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As they Average.

The average boy believes that he may be happy when he is a man and can do as he likes; the average man finds that he cannot do as he likes, and sighs to think he was not aware of the fact when he was a boy.

The average maiden imagines that most husbands are indifferent to their wives, and that a wife may keep a man a lover until he is old enough to die; the average wife finds it about all she can do to bear and train her children, cook, wash, sew, keep her house in half decent order, and twice a year visit her mother, who lives six miles away.

The average teacher imagines that never yet was one so tired as he, nor had a harder lot and endured it better; the average parent of the average scholar thinks that in some things the present teacher might be improved on.

The average spinster believes that nobody but herself knows just how to bring up children; while the aged grandmother realizes that most people have to bring up two before they can know how to bring up one properly.

The average man or woman who has never had the care of children wonders "how people can have their houses so cluttered up and budgets in every chair," and they imagine that a person's bump of order must be small indeed who cannot manage by moral suasion any five ordinary boys and girls.

Those who love and have care of children know that they are not like grown people, but must have both playthings and pets, and physical as well as mental exercises, even though there may be a budget in every chair, and muddy footprints on the floor. So it comes to pass that on an average each is happy in his own conceit, and would not change himself, his views and his lot with any man.

The Historic Name and Family of Hancock.

John Hancock was born in 1670, and died in 1750, aged 80 years. He was a minister at Lexington, Massachusetts.

John Hancock was born in 1703, and died 1744, aged 41 years. He was a minister of Braintree, Mass., and a son of the preceding.

John Hancock, LL. D., was born in 1737, and died 1793, aged 56 years. He was the first of the signers of the Declaration of American Independence, a son of John Hancock, of Braintree, and the grand-son of John Hancock, of Lexington. He was a native of Quincy, Mass.; graduated at Harvard College in 1754; member of the House of Representatives for Boston in 1766; President of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts in 1774; President of Continental Congress in 1775; Governor of Massachusetts in 1780 to 1784 and from 1787 to 1793.

Benjamin F. Hancock was a son of John Hancock, LL. D., signer of the Declaration of American Independence; was a lawyer at Morristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1828; was a member of the Baptist church and Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Winfield Scott and Hilary Hancock, twin brothers and sons of Benjamin F. Hancock, were born in Montgomery township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1824.

Hilary Hancock, twin brother, is a lawyer at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Cleopatra's Needle.

The great obelisk has at last reached the harbor of New York. The craft in which it was conveyed left Alexandria on the 12th of June, and therefore was about a month and a week in completing its voyage to our shores. This ancient relic of Egyptian art was constructed in the reign of Thotmus II., about 1,500 years before the Christian era, and not twenty-three years before, as the American public was led to believe. At the latter date, however, it was removed from the temple of Amew, at Heliopolis, to the temple of Caserium, at Alexandria, by order of the Conqueror Augustus Caesar, and in the eighth year of his reign.

The obelisk is seventy feet in length, five and a half feet square at the apex, and weighs nearly two hundred tons.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt has engaged to pay \$75,000 towards the expense of its transportation whenever the monolith is put in place. Nashville Banner.

BE KIND.

Speak not a word that will grieve
The poorest wretch on earth,
For the frowns you give, you'll receive,
No matter what's your rank or birth.

If wealthy, be not too proud,
You may die on poverty's bed,
And charity may pay for the shroud
That then shall wrap the dead.

Be kind, generous and true
To the friends that round you gather,
And their hearts'll ne'er forget you,
Though their vows may seem to wither.

I've uttered words that were thoughtless;
Words I would like to recall;
I've stung hearts that were faultless,
And caused bitter tear drops to fall.

But those words I cannot erase,
They are gone—yes, gone forever;
Yet in the future I can replace
Those thoughtless words with better.

HOW THEY DID IT.

They were sitting side by side,
And he sighed and she sighed,
Said he, "Your hand I ask, so bold I've grown."

And she groaned and he groaned,
Said he, "You are cautious, Belle,"
And she belov'd and he belov'd,
Said he, "You shall have your private gig."

And he giggled and she giggled,
Said she, "My dearest Luke,"
And he looked and she looked,
Said he, "Upon my soul there's such a weight."

And he waited and she waited,
Said he, "I'll have thee if thou wilt,"
And he wilted and she wilted.

His Parting Shot.

The editor of the Fargo (Dakota) Argus, who has been advocating, in rhymed head-lines, the nomination of Gen. Grant, closed the series with the following "R. I. P. The thirty-sixth sad roll has beaten the Stalwart's last tattoo. No more in Presidential strife shall join the boys in blue; No wicked Democratic plots shall bring them to the fore. The subsequent proceedings interest them nevermore. Rest on, O Stalwarts, brave and true, nor mourn the Nation's doom; like Phœnix, rise the Bourbon hopes from ashes of the boom. On fame's immortal stamping ground their shattered flag they plant. While glory guards the memory of the gallant fight for Grant."

Gains and Losses.

