

Any one can be the foolish half of a genius. Mr. Rockefeller says that riches may lead to heaven. So may the eye of a needle after you once get through.

It is hard to imagine anything more contemptible than the man who howls when he is beaten at his own game.

The new Prince of Wales is probably waiting to get his titles in straight before beginning upon the duty of setting the fashion for men.

Mrs. Roosevelt may be able to dress on \$500 a year, but women who have not the title of first lady of the land to back them may not feel they can afford to do it.

A Chicago woman saved her husband's life with a bromstick; this, however, is not the traditional purpose to which this humble domestic implement is put.

Either 500 children were named after Mark Hanna in the last four years or 500 parents have considered him easy. At least that number of persons have written.

Frank James frankly admits that he cannot act. However, elevating the stage ought to come rather natural to one who has had such ripe experience in holding up trains.

A celebrated preacher has made the announcement that the world is better than it used to be. Well, he may be right. Playing euchre and drive what for prizes seems to have gone out of style.

Mme. Sarah Grand claims that the way to approach man and subdue him is by the dinner route, notwithstanding the admitted fact that most of the public men of the country die of stomach trouble.

Deportation and permanent banishment would, perhaps, come nearer the popular conception of the punishment which ought to be inflicted upon those who conspire against the government by propaganda and who advocate its overthrow.

Some of the war veterans who tasted blood in Cuba or the Philippines think the sword should be abandoned, as it gets between the legs and trips the generals up. There is nothing so demoralizing to the morale of an army as to see a fat general take a header over his sword.

Evidently the higher cultivation is in need of some polishing up. A lot of cows were lately shot by a party of New York hunters under the impression that they were a herd of deer. In view of this and the many casualties of the Maine hunting fields natural history ought to be insisted on as a necessary branch in the schools.

One of the latest fads, a corollary of Palmistry, is the "reading" of the soles of the feet. People who are credulous enough to have their feet read are usually disappointed in results because they are of that long-eared variety of the human species that are more likely to present hoofs than soles to the palmist and the lines in hoofs are somewhat obscured. The crying need of these people is a blacksmith rather than a palmist.

Genius for government and genius for business are not even distantly related. Take the United States for example. Washington was a successful business man, but he might be called the first and last of American statesmen who deserved the title. Nearly all the other bright names in the history of American government, from Jefferson to McKinley, have been possessed by men, who, if they were not slothful in business, were by no means successful.

There is a certain gratification and satisfaction in the knowledge that France has in prospect the establishment of a school in this country for the purpose of studying American industries. To be recognized as the leading industrial nation of the world is a compliment, however well we may already know this to be true. France announces that it is her purpose to pry into the secrets of the various industries, but merely to round out the education of her industrial students with a practical knowledge of American methods and enterprise.

The court physician who has King Edward's illness in charge gave expression to views full of good sense in a recent interview. Summing up the rules of correct living he said: "To live long do anything you like, but do nothing in excess. The best rule of life is moderation." Moderation conserves the life forces, intemperance dissipates them. And temperance, it is remembered, is a much wider term than is contemplated in abstemiousness, the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. Many a temperance advocate is intemperate in business, or in eating or in speech. Many a man who does not drink to excess leads an unnatural life because of the demands of business, or of society, or of ambition. The woman who habitually inhales toxicant strains every nerve center to "keep up appearances." But this court physician was not giving away any professional secrets. Any physician who has made a study of the human system will freely agree as to this recipe of moderation. Habit is stronger than advice and habit leads more persons to live unnaturally. Nature stands up under the strain so long and then rebels. "They that are whole need not a physician," but the average man needs a wholesome life. Therefore the doctor.

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Is a proverb which has been no less discredited. Modern pedagogy concerns itself more and more with the careful training of the young. The era of early habit in play, work, association and conduct is acknowledged everywhere. This is, we are often told, the era of the young; children receive every advantage, youth is barred from no opportunity. Great enterprises are in the hands of young men; young men en mold in the schools the citizens of the future, serve great charities, or share forth from a sheltered life to step the labors of the world. Fittingly this young country sweeps forward toward its destiny, borne on an impetuous wave of youth. But what of age? What of the ancient tree, no longer supple, its twisted trunk hardened into shape, broken, storm-riven, yet venerable?

able? To the understanding eye it is more interesting, more beautiful than the fresh and flexible sapling. But do the eyes of our triumphant young folk see and understand? Too frequently they do not. Our young people often fall sadly in reverence for age; often, too, they reverence yet shun it. With the marvelous rapidity of progress requiring an unprecedented adaptability of mind and habit to material and intellectual changes, has come increased impatience of the conservatism and mental rigidity natural to age. It is a regrettable mistake not one at all to the credit of our intelligent young people. The tree full grown cannot bend. At it grew, so it stands. Only fret, failure and injury can result from trying to effect a change. Nevertheless comfort, counsel, and that wisdom which is higher than mere knowledge are found in seeking the cool tranquility of its shade.

