed her husband. Literature has been used to set powerful influences at work upon the reading public, but no one had supposed that even Miss Corelli's novels would take effect in just this way. It is evident that if after reading a book the reader is likely to start out on a career of homicide the authors are taking a serious moral responsibility. If one is moved to manslaughter by reading Miss Corelli, it may be asked, what horrors might he not undertake after reading Hall Caine? The dissemination of only a few of the Maxman's works might set on foot a movement which would make the Boxer uprising

trivial by comparison. While censurings are to be improved on general principles, it is obvious that some restrictions may yet have to be placed on publications of this form. Properly the work of regulation would come within the domain of Scotland Yard and the detective agency, as a means of public safety. It has long been suspected that fiction might be deleterious, but in the face of such developments it would be legitimately the province of the police to surround novelists of the swashbuckling school, when they were about to commit another novel, and compel them to desist.

A boy of 12 years of age recently committed suicide in Connecticut because he had had a disagreement with his school teacher about the studies it was best for him to pursue. There have been two or three cases of children who have killed themselves because they failed to pass their school examinations. Not long ago a little girl took poison because she was not allowed by her mother to go out and play with other children. There have been several cases where boys and girls of tender years have killed themselves because they were not allowed to break up in love by cruel parents. A census of children who have committed suicide for trivial reasons would show that child suicide is increasing at an alarming rate. What is the cause of this? Why is it that those who should be most in love with life are willing to part with it? Undoubtedly one cause is to be found in the abnormal sensitiveness of these youthful self-murderers—a sensitiveness which is day-work to develop without any effort to cure it until it becomes an overmastering passion which in these days when life is held so little and easily leads them to part with it whenever they are not allowed to have their own way. Undoubtedly also another cause, and perhaps the strongest of all, is to be found either in the neglect of children by their parents or in faulty methods of bringing them up. In temporary, discussing this subject, it is of opinion that children were much better off when they were allowed to develop by simple growth, like Topsy. In the evolution of domestic government, the child has passed through many stages. At first he is a little monster of depravity whose iniquities must be cured by religious training of the severest kind. Then came the theory of a brute nature to be overcome by the spiritual nature, and finally the theory enunciated by Frederic Schlegel, that the child is incapable of sin by nature. Between all these theories somehow the child falls to the ground. Advanced civilization with its scientific dogmas and theoretical schemes of training is doing its best to make children normal, but somehow it fails, as the multitude of wayward children, youthful criminals and youthful suicides testify. Are we not applying too much science to child rearing in some instances? Would it not be better to go back to nature's processes and let them grow up as natural children with a strong love of life, a healthy fear of punishment, and an enjoyment of natural instincts, like little animals, and not try to make little men and women of them before their time? The processes of modern civilization have something radically defective in them when boys and girls between 7 and 13 years of age so frequently commit suicide.

Some one has said that the weeder was an excellent tool to use when there were no weeds to kill. If so, it is just what every farmer needs. There is no time when the crop is so much benefited by a stirring of the soil as when there are no weeds in the field, and no time when so many weeds can be killed with so little labor as when the weeds are scarcely visible to the eye, and if they will grow fifteen to twenty acres in a day, one can afford to use it several times, instead of going once when there were so many weeds that an acre would require a day's work to destroy the weeds. An old farmer used to say that a field which was so weedy as to very much need hoeing was not worth hoeing. But destroying weeds is not the whole work of the weeder. To break up and pulverize the crust after a rain that it may be more absorbent of the dew and rainfall, and the nitrogen that is in the atmosphere; to make an earth mulch which will absorb the heat of the sun and protect the soil from below, are as important as to destroy weeds and weed seeds that are ready to germinate, and on large farms this implement will save many a hard day's work with horse, hoe and hand-hoe.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

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Barley is often said to be a much better grain than oats for feeding hogs, sheep or poultry, as it fattens better, nearly equal to corn, but making more growth or less meat. The best Canadian and English barleys are made largely upon barley or barley meal, yet many will not grow it because the barleys are poisonous, or very irritating to some people, and even to animals when the straw is used as bedding. But Western farmers are now saying much in praise of barless barley. It grows well on good soil, standing about four feet high, and producing thirty to forty bushels of grain to the acre.—American Cultivator.

Value of Farm Crops, 1910. The January bulletin of the Department of Agriculture gives the value of the principal farm crops of the United States grown last year. The figures are as follows:

Corn \$751,220,061
Wheat 323,515,171
Oats 208,020,225
Rye 24,075,271
Soybeans 12,205,411
Potatoes 5,341,412
Hops 40,811,167
Hay 445,538,881

It appears that next to the corn crop hay is the most valuable of the North-eastern farm products.

