

This is a pretty big country, this country of ours, and not the least important of all its area is the northwest coast. Why, the fishing fleets alone will be as much superior to those of the north Atlantic as the Pacific is greater than the Atlantic.

And a new race of men is growing up there. If they lack some of the gentler courtesies of older states, they make that up in energy and vim and that courage which likes to go out and fight the sea and fight the cold and from the unwilling arms of nature to wrest fortunes.

Suggestive Books

WHEN Swinburne died the other day, many journals speaking of the ostracism which his earlier works received, added that what was then rejected by cultured readers, would be thought nothing of now. We suspect that is at least in part true, but that it is, may be put down to the fact that modern works of fiction, at least of one class, are filled with suggestions which are certainly having their effect upon readers, especially young readers, as baneful as the more open depravity of one type of French novels which parents would not knowingly admit into their homes. And they are having their effect as can be seen in the infelicities in the homes of many of the rich, especially the newly rich people, in this country. We refer to these especially, because the children in the rich homes of this country are not, as a rule, trained to necessary work, many who only work when they please, and with idleness the door is open at once for all kinds of temptations, and when a book is so worded that it keeps the passions of youth all the time aroused, the result is sure to be a dulling of the moral faculties. The more this style of literature is accepted the broader it grows in its suggestions, and it does not require a great while to blunt the sensibilities and cast a film upon the bright shield of men's and women's integrity.

Parents ought to never be so vigilant to see what their girls and boys are reading as right now.

Should Have a Temporary Rest

THE CALLS of charity upon our merchants and business men have been incessant and heavy of late. There ought to be a little rest now for all our business men are not rich, and the richest of them in these days of push, have calls for every cent of their funds.

Every call has been a worthy one, but the necessity for the call on the part of some of them

came from errors of judgment originally, and from bad management later. The G. A. R. encampment will probably make the next heavy draft and in the meantime, if possible there should be a temporary suspension of appeals.

The bent bow after a while loses its elasticity.

The Holmes Centennial

NEW ENGLAND is moving to celebrate the centennial of the birth of Dr. Oliver Wendal Holmes. This is as it should be. Oliver Wendal Holmes had the healthiest mind among all his distinguished contemporaries. At least that is the impression which the story of his life makes. His was a genius of exalted order. Think of a small boy writing his poem on "Old Ironsides!" When he talked or wrote he shed cheerfulness all around him. Life was something splendid to him, and he could not see why the world should not enjoy it. Still he worked hard at his profession all his life—his literature was a by-product. He was in every way an American of the very highest type and his memory should be honored through all time.

Farming as a Science

ABOUT the most wonderful publications that come to us nowadays are the Agricultural papers and magazines. That is, wonderful by comparison with what they were twenty years ago. They are filled with discussions on all points which concern the tiller of the soil. The character of soils and what will best grow on each, the properties of foods for animals; the amount of nutrition in each, why some are good for one animal and hurtful to another; the different breeds of animals; the virtues of some for one purpose and others for other purposes; the experiences of capable farmers; the effects of climates; the diseases that affect animals and their cures; drainage, good roads and fences, farm dwellings and the best fashioned structures for housing stock, sanitation on the farm; as well about barns as houses, the water supply; the different fertilizers—every variety of subject that pertains to farming fruit—raising and stock raising, until it is easy to see that farming is every year becoming a more and more perfected science, and that in a few years more the farmer who is a mere worker with no scientific idea of the soil he tills and the needs of his crops, his live stock and the treatment required for both the land and its producers, will be listed with the fossils.

And the thought is oftener and oftener awakened of how splendid an occupation the scientific cultivation of the soil is, and how the Creator made no mistake when man in the beginning

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