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Backbone.

When you see a fellow mortal
Without backbone but no nerve,
Bending to the force of others,
Working at their mental slave,
Bowing low to wealth or favor,
Fawning for the place of gain,
With abject unnerved heart,
Ready to subscribe or praise,
Willing who knows or cares,
Walk yourself with firmer bearing,
Throw your moral shoulders back,
Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
Just the things which he must lack.
A stronger word
Was never heard
In sense and tone,
Than this—backbone.

When you see a theologian
Hugging close some ugly creed,
Daring to reject or question
Dogmas which the priest may read,
Holding back all save in feeling,
Chiding those with manly view,
Giving more for forms and symbols
Than to know the food and Tree;
Walk yourself with firmer bearing,
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Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
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When you see a politician
Crawling through contracted holes,
Begging for some lit position,
In the ring or with the polls,
With an aching manhood in him
Seeking stable, broad or sound,
Destitute of pluck or honor,
Doubt-ridden all around,
Walk yourself with firmer bearing,
Throw your moral shoulders back,
Show your spine has nerve and marrow—
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A modest song, and plainly told—
The fact is worth a mine of gold;
For many men most really lack
A cable stiffener in the back.

Variety.

The bewilderment of some men are wonderful.

Why is necessity like a great many lawyers? because it knows no law.

The author of the saying "you must always take a man as you find him" was a constable.

A public notice which must be a great hardship to the birds about town, "no bills allowed."

A negro at Jeffersonville, Ind., has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and $1,000 fine for marrying a white woman, and the woman was "willin" too.

Wear your learning, like your watch, in a private pocket; and do not pull it out and strike it, merely to show that you have one. If you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it, but do not proclaim it hourly and unasked like the watchman.

"Got any medicine?" asked a boy, entering a drug store the other day. "Yes, lots of it. What do you want?" inquired the clerk. "Oh, it don't make any difference, so it's something lively. Dad is lastin' bad." "What ails him?" asked the clerk. "Dunno," said the boy; "but he's run down awful. He just sits around the stove all day and moopes; he hasn't walloped mother since Christmas. I guess he's going to die!"

The lady who tapped her husband gently with her fan at a party the other night, and said, "Love, it's growing late. I think we had better go home," is the same one who after getting home shook the rolling pin under his nose and said, "You infernal old scoundrel you, if you ever look at that mean, nasty, calico-faced, mack-eyed thing that you looked at to-night, I'll bust your head wide open."

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The man who answered an advertisement to the following effect, says his curiosity is satisfied:

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He did send the necessary cash and soon received the answer:—

"If you are as big a fool as we think you must be for giving us your money, you can make home happy by leaving it and going West by yourself."

A minister had a negro in his family. One Sunday, when he was preaching, he happened to look in the pew where the negro was, and could hardly contain himself as he saw the negro, who could not read or write a word, scribbling away most industriously. After meeting, he said to the negro: "Tom, what were you doing in the church?" "Taking notes, massa. All de gemmen take notes." "Bring your notes here and let me see them." Tom brought his notes, which looked more like Chinese than English. "Why, Tom, this is all nonsense." "I thought so, massa, all the time you was preaching it."

An old negro, named Pete, was very much troubled about his sins. Perceiving him one day with a downcast look, his master asked him the cause. "O massa, I'm such a great sinner!" "But, Pete," said his master, "you are foolish to take it so much to heart. You never see me troubled about my sins." "I know the reason, massa," said Pete, "when you go out duck-shooting, and kill one duck and wound another, don't you run after the wounded duck?" "Yes, Pete;" and the master wondered what was coming next. "Well, massa, dat is de way wid you and me. De debil has got you sure; but, as he am not sure of me, he chases de chile all de time."

A German paper contains a reply from a clergyman who was traveling, and who stopped at a hotel much frequented by what are called "drummers." The host, not being used to have clergymen at his table, looked at him with surprise; the clerks used all their artillery of wit upon him, without eliciting a remark in self-defense. The worthy clergyman ate his dinner quietly, apparently without observing the gibes and sneers of his neighbors. One of them, at last, in despair at his fortitude, said to him: "Well, I wonder at your patience! Have you not heard all that has been said against you?" "O, yes, but I am used to it. Do you know who I am?" "No, sir." "Well, I will inform you. I am chaplain of a lunatic asylum; such remarks have no effect upon me."

News Paragraphs.

Charles Barleigh, of Massachusetts, has invented an instrument that will greatly facilitate mining, tunneling mountains, etc. It is a drilling machine, worked by compressed air that will bore holes two inches in diameter, clearing itself as it goes, at the rate of one foot per minute in the hardest granite. It has been tried thoroughly in England, put to the severest tests and pronounced an entire success.