Many cows do not seem to like bean straw, but when they eat it, and the straw and pods are bright and clean, it makes a very good food for them, as it has more digestible protein than corn stover and timothy hay, and is not so drying. Cows will generally eat the bean straw very readily, and we have no doubt that the straw, and any beans that may not have been thrashed out are perhaps as good rough fodder as they can have. The best cow for milk production that we ever had ate them greedily.

One advantage of the fat fattening beef animals and lambs young or than used to be the custom is that they have more lean meat, or the fat and lean well mixed together, which makes them more desirable to the marketman. While fat when there is too much of it, when they come to the block, they are thus more profitable to the growers, because they make their growth more rapidly, more profitable to the dealer, and suit the consumer much better.

European dairymen by large quantities of American feeding stuffs. Experiments are now being made in comparing bran and letting that much fertility go out of the country to enrich foreign lands, necessitating the purchase and use of artificial fertilizers of all kinds to keep up our own fertility of soil.

While we have grown the mammoth red clover we did not like it as well as the common or medium red. The cattle did not seem to like the coarse stalks, and only on very rich land would it give a better yield. It was more trouble to get it properly cured, and it did



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The Maple Orchard. The New York State census of 1890 according to the census of 1890 maple sugar was made in twenty-seven States. The number of pounds made was 32,932,227. The number of pounds made was 2,238,376. Vermont led the column in sugar production with 14,125,921 pounds, and the second highest was the production of 10,485,623 pounds. New York followed with the production of 10,485,623 pounds. New York led in the production of syrup, the quantity being 457,638 gallons to 218,921 gallons of Vermont. A large tract may yield thirty-two gallons of sap in a season which should make about eight pounds of sugar, but it is thought to be a good orchard that averages six pounds to a tree. As much sap will run from a half-inch hole as from a larger one, and the wood being cut, it is better not to tap trees until ten inches through.

Growing Potatoes. An exchange tells the story of a farmer who had been in the habit of growing potatoes each year, and usually raised fifty to sixty bushels per acre. Last year he gave the use of an acre of ground to a 2-year-old potato, which he thought he could do with it. The boy read up a little on the potato crop, bought good seed and gave the field good care, and harvested 225 bushels to the acre, or about four times as much as the farmer's usual crop. The story is good enough to attract your attention, but as name and location is not given, it may be a little doubtful. Yet we think boy or man following this plan could get better crops than come from the too often careless method of taking any old seed, and neglecting the proper cultivation.—Exchange.

Good Chance for a Deficit. The bill to reduce national taxes goes into effect on the 1st of July, with the exception of a few paragraphs which take effect immediately. The reduction effected by the bill is estimated at \$40,000,000. It is \$10,000,000 more than the reduction recommended by Secretary Gage in his report of last December, and at least \$40,000,000 more than he now thinks can be spared in view of the exceeding liberality of Congress. The facts justify the conclusion that the general government will need more rather than less revenue in the immediate future. The most important of the facts tending to this conclusion are these:

During the last calendar year the revenues of the national government except from postage and sales of public lands, amounted to \$774,000,000, round and at least \$800,000,000 for the next fiscal year, for which appropriations of at least \$830,000,000 have been made. There is an excellent prospect, therefore, of a deficit of not far from \$100,000,000 unless the Republican Senators will greatly make about the appropriations.

But there is a surplus of nearly \$148,000,000 in the treasury, exclusive of trust funds. The next Congress, however, will either have to lay more taxes or be less prodigal than the present one has been in the matter of appropriations and bounties and a costly canal to provide for, will be no easy matter.

Staggering the British Taxpayer. In the beginning of the British Ministry estimated that the South African war would cost \$50,000,000. Already Great Britain has paid \$407,000,000 on account of this war, and the estimate for the war expenses during the coming year is \$350,000,000. It will cost the taxpayers of Great Britain to remember that the cost of the war that if Great Britain continued to fight it would be at a cost that would stagger humanity. The cost in human blood has already "daggered humanity," and the cost in dollars and cents, now rapidly nearing the billion dollar mark, is bearing down heavily upon the British taxpayer.—Bryan's Commoner.

Democracy Revives Fealty. Unless great change has suddenly come over the character of the American people, the present demoralization of the opposition party affords not the slightest indication of what its condition may be a year or two years from now, let alone four years. The quick revivification of a defeated opposition is a familiar phenomenon in American politics. The example afforded by the Democratic party which rose immediately from the crushing defeat of 1872 to a more active and victorious role in the elections of 1873, 1874 and 1875 has been frequently pointed out.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The Army Appointment by "Pull." The new army bill provides for the appointment from civil life of about 600 lieutenants. These 600 lieutenants will owe their commissions rather to the skill and insistence of their political sponsors than to any demonstrated fitness of their own. Commissions in the army ought never to be political gifts. They should be open to all regardless of political or social or personal influence. Military officers of the United States should owe their commissions to their own merit alone, and their allegiance solely to the constitution and laws.—Rochester Herald.

