

It is well known that some philanthropists set aside a certain amount to be loaned to those in need, and while much of the money thus disbursed is never returned, a good deal finds its way back to the original fund where it is released to the next applicant.

It is true that the enemies of English as the universal language of this country have scattered the lie broadcast that the compulsory school laws of Wisconsin and Illinois aimed at the suppression of all but the English language, but no legislature ever had such a thought, and any political party which should make governmental suppression of the teaching of any but the English language an issue would make itself the laughing stock of all intelligent Americans.

It is perfectly just, well ordered household, even if only one servant is kept, there is time for rest and recreation. There is also good food and plenty of it, retirement, association, to some extent, with refinement and culture, and in this supposable family there is a comfortable room, for the servant the daintiness of which is optional with its occupant. But unfortunately, mistress and servant have been working together for generations to produce a state of affairs quite opposed to this.

The club is a necessary article for the policeman, but, except when needed for legitimate purposes, it should be worn in the belt. Americans are an orderly people and are not governed by a few of the policeman's club. The latter is indispensable only when dealing with the rough element, fortunately very small in all American cities. Let the policeman by all means "comprehend the vagrant man," and when not engaged in this unpleasant but necessary duty comport himself as any other law-abiding citizen.

The last census shows that the relative movement of population is decidedly toward the regions of greater altitudes, and the greatest increase has been in the altitudes between 1,000 and 6,000 feet above the sea. And the desire for wealth led the people into the Rocky mountains to look for mineral deposits, but the mining there also illustrated that agriculture and manufacture could succeed in those regions, and they have rapidly followed. The average elevation at which the inhabitants of this country lived in 1870 was 687 feet; in 1880 it was 739 feet, and in 1890 it was 788 feet. The average elevation of the country is about 2,600 feet.

The law of intellectual attractions and opposites is one of the most difficult and subtle to discover. Yet that there is a law there is no doubt. Even genius itself, generally regarded as unexplainable, is unexplainable simply because the data is not in all cases apparent. Men will never be able in intellect and imagination to proceed as forerunners have done in producing a beautiful rose, or as nurserymen produce the best varieties of apples or strawberries; but much may be done when once the laws of heredity and development are fully understood. To educate a man properly, as Victor Hugo says, it is necessary to begin with his grandmother, or what is the same, begin with the present posterity.

Nowadays when people think pretty much as they choose, and dress and act in just as free a manner, it behooves them to be rather chary of the way in which they criticize their neighbors. It is a good plan, before we begin to throw up stones, to look about our own premises and make sure that we have no large sash exposed through which some neighbor could easily drop a rock, to our discomfort. One will be surprised to notice in any gathering where promiscuous conversation is indulged in, the number of times people are summed up as "a splendid person, but a little off in some things," and perhaps the very ones who thus sum up another in so brief a fashion may in turn be handled the same way.

In recent editorials the London Times says that Europe has a sincere respect for the American dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, whose armament is supposed capable of blowing the British ironclads into the depths of Neptune's kingdom, and the result of the experiments made with the great twelve-inch gun at Sandy Hook Point is such as to demonstrate that a cruiser armed with one of those weapons could go through the fleet of Europe fearlessly. Each shot of this new and most formidable weapon of defense weighs a ton, will carry a distance of twelve miles, and will then do its work of wholesale destruction. Emperor Wilhelm's great Krupp gun are children's toys in comparison, as his ironclads are mere antiquities by the side of the Newark and Boston.

In too many homes, where order and cleanliness are the rule, there is one unsightly, unsavory spot known as the "girl's room," at the threshold of which the mistress of the house passes, with lifted skirts and suspended breath, not venturing to enter. She declares herself unable to reform a nature so devoid of fine instincts, and she shuts her eyes to this glaring discrepancy in her pretty home, supposing or pretending to suppose that it cannot be cured. But can it not be? And is it not the duty of the woman in whose house this anomaly exists to see that it is changed? If discouraged, she dismisses the delinquent, can she expect that one of the best-handled, home-loving girls, for whom she is longing, will be attracted by the prospect of occupying such a room, with its one window, its tiny closet or row of hooks, and its hard, narrow bed?

