

THE LOT OF THOUSANDS.

When hope lies dead within the heart, By secret sorrow long concealed, We shrink lest looks or words impart What should not be revealed.

THE EXCAVATIONS AT POMPEII.

Bringing to Light a Beautiful House—Discovery of a Skeleton. It seems odd to speak of a dead city as growing one. But that is exactly the case with Pompeii.

AN EMPEROR'S MODES OF LIFE.

Kaiser William's Ways at Home—At the Opera—Receptions. Emperor William does not smoke nor take snuff. Neither does he wear spectacles.

A Peculiarly American Danger. Is not this strain of the nervous system a peculiarly American danger? To be sure, all brain-workers in all countries are liable to it.

Cholera Not a Contagious Disease. Sir Joseph Fayrer, in a recent lecture delivered in London on cholera, said that contagion by personal intercourse was a theory of the disease which was no longer tenable.

PRACTICE OF OBEAHISM.

A Correspondent's Story of a Wonderful Plant Found in Hayti. A correspondent writes from Hayti that the inhabitants of the mountains back of Aux Cayes and in the interior of the island, still believe in Obeahism and practise its monstrous rites.

The Way a Diamond Is Cut. If a stone has to be cut it is placed in a matrix of lead attached to a ferrule, which, on cooling, holds the stone tight.

A Nestorian Bishop at Washington. A Nestorian bishop was one of the lions on exhibition at Washington early in President Tyler's administration.

How to Secure the Best. Push is a talent as much as skill in any art. You can commence pushing by imagining yourself as a pusher.

Proper Way to Drink Water. The leading medical journal of France has published a pamphlet protesting against the extravagant use of artificial mineral waters.

Story Told by David Davis. Almost the last time he was in this city, at a dinner party given in his honor, he told a story that convulsed the company.

Disused Wells Serving as Barometers. In the village of Meyrin (canton of Geneva) some disused wells have been hermetically sealed to serve as barometers to the people.

The Ingredients of Fine Porcelain. Considerable importance is attached by papers on the Pacific coast to the recent discovery of feldspar and pegmatite in San Diego county, California.

Excessive Drinking on Shipboard. I doubt if ever a steamer leaves Liverpool without carrying away passengers in a state of hopeless drunkenness.

What Gymnastics Do for West Pointers. The men go to the gymnasium five times a week, practicing fencing twice and gymnastics three times in one week.

The Legend of the Hare Lip. The moon, on one occasion, sent the hare to the earth to inform men that as she (the moon) died away and rose again, so mankind should die and rise again.

Division of Work and Rest. The idea that I wish to emphasize is a rational division of work and rest, the most logical exemplification of healthful cause and rapturous effect with which I am acquainted.

A Cave of Bats in Texas. There is a cave about four miles from Houston, Tex., about 100 feet long, sixty feet broad, and from four to sixteen feet in height.

Grant and Meade at Spottsylvania. The battery I served with was firing three-inch percussion bolts at the Confederate line and doing no harm.

Singular Experiment with a Frog. Dr. Burt G. Wilder, the professor of Physiology at Cornell, has succeeded in a singular experiment with the brain of a frog.

How Burmese Football is Played. If any American youth has grown tired of all our popular sports he might undertake the introduction of a game which would certainly be novel in this country.

Alaska a Barren, Forsaken Land. There is no agriculture, and never can be. The soil is shallow and covered with moss from two to three feet deep.

The Old Idea of Civilization. The older civilized people, the Greeks and Romans, loved city life; that was their idea of civilization.

What Boys Should Be Taught. A young society girl in Washington says that if there is one thing more necessary than another it is that all boys should be taught at school how to wield a lady's fan to a lady's satisfaction.

Use of the Word "Heart." Heart in its former sense was "spirit," "courage." The Spanish phrase for a brave man is "un hombre de corazon," "a man of heart."

No Effete Alps for Him. A Chicago man, recently back from Europe, was asked what he thought of the scenery in Switzerland.

Life of a Canary Bird. There is no definite age to which canaries live. I have one over twenty years old. It is exceptional for them to live so long.

Draining a River's Bed for Gold. A company has been formed, with \$1,000,000 capital stock, to dredge the Carson river, in Nevada, for quicksilver and amalgam.

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