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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things
Present, Past and Future.

The wheel of chance turns up many
wonders. Who in this country two
years ago ever heard of Mark Hanna?
And what Republican in all the land
that has at all kept up with the trend
of political interests for the past thirty
days, has not heard and read his name
a thousand times over?

Elsewhere, the French geographer,
says the Herald, is planning to con-
struct a globe of exactly one hundred-
thousandth part the size of the earth,
and will show the natural shape and
relative elevations on the earth. The
globe will be 418 feet in diameter and
will be an object lesson in geography
to be called the wonder of the country.

"Nostalgia" is the rather curiously
sounding name that the doctors give
to home sickness. Perhaps it is curi-
ous from the fact that we hear so little
of it; and yet it is said to be a real dis-
ease. Accounts have recently gone out
from Henrietta, Rutherford county,
that Cal. Abraham, a young Assyrian
17½ years old, has died of the rather
uncommon disease. It is said he would
sometimes sit for hours thinking of
home, and when he was taken sick he
seemed to have no desire to live.

We presume he was an operative in
the great cotton mills at Henrietta.

To one who has seen the beautiful
and picturesque town of Henrietta it
seems strange that even an Assyrian
should get tired of living there.

At Yale College commencement last
week Rev. Dr. Twichell of Hartford
created quite a sensation for which he
deserves the censure of every true pa-
triot in the United States. The senior
class had voted heartily to accept as its
class ivy a sprig of that vine from the
grave of Gen. Robert E. Lee. They
did it purely in the spirit of the concil-
iation of the North towards the South.

Dr. Twichell delivered the Woolsey-
Memorial statue dedicatory address.
In the course of his address Dr. Twich-
ell declared that president Woolsey was
a strong Union man, which was all
right; but when the speaker added that
"it would make this bronze statue avert
its head were he to know that the
graduating class of Yale were to plant
on the walls of a building on the cam-
pus ivy from the grave of Gen. Robert
E. Lee," his audience was thunder-
struck at his temerity of expression.
The war has been over more than a
quarter of a century, and whoever
seeks to stir the almost dead embers of
that great strife at this day of national
progress, is unworthy the approval of
good people.

Among the occasions when newspa-
per reporters have become so enraptured
with a speech that they forget to re-
port it, was the Republican meeting at
Bloomington, Ill., May 29, 1856. Abra-
ham Lincoln, though not on the pro-
gramme of the day for a speech, was
called for at a late hour, and spoke with
such entrancing power and pathos that
every newspaper reporter present forgot
his work and went home with no notes
of the speech. All the report that was
made of it was editorial comment in
the various papers. The speech was
talked of so much and also the fact that
the reporters forgot to make notes, that
it came to be known as Lincoln's "lost
speech". Lincoln's law-partner, H.
C. Whitney, was in the audience, and
knowing the speaker's convictions on
the subject he was discussing, kept his
head and made notes which gave the
arguments in the speech, though not
literally. The sketch of the speech
will soon be given to the reading
world.

It is said that Tom Dixon resembles
Lincoln, and strangely enough a simi-
lar thing happened under Dixon's great
speech at Wake Forest College a few
years ago. A newspaper reporter rub-
bed his red eyes at the end of the
speech and, half sobbing, said he had
forgotten to take notes.

THE OLD SPINNING WHEEL.

It used to stand in the kitchen, in a
corner cheery and bright,
Where the burning log in the fireplace
shot up glowing fountains of light,
And the crackling flames played hide
and seek with the shadows hid away
In the yawning mouth of the chimney,
So awfully huge and gray,
Or leaped out on the red brick hearth
and danced with the shadows there,
While the old wheel kept the best of
time in the firelight's fitful glare.
Singing and spinning,
Spinning and singing,
Now fast and faster it turns,
And the flames leaped high
And the shadows danced by
When grandmother used to spin.

The wool on the old brown spindle was
as snowy as the snowdrifts outside
And seemed as we watched it whirling
round like a snowball taking a ride.
Then winding the yarn in a big round
ball, so firm and soft and white,
We were almost afraid it would really
melt in the heat of the open firelight,
But tossed it about and watched it grow
as the wheel kept buzzing round,
And laughed and romped in the ruddy
glow and thought it the sweetest
sound.
Spinning and singing,
Singing and spinning,
Now fast and faster it turns,
And the flames leaped high
And the shadows danced by
When grandmother used to spin.

