

After all, can Curva be blamed for wanting \$35,000,000? Who doesn't? One way to avoid punishment is to seek something other people don't want.

Nothing ever was quite as hopeful as a detective searching for a clew to a train robber.

When a man acquires the title of grandfather, he sighs to think how old his wife is.

Browning may be fond, as Martha Baker Dunn contends, but for real blisters try Carley.

The Des Moines Capital observes that "The Star Spangled Banner" is still a mighty fetching tune. It is claimed that Harry Tracy was the son of a preacher. But, then, he was not the first preacher's son to go wrong.

Hero Wainwright is writing magazine articles concerning the Sampson-Schley affair. Has he no friends to advise him?

We Americans do manage to smuggle a good deal of funkyness into our national character, under the name of respect for the office.

New York papers say Gates made \$3,000,000 in his L. & N. deal. This is ridiculous. The deal occupied his attention for more than a week.

"The gratitude of the Chinese people" for the friendly policy of Uncle Sam may or may not be a figure of speech. But perhaps it is as substantial as the gratitude of any other people. By the way, where is Admiral Dewey these days?

Brigandage in eastern Europe seems to have fallen on a new era of prosperity, or the hope of it. The cases of kidnaping in Albania we read of four sons of wealthy Rumanian families being seized and held for ransom. In Greece also the reports speak of a distinct revival of this kind of crime. We fear that there is too much truth in the explanation assigned by more than one intelligent observer—namely, that the predatory instincts of whole classes of marauders in those countries have been inflamed by the payment of the ransom for Miss Stone. The great coup which her kidnapers effected was the drawing of the grand prize in the lottery. It is all the neighbors wild to rival their good fortune.

The cure of rheumatism by bee stings, an old, and as it was supposed, exploded, remedy, is being exploited again in some parts of the east. It should be met with greater care and discrimination. The Philadelphia Ledger relates that one William Sulvey, an old farmer of Shady Grove, Pa., who had lost the use of his arms by rheumatism, was stung by bees and ran from them so fast that he discovered he had left his rheumatism behind. Thereupon he made himself a cure, and, having which one Carl Apropole, also a rheumatic victim, decided to try it. So convinced was he of its efficacy that he invited his neighbors to witness the cure. He made the experiment end only in a long, thin robe, hobbled up to the hive, and then, instantly, he began to apply the remedy with all the industry characteristic of the insect, and probably would have improved a whole spring hour had it not been that Apropole yelled most lustily for help. As he was making his way, some of his neighbors came to his rescue by passing him and dragging him away from the infuriated bees. The unfortunate man has such a beautiful case of bee stings that it may be some time before he knows whether he has been cured of rheumatism. It may turn out that what is one man's cure is another man's poison.

It has remained for a rich German to discover one of the grandest uses to which money can be put. Having apparently decided that Messrs. Rockefeller and Carnegie possess the sole rights to the building of universities and libraries, this German, a rich financier in the little town of Haschmann, has established a fund for the providing of prizes for men who will marry the most homely girls or women of the age of 40 who have been fitted at least twice. In addition to the prizes it is provided that the homeliest girl in the town of Haschmann shall have a year's pension of \$80. The nobleness of this charity, if it may be so called, is at once apparent. It might well be taken up by rich men in this country who do not care to build colleges or libraries. The man who marries the homeliest girl in any town is surely entitled to some reward. We can think of only one drawback in connection with this fine method of distributing money, and that is the difficulty there would be in finding the homeliest girl. But that might be arranged by leaving it to a vote of the girls themselves. The one chosen as the homeliest could not afterwards consent herself with the thought that the others had voted against her because they were jealous. Who will be the first rich American to win fame by putting this splendid scheme into operation?