To the man who has not dallied with Crooked trees and does not know X-ray from an ampere the work of extracting sublimans from cucumbers would seem to be a mere kindergarten game compared to getting light from decayed meat. And yet this apparently impossible trick has been performed by Prof. Gorham of Brown University. Instead of trying to extract light from old shoes or cigar stumps or sawdust, as most any ordinary scientist would, Prof. Gorham tackled the decayed porphyrin steak. In his undisturbed state this mass putrefaction has never emitted anything but odor; under the magic wand of the professor it will emit enough light to run a photograph gallery. The phosphorescence of fireflies, of decaying fish and vegetable matter, of giving a glow to summer seas, has long been known to scientists. The phosphorescence of these minute animal and vegetable organisms is produced by oxidation, the same as the heat of our bodies. This oxidation, of course, is a chemical action. Starting with this knowledge Prof. Gorham began an experimenting to find the materials that would produce the greatest luminosity in these decaying organisms. He has at last found three chemical salts which when applied to decaying fish will produce enough phosphorescent light to take photographs. The object of the experiments is to finally produce a light that is entirely devoid of heat. In these days when the servant girl problem fills the culinary department of the average home with grief and uneasiness, almost any refrigerator may contain a complete phosphorescent light plant. A bottle of the professor's salts would thus make any well-regulated home independent of the gas trust. Hereafter the family need not hush its nose as the odor of the decaying feline is wafted from under the porch. Let the dead cat be dragged forth, suspended from the porch ceiling and made to glow in phosphorescent beauty. This is an age of science, when even the decayed things of the earth are being made to shine instead of smelling to high heaven.

Harvard College paid \$48,348.30 to the City of Boston last year as taxes, mainly for the property held as investment.

A memorial tablet to the memory of the student volunteers of Missouri State University, who died in the war with Spain, has been placed in the Academic Hall of the university at an expense of \$1,000. The tablet is made of granite and bears the names of the students who died. It is a fitting memorial to the brave boys who gave their lives for their country.

Fifteen little princesses of Siam attend a school at Bangkok opened by an English lady. They receive lessons each day in reading, writing and music, but much more time is spent in learning the duties of housekeeping. They eat the meals in turn, set the table, tie the menus and arrange the flowers.

It is interesting to note the appropriations that have been made during the last nine years by the General Assemblies of Missouri for the State University. In 1892, the year the university was destroyed by fire, the amount was \$264,000; in 1893, \$187,000; in 1894, \$189,000; in 1895, \$189,000; in 1896, \$184,700; and in 1897, \$174,200.

Sup. J. M. Greenwood, of Kansas City, has no faith in the ability of the boy who smokes cigarettes. He says: "I have yet to find an inveterate cigarette smoker who began early in life that ever completed the highest work in the ward schools. A large number of them drop out of school during the fourth and fifth year. The effect of cigarette smoking is positively harmful without one single redeeming quality. It never assists the intellectual faculties. It unites the mind and any mental exertion or the concentration of attention on any subject to be studied. Finally it destroys the ability of the victim loses the ability of self-determination. The outcome may be summed up in a brief statement. It is the most efficient means for human wrecks that has yet entered into our civilization."

Notable Sermons. The pulpit at Westminster Abbey was once occupied by a preacher who was not a clergyman, and had never been ordained. This was in December, 1873, when Dean Stanley invited Prof. Max Muller to preach on the religions of the world. It was one of the most interesting sermons ever heard, and when printed afterward brought in several hundred pounds.

The world's sermon record is held by the late Mr. Spurgeon. His sermons were preached weekly for fifty years past, and there are now enough to last several years more. Over 100,000,000 copies have been sold, and their profits exceed those of any other half dozen preachers.

