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SKIMBLE SKAMBLE

We read some months ago with much interest the "History of the German Struggle for Liberty" by Poulitney Bigelow, a northern writer. We commended it at the time as full of stirring incidents and entertainment.

A great many accounts of Thomas Carlyle have been given through the last decade or so, and most of them illustrative of his coarseness, abruptness, incivility and self-assertion.

"I remember once being told by a friend that he happened to visit Carlyle just after a brilliant man of genius had left him, whom my friend had met on his way to Carlyle's door."

The tendency in latter day critics is to depreciate genius by magnifying or emphasizing personal foibles. A man may be intellectually great and be of such qualities and characteristics as to repel admiration.

Carlyle wrote not for the masses—for the great novel reading class and the mere frivolous literature. He wrote for reflective people, who relished striking thoughts and noble eloquence and high poetry and profound philosophy.

Some of the critics have expended time in essaying to trace some of the sources of Tennyson's poetry. We lately mentioned that others have sought to show how Shakespeare, Milton, Burns and other great poets were indebted to the ancients as well as to poets of later time.

"I could multiply instances but I will not bore you, and far, indeed, am I from asserting that books as well as nature are not, and ought not to be, suggestive to the poet. I am sure that I myself, and many others, find a peculiar charm in those passages of such great masters as Virgil or Milton where they adopt the creation of a bygone poet and reclothe it, more or less, according to his own fancy."

He amusingly tells in another letter how he was criticised for not copying nature when in fact nature was the source and cause of the criticism upon what he had written.

RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY.

For many years the position we have taken in regard to the Westminster Revised Version, issued in 1881, was that it was a very useful work, a decided help to a clearer understanding of the Holy Scriptures, much of a commentary, and a necessary part of a Bible reader's equipment.

Those Dreadful Sores

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cultivated and responsive ear. We believe that before another decade passes another learned committee of revision should gather and perform afresh the work of revision having reference to a thoroughly critical correction of all manifest and important errors.

God gives to every man his work to do. In Mark we read—"To every man his work." This work is fitted to every man. That is, A is not called upon or required to do the precise work that B is called upon to do.

So so! And State Treasurer Worth rides to on passes Butler "totes" them around by the pocket full, while the tsar literally overflows with favors from the despised railroad corporations.

There was a "rucus" in the negro convention at Raleigh, but no razors got into the air. John Williamson and Fletcher Lockhart got into a scrimmage and the only damage done was a knocked over table.

Who goes to the club while her husband feeds the baby, and as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health.

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The Bible teaches holiness in many places. If a man is really born into the kingdom of righteousness he should not continue in sin. Will he willingly so continue? The Richmond (Va.) Presbyterian is scriptural in this: "The 'second blessing' is not a heresy, but an exaggeration or distortion of precious truth. It is only when pushed

into a fanatical extreme of sinlessness, that it becomes heretical. The starting point is a notion that conversion is a stage in experience, to be followed by a second crisis equally decisive.

THE MEANING OF IT

What means the recent elections held in many states? What shall come of it? Is it mere froth on the passing wave, or is it the deliberate expression of the people as to what they propose and demand? The New York World publishes dispatches from prominent democrats, committeemen, and so on.

"High tariff upon a gold basis has disappointed those republicans who looked to it for relief. Taken as a whole the returns are very encouraging. I think I voice the sentiments of democrats, populists and silver republicans when I say the fight will be continued with even more earnestness until the gold monopoly is broken and the money trust is overthrown."

HOME FOLKS.

The devil was well, the devil a monk was he. To us who greatly admired Senator Vance and would see his people bear his splendid services in grateful remembrance by paying fitting honor to his memory, it is something amazing and extremely regretful to see the indifference shown in building a monument to him.

The assessed value of the real estate of New York, Kings and Richmond counties and that part of Queen county included in the greater city is \$2,384,142,988. The indebtedness of the combined cities and towns is about \$170,000,000.

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By making some comparisons from the statistics compiled concerning the great city, one finds many curious results. For instance, the Dutch purchased Manhattan Island for \$24 in 1624, and the Indians and the surrounding country at that time was not considered worth having.

The number of men on the city pay roll will be greater than the regular army of the United States, the police contributing nearly 7,000 and the "white winged" street cleaners 4,000. The population of the city is equal to the population of a thirteen new states and territories, whose area is three thousand times greater than that of the city and about twofifths of that of the entire republic.

The Germans are the most numerous though, there being 900,000 of them here. Thus, with the exception of Berlin, New York is the largest German city in the world. The foreign-born population numbers 1,250,000, and with its children numbers 2,500,000, or about two-thirds of the city's entire population.

The drafts and checks passing through the clearing house of Greater New York make an aggregate of \$96,000,000 a day, which is twice as much as the clearings of all the other cities of the nation combined.

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An Ant's Heroism. (St. Louis Globe Democrat.) The sun was just setting when I returned, slightly fatigued, from several miles' ride on my wheel. As is my custom on returning home, I took the garden hose and turned water into a small trench which had been dug around a maple tree for the purpose of holding water a sufficient time to permit the dirt adjacent to the roots to become thoroughly soaked.

Sitting down near by, my attention was soon attracted to a group of small ants rushing hither and thither in an endeavor to escape. The bottom of the circular ditch being covered, about twenty of the ants sought safety on a large clod of earth. At first they were scattered about over the highest part of the little mound, and to all appearance were indifferent as to their surroundings.

After a little while one of the number proceeded leisurely around the little island, and after finishing the high cut hurried back to his companions. It appeared that they then, for the first time, realized that they were surrounded by water. The survey was repeated several times in quick succession.

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