Not Menial Labor.

Monroe Journal.
We have noticed a great deal lately
about boys working their way through
college by doing menial work. So
many "young men at such and such a
place working their own way, some by
sweeping the halls, some by blacking
boots, some by chopping wood," some
by one thing and some by another.
All of that will do to tell, but there is
not much truth in it. It may have
done for years gone by, but it is out of
date now.

There are, of course, many young
men at the various colleges who are
paying their own way, some by saving
money before they go, some by working
at intervals, and many by borrowing to
pay back when their courses are com-
pleted, but we venture to say that there
were not two men in all the State last
year who were paying their way by do-
ing menial work on the college campus.
In the first place it would be impossible
for them to thus make more than
enough to pay for their salt. In the
next place they will not do it. There
are too many paths open to them to
make money without going to college,
the inducements of an education are
not great enough to make them bear
the humiliation which the above course
brings. A college boy could not stand
it; he would rather quit and try some-
thing else.

By this we do not mean to discredit
manual labor. It is honorable, as
much so as any other kind of course.
But this thing of waiting upon fel-
low students is a thing that won't pass.
It does not, of course, amount to any-
thing, except that there is considerable
talk about it every year. And another
feature of it is that there are too many
ways for a young man who shows him-
self worthy to obtain money. He can
get it some way. There is always a
friend somewhere, and he gets the
money, devotes himself to study instead
of boot blacking, and is soon able to re-
turn it.

Cockerill Got Even.

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.
The following amusing incident in
the life of the late John A. Cockerill is
told by Rev. Cyrus Riffe, of Mount
Olivet, Ky., who was intimately ac-
quainted with the great newspaper
man when he was editor of a little
country weekly in Adams County, Ohio.
One of Editor Cockerill's delinquent
subscribers came in one day and told
him he would haul him a load of wood
the following Saturday if he were liv-
ing. Saturday came, but no wood ma-
terialized. The following week Editor
Cockerill came out in his paper with a
lengthy obituary of the man. He re-
cited his many noble characteristics,
went with him through life and finally
landed him safely across the Jordan.
The man upon reading his own obitu-
ary came to see Cockerill in a perfect
rage. He demanded an explanation
and Cockerill said that he supposed his
dead, as he had promised him a load of
wood if living.

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BEAUTIFUL LOVE.

ATTACHMENT STRONG IN
DEATH.

Passed Away With a Picture of The
Vice-President in his Hand.

Washington Post.
Vice-President Stevenson received a
touching proof of affection yesterday
from an old negro servant. James
Thomas was a negro of the old school,
courteous, faithful, and tender in his
attachment for those whom he regard-
ed as his betters, and who were good to
him. He was a messenger in the Post-
office Department when Mr. Stevenson
was First Assistant Postmaster General.
During the time he held that office,
Mr. Stevenson had a severe attack of
sickness. Old Thomas nursed him
through it. The kindness which mark-
ed his services in that crisis and the
value of them, were appreciated thor-
oughly by Mr. Stevenson, and ever af-
terward he had a warm place in his
heart for his faithful attendant. He
saw that the old man wanted for noth-
ing, and withal displayed such kindly
regard for him that old Thomas' affec-
tion grew to a positive veneration.
While the Vice-President was in Al-
abama, he received a letter from one of
old Thomas' relatives, notifying him
that the old man was dangerously sick.
As soon as Mr. Stevenson returned Yes-
terday morning he sent his son Louis
to the old negro's home, 1435 Pierce
place, to notify him that he would be
out to see him, and find out if there
was anything that could be done for
the sufferer's comfort. When Louis
arrived at the house, the faithful old
Thomas was dead, and his mourning
relatives told him this pathetic story:
An hour before the old man died,
they said, he arose from his bed, went
into another room, secured a portrait
of the Vice-President which Mr. Steven-
son had given him, went back to his
bed, and held it in his hands with his
eyes fixed upon it. Thus he died.
When Louis Stevenson was taken into
the room where the old man lay, the
photograph of his father was still held
firmly in the old man's hands.

What Educational Bureaus Say.