Bishop Whipple's work among the Chippewa Indians is warmly commended by the people of all denominations. A Roman Catholic paper says: "He is looked upon by all our Chippewas as a father in whom they have full confidence, and no one else in this country has so much influence over them. Such a man can do more toward civilizing this people than a host of untried and untested ministers. They have had missionaries amongst them to my knowledge since 1828—Methodists, Catholics and Congregationalists. All of them failed to accomplish the object of their mission, and one after another gave up the field and retired from the country. The Episcopal Church then undertook the work, standing alone for a long time, trembling with doubt, but finally succeeded.

The Vienna Congress has assented, by unanimous vote, to the proposition that it is desirable, with a view to the exchange of weather reports, that at least one uniform observation, of such character as to be suitable for the preparation of synoptic charts, be taken and recorded daily and simultaneously at as many stations as practicable throughout the world. The formal announcement of this principle, with such sanction, will tend directly to an exchange of signal service and weather reports between all the civilized nations. It is interesting, in reference to American reports, to know that the Chinese Government is preparing to establish a system of storm warnings and weather reports for China and the Chinese coast of the Pacific.

The produce of the direct and indirect taxes in France, for the first nine months of last year, is published in the *Journal Officiel*. The former brought in 485,000,000f., being 38,500,000f. more than the sum calculated on for that period. Last year, although the harvest was better, the surplus at the corresponding time was only 26,000,000f. The same may be said as to the cost of collection. In 1872 it was 1l. 51c. per 1000f., whereas in 1873 it was only 1f. 40c., which fact indicates a more ready payment of the imposts. The indirect taxes show a deficit for the same time. The estimate in the budget was 1,303,000,000f., whereas the receipt is only 1,297,000,000f., being a difference of 6,000,000f. However, the result on the whole is not so unsatisfactory as in 1872, since the Treasury has levied 141,000,000f. more than during the first three-quarters of that year.

MAN'S DEPENDENCE.—Man relies far more than he is aware for comfort and happiness on woman's tact and management. He is so accustomed to these that he is unconscious of their worth. They are so delicately concealed, and yet so ceaselessly exercised, that he enjoys their effect as he enjoys the light and atmosphere. He seldom thinks how it would be with him were they withdrawn. He fails to appreciate what is so freely given. He may be reminded of them now and then; he may complain of intrusion or interference; but the frown is smoothed away by a gentle hand, the murmuring lips are stopped with a caress, and the management goes on.—*Gulary.*

The Napipi route for the proposed Darien Canal has received the approval of nearly every prominent engineer in the country who has given any opinion on the subject. Among those most warmly endorsing the project is Mr. Walter Shanly, the Hoosac Tunnel contractor, who, in a recent letter to Commander Selfridge, expresses the conviction that the route is not only practicable, but that the estimates of Commander Selfridge will more than cover the cost of the work. In the opinion of the leading engineers, the Napipi Canal is to be the great engineering work of the present age, surpassing in magnitude and in benefits to commerce anything in that line heretofore attempted.

The origin of the favorite hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," the original manuscript of which is in the collection of Ruffles, the Magistrate of Liverpool, is thus given by Dean Howson in the *Art Journal:* "When Bishop Heber was a young man, missionary sermons were not so frequent as they are now; and on one occasion, when he was staying with Dean Shirley, Vicar of Wrexham, his father-in-law, such a sermon was to be preached, and the want of a suitable hymn was felt. He was asked on the Saturday to write one; and, seated at the window of the old vicarage-house, he produced after a short interval, in bold handwriting, with one single word corrected, that hymn beginning 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains,' with which all are familiar. It was printed that evening and sung the following day in Wrexham Church. The writer of these pages on the Dee saw the original manuscript some years ago in Liverpool, and more recently he has seen the printer, still living in Wrexham, who set up the type when a boy."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ALLIANCE.—It was first formed in 1846, upon invitations sent by Rev. Dr. Patten, of Philadelphia, to several leading clergymen of the different churches. They met in Masonic Hall, London, for the purpose of uniting more closely. They felt on account of the assaults made on Christianity, because of its different denominational churches, that this movement was necessary, and that they would sink or put all differences of that kind in the background. They banded themselves together, and on the Sabbath following eighty churches were occupied by the men who had so united. The Alliance met again in Paris in 1851. There were 1,200 delegates from different countries present. The third was held in Berlin in the Royal Garrison Church, on the special invitation of the Emperor. The fourth was held at Geneva, and the fifth at Amsterdam. The church in which the fifth assembled was built in 1408, and hymns were sung in four different languages. The sixth was the one recently held in New York, which is fully up to those held before. It was attended for ten days by about 20,000 people. More than one hundred carefully prepared papers on various subjects were read. The scope of discussion was wide, touching the material as well as the spiritual welfare of man.

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