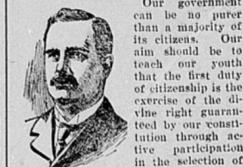
For the most valuable single sermon ever preached, it is, however, not Mr. Spurgeon, but Canon Fleming, who holds the record. This discourse was first heard from the pulpit of Sandringham Church, on the sad occasion of the death of the Duke of Clarence. It was a sermon published and its profits have since amounted to a total of \$400,000. The money has been equally divided between the Gordon Boys' Home and the British Home for Incurables.—London Answers.

Sioux Borrowing. Among the Sioux, when one family borrows a kettle from another, it is expected that when the kettle is returned a small portion of the food that has been cooked in it will be left in the bottom, as the owner must always know what was cooked in her kettle.

A rich man who gives nothing is like a tree without fruit.

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

Danger of "Educated Ignorance."

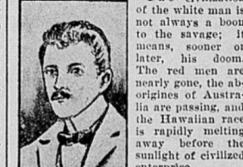


Our government can be no purer than a majority of its citizens. Our aim should be to teach our youth that the first duty of citizenship is the exercise of the right of suffrage. It is a right guaranteed by our constitution through active participation in the selection of their public servants and in deciding upon those policies of government which shall prevail. Government cannot be made perfect, but we can improve upon old methods, and we can demand from our public servants honesty and fidelity, and by the exercise of the elective franchise in our primaries and caucuses secure the highest standard of ability. If, however, as too often the case, the so-called higher education leads us to forego this right, then we deserve misgovernment and spoliation and the degradation of our people against the other. Ignorance provokes discontent, and if I may be permitted to use the term, "educated ignorance" provokes anarchy and confusion.

Teach our youth that the principles for which our forefathers fought are as dear to them as to those who took part in that great struggle; teach them that the great battles which ended in the emancipation of the slave are the glory of our nation and were but another step in advance in our system of government. Inculcate them with respect for our flag; teach them that our country is really the home for those who love liberty, that it is truly the refuge for the oppressed, and that it offers equal opportunities to all.

BENJAMIN F. ODELL, JR., Governor of New York.

Passing of the Hawaiian.



The civilization of the white man is not always a boon to the savage; it is sometimes, as we see later, his doom. The red men are nearly gone, the aboriginals of Australia are passing, and the Hawaiian race is rapidly meeting its end. In 1858 there were 71,019 Hawaiians in the islands, but even though foreigners had already begun introducing civilization. In 1872 the native population had dwindled to 40,044, to which must be added 1,487 part-Hawaiians—children of a Hawaiian mother and a foreign husband. The next two years saw a further drop to 40,144, and an increase of part-Hawaiians to 4,218, while in 1890 there were only 34,436 Hawaiians and 6,186 part-Hawaiians. Six years later the Hawaiian number 31,019, and the mixed population 8,485. The latest census brings to light the fact that not only has the pure native population continued to diminish, but the part-Hawaiian numbers have decreased from 8,485 to 7,833. The Hawaiian population is now actually one-third the number of the Japanese in-

Ugriany Injuries on the part of labor...



Ugriany injuries on the part of labor, not by lordly and selfish arrogance on the part of capital. A beginning must be made by conspicuous examples of a recognition of the duty and obligations which conditions upon each the full enjoyment of our partnership advantages depends. These examples should induce conservative and tolerant conduct; they should be prominently recognized and appreciated, and constantly pressed upon the view of all who may be remiss in their obligations. And next to cooperation, the scope and nature of these obligations may be.

People Who Must Be Amused.

Sorry is the lot of the man of woman's heart who is amused every minute of the time. They dread a quiet Sunday afternoon or a rainy evening, when no one is likely to come in or it is impossible for them to go out. Of course, some of these people just "groaned" that way. When they were in infancy their mothers spent days and weeks doing nothing but keeping them in a good humor. They were never thrown on their own resources nor had to make the best of circumstances. On top of that, they are the cheerful folk who are "pleased with a rattle and tickled with a straw." They manage to have a good time almost anywhere, blessing the world as they find it, without a murmur and, always looking for the good and pleasant, realize essentially what they expect. They are the conservators of a sane living in the world.

There is a class which amuses itself directly at the expense of others. It is made up of those who are not satisfied upon their own. Repetitive and sharp little turns that have reference to another are a sort of revel to them. Bringing into evidence the follies and peculiarities of another is not beneath their purpose to pose as wits. But retribution in the form of the loss of friends and the faculty for perceiving the ludicrous, being coming at last through overwork, degenerates into caricature, or positive silliness.