Congress has taken an important step in the history of the national development in the passage of the irrigation act. The settlement of the United States followed, naturally, the least resistance. First the land near the Atlantic seaboard was taken up, then the settlers cut their way westward through the forest, crossing the Alleghenies into the Ohio valley, and later spreading over the prairies and through the bottoms of the Mississippi valley. But the home-seeking men of the west were halted at the one hundredth meridian by insufficient rainfall. West of that stretched the region which used to figure on the map as "The Great American Desert." This region is no longer altogether a blank. The western States and three territories are wholly or in part within its limits, and private enterprise has irrigated considerable areas which once seemed incapable of cultivation. What private enterprise could not do may now be done by government aid. The reclamation fund which the new law creates out of the sale of public lands in the arid and semi-arid States and territories will provide means for storing and distributing water for irrigation. Ultimately it is estimated that an area equal to that of the States of Missouri and Iowa may be redeemed for the plow. The best feature of the law is that its benefits are restricted to actual settlers, and the area which may be sold to a single settler is limited. The most important may fairly be described as a bill to promote the making of homes.

Arrested for beating his wife, a well-to-do New Yorker addressed the court as follows: "I am a gentleman, sir, and I have an income of \$5,000 a year. I don't think I ought to be held. This is only a family trouble and I don't think it is necessary to hold me." Whereupon the magistrate said: "You'll get the same treatment here as any other gentleman who beats his wife," and the bail was fixed at \$500. O. Just judge! It matters not whether his income is \$500 or \$5,000 or \$50,000, the man who strikes his wife is a brute. The definition of a gentleman has changed with the centuries. In Plato's time a gentleman was a landholder who lived on the labor of slaves. When Blackstone lived a gentleman was one given gentility because he bore court armor. Then the common people aspired to be gentlemen, and the definition again changed. A gentleman in our time is an honorable man, a man of high principles who shows his qualities by gentle behavior. In other words, a man may have all the appearance of a gentleman and all the qualities of a cur. The creature who lifts his hand against a woman is of the latter kind. O. Just judge! Your decision is herald of that day of which poets have dreamed and singers sung that day when those coming martyrs have poured out their blood in the day when the real Cadi shall decide in equity, when the poor man shall have his day in court and the rich brute and genteel rascal shall not be permitted to interpose his money as a shield against a righteous punishment.

Americans poke fun at European newspapers because of their invidiousness toward the United States and of prominent men in this country. Europeans might retort that we are woefully ignorant of European matters and men. How many persons in this country have ever heard of Ras Makonnen? Yet this Abyssinian soldier and diplomat has been the subject of the European press. He is about forty years of age, a nephew of Menelik, and won the battle of Adowa, which battle gave Abyssinia its autonomy as a country. Ras Makonnen is visiting Paris and all the rage. "His shoulders are covered with a gold fringe bertha and he wears a green hat with a broad brim. His stockings are green and his shoes are yellow. He wears white silk pantaloons." Also fine black eyes and a curly beard. Imagine the figure this handsome semi-savage cuts on the boulevards of Paris! The government tendered him a military review of the armies of France and "the Temps" spoke of him as "the Hannibal of the Abyssinians, who are the Japanese of Africa." The fact is we are so busy building up empires in the new world that we have no time to care for the new men in the old. Save when there is a war like that in the Transvaal which lifts the curtain on scenes and people little known we are so ignorant of Eastern movements as the East is of ours. Until there is world-wide knowledge and a diffused doctrine of the brotherhood of man must wait. The world inhabitants must know each other better before they can esteem and love each other more. Science, discovery, invention, facilities—these are the heralds of the wider, better day.

Men with Small Capital. It has been objected by some that technical education should not be fostered with public funds because the fields for its employment are rapidly being emptied by the trusts and giant combinations of capital in manufacturing and other productive technical industries. Frequent mention is made of the man who has only small capital and small means being put out of the way of business and success by the overshadowing combines. It is a sad fate to be met by an observer of the conditions of the world, that there are hundreds of profitable technical industries that the trusts have not captured, and in the nature of things, frequent mention is made of the man who has only small capital and small means being put out of the way of business and success by the overshadowing combines. It is a sad fate to be met by an observer of the conditions of the world, that there are hundreds of profitable technical industries that the trusts have not captured, and in the nature of things, frequent mention is made of the man who has only small capital and small means being put out of the way of business and success by the overshadowing combines.

