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Representative Curtis of Kansas, who, because of his interest in Indian legislation, is often referred to as the "Indian member of the house," has had an interesting career. He earned his living at first as a jockey, then he became a hack driver, studied law and was elected county attorney and finally landed in congress.

Samuel J. Crawford of Kansas was the youngest governor ever elected in his state. He is now 63 years old, a Kansas survivor of the union war and the last survivor of the union war governors. Governor Crawford does not believe in the rapid life of the age. "Today," says he, "the happiest people in America are living the plain but wholesome lives of countrymen."

It was on the train somewhere between New York and the west. Mark Twain was traveling between towns on a lecture tour and a friend had been drawing the humorist out on the subject of his experiences. "What sort of audience," he asked, "do you like best? Who, in your opinion, make the most responsive and sympathetic listeners?" "College men," replied Mark after a moment's thought, "college men and convicts."

Backed up by the citizens of Chardon, a little town near Cleveland, Thomas Hossler, driver of an independent oil wagon for two years, has been carrying on war with the Standard Oil Company. At different times the mammoth concern has sent rival wagons into the town, offering to sell considerably below any figure Hossler could reach and make a living. The citizens stuck to the independent dealer and in each case the Rockefeller octopus has been forced out of the small field. Hossler says triumphantly: "A man who has his neighbors behind him can't be beaten by an old millionaire."

Once Upon a Time. By Clifford Chase, in Leslie's Monthly for February. Heard I once my old nurse telling Stories by the fire at night. In it about big, bearded giants Till I shivered in affright; I have her voice came from a distance From a drowsy, far-off clime. Following the sweet old cadence, Once upon a Time.

LOOKING BACKWARD. Paper Read by Miss Lucy Brayton at the Delaware County Farmer's Institute. Thinking that it might be interesting to you, at this time, to look backward for a few minutes, I have looked up some items relating to the pioneer agriculture of our country.

The first white men who settled our country were poor in the materials of wealth. They were strangers in a strange land, and with a strange climate. They saw the golden ears of the maize strung up in the wigwags of the Indians. They learned its value as food, how to plant it, and the value of putting fish under the seeds as a fertilizer. The hoe was the implement of industry. It was made at the smithy. The blade was ill-formed and clumsy the handle a sapling with the bark left on.

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the accumulations and putting them upon their fields. Now the average farmer understands that he must not rob the soil of its fertility without restoring the elements necessary for plant growth. While he understands this and much more that is modern and "up to date," do we not more than ever before feel the need of more agricultural education?

At first they had no beasts of burden. The first cows brought over were poorly fed on the coarse wild grasses, and often they died from exposure and want of proper food or were killed by the wolves or Indians. In one colony a red calf came to be cheaper than a black one, because it might more easily be taken for a deer and killed by wolves. When cows sold for 25 pounds and 30 pounds sterling, and oxen at 40 pounds a pair, a quart of new milk could be bought for a penny.

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