Selected.
The managers of the educational bu-
reaus, whose business is to supply places
for teachers, say that the demand for
women to teach the sciences is greater
in proportion to the supply than in
any other direction.
The girl with a natural taste for
chemistry, zoology, mineralogy, or as-
tronomy may cultivate her special sci-
ence with a reasonable expectation that
she can "put money in her purse," or,
in other words, that the place waits
for her coming. It seems as if this
were the one field of labor that is not
overcrowded, and girls with ability in
any of these directions, and also with a
taste for teaching, with the power of
imparting what they have learned,
might take this little hint that the
bureaus have so kindly dropped.

Give The Boy Land.

The Household.
Every boy that lives on a farm, and
every girl too, for that matter, should
have the use of a piece of ground. It
need be only a small, out-of-the-way
corner at first, a place for the child to
dig and make plans, increasing gradu-
ally to the acre of corn or potatoes or
turnips or whatever it may be, as the
child grows older.
There are few farms that could not
spare it, and few children to whom it
would not be a benefit.
Books and magazines and games are
good but they are for the mind, and are
the leisure hours; and while they may
keep the children at home, they can
scarcely foster a taste for farming with-
out something to supplement them.
A child early learns the meaning of
possession, and a few square rods of his
own will be more to him than the
broad acres of his father. Many a boy
has grown to manhood on the farm,
and left it at the earliest possible mo-
ment after he became of age because
he had been made a mere machine—a
laborer without a laborer's wages.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J.
Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we
are permitted to make this extract: "I
have no hesitation in recommending
Dr. King's New Discovery, as the re-
sults were almost marvelous in the case
of my wife. While I was pastor of the
Baptist Church at Rives Junction she
was brought down with Pneumonia
succeeding a grippa. Terrible parox-
ysms of coughing would last hours
with little interruption and it seemed
as if she could not survive them. A
friend recommended Dr. King's New
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highly satisfactory in results." Trial
bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co's
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Chicago Dog Puts Out Fire.

Dial of Progress.
Pat is a Chicago bull terrier, owned
by a south side young lady. He de-
serves decoration, if ever any dog did.
His full name is Patrick McPhelim
O'Leary Kiduff, and among other
things that he learned early in life was
to extinguish a match with his paw.
Then little by little he was taught to
put out a blazing newspaper, and be-
cause of this training he was absolutely
without fear of fire. One day all the
family went out, leaving Pat in the
house with no one for company but a
carpenter, who was attending to some
repairs. As the carpenter was leaving
he lighted his pipe and carelessly threw
the match on the floor, which was lit-
tered with shavings. Pat saw in a mo-
ment what had happened and grappled
with the danger like a well trained dog.
He pawed and bit the burning shavings
and finally succeeded in putting the fire
out.

Figs and Thistles.

Ram's Horn.
The father who prays too little will
sometimes use the rod too much.
Before you praise a nut, make sure
whether it has a kernel or a worm at
its heart.

When some men are baptized they
first put their pocket books where they
won't get wet.
The man who expects to outrun a
lie will have to travel on something
faster than the limited express.

The Lunette Souchard.

Star.
There has been introduced of late for
use by the French army, it is reported,
what is known as the lunette Souchard
—that is, a powerful binocular glass
for determining the exact distance of
an object from the observer. When
the glass is in focus there are interposed
by a movement of the fingers between
the eye and the object two prisms of
Iceland spar; then there are brought
into the field of vision two images, the
one being the real object the other a
copy facsimile in line with and at the
rear of it, the second image being more
elevated as the distance is greater.
The object which serves for the ad-
justment of the glass is either a soldier
of ordinary stature or one on horse-
back. If the head of the real image
reaches to the shoulder of the facsimile
he is distant just 300 meters, 39 5-8
inches to the meter; if to the waist of
the image 600 meters; if to the knees
1,000 meters; if the feet of the image
apparently rest on the head of the sol-
dier the distance is exactly 1,400 met-
ers; if there is a space between the feet
of the one and the head of the other
the distance can only be approximately
determined.

Words of Wisdom.

Selected.
Cleverness is a sort of genius for in-
strumentality. It is the brain of the
hand.

People seldom improve when they
have no model but themselves to copy
after.

An old truth stated in a new way
will hit and stick where it has often
missed.

The injuries we do and those we suf-
fer are seldom weighed in the same bal-
ance.

If idleness does not produce vice or
malevolence, it commonly produces
melancholy.

Nurture your mind with great
thoughts; to believe in the heroic makes
heroes.

