THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

The following poem by Rudyard Kipling appeared in McClure's Magazine for February. It has attracted a great deal of attention and several parodies upon it have appeared in various publications:

Take up the White Man's burden—
Send forth the best ye breed—
Go, bind your sons to exile
To serve your captives' need;
To wait, in heavy harness,
On fluttered folk and wild—
Your new-caught sullen peoples,
Half devil and half child.

Take up the White Man's burden—
In patience to abide,
To veil the threat of terror
And check the show of pride;
By open speech and simple,
An hundred times made plain,
To seek another's profit
And work another's gain.

Take up the White Man's burden—
The savage wars of peace—
Fill full the mouth of Famine,
And bid the sickness cease;
And when your goal is nearest
(The end for others sought)
Watch sloth and heathen folly
Bring all your hope to nought.

Take up the White Man's burden—
No iron rule of kings,
But toil of serf and sweeper—
The tale of common things.
The ports ye shall not enter,
The roads ye shall not tread,
Go, make them with your living
And mark them with your dead.

Take up the White Man's burden,
And reap his old reward—
The blame of those ye better,
The hate of those ye guard—
The cry of hosts ye humor
(Ah, slowly!) toward the light:—
"Why brought ye us from bondage,
Our loved Egyptian night?"

Take up the White Man's burden—
Ye dare not stoop to less—
Nor call too loud on Freedom
To cloke your weariness.
By all ye will or whisper,
By all ye leave or do,
The silent sullen peoples
Shall weigh your God and you.

Take up the White Man's burden!
Have done with childish Jays—
The lightly-proffered laurel,
The easy ungrudged praise:
Comes now, to search your manhood
Through all the thankless years,
Cold, edged with dear-bought wisdom,
The judgment of your peers.

IS YOUR HAIR TURNING GRAY?

What does your mirror say? Does it tell you of some little streaks of gray? Are you pleased? Do your friends of the same age show this loss of power also?

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CARE OF A KNIFE.

THE DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING ITS EDGE.

Action of Hot Roast Beef—There Is Something About It That Makes the Carver Rip Where It Should Cut—A Razor's Treatment.

"If you can't have tender beef, the next best thing is a sharp knife," said a chophouse proprietor to a New York Tribune man, "and a sharp knife and poor beef are much better than the best beef and a dull knife. I know that from years of experience."

The conversation turned to the subject of carving-knives, and the veteran said that "carvers" were harder to keep in order than the ordinary table knives, because the one who carves does not make use of the steel as much as he should.

"It may be an acid in the beef, or it may be the moisture, or the heat, or all three," said the expert, "but there is something about hot roast beef that takes the edge off a knife and makes it rip where it should cut and the fact that the knife is not affected that way by mutton or by ham makes me think that the dullness is a result of the action of beef ingredients on the blade."

This view was confirmed by a manufacturer, who said: "I have handled carving knives as a manufacturer and at my table for many years, and I know that the best knives will not cut properly when used on hot roast beef unless the steel is used after every few cuts. The best way is to use the steel after every cut. The steel need not be rough, as some people imagine—in fact, a well-worn steel is better than one with a rough surface, and a few passes over it with the knife produce a good edge. The man who rubs and manipulates a carving knife for five minutes against a steel before he begins to carve, and thinks that now he has it all right and may send the steel away, makes a great mistake. He should keep the steel handy and pass the knife over it lightly a few times after every cut or two. And even then he will accomplish nothing unless he knows how to use the two instruments. A carver must be held at an angle of 20 to 25 degrees on the steel. One must be careful to have the angle the same on both sides, otherwise the knife will be made dull instead of sharp. The knife should be drawn on the steel from heel to point against the edge, and the pressure should be very light."

"A carving knife gets 'tired,' according to the testimony of an old luncheon counter man, and must be laid aside for rest for a while if the best service is to be got out of it. "The roast beef eater," he said, "looks at the roast while it is being cut, and if the knife seems to pull or to halt he finds fault and, in many instances, kicks before the portion is served. To avoid this I put an edge on my knife after every cut, but even that will not keep me going all right, because the knife gets tired, and unless I give it a rest and take up a fresh one there's sure to be trouble.

"I usually have six knives in use. They are of different lengths and I use them in regular order, so that each one gets the proper amount of rest. All this is unnecessary with cold roast beef, which is much less trying on the knife than the hot article. I can carve the best part of a big cold roast without using the steel if the knife is in good condition when I begin, and that seems strange when one considers that the cold roast is much firmer than the hot one. But it's the heat and the gravy that tell on the edge!"

