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Surely graft has had some hard knocks lately. But the desire to get something for nothing is mighty persistent, and its elimination from human nature may require a few more ages.—New York Sun.

It is to be feared that in spite of the blue laws Boston is getting to be a wicked town. Visitors there are warned to beware of the timid girls who are afraid to cross the Common after dark. The kind hearted straner who offers his protection is pretty sure to mourn the loss of watch and purse a little later.

Water has not touched Mme. Patti's face for 17 years. She holds that water makes wrinkles, and for her smooth skin thanks the cold cream with which alone her facial ablulations are performed. On the other hand, Mrs. Cornwallis-West (Lady Randolph Churchill) imputes her splendid bloom to cold water and to her repudiation of all creams and cosmetics, which, she claims, clog the pores and makes the skin dry and yellow.

A tailor, whose firm has been continuously in business in Philadelphia for 105 years, has compiled from his books of measurement some interesting statistics. These show that the American in the past century has grown taller, stronger and slimmer—greater in hight and in chest girth, less in the girth of waist and hips. The average chest of 1795 was 36 inches. It is 38 inches now. The average hight was five feet seven inches. It is now five feet 8 1-2 inches. The lenth of leg has increased in the same proportion. The shoulders and chest have greatly developed. The waist, on the other hand, has lost two inches.

Writing in the Koelner Zeitung Prof. Klaatsch of Heidleberg says that while examining some Australasian natives arrested for killing a white man in Port Arthur, he found that one of the men had feet and hands of exactly the same shape and appearance as those of monkeys. The natives, on his inquiries, stated that in the hitherto unexplored regions between the rivers Daly and Victoria numerous people have similar hands and feet, and otherwise bear a strong resemblance to large monkeys. This is the first time that these characteristics have been discovered in a human being. Prof. Klaatsch is now starting for the region where these natives are to be found, in order to verify the above statement. The discovery has awakened great interest in the German scientific world, as it is a striking testimony in favor of the Darwinian theory of the missing link.—London Mail.

PUGILIST AND COMPOSER

Over in New York the other night there was held a benefit for a broken down, little prize fighter, who for years had not done a day's work except that involved in training for encounters with other bruisers. The man had earned thousands upon thousands of dollars in the art of pounding somebody else into insensibility, all of which he had squandered through the dissipation of drink and other sorts of exercises.

Plainly the young fighter should now be independently wealthy, and he would be had he exercised even the common sense of a squirrel. Instead, he is a battered and poverty-stricken derelict, and his friends—with a loyalty for which others cannot help honoring them—arranged a performance to help him, and in one way and another actually got together, it is said, $25,000 for his maintenance.

In a little country town of New England there lives in poverty and the pitiful gloom of a darkened intellect one of the greatest composers this Western land has ever produced. He is Edward MacDonald, whose splendid orchestral works have delighted music lovers both here and in Europe. He labored for years in the interest of art at salaries that never adequately paid for his genius. But he gave freely the best there was in him, and that best was glorious. Then came a mind diseased, and now there is hope only of a long and peaceful twilight. A fund is being raised for him, too, but with all the work of a year or more it has not reached the proportions of the prize fighter's reward.

Are the people who pretend to love the "higher things" of life less willing to translate that love into dollars and cents than those who regard a "mill" as the hight of human enjoyment? They have far more money in the aggregate than those who rallied to the support of Terry McGovern, but they have colder hearts. It is a sorrowful commentary upon the alleged desire for culture and the fine arts in this ountry that men and women all over the land should not pour in upon the promoters of the MacDowell fund all the money that the stricken maker of beautiful music can ever need. Certainly the "dead game sports" have set them an admirable example for liberality and appreciation.—Washington Times.

WILLIE ON THE FAMILY'S WISHES.

If pa could only make one wish and
that wish would come true,
I'll bet I know the one he'd make;
I'll tell it to you, too;
He wouldn't wish that he was rich;
he'd wish that he could be
A Senator in Washington, because
then, don't you see,
He'd be as great as Webster was or
even Henry Clay,
And if he was elected he'd be wealthy, anyway.

If ma could have a wish—just one
—and get it, too, you know.
She wouldn't wish for wealth, although she does want money so;
I'll bet she wouldn't wish that pa
could sit upon a throne
And she could wear a queenly crown
that would be all her own;
She wouldn't wish that pa was great,
so he could strut about;
She'd wish that she was twenty-five
years old and wasn't stout.

If sister Geraldine could wish one
wish that she could get,
The first time that I tried I'd guess
what it would be, I'll bet;
She wouldn't wish that she could
have more beauty than she's got—
Because she thinks she's pretty now
—I don't say that she's not—
She wouldn't wish for lots of beaux
or any kind of sport;
She'd wish she had a title and was
introduced at court.

If I could have one wish—Gee,
whizz! it wouldn't take me long
To study up the wish I'd wish—I'd
make it good and strong.
I wouldn't wish I'd look so fine and
grand that everywhere
I ever had to go the girls would
stop and turn and stare;
I'd wish I was the champion and
every place I went
The people all would know me as
"the pugilistic gent."
—Chicago Record.

ONE OF WOMAN'S THOUGHTS.

A woman thinks she is unhapily married when her husband objects to going out of the theater between the acts and telephoning home to see if burglars have broken in.—New York Press.

SENATOR BAILEY'S THRIFT

Senator Bailey's reputation for fine sensitiveness in the matter of his relations with quasi-public enterprises has not been helped much by the facts disclosed at the legislative investigation at Austin. Even the best friends of Mr. Bailey must be forced to the admission that, conceding his entire honesty, the senator manifested a degree of thrift which furnished his enemies a plausible pretext for attacking him. The lesson of the matter is that a politician—a statesman, if you like—cannot with safety to his reputation divide his energies between private and public service.—Chicago Chronicle.

In proportion to its size the horse has the smallest stomach of any quadruped.

NOTICE.

To Contractors and Builders:

Be it known that the members of the Carpenters Local Union, No. 976, of Bluefield, W. Va., have changed its rate of wages and hours of work—Nine (9) hours to constitute a days work, and wages to be eight (8) cents more on the hour. Effective April 1st, 1907.

S. L. PAYNE,
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S. J. GIBSON,
Committee.

Jan. 30th, 1907.

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