When we stop looking toward the
wrong place we will not find it so hard
to stay in the right place.

You never know how dear things are
until you buy them, nor how cheap
they are until you sell them.

Ram's Horn Blasts.

When anger reigns mercy dies.
The life speaks loudest when the
tongue is dumb.

God is as close to us in the dark as
he is in the sunshine.

If we hold on to sin for a day, we
may have to hold on to it forever.
Make your life a ministry of love,
and God will make it a success.

Wanting to do right will amount to
little, unless we decide to do it.
The man who walks by faith is in no
hurry for God to explain himself.

Whenever the devil is about to strike
to kill he puts on his Sunday coat.
The mission of Christ was not to
teach theology, but to reveal God.

It is not those who have the best op-
portunities who make the best use of
them.
When a sinner compares himself
with a hypocrite, it doesn't make his
sin any sinner.

BRIGHT GIRLS.

FROM SIXTEEN TO TWENTY
Girls Look Only on the Bright and
Shining Sides of Life.

A young man addresses to Edward
W. Bok the query: "Why is it that
in so many cases, I might almost say
in the majority of cases, a quiet, well
behaved, earnest-minded, religious
young man's seriousness is ignored by
so many girls (between sixteen and
twenty), and the company of giddy, idle,
senseless youths preferred?" and in the
July Ladies Home Journal editorial re-
ply is made. Mr. Bok contends that
girls at that age take few things seri-
ously, and are not given to looking upon
the serious side of life; that only the
bright, pleasant side attracts them.
"It is only natural that to a girl of such
an age the young man of bright con-
versation, flippant and meaningless
though that talk may be, has an indefi-
nable attraction. She would far rather
have it that he can dance well than
that he can recite Emerson to her. It
is the dancing time of her life, and not
the Emersonian period. She is apt to
notice a man's clothes more than his
character. She likes the man better
who says her a pretty compliment than
the one who says something serious."
* * * The young man who pays her
graceful attentions is pleasing to her;
she does not seek to penetrate beyond
the mere compliment. And why
should she? Young men are simply
one form of her amusement: she does
not take them any more seriously than
she does anything else. The young
man of presentable appearance, who
dresses well and has a command of the
small talk of society, is her girlish
Jack-in-the-box. The more attention
he pays her, the more he flatters her,
the better she is apt to like him. The
earnest young man who has ambition,
who studies and learns, whose talk is
sensible rather than light is a bit tire-
some to her. She may admire his high
purpose so far as she can grasp them.
She may respect him. But if she is
going to a party she does not want his
company. She passes him by for the
other fellow who is graceful in the
dance. And is she blamed or to be
censured for this? Not a bit of it.
While she is a girl she does as a nat-
ural, healthy girl should: she lives her
years of enjoyment and gets as much
pleasure out of them as she can. For
this she is a girl. But if he will watch
her after she counts her years with the
figure two he will observe that slowly
but surely a process of gradual devel-
opment takes place in the girl whom
he believed to be without thought or
reason. And equally sure will be his
discovery that the companion of her
dances is not so eagerly welcomed by
her as once he was. He will then
gradually discover that the girl is not
the light-minded butterfly that he
thought her to be.

She becomes interested in other things:
conversations which bored her a year
or two earlier now begin to have some
meaning for her. She begins to regard
the internal value of things. She looks
at young men from a different stand-
point. The young man who can sim-
ply dance well does not represent the
same thing to her. She begins to look
for something else in the young men
who come to her. The woman has
simply begun to develop; the girl is
ceasing to be."

Selling Girls in Japan.

Sentinel.
News comes from Japan that the fam-
ine in Kwang Si province has become
so severe that rice is selling for \$10 or
\$12 a picul. At such a price only
wealthy persons can afford to use this
staple article of diet.
It is stated that in view of the impos-
sibility of supporting life in the poorer
families, permission has been given to
sell children, and that girls from 12 to
14 are offered in the open market from
\$3 to \$30.
The British Consul at Canton has
taken steps to form an estimate of the
ravages of the Bubonic plague in that
city. By counting the coffins as they
passed out of the gates of the city he
concluded that about 240 people are
dying daily. The population of Canton
is something like 1,500,000.

An Erecting Landlord.

Boston Post.
"Say, I think my landlord is one of
the meanest men I ever met in my
life."
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