According to present estimates under the new census the Southern States will lose thirteen Representatives in Congress and may possibly gain three—two in Texas and one in Missouri. The Northern States will probably lose eight members and gain eighteen—the gains going to Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and California. Eleven Democratic States will probably lose thirteen Representatives, and two Democratic States gain three Representatives; four Republican States lose five Representatives, and seven Republican States gain eighteen, while three doubtful States lose four Representatives.

A Righteous Decision.

People who have subscribed for a newspaper will do well to bear in mind that the only legal way to discontinue their subscription is to pay up all arrears and order the papers stopped. A paper in New Haven, Connecticut, sued a man for \$43, due for papers furnished. The defendant set up the plea that he had several times ordered the paper discontinued; but the court held that under the law of the State and the United States, a publisher may continue to send his paper until all delinquencies were settled up, and that the parties to whom the paper is sent were liable for all copies sent, and judgment was rendered for the amount and costs.

How to Spoil Girls.

A girl that is never allowed to sew, all of whose clothes are made for her and put on her until she is ten, fifteen, or eighteen years of age, is spoiled. The mother has spoiled her by doing everything for her. The true idea of self-restraint is to let the child venture. A child's mistakes are often better than its no mistakes; because when a child makes mistakes and she has to correct them, it is then on the way of knowing something. A child that is waked up every morning, and never wakes itself up; and is dressed and never makes mistakes in dressing itself; and is washed, and never makes mistakes about being clean, and is fed, and never has anything to do with its food; and is cared for, kept all day from doing wrong, such a child may as well be out of existence.

Toads, according to Prof. Miles, live almost entirely upon slugs, caterpillars, beetles, etc., making their rounds at night, when the farmer is asleep—and the birds, too—and the insects are supposed to be having their own way. French farmers understand these facts so well that they purchase toads at so much a dozen and turn them loose.

Farmers' Convention.

The following have been agreed upon as the topics for discussion at the farmers' convention, to be held at Knoxville, on the 14th of September, 1880:

1st—Wheat: The best for seed; the best mode of culture; can rust be prevented; the general average raised per acre; should it be drilled or sown hand cast?

Opened by Hon. D. W. C. Senter.
2d—Corn: H. G. Smith.
3d—What lands in East Tennessee require under drainage? Hon. O. P. Temple.

4th—Are the taxes, Federal and State, levied on the property of farmers, just and equitable, compared with those levied on the property of others. J. B. Stokely.

5th—Essay on agriculture. Orville Taylor.

6th—Are dairies profitable in East Tennessee? Albert Chevannes.

7th—Sheep husbandry. Col. Tom Crutchfield.

8th—The horse. Jas. R. Martin.

9th—Cattle. S. F. Gettys.

10th—Improved agricultural implements. H. B. Yearwood.

11th—Practical suggestions on stock farming. Professor Nicholson.

12th—The grasses. W. S. Shields.

13th—What are the most profitable crops that can be raised in East Tennessee? Gen. Alfred E. Jackson.

14th—Should farmers and others be required to keep their stock in enclosures, on their premises, so as to save the great expense and labors of making fences? H. H. Hubbard.

15th—Ensilage. Prof. McBryde.

J. A. TURLEY,
President Convention.

The "Back Salary Grab."

Speaking of Garfield's back salary record, the Pittsburg Post says:

After retaining possession of the money for six weeks; after his neighbors, Congressmen Monroe and Upson, had returned their back pay; after a convention of his own Republican constituents had angrily demanded his resignation, Mr. Garfield, in April, covered his \$4,548 into the treasury. He sacrificed the money and saved his seat, but his majority fell off from the 10,944 he received in 1872 to a little over 2,000. Nor is this all; while Garfield in 1874 received in his district only 12,591 votes, the Republican candidate for Secretary of State received 19,202. His vote fell off nearly 7,000, while his party's vote increased from what it was in 1872.

Law of the Case.

No man who builds up to his line has the legal right to open a window upon his neighbor's land. The main reason for refusing such a privilege is that after twenty years' enjoyment it becomes a vested right so that the owner of the land upon which the windows open cannot build it up and thus by his own walls close up the windows. An owner of a lot allowed his neighbors on each side to open side windows to their houses upon it, supposing that they could only enjoy it until he wished to build. After twenty-one years he could not build so as to close the windows, nor could he sell the lot for anything like the value it should have represented.

He Couldn't Help It.

The wife of a well-known literary gentleman, while reading one of his articles for the press, corrected it as she went along, and the errors were numerous and bad. "Why, husband," she exclaimed, "you don't know the first rules of grammar, else you are very negligent." "Well, well, my love," he exclaimed, looking up from his work; "what's the matter now?" "Why, in three cases you speak of our sex in the plural, and write it in the singular number." "I can't help it," was the retort, "woman is a singular being."

A Noticeable Fact.