Excursion into Bird Land. There is more than one way to "name the birds without a gun," for example, Mrs. Jenks-Smith's way, as it is recorded in "The Garden of a Commuter's Wife." "And as for birds," began Mrs. Jenks-Smith, "bird study is all the rage." "I've stopped wearing feathers, anyway, till the excitement dies down. And we've stopped driving birds out of the fruit trees and we've put up boxes to draw them. They won't come into them, though, because, the doctor says, the worms aren't so plentiful and the birds draw a draft through. I call that going a little too far. As if birds that fly all day in the air can't stand a draft at night!" "In the spring, when we return here, I'm going to have a bird class and a professor to take us out and point out the birds." "It's awfully nice, my dear," continued Mrs. Jenks-Smith; "much easier than giving a garden party; no trouble, no fuss, managed like a Cook's tour in Europe. He tells you everything you ought to see, so you don't have to think you're a bird expert." "I went once this year across the river where I was visiting. There were twenty ladies, in such becoming outdoor costumes, and such a delicious lunch, served quite in the woods, my dear! When we were eating we saw a bird fly over, with its wings spread and all! Did you ever know anything so appropriate?" "We learned two other birds besides a blue Jay, and the other was a red-eyed vireo. I remembered the name so appropriate, because the bird sang 'blue jay,' don't know which you would call it, all the time we were lunching."

IS YOUR THUMB MAD? It is an infallible revealer of the Presence of Insanity. The thumb is the most tell-tale member of the human being's body, and it is a well-known device of employers of a large amount of labor to carefully scrutinize the thumb of every applicant for a situation before finally engaging him or her for any position in their business. In fact, so far as this thumb science has been carried that many lunatic asylum doctors are now employing in detecting the numerous frauds of the inventor of the thumb and the asylum on the plea of insanity. No matter how carefully the individual may attempt to conceal incipient insanity, the thumb will reveal it infallibly. It is the one sure test. If the patient in his daily work permits the thumb to be under the microscope of other fingers, or to fall listlessly into the palm, taking no part in his writing, his handling of things, his multifarious duties, but standing isolated and snaky, it is an unanswerable confession of mental disease. Specialists in nerve disease, by an examination of the thumb, can tell if the patient is affected or likely to be affected by paralysis, as the thumb signals this long before it is visible in any other part of the body. If the danger symptoms are evidenced there, an operation is performed on what is known as the "thumb-center" of the brain, and the disorder is often removed. We believe that the very worst sight that the world has witnessed is to see two big fat women kiss.

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Can American emigrants be "assimilated" to institutions and types of government inferior to those of their native land? That is a question raised by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in reference to the American emigration to the western provinces of British America.

It is very much to be doubted whether the institutions and types of government which the American emigrant will find in Canada will impress him as at all inferior to those of his own country. He certainly will find that they guarantee quite as large a liberty as those of his native land, and that the monarchical element which is supposed to be injected into the Canadian government by its nominal relations to the British Crown is, so far as its practical influence in the affairs of the Government is concerned, actually the least of its troubles. It is possible that any large American emigration to the Northwestern British provinces might prove a disturbing political factor. Not because the British institutions are at all disconcerted with the political institutions of the country, which in some respects are freer and better ordered than those of our own, but because they add a new impulse to the growth of the opinion that the interests of that region would be greatly promoted by annexation to the United States. It is a large volume of business on a small margin of profit with somebody to look after the leakage—that is modern business—St. Louis Chronicle.