It does not need a long experience to see how the desire for amusement misleads its realization. The everyday duties, the close-hand service, the longing to be witty, the desire to be original, the desire to be the center of attention, the desire to be the center of the world, will instead supply that peculiar, broad, vulgar, and grotesque humor which is the result of a lower order of satisfaction named amusement.

MARY B. BALDWIN.

Ought to Have Pool Tables.

Physiological and biblical science demonstrates that the primal and universal sin of the human race is to play. The church ought to provide a place for its young people to play. The church ought to have pool tables and ten pin alleys for its members. Instead of belonging legitimate amusements let the church recognize their value and their necessity in life.

R. A. WHITE, D. D.

Marshall at Chelsea Stain.

Marshall Holla Smith of Chelsea was shot and killed by bank robbers. The three fatherbrakers were on a hand cart. About 12:30 o'clock in the night Bert Compt, a young business man of Chelsea, was returning from a dance when he was stopped by three masked men who were trying to break into the bank building. The robbers thought Compt was the village marshal. They seized, bound and blindfolded him and tied him to a pile of lumber under an elevator. A few minutes later while returning to complete their robbery at the bank the desperadoes encountered Marshall Smith, who suggested they were cooks and drew his revolver. He was instantly shot through the head and died in a few hours. The murderers rode on a hand cart to a place near Long Point and then walked across country to Gladstone, where they boarded a Milwaukee freight train.

Fire Loss in Starch Works.

The National Starch Manufacturing Company's plant in the southeastern part of Des Moines, one of the largest plants of the kind in the world, was destroyed by fire. Several hundred employees were about to quit work for the day and all escaped. The city fire department for lack of water could only keep the fire from spreading to the adjacent property. The loss on building and contents is estimated at about \$200,000, insurance unknown.

Indignant Holie Knows Lover.

For a reason reason unknown Miss Marguerite Kuntz, a pretty young society woman of Hastings, and a daughter of the proprietor of the Hastings House, were seen by R. L. Wilson, the city sheriff, entering the shoulder just above the heart and was later removed. The young man will recover. He and Miss Kuntz were seen in the morning in the city jail. The outcome of a quarrel.

Boys Attempt Forcery.

Two young boys, aged 13 and 15, living west of Low Moor, were arrested charged with attempting to pass forged checks to William Porter and trying to pass others upon prominent farmers. One of the boys was detected by Charles W. Weger, who was proceeding to the city jail. The boys were released on their own recognizance.

Brief State Happenings.

Waterloo is being victimized by passers of bogus money. The postoffice at Sialaris has been disarmed by a robbery. T. W. Hatfield has been reappointed postmaster at Greeley, vice B. E. Farwell, removed. Burglars entered the store of R. Richards at Rains and stole money and goods to the amount of \$100. No one was hurt. William Sharpless, white, was shot and killed near Oskaloosa by Buck Williams, colored, as the result of an old grudge.

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Wackerman worried about it until her mind finally gave way. She is Helen Vanderbilt-Wackerman, a young woman in the worst stages of insanity. Her eyes have a terrifying look, her nose is hooked, her hair is matted, and she is a mass of filth. She is a woman of extreme beauty, and she suffers from delusions, refusing to eat because she believes that some one has attempted to poison her. A year ago this young woman was a merry creature—one of the most idolized persons in London society. She is Helen Vanderbilt-Wackerman, and her home is in Buffalo, from which city she used to London three years ago to study music and art. Her beauty was her fate. Her face, forehead, hands and neck were of all soft ivory tint. Her hair is golden, her eyes are brown, and her shoulders and neck of soft formation that artists raved over her. Several painted her and others sought her for a "pose." One of the portraits was by Ellis Roberts, and so strikingly handsome was it that when it was hung in the Royal Academy by the Hanging Committee, of which Hubert von Herkomer was a member, he objected to it, for he said it was "too beautiful to be true. It was not like anything on earth. When introduced to the subject he realized that the portrait was not false and he appealed to her to sit for him. She granted the request, and while posing for him was treated as a member of the family. In society she continued to be a favorite. One day, as unexpectedly as the lightning flashes from the sky, there came to her a request from the artist to whom she was sitting to leave his home, because of certain things he had heard concerning her conduct prior to entering his home. Pained and indignant, she demanded the name of her detractor. Herkomer refused to say more than that he himself believed her good, but that the stories bespeaking her name compelled him to insist upon her leaving his home. The matter did not end there. The friends of Miss Wackerman took up her cause, such as the bishop of London and the States Ambassador Choate, demanding an explanation, which was not forthcoming. Herkomer was finally obliged to leave London in disgrace and is now living in Germany. He at one time lived in Syracuse, N. Y. That was before his departure for Europe.