Washington Post: It is a noticeable fact that the Republican papers in those Northern States which have repudiated a considerable portion of their debt, are the most blatant and bitter denouncers of repudiation in the South. Repudiation has not been confined to any party or any section. The Republican States of Minnesota and Massachusetts are among the Commonwealths that have not kept faith with their creditors. The former repudiated its railroad bonds, and the latter has pursued a similar course in relation to the Hoosac-tunnel contractors.

The population of Pennsylvania in 1870 was 3,521,951. This year it is given by the census returns 4,237,312, an increase of 715,361, or about 21 per cent. The increase is greatest in the coal, oil and iron regions. The growth of agricultural counties is about 10 per cent, and the gain in some of the richest counties only about 7 per cent., showing merely a steady, natural gain.

Several men lately swam the Mississippi river, above New Orleans, on a wager. A reporter on the race says: "None of them seemed to be putting forth much effort till it was discovered that an alligator had struck out from shore as a competitor, and then—well, every man did his best to keep the alligator from carrying off the stakes."

The recent massacre of eight Cuban prisoners in hospital, by the Spaniards, was an atrocious act, quite in keeping with Spanish character and precedents, but utterly unjustified by the usages of war. It was a piece of barbarous diabolism, such as no civilized people, except the Spaniards, would perpetrate.

In farming all is variety and change. Intelligent farming is adapting methods to conditions and circumstances, but there are fixed principles that apply alike to all conditions, and the man who thoroughly masters these will be very likely to become a successful master in practice.

On a recent Sunday evening a congregation at Sandoval, Ill., was dispersed by potato bugs, which took entire possession of the edifice. Windows, doors and seats were perfectly black with them. Ladies screamed, hats and feathers flew, and men stuffed their trousers in their boots.

ONE BUSHEL OF WHEAT will pay for the DEMOCRAT one year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Flour sulphur sprinkled upon cabbage will drive the worms, also bags from Irish potatoes.

Fifty years ago Stephenson ran his first engine over iron rails in England. There are now 150,000 miles of iron rails in the world.

G. W. Williams, the colored Representative from Hamilton county in the Ohio Legislature, is writing a history of the colored race in America.

Life is divided into three terms, that which is, which was, which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present to live for the future.

Basing his calculation upon the rate at which the delta of the Mississippi is deposited, Prof. Mudge reaches the conclusion that man has been on the earth less than two hundred thousand years.

Boston has gained 130,000 in population in ten years, and many of the manufacturing towns; as Lynn, Lowell, and Lawrence, have added about 10,000 each, drawn from outside the State, and not from country towns.

Men and women are not allowed to ride together in the street cars of Egypt, but it is solely because the women were in the habit of spreading all over all the seats, the same as in this country.

No member of the British royal family, except the children of the Queen and of the Prince of Wales, are entitled to be styled "royal highness" unless they have been specially created so by her Majesty.

There are eighty-seven Indian reservations in the United States and Territories, embracing a total area of 139,201,000 acres. There are about 243,371 Indians maintaining tribal forms, according to the estimate of the Indian Bureau. This gives each Indian of all ages and both sexes, 500 acres of land.

American farm products are now sought for all over the world. The era of low prices, dull sales and hard times is about over. We shall furnish the starving millions of other continents with bread, and our waste lands will soon groan with plenteous harvests.

Truth is always consistent with itself, and needs nothing to help it out. It is always near at hand, and sits upon our lips and is ready to drop out before we are aware; whereas a lie is troublesome, and sets a man's invention upon the rack, and one trick needs a great many more to make it good.

A lucky chap at Washington, who has the prescription, says: "A woman is the best manure after all. Take three pounds of petticoats, four smiles, two tear drops, with gammon at discretion; stir briskly, and apply while warm to the blind side of a secretary, and you have a never-failing prescription for getting office."

English farmers can be arrested and fined for killing hares on the farms they lease and cultivate. The right to game of every kind is reserved by the owners, who think nothing of riding over the crops that may be standing when the sporting season opens—the 12th of September—when turnips are the principal crop.

It has been discovered that the climate of California and northern Georgia and Alabama is just suited to the cultivation of the cinchona tree, from which quinine is made, and it is proposed to introduce the cultivation of these trees into this country, so as to save the expense it incurs every year in sending to South America for Peruvian bark.

Every farmer should know that exposing potatoes too long to the rays of the sun, or exposing to plenty of light and air will soon ruin them. A good farmer will dig and dry his potatoes at the proper time, as quick as convenient, and take them to his dark cellar without delay, being careful not to have too many in one bin. Potatoes which are fine and mealy when dug, treated in this manner, will remain good until new early potatoes are ripe.

Of the great soldier who is now denounced as a "traitor" in the Republican press, Captain Glazier says, in his "Heroes of Three Wars": "Hancock always displayed the characteristics of a true and chivalrous manhood. Gracious to a conquered enemy, generous in all his instincts, incapable of pettiness, never revengeful, splendid in military qualities, he was such a General as would fitly adorn the annals of any age, however glorious. The student of human nature takes courage in contemplating such a character, and believes afresh in the possibility of the loftiest types of mankind."