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WAXHICCHE, Tex., Sept. 12.—About 1:30 o'clock yesterday the town was thrown into a fever of excitement by the firing of several shots in the Club saloon. Four shots were fired in rapid succession and Bart Reed was killed. City marshal Stan Partain did the shooting. This is what the testimony shows, so far as the evidence has been taken. Reed was a horse trader who had been here about two months and has been running a wagon yard. For a month or more he has been running a boarding house also. The grand jury is in session and there is evidence that that body has been investigating some of the acts of Reed since he has been here. On this account he attacked County Attorney Maxwell on the street last Wednesday. Partain walked into the saloon where the shooting took place and was soon followed by Reed, when the firing began.

A FATAL MISTAKE. BRAZORIA, Tex., Sept. 11.—Several days since Andrew Armstrong, in company with Alvin James, went bear hunting at night with a headlight, and while out in the bottom Andrew Armstrong was shot and killed. Alvin James, his companion, and Walter Crain, who was also hunting in the same neighborhood at the same time, reported that Andrew Armstrong accidentally shot and killed himself while attempting to shoot a bear. The fact that Armstrong had a gun loaded with blackshot and only two bullets took effect in his body, one in the leg and the other near the neck, created grave suspicions as to the truth of the report by Alvin James and Walter Crain. Sheriff Terry took the matter in hand and after a preliminary hearing caused a complaint to be filed against Walter Crain and Alvin James, whom he once arrested for the murder of Armstrong. Whereupon Alvin James retracted his former statement and said that Armstrong was killed by Walter Crain. Crain made a statement before the court yesterday that he killed Armstrong, but did so unintentionally; that he mistook the dim headlight of Armstrong for the eye of a bear. Both Crain and James were removed at once from the county and reported that Armstrong shot himself.

Overdose of Morphine.

BLOSSOM, Tex., Sept. 12.—Mr. Charles H. Haggack, who has been feeble for several months, left here Thursday morning on horseback, presumably to visit his brother at Sylvan, Tex., three miles away. His horse reached his brother's about sundown. Search was at once instituted and continued through the night. He was found yesterday morning about 7:30 in an unconscious condition in the bed of a small creek near Sylvan, near a hole of water. In his pocket was found a bottle of morphine and a small tin of needles. It was supposed that he was suffering from an overdose of morphine and that he had taken an overdose.

Drowned to Death.

BIRMINGHAM, Tex., Sept. 11.—A young German boy, named Fred, who has been having no other effects in his pockets, was named Louis J. Hemberger, committed suicide by shooting himself on his horse gallery yesterday evening just after he had shot at a negro courtesan. He was a day laborer in Butler's brickyard in this city. The envelope was postmarked Golden, Col., where he is supposed to have come from to Austin. He was probably under the effects of liquor.

Miraculous Escape.

LANCASTER, Tex., Sept. 8.—Wille Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming were returning in a buggy from a visit to the home of C. H. Germond last Saturday evening and were crossing a bridge some ten feet high, their horse became frightened and backed off the bridge. The buggy was smashed to pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming escaped with only a few scratches and bruises, but were not seriously hurt. The horse escaped with scarcely a scratch. It is supposed he alighted on his feet.

Barn Destroyed by Lightning.

MARSHALL, Tex., Sept. 10.—At 2:30 o'clock yesterday the large barn of Duff & Cahalan was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. It was one of the largest barns in this country, being 43x54 feet. It contained nearly forty tons of hay, a good amount of corn, all of the farming implements, harness, machinery, etc., together with two fine horses and one young mare. Dr. Duff estimates the loss at \$20,000. No insurance.

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Struck Natural Gas.

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That gay little game called battledoor and shuttlecock which was so popular in our grandmothers' day, bids fair to become popular again with the invention of Battledoor, which it so closely resembles. It requires no special muscular development, only agility and as much grace as may be convenient. In the quiet days in Maria Edgeworth's stories boys and girls and the round broad arms of those damsels in short-waisted, low-cut gowns writhed themselves about as they essayed to smite the fairy-like bit of nothingness composed of cork and feathers, spinning like a mad bird in mid air.

TOWNS WIPED OUT.

A Heavy Loss of Life and Property Caused by an Earthquake.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The following dispatch was received in this city yesterday from San Salvador, under date of the 9th inst.: "Millions of dollars worth of property and many lives were destroyed in this republic by an earthquake to-day. Whole towns were wiped out and so