Good Queen Olga.

Whose Benevolent Purpose Has Led to Fatal Results. The recent riots in Athens, in which the troops and great numbers of students clashed with fatal results on both sides, and which have been followed by the resignation of the cabinet and disturbances in the legislative houses, had their origin in a most peculiar cause. A desire on the part of Queen Olga to do something for what she considered the good of the soldiers was responsible. During the Greece-Turkish war she was everywhere but at wounded soldiers that they not read the gospels because they didn't understand the text, which was in old Greek. The Queen then arranged for the publication of a translation of the gospels into modern Greek, exclusively for family use. The Holy Synod of the Greek Church protested against this proposition, and the metropolitan of Athens, Procopius Oecumenidus, held an audience with the Queen, in which, however, he did not so energetically champion the proposition as was desired by those who objected to the translation. Queen Olga would not change her plan. Recently the students took up the matter and, armed like soldiers, paraded the streets and occupied the university buildings, their purpose being to resist by force the work of translation. These riotous protests against the apparently beneficent purpose of the Queen appear all the more remarkable when one remembers how Olga has heretofore been admired by her husband's subjects. She is a woman of extraordinary intelligence and high-minded principles. She is tall and of commanding presence, with splendid hair.

Queen Olga.

Such should be the life of these lines, he has been observing these interesting insects finds it easy enough to foretell exactly the kind of weather to be expected. At least, that is the opinion of many raisers of bees. Generally the bee stays at home when rain is in the air. When the sky is simply dark and cloudy these busy workers do not leave their dwelling all at once. A few go out first, as though the queen had sent out messengers to study the state of the atmosphere. The greater number remain on observation until the clouds begin to dissipate and it is only then that the battalions entire rush out in search of nectar. At bee never goes out in a fog, because it is well aware that dampness and cold are two fearsome, redoubtable enemies. We do not know the name of the bee that is a meteorologist in the absolute sense of the word. Its cleverness consists in never being taken unawares, for it possesses untiring vigilance. Often one may observe the sudden entrance of the bees into the hive when a dense cloud hangs in the sun, and even though the rain is not in evidence.

The Trials of Genesis.

"John, dear," she said, in her sweet and affectionate voice, which she only used on rare occasions, "are you well up to your Christmas work?" "Pretty well," he replied, as he put a period to a poem which had almost given him a nervous prostration. "Why do you ask?" "Because, dear, I'm afraid you are undermining your health, and I want you to take a recess and write me a short story to pay for my new dress." "A couple of poems for my hat and a good, stirring campaign song that will bring in enough for a ton of coal, or one or two of those darling love poems for some lard and a sugar-corn ham," and dear, is only 12 cents a pound."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Water Boatman.

The insect known as the water boatman has a regular pair of oars, his legs being used as such. He swims on his back, as in that position there is less resistance to his progress. When a man goes home and finds the house locked, he has no desire to sit the comfortable rocker on the porch.

Looked Like Cherries.

There are many varieties of red peppers, or Chili peppers, in the market, of many shapes and sizes. They are all "hot" in the tongue, but some are hotter than others. One variety resembles a

The News of Iowa

Who is the hero of the play? "I can't tell you his name, but he's an angel."

"Is she a polite girl?" "Not at all. She finds it impossible to break herself of the habit of telling the truth." He—Now, don't you bother to help me on with my coat. She—It's no bother. It's a pleasure.—Wagon Topics.

Hereditarily. "Wot you doin', chile?" "Nollin', mammy. "My, but you is gittin' like your father."—Baltimore World.

Bobbs—"Wigwag" must be making a awful lot of money. "Slobbs—"I should say he is. I actually believe he is making more than his wife can spend."

"I believe Mrs. Hemlock would rather quarrel with her husband than with anybody else. Decidedly! Force always seeks the line of least resistance."