Cutlers have certain rules for sharpening razors, pocket-knives, etc., as well as carving knives. "A razor," manufacturers say, "must be laid flat on the hone, because it is hollow-ground and requires a fine edge. But a pocket-knife requires a stiff edge, and the moment you lay it flat on a stone, so as to touch the polished side, you injure the edge. It must be held at an angle of 20 to 25 degrees and have an edge similar to a chisel."

Something About Tides.

According to the law of universal gravitation, the moon attracts matter which stands near to her more strongly than that which is more remote. It follows that the attraction on the ocean, at the side of the earth which is nearest to the moon, must be greater than that exercised on the solid earth itself. Hence there is a tendency for the sea to depart from its natural spherical shape and to bulge outward toward the moon. So far the matter is simple, but it is perplexing to many that the moon should apparently repel the water lying on the further side of the earth. This action, however, is not due to any actual repulsion from the moon, but results from the fact that on the further side the moon must attract the solid earth more strongly than it does the water. On the nearer side the moon pulls the water away from the earth, and on the further side she pulls the earth away from the water, thus producing an apparent repulsion of the water to an extent equal to the attraction on the other side.

History's Cinderella.

Cinderella is not entirely the product of fiction. The Princess Rhodopis, of Egypt, was the first Cinderella. She was bathing in the Nile, and a bird, which Strabo calls an eagle, flying past, picked up one of her slippers, or sandals, flew away with it, and dropped it on the lap of Prince Psammeticus, who was holding a court of justice in Memphis. He was so struck by the dainty manufacture and small size of the sandal that, being then in search of a bride, he at once vowed that he would only wed the maiden whose foot fitted the sandal. There were two elder daughters of the first marriage who greatly envied her good fortune—and here we have all the essentials of the story.

Wooden Legs Are Weapons.

It has recently been decided by an English court that artificial limbs are weapons when advantageously used in a fight. It was urged that they constituted a part of the body, just the same as a hand or foot, consequently their function has been limited.

SMITHS IN THE HOUSE.

They Are Men Noted for Their Ability and Affability.

There are four Smiths in this house; there will be five Smiths in the next. Four of them will be republicans, and three of them will come from the state of Michigan, says the Washington Post. In fact, Michigan is the state that furnishes this new statesman of the Smith family. The only democratic Smith is Mr. David Highbaugh Smith of Hodgensville, Larue county, Kentucky, a little man of nervous manner, who is one of the ablest members of the Kentucky delegation in the house, although, as he is now serving his first term, he has not come very prominently to the front. It was in this Mr. Smith's district, not far from Hodgensville, that Abraham Lincoln was born, which makes it pertinent to remark that Representative-Elect Henry C. Smith of Adrian, in the Second Michigan district, has an Abraham Lincoln habit, much noted by his prospective constituents, of illustrating his arguments with a pat story. He is said to be nimble-witted and tells his stories, which are sometimes original, in excellent form. This Michigan Smith is about 40 years old, the son of a farmer, and was born within six miles of the city where he now resides. He paid his own way through college, studied law and has built up a practice and won a reputation as the leading attorney of that part of Michigan. He succeeds that intrepid old warrior, Gen. George Spalding. During the campaign Mr. Smith clambered into the Pingree band wagon and is an ardent supporter of Michigan's emphatic chief executive. Representative S. W. Smith of the Sixth Michigan district, who is the smallest man in stature in the house, but like Mr. Smith of Adrian a very brilliant lawyer, was re-elected. Representative William Alden Smith, a man with a Daniel Webster pose, who is a member of the house committee on foreign affairs, and who had a battle with Spanish soldiers in Cuba last spring, frightening away a great number of them with his silk umbrella, has likewise been re-elected, as has Mr. George W. Smith of Murphysboro, Ill., representing the Twenty-Second district. It is due to all of the Smiths now members of the national house to mention that every one of them is personally a very companionable gentleman, each popular to a degree or less degree in political and other circles.

STORYETTES.