Carelessness in Behavior. The traditional freedom and naturalness of American social relations have a charm and a value when under proper conditions. They are the result of boys and girls mutual respect and unfeigned modesty. Doubtless, too, that unchaperoned companionship of young people is the element in foreign travel for the most part in virtuous affections and happy marriages. But this is something far different from the license and carelessness in behavior which is so alarmingly prevalent, not among the lower orders in the social scale, but in families which are considered intelligent and well bred. The manners of young men and women who are so careless and speak in the presence of women in a way that would not have been tolerated a generation ago, and young women who are so careless in their conduct, are doing themselves as no woman could have done a few years ago without serious damage to her reputation. The revival of the unfashionable art of bringing up children. Boys and girls are growing up to be lawless. Lacking respect for authority, they are contemptuous of the conventions for the virtues which authority and conventions seek to guard. Lastly in homes and contacts, under unfavorable conditions of young men and women, the habits of carelessness, selfishness and bad manners of our crowded streets, shops and public conveyances, all tend to the destruction of that good breeding which is the basis of all true civility and respectability. New York Tribune.

Hydrophobia Scares. There is no special hydrophobia season. In the hot months dogs suffer from the disease, and are liable to be attacked, especially if they are unable to obtain water. No doubt the so-called rabid dogs are often the victims of other diseases, and the hydrophobia is a secondary and general in summer than in winter. Although this fact has been presented to the public repeatedly, every year, it is not until the hot months of July and August is pursued to its death by police and public. It is almost certain that the popular amount of capital to the establishment in the city of Chicago. They were 19,203 in 1900, or an increase of nearly 100 per cent. But the average amount of capital in the city of Chicago in 1900 was 200 per cent less in 1900 than in 1890, which shows that plenty of men found chances to invest their brains, skill and energy in the great city of Chicago. The trusts do not own all those nearly twenty thousand factories in Chicago, nor do they own all the land in the city. The trusts do not own all those nearly twenty thousand factories in Chicago, nor do they own all the land in the city. The trusts do not own all those nearly twenty thousand factories in Chicago, nor do they own all the land in the city.

ORIGIN OF JOHN W. GATES. Made Fortune by Legitimate Business Qualities, Judgment and Industry. Mr. Gates is now the most spectacular figure in the financial landscape, Wall street, "that roaring furnace fed with life and hope," is gazing at him in open-mouthed wonder. There is a boldness about him that all admire. The story of his rise is an interesting one, and so far as it shows how legitimate success in business is achieved, a profitable one. One of his earliest business positions was that of traveling salesman, and the rise of his fortune from a modest salary to an almost fabulous amount, is an account, not of successful speculation, but of the results of common sense and hard work. As a young man, Gates was selling hardware for Isaac L. Edwood, when another wife was just beginning to be used for fencing, and he grew to be the first corral in the State of Texas. He soon decided that there was more to be made in the manufacture of wire than by selling it on a salary, and with some friends bought three hundred wire machines and started a factory on a total investment of less than \$8,000. The business proved very profitable and they soon started another small factory. Here they made so much money that they declared dividends of about \$50 per cent per week. Gates seemed to be the entire working force. He traveled, sold the wire, came back, invented it, billed it, painted it, marketed it, and collected the money. As he was doing all the work, he finally arranged to buy out all the partners but Mr. Clifford. He and Clifford incorporated the "Southern Wire Company," and so he pressed from one enterprise into another, always enlarging the field of his activities.

EARLY RISING. Benefits that Modern Business Men Begin to Realize. A few years ago nearly all wealthy men, bankers, brokers, the holders of great establishments, did their work between ten and three. The New York Sun tells us that the younger business men, who are often accused of being degenerate sons of hard-working fathers, are making a great change in the matter of hours, beginning their day earlier. The business day has thus been lengthened, not for the paid underlings, whose hours have always been from eight or nine until five or six, but for the men who manage the great transactions in the world's commerce. Not long ago the head of a great house in the lower end of New York City was asked when he could be seen the next day. "I'll be at my desk at seven-thirty in the morning," he answered.