Doctor—Did you take my prescription, ma'am? Patient—Yes; but, say, doctor, paper's awful hard to get down, an' it didn't seem to do me no good.—Chicago News.

Employer—And how long were you in your last place, my good man? James (Just out of Folsom penitentiary)—Ten years, sir, and I never had a single evening out.—Ex.

"Whey, gentlemen!" cried the after-dinner speaker, tragically, "what would this nation be without the ladies?" "Stagnation, of course," murmured the Cheerful Idiot.—Judge.

"Didn't you go away at all, Mrs. Dash?" "No; Mr. Dash said it was so well fixed now that we could afford to stay at home if we wanted to—so we did."—Detroit Free Press.

He—I shall never marry until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite. She (encouragingly)—Well, Mr. Duffer, there are plenty of bright, intelligent girls all the neighborhood.

A Guarantees and a Promise. "Do you guarantee this goods not to fade?" "Absolutely! And if it does we will sell you new goods to match the changed color."—Indianapolis News.

Not His Fault. "Do you realize," said the economist, "that there is a heavy surplus in the United States Treasury?" "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "it ain't my fault."

Newlywed—"Why don't you take a wife?" Bachelor—"My income is only sufficient for one." Newlywed—"Well, if she really loved you she would probably be satisfied with that."—Puck.

"That is your husband rattling?" announced the medium in a solemn voice. "My husband rattling?" said the widow, absently, "gracious, he must have forgotten his night-gear!"—Philadelphia Record.

In His Favor. She—Papa says that a young man who smokes cigarettes will never set the world on fire. He—Well, that's the first good thing I ever heard any one say of a cigarette smoker.—Yonkers Statesman.

Dr. Brown—"Well did you keep the thermometer in the room at 70 degrees, as I told you?" Mrs. Murphy—Lord, indeed, doctor, but I had a hard time to do it. The only place it would stay at sixty was forst the chimney-peace.—Life.

Poet—I was pleased to see my poem in your paper. Is there any money—Editor—Oh, no; we shouldn't charge you anything this time. It is your first offense, you know. If, however, it is repeated, we can not let you off again so easily.—Boston Transcript.

Young Wife—"I received to-day a beautiful diploma from the cooking school—on parchment—and I've celebrated it by eating it." Mrs. Murphy—Just guess what it is? Young Husband (chewing on his burnt omelet)—"The diploma?"—Fleegende Blatter.

Maneuvers. Lieutenant Nobs (Just arrived)—How long will you take to drive me to the fort, caddy? Cabby—Ten minutes, captain, by the shortest way through the battery, but the military atlas goes the long way round, through the fashionable part of the town, yer honor, which takes an hour. (Cabby gets his horse)—Punch.

"Cordin' t' th' statoots," began Judge Wayback, as he stood up, "I'll lay t' yer 't' ten years' bid for yer any way. Bagged him just as I was about to give up in disgust." "Oh, George!" exclaimed the judge in alarm. "Er' I thought that, durin' if I wouldn't gi' him fifteen years."—Columbus Journal.

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The doctor examined his patient carefully, and with a grave face, told him that he was very ill, and asked if he had consulted any one else. "Oh," said the man, "I went to see a druggist and asked his advice, and he said, 'Drug, drug, the doctor broke in, angrily, 'what was the good of that? The best thing you can do when a druggist gives you a bit of advice is to do exactly the opposite.'" "And he," the patient continued, "advised me to come to you."—Ex.

Caviers' Opportunity.

Baron Caviers, of renowned naturalist, then only eighteen, accepted a situation as tutor in a family living near Pecanips in Normandy. The house was near the sea and he often strolled on the bank. One day he found a strand of eel fish. He took it home, dissected it, and began then the study of molluscs, in which he won such a reputation. The ocean was his text book. This was his opportunity to learn from that text book. By embracing the opportunities offered in his three years' residence by the sea he became one of the shining lights in natural history.

Canada's Homestead Law.

Canada has a homestead law. Farm lots of 200 acres are granted to each head of a family and 100 to each male adult on condition of their building a log house 16x20 feet, cultivating 15 acres in every 100, and residing six months in each year during five years on the property.

Some men are born poor, some achieve poverty, and some marry extravagant wives.

Poets may be born, but as a rule cooks are better paid.

Christian Nelson, aged 23, of Mason City, committed suicide at Los Angeles by a bullet through his heart. Nelson and his companion, Egloff Anderson, were penniless.