A Lancashire miner was badly injured one night and on being taken to the infirmary was told by the doctors that he must give up the ale he loved or lose his leg. Looking ruefully down at the injured member, he said: "If this 'ere wound cannot stand a sup o' good yale, him and me must part company. Off wi' 'im!" An amusing letter is reported as having been sent by Dr. Conan Doyle to a member of the Ormeau Golf Club with reference to a concert held by the club, at which one of the "Songs of Action" was recited: "My Dear Sir: Pray, present my compliments to the Ormeau Golf Club and wish them from me a very happy evening. I am myself an intermittent golfer, getting very violent attacks at regular intervals. It usually takes me about two months to convince myself that I shall ever be any good and then I give it up until a fresh burst of energy sets me trying once more. I played in Egypt until they told me that excavators had to pay a special tax. I inaugurated a private course in Vermont also and the Yankee farmers asked us what we were boring for. If ever the Armeau Club should wish any part of their links returfed I could undertake in a few games to clear away any sod now existing." A story told by Carlyle in an English review forcibly recalls the days when in England religious services were long enough to test the zeal of the worshipers. According to the story, Carlyle had been asked to take the reading at family prayers during a short visit paid to his friend, the provost of Kirkaldy. The Bible chanced to open at the first chapter of the book of Job, and Carlyle immediately became absorbed in his subject and read on and on to the end of the last chapter, when, closing the volume, he remarked: "That is a marvelous, life-like drama, only to be appreciated when read right through." It is fair to infer that it was appreciated for once. Any one who has taken a long, solitary afternoon and attempted to give the book of Job an opportunity to be appreciated by reading it honestly through at one sitting can realize the consternation of the provost. Such a one will not be likely to wonder, with Carlyle, why he was not asked again to assist at family prayers in that household.

A Remarkable Will.

The outer uniformity about wills in general, both as to parchment and penmanship, makes all the more noteworthy the last testament, now at Somerset House, of the late Sir George Parker, whose daughter has just died at Falmouth. Sir George, who lost his life at Cawnpore during the mutiny, had only a tiny scrap of paper on which to write his will, and when it was made it was carried through the lines by a native, who concealed it in his ear. Fragile as it is, it will doubtless outlast as a curiosity at Somerset House, and almost as a bit of national history, many a bulky manuscript enscrolled on material prepared to defy the decay of years.

Tobacco Raising.

Prior to 1859 Virginia was the greatest tobacco-producing state of America, the annual yield being 122,000,000 pounds. The present yield of Virginia is approximately 50,000,000 pounds per annum. Since the civil war Kentucky has taken first place in tobacco, yielding annually 225,000,000 pounds.

Tough on Chicago.

First Army Officer—I'm afraid that new recruit will never make a soldier. Second Army Officer—And why not? First Army Officer—Oh, he's from Chicago, and every time I command "Halt!" he throws up his hands and gets panic-stricken.

Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up.—Ruskin.

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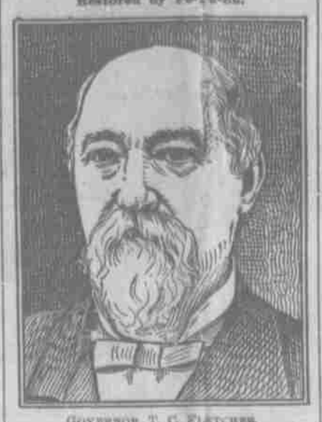

GOVERNOR T. C. FLETCHER.

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Gentlemen—For years I have been afflicted with chronic catarrh, which has gone through my whole system, and no one knows the torture and misery I have passed through. My doctor has prescribed various remedies, and I have never found any relief until I was persuaded by a friend to use Dr. Hartman's Pe-ru-na. After the use of one bottle I feel like a new man. It also cured me of a dropping I had in my throat, and built my system up generally. To those who are suffering with catarrh I take pleasure in recommending your great medicine. Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Fletcher.

Everything that affects the welfare of the people is a legitimate subject of comment to the real statesman. The statesman is not a narrow man. It is the politician who is narrow. The true statesman looks out on the world as it is, and seeks, as far as is in his power, to remedy evils and encourage the good.

Catarrh in its various forms is rapidly becoming a national curse. An undoubted remedy has been discovered by Dr. Hartman. This remedy has been thoroughly tested during the past forty years. Prominent men have come to know of its virtues, and are making public utterances on the subject. To save the country we must save the people. To save the people we must protect them from disease. The disease that is at once the most prevalent and stubborn of cure is catarrh.

A Substitute for Chimney.

Mechanical engineers look with favor on the proposed substitution of mechanical draught in place of chimney draught for furnaces. The former can be accomplished either by forcing the air into a closed ash pit and maintaining therein a pressure in excess of the atmosphere, or by exhausting the air and gases from the flue or uptake, thereby creating a partial vacuum, causing a constant onward air flow to the combustion chamber, the first method being a forced, the latter an induced draught, centrifugal fans being used in both cases. Two main advantages are claimed, independence of weather conditions and adaptability. Economically there is also something to be said in favor of the proposition, and from a health point of view—the suppression of smoke—the advantage is manifest. The chimney is an ancient device that in large plants to be built will begin to disappear.