Small Boy Tries to Poison Family of His Employer—Davenport Young People Escape to Chicago—Robbers in an Agency Store. Ray Esslinger, a 13-year-old boy, has confessed to having twice poisoned the food of the family of a farmer named Anderson, who lives in Harrison township. The lad has been working for the Andersons since he was ten years old, and was poisoned through their food, neither attempt resulting fatally. Suspicion finally directed itself toward the Esslinger boy after the family was again poisoned. He was very loath to tell his story in the presence of his mother, but by slow degrees it was drawn from him and was substantially as follows: "I tried to poison the Andersons by putting a little bottle of strychnine in the house which they had bought some time ago to poison some troublesome crows. The boy said that after the family was gone he had on both occasions taken the bottle and put the poison in their food. When asked if he knew the stuff in the bottle would kill he said he did. He answered 'No' when asked if he wanted to kill Mr. Anderson or his family, and said that he had thought against any of them, and that he treated him well. He would give no reason for his conduct, but he said that he had become morbid through reading. Young Davenport Couple Escape. Gilbert T. Dow and Mary Shaw left their homes in Davenport, ostensibly to go to a concert, and failed to return. The next afternoon a telegram from Chicago announced that they had been married there. The elopement was due to opposition to their marriage on account of their youth. They received the usual forgiving welcome home. Mr. Dow is a son of John F. Dow, secretary and treasurer of the Davenport Elevator Company, and his bride is a granddaughter of the late George S. Shaw, a wealthy lumberman. She has been a student at St. Katharine's Hall and the groom has been studying at Shattuck, at Fairbault, Minn. Robbers Use Dynamite. Wrecked by a charge of dynamite the inner doors and drawers of the safe forced open and the books and papers which it contained scattered promiscuously about the room in a very hasty search for money, but with none of the stock disturbed except a watch taken from the showcase, the store of S. V. Sampson of Des Moines was broken into by robbers. An entrance was made into the building by the front door, which had been forced open by the use of picks secured from the Burlington section house. Collision on the Iowa Central. A head-on collision on the Iowa Central, at a point two miles north of Des Moines, came near resulting disastrously to human life and property, and it is the wonder of all concerned that there were no lives lost. The collision was between a local freight and a work train, and it was caused by the failure of a brakeman to flag the freight. Both engines were badly wrecked and traffic was stopped for several hours. The trainmen all escaped injury by jumping. Boys Make Coin in Brick. Clyde Ellis, Gro Gregor, Willie Edson and Frank Quinlan were arrested at Dubuque, charged with making and passing counterfeit dimes. The boys were charged with making and passing counterfeit dimes. The boys were charged with making and passing counterfeit dimes. The boys were charged with making and passing counterfeit dimes.

THE HAWKEYE STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK CONCISELY CONDENSED.