An indictment for murder in the first degree was returned at Mt. Airy against Mrs. Hunter for the killing of Homer Holland, and the case goes over to the February term of court.

Harry Angel was smothered to death in a well near Balesburg by damps. Mr. Angel was engaged in digging a well while at the bottom was overcome by the bad air. When the body was taken out life was extinct.

Le J. Thomas, an attorney of Muscatine, against whom Judge Wade has ordered disbarment proceedings, has been captured in Bismarck, N. D., and will be returned to Muscatine, where action will be taken in his case.

Michael McCabe, a wealthy farmer, was found mangled on the Milwaukee tracks near McGregor. His friends believe he was murdered for his money and his body placed on the track. There is no known reason for suicide.

Charles Meinken of Fontaineau, a juror in the Hallett mining case on trial in the United States District Court in Des Moines, was found dead in his room in the Greffe House. It was evident that he blew out the gas by holding his head against the wall. Meinken was a farmer and estimated to be worth \$50,000.

Two Waterloo families have left their homes to take up their residence at Zion City, established by Rev. John Alexander Dowie on the shores of Lake Michigan. The families are those of Louis Brann and Clarence Hill. Relatives of both families have been invited to accompany and renounce their intention, but to no avail.

The tax agents working in Dubuque under a contract with the county have added \$42,000 in back taxes within three months. When he gets through there it will show in tax to nearly \$60,000, the end of the year and are confident that before their contract expires the total additions made by them will reach \$100,000.

George Howard and Edward Mumford, ex-convicts, were convicted at Cedar Rapids under four indictments charging them with assault with intent to murder and with intent to rob J. J. Smyth and Samuel Shafer, business men. Albert Ray, an ex-convict, turned State's evidence. Howard is a nephew of ex-Senator James P. Folsom.

O. W. Cooley, the veteran landlord of Waterloo, who moved to Parkersburg some time since, was drugged and robbed in Waterloo the other night. Two well-known men are implicated in the hold-up which Mr. Cooley says was effected by giving him a drink of liquor containing "knock-out" drops. A diamond ring and a small sum of money was secured by the highwaymen.

The suicide of Henry Bouck, a wealthy bachelor and miser, at Granger, it is believed, will prove a solution of a mysterious disappearance from company and way back in the time of the rebellion. George B. Bouck, an old and highly respected citizen of Waterloo, believes that Henry had been in company with Warren Bouck, who enlisted in the Union army during the first years of the war and had never been heard from since.

Fifty Italian laborers employed by the Chicago Great Western in their work on their depot yards in Fort Dodge went on strike. On Dec. 1 wages were cut from \$2 to \$1.75 a day. This caused discontent. They all went to Chicago and were well received by the city. Wild scenes attended the strike, one of the men, a Pole, going so far as to threaten the life of the general manager. Mrs. Murphy, Lord, indeed, doctor, but I had a hard time to do it. The only place it would stay at sixty was forst the chimney-peace.—Life.

Superintendent Barrett has given out his biennial report on school libraries. It is an important one. The State has expended nearly \$50,000 for library books out of the school funds, and in addition to this \$28,420 raised from voluntary contributions. The total number of volumes now in school libraries is 453,554, of which 110,815 were purchased during the year. The report shows that 4,245 rural schools are provided with suitable books, and that 7,073 sub-districts and 2,335 independent districts have school libraries.

The approaching session of the General Assembly will prove to be an unusually busy one. It is not only important to conduct sectarian sessions, in violation of the laws of the State. It has been the practice to teach the German language, to give instruction in the Bible and catechism of the German Lutheran Church. Several of the schools were held in church buildings. The State superintendent has given instructions that no money be expended to conduct sectarian sessions, in violation of the laws of the State. It has been the practice to teach the German language, to give instruction in the Bible and catechism of the German Lutheran Church. Several of the schools were held in church buildings. The State superintendent has given instructions that no money be expended to conduct sectarian sessions, in violation of the laws of the State. It has been the practice to teach the German language, to give instruction in the Bible and catechism of the German Lutheran Church. Several of the schools were held in church buildings. The State superintendent has given instructions that no money be expended to conduct sectarian sessions, in violation of the laws of the State. It has been the practice to teach the German language, to give instruction in the Bible and catechism of the German Lutheran Church. Several of the schools were held in church buildings. The State superintendent has given instructions that no money be