The Pernicious Grumbling Habit.

Do not let your child acquire the habit of grumbling. Stop the first beginnings and it will never become a habit. If there is just cause of complaint, try to remedy it; if there is no possibility of improvement, teach that silent endurance is the best way to meet the inevitable. It is never wise to stay in a place and grumble. If the things you dislike cannot be altered, change your environment. If on reflection you decide that, balancing one thing with another you would rather bear the ills you know than fly to others that you know not of, bear them in silence.—February Ladies' Home Journal.

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—The story sent out from Chicago that General Passenger Agent Austin of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, had reported rate cutting on the part of rival lines, to the Receivers, is strenuously denied at B. & O. headquarters. Mr. Austin, in a letter, absolutely denies that any such cases have come under his notice and denounced the report as a "fake" pure and simple.

A Ranch That Pastures 120,000 Cattle.

The X. I. T. ranch, in the extreme northwest corner of the Panhandle of Texas, the largest ranch in the world, has an area of five thousand square miles. Its herds of cattle aggregate 120,000 head, besides 1,500 horses, and the calf crop branded in 1897 exceeded 31,000. Surprising as it may seem, all the work on the ranch is done by 125 men, one man to every 24,000 acres.—February Ladies' Home Journal.

Suggestions for Women as to the Care of Dainty Underwear.

It is one thing to have pretty belongings, and another to keep them so. Of nothing can this be more truly said than of woman's underwear, so generally ruined in washing with strong, impure soap, and by hard rubbing. Silk and woolen underwear should never be washed on a cloudy day. When ready to do the work, half fill a tub with warm water, in which dissolve a fourth of a bar of Ivory soap, and wash the articles through it with the hands, rinse in warm water and squeeze, but do not wring. Hang on the line and press with a hot iron while damp.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

"Our new boarder came here just for a temporary home." "Well?" "Now he wants to marry my daughter."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

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MEN WHO RIDE WHEELS.

Turn Out More Work Than Those Who Follow the Old Way.

"I was very much prejudiced against the bicycle and bicyclists generally when I came to this city," remarked an Alabamian, who is the head of a division in one of the upper departments, to a Washington Star reporter, "but I am free to confess that I am now thoroughly convinced that I was in error. Until I came to this city I don't suppose I had ever seen fifty bicycles, and I got the idea that the men who used them were a lazy set and rode a wheel simply because they owned it and could ride. In my twelve years' experience in department life I have learned a lot of things, and one thing stands out very clearly—that the clerk who rides a wheel is an up-to-date clerk and is a rustler in work as well as on his wheel. Under the circumstances, therefore, I am not surprised at the action of the Treasury Department in building a bicycle stable for its clerks, and I am satisfied that the other departments will in time follow suit. The department is a gainer by the bicycle, for the reason that the bicycle-riding clerks are always on time in getting to their work. They seem to be fresher and more in the working humor when they begin work than the clerks who walk to the departments or who ride on the street cars. In this connection I want to add that my experience applies to the women as well as the men. The bicycle riders are progressive in their work. They turn out more work than those who follow the old ways of doing things. I have never been on a wheel in my life, and probably never shall, but I can't help noticing what occurs under my own eyes every day. There are supposed to be nearly 400 bicyclists who ride their wheels daily to the Treasury Department. These 400, it is safe to say, are the best 400 clerks in that department. There is a certain get-up-and-get about them that is very satisfactory where there is an unusual lot of hurried work to be done in a short time, for they can be relied upon. The stable will prove to be a paying investment for the department, for the increase and improvement in work done will soon more than make up the cost. Another thing that I have noticed is that the bicycle and stenography and typewriting seem to go together. It is a rare thing for stenographers and typewriters to be without a wheel, be they men or women.

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A Nine-Foot Skeleton.

During the investigation of the mounds in Pokagon township, Cass county, Michigan, the bones of perhaps 100 persons were found in the center of one mound, and under these, and separated from his companions, were the bones of a man who in life must have been fully nine feet tall, occupying a sitting position with his feet under him. A number of copper bodkins or pins, from two to three inches in length, were found, and also pins made from the bones of a wolf.

There were numerous hatchets, two-edged and sharp, without sockets for handles, one of which was wrapped in a linen cloth resembling in texture those of today.

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