Motors Methods in Politics. Men play the game of politics nowadays for the sake of the personal distinction, the gratification of ambition and the desire for power. They are not so much interested in the welfare of their country as they were in the days of the past. They are not so much interested in the welfare of their country as they were in the days of the past. They are not so much interested in the welfare of their country as they were in the days of the past.

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PRICE OF WAR AND CONQUEST. The total appropriations for military and naval purposes made by the Republican Congress aggregate \$324,265,248. This means that the head of the average family of five persons must pay this year about \$28 as his share of the tax necessary to carry out this military outlay. The New York World quotes William Pitt as saying: "To levy a direct tax of 7 per cent is a dangerous experiment in a free country, and may excite revolt; but there is a method by which you can tax the last far from the back and the last bite from the mouth without causing a murmur against high taxes, and that is to tax a great many articles of daily use and necessity so indirectly that the people will pay them and not know it."

The men who are responsible for these enormous appropriations act upon the theory that because federal taxation is not direct taxation the American people will be slow to resentment. The Federal method of indirect taxation is somewhat slow in reaching the individual, or rather it should be said that the burden is not so slow in reaching, but the burden exists and the individual pays his proportion of taxation although he does not readily recognize the burden. When we see the government expending billions of dollars in order to maintain un-American policies we do not realize that someone must foot the bill. We do not seem to appreciate the fact that money does not grow on trees. The present administration appears to have no concern for the value of money, and is squandering dollars at a reckless pace.—Bryan's Commoner.

Colonial System Is Feared. The colonial system is not only incongruous, but deadly. We cannot take under our rule vassal states and subject people and at the same time preserve for ourselves in full force the liberties which rest upon the grand principle of all men are free and equal in political rights, and equal before the law. The "prophets of evil" denounced by the President in his recent inaugural, did not lack inspiration when he declared that the historian of the future would date the downfall of the American Republic from the administration of William McKinley.—Boston Post.

Hanna's Next Candidate. Now that Hanna disclaims any intention of forcing McKinley on the people for a third time, we must wait in patience until the great syndicate boss sees fit to announce his choice as McKinley's successor in the White House. You may be very sure it will be some man equally pliable, suitably inclined to accept the orders of the trusts as "manifest destiny," fully as indifferent to the welfare of the common people. And it is just as certain that the millions of the combines will be at Hanna's disposal for the election of this man.—St. Louis Republic.

It's of No Consequence. Since it has been demonstrated that the interest of the Republican party in an international canal was for no other purpose only, the final failure of the treaty negotiated with Great Britain attracts very little attention. The treaty was ostensibly intended to facilitate the construction of the canal by the United States.

The Same Everywhere. The armor plate monopoly in this country has been extorting about 150 per cent profit on its product sold to our government. The German Government has decided that it is being led on by the armor account even worse than we have been. Krupp charges Germany \$100 a ton more for armor plate than the United States Government pays manufacturers who pay a royalty to Krupp. The armor plate monopolies are fought out on both sides of the sea.—Atlanta Journal.

Nice for the Ex-Senators. The United States Senators when their terms expire, if they happen to be in sympathy with the administration, do not find it necessary to go forth and do battle against an unkind world. They step from the Senate into places equally as good. It is nice for the Senators to have an amiable President who forgets neither party nor personal service.—Boston Traveler.

Hanna's Authoritative Utterance. Speaking of the third-term suggestion, Senator Hanna says that nothing is further from the President's thoughts. He adds: "I do not believe that the idea has ever entered his head." As Senator Hanna is popularly supposed to decide what ideas shall enter President McKinley's head, this is in a certain sense authoritative.—Boston Globe.

Promises that Were Broken. As the people think about President McKinley's inaugural address and reflect upon the "economy" of public expenditure, they cannot fail to remember that four years ago Mr. McKinley said much about the same subject and then proceeded to lend his executive approval to all the jobs of his party's Congressional control.—Buffalo Times.

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Vacation Lessons: Pater—My boy, the philosopher tells us we must diligently pursue the ideal which personifies the ego. What do you understand by that? "Boy—That's easy, dad. It means chase yourself.—Life.

"Yes, I consider my life a failure." "Oh, Henry, how sad! Why should you say that?" "I spend all my time making money enough to buy food and clothes, and the food disagrees with me, and my clothes don't fit."—Life.