A gas plant is being erected at Gladbrook. The streets at Wheatland will be macadamized. A \$30,000 business block will be built at Chariton. Ottumwa business men have formed a commercial club. A canton of Old Fellows has been organized at Woodbine. Toledo's new national bank has been opened for business. A new Methodist church to cost \$4,000 will be built in Casey. A large farm near Lenox was sold recently for \$30,000 cash. A school house to cost \$15,000 will be built at Cincinnati, Iowa. Fort Dodge wants the next State convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. Chicken thieves are making inroads on the hen-roosts at Fort Dodge. S. R. Howe, a 70-year-old farmer, proprietor of a hotel at Osceola, is dead. Work is to be begun at once on the new Rock Island round house at Ruthven. The new Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank at Washington has opened for business. The cooks and waiters employed in Marshalltown eating houses have organized a union. The Henry County fair this year was a financial success, the association clearing about \$900. The Reformed Church at Blanchard was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$500. Joe Heintzelman, a Nora Springs youth, had a leg crushed by a pony which he was riding, falling on him. The new Catholic Church at Nevada, when completed, will be one of the finest houses of worship in the State. Another dead baby has been found in the middle river near Ford. There is no child in the house. O. D. Shoop of Levey was killed by a horse and received injuries from which he died. He was a pioneer settler. A stock company is being organized in Dubuque that has for its object the construction of a modern hotel. The residence of Frank Proctor, at Des Moines, was entered by burglars, who carried away \$50 worth of valuables. A book agent successfully worked a portion of Blackhawk County by posing as a worn-out and poverty-stricken minister. Gov. Cummins favors a permanent State camp for the Iowa National Guard, and Des Moines thinks that this should be "it." Dwight Smith, aged 60, a farmer, residing near Dunlap, was thrown from his wagon by a runaway team and instantly killed. The barn of James Loney at River Junction was struck by lightning. The barn and contents were burned to the ground. The new church and parsonage being built by the Methodists of Red Oak will be completed in the neighborhood of \$40,000. F. G. Robley's fine driving horse was stolen and two stores in Centerville were broken into, small amounts being secured from each place. The Des Moines Water Company will spend \$150,000 in perfecting its water works system. Among its improvements will be a monster well. E. H. Baker, a rural mail carrier, was killed near Leavelle, Ia., by a runaway team of two highwheymen and robbed of a small sum of money. No clue. A typhoid fever epidemic is prevalent in Dubuque, and is rapidly on the increase. In one small neighborhood alone there are thirty-six cases of the dreaded disease. Two men giving the names of Ulin and Wilson, who are suspected of knowing something of the murder of Jesse Tuttle and wife, were arrested near Muscatine. Archbishop Keane has given \$5,000 to the fund for the building of the new cathedral school and parish building in Dubuque. Oskaloosa and Ottumwa will both receive a call from President Roosevelt on Sept. 30. He will stop a few minutes in each city. Edward K. Pitman, one of the best-known Democratic politicians in southern Iowa, is dead at his home in Mount Airy, from a kick by a horse. George Griswold, one of the first pioneers of Iowa and for sixty-two years a resident of Clinton County, is dead. Mr. Griswold was president of the Territorial and State Pioneer Association and was a notable character and prominent citizen. At Waukon Junction a most horrible accident occurred. The 5-year-old son of Basil Gaysard, a clam fisherman, fell into the cooking tank which he used to cook his clams. The child had both arms so badly scalded that it is feared that amputation may be necessary. The corner stone of Marshalltown's new public building was laid at 10 o'clock Monday afternoon. The ceremony was in charge of the grand lodge of Iowa and were participated in by all the officers of the lodge. Delegations of Masons were present from all the surrounding towns and cities. One of the features of the ceremonies was a Masonic parade. The new building is a four-story structure, and will be named the "Chas. Taylor," was struck on the head by another with a pitchfork, and his skull crushed. His assailant, whose name is unknown, escaped. A quarrel between two farm hands near Boone, Iowa, resulted in the death of Chas. Taylor, was struck on the head by another with a pitchfork, and his skull crushed. His assailant, whose name is unknown, escaped. A quarrel between two farm hands near Boone, Iowa, resulted in the death of Chas. Taylor, was struck on the head by another with a pitchfork, and his skull crushed. His assailant, whose name is unknown, escaped.

These Need Encouragement. The person who really needs the attention of the school commencement speaker is the man who has passed his college days and has found to his dismay that sheer force of circumstances has crowded him into a rut. This is the individual whose mind has stopped growing and who fancies that he cannot do any more. He is a person who has completed his education when he left his high school or academy or college. Very likely some misguided professor assured him at the time that his education would prove invaluable to him. He looks back and fails to see where it has advanced him materially. He has forgotten most of the things he learned, and he is a generalization. He would be at a loss to extract the square root of any number of four figures; he could not construe a Latin sentence or conjugate a Latin verb except by the aid of a dictionary. He is a person who has completed his education when he left his high school or academy or college. 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