All They Wanted: "Our amateur theatricals were very successful, weren't they?" "Oh, yea; every one of you had enough particular friends to convince you that you were the best one in them."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

"I never knew him to refuse to give aid in what he considered a deserving case." "Did you ever know him to see what he considered a deserving case?" "Well, no, I don't believe I ever did, now that you mention it."—Chicago Post.

"I hope you will be lenient with me, your lordship," said the thief, as he stood up to be sentenced. "I have a good many dependents on me for their support." "Children?" asked the judge. "No, police detectives."—Tit-Bits.

Birkinton—What is that piece that Prof. Nageschelm is playing? Pignard—That? Oh, that's one of the songs without words. Birkinton—Well, the audience seem to be doing their level best to supply the deficiency.—Harlem Life.

"And do you think," asked "Friend," that your reminiscences will have any effect?" "Well," said the Chinese statesman, "the European statesmen have promised that, in future, their troops will be more moderate in their atrocities."—Puck.

"Oh, no; she's not at all what you would call a really feminine woman. She affects masculine ways." "How?" "Well, for instance, yesterday I saw her give a street car conductor a nickel when she had five pennies in her purse."—Chicago Post.

Basful Lover (timidly)—Did yer liver think ar marryin', Biddy? Biddy (coolly)—Shure now th' subject has never entered me thoughts. Basful Lover (turning away)—It's sorry Oh, Biddy (hastily)—Wan minnit, Pat. Ye've set me 't' thinkin'—Harper's Bazar.

Boyhood's Diversions: Mamma—John, Mrs. Cummers was here just now to complain how you are all the time fighting with her. Don't you remember that we must look out for our own interests? Johnny—Why, mamma, Dickey Cummers ain't no enemy. He's my best friend.—Bazar.

"Good evenin', ma'am," said the tramp, presenting himself at the back door, "but I'm sorry you're after somethin' to eat, I suppose." "The lady, wipin her chin, with her apron." "No, ma'am; you're wrong, lady; I don't want nothin' to eat. All I want is the privilege of sleepin' in your barn over night. Since these kidnappers have been about nobody can feel safe out doors."—Yonkers Statesman.

Sententious Sentences. The principal advantage of being married is that only one person has a right to find fault with us; we know how to sympathize with us; we should let them. Fortunately they don't. We all begin by being round pegs in square holes. Some of us make over the hole, and most of us make over ourselves. Some can do neither. These say fate has a spite against them. Half truths make whole troubles.

A Forehanded Lover. "Shan't we elope, George?" "Yes—if you think it will please your father. Finally I'm not prepared to get him down on me."

Serum for Diphtheria. During a recent epidemic of diphtheria in a town on the Hudson 235 cases were treated with serum, and among these there were only two deaths.

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Vacation Lessons: Pater—My boy, the philosopher tells us we must diligently pursue the ideal which personifies the ego. What do you understand by that? "Boy—That's easy, dad. It means chase yourself.—Life.

"Yes, I consider my life a failure." "Oh, Henry, how sad! Why should you say that?" "I spend all my time making money enough to buy food and clothes, and the food disagrees with me, and my clothes don't fit."—Life.

All They Wanted: "Our amateur theatricals were very successful, weren't they?" "Oh, yea; every one of you had enough particular friends to convince you that you were the best one in them."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

"I never knew him to refuse to give aid in what he considered a deserving case." "Did you ever know him to see what he considered a deserving case?" "Well, no, I don't believe I ever did, now that you mention it."—Chicago Post.

"I hope you will be lenient with me, your lordship," said the thief, as he stood up to be sentenced. "I have a good many dependents on me for their support." "Children?" asked the judge. "No, police detectives."—Tit-Bits.

Birkinton—What is that piece that Prof. Nageschelm is playing? Pignard—That? Oh, that's one of the songs without words. Birkinton—Well, the audience seem to be doing their level best to supply the deficiency.—Harlem Life.

"And do you think," asked "Friend," that your reminiscences will have any effect?" "Well," said the Chinese statesman, "the European statesmen have promised that, in future, their troops will be more moderate in their atrocities."—Puck.

"Oh, no; she's not at all what you would call a really feminine woman. She affects masculine ways." "How?" "Well, for instance, yesterday I saw her give a street car conductor a nickel when she had five pennies in her purse."—Chicago Post.

Basful Lover (timidly)—Did yer liver think ar marryin', Biddy? Biddy (coolly)—Shure now th' subject has never entered me thoughts. Basful Lover (turning away)—It's sorry Oh, Biddy (hastily)—Wan minnit, Pat. Ye've set me 't' thinkin'—Harper's Bazar.

Boyhood's Diversions: Mamma—John, Mrs. Cummers was here just now to complain how you are all the time fighting with her. Don't you remember that we must look out for our own interests? Johnny—Why, mamma, Dickey Cummers ain't no enemy. He's my best friend.—Bazar.