

Men, Not Principles.

This is a country which is truly free, sir. Where every citizen a sovereign is. No would-be monarch, and no modern Caesar.

The highest blessings for the greatest number is still the theory of which we boast. But petty matters all our actions cumber.

The many are supposed to join their voices, and thus to fully overcome the few. But still 'tis doubtful what the people's choice is.

Great principles the people soon would settle, if once the issues could be clearly made; but they are not allowed to prove their mettle.

Thus we, as destiny decrees, are drifting, quite aimlessly, to our appointed end. To this side and to that the rule is shifting.

BEACONSFIELD AT HOME.

An Extraordinary Pen Picture of the Premier.

The Earl of Beaconsfield is fearfully and wonderfully made up, if one may trust the London correspondent of the New York Tribune. The latter stood near the door as the Prime Minister entered Guildhall at the Lord Mayor's dinner, and could "see him pull himself together till the desired expression was attained.

To Some Girls!

So you want to marry a rich man, do you? You want to live without work? Between Dives and Lazarus you would fere Lazarus out, eh? Good. Now, what does this deliberate intent to "marry rich" mean.

Says an eminent authority on whist—"Two good players were matched against two bad players, and the same arrangement was made in another room, in which the bad players held the same hands as the good players in the first room, and vice versa.

THE BUFFALO BRING KILLED OUT.—The rapidity with which the bison is disappearing from the Western plains may be inferred from the following statistics collected at Fort Macleod, near the head waters of the South Saskatchewan.

TREATMENT OF COLIC.—Phares' method consists in inversion—simply in turning the patient upside down. Colic of several days' duration has been relieved by this means in a few minutes.—Jour. des Sci. Med.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

A Budget of Interest to Every Household.

Warm Rooms.—The great tendency in winter is to keep rooms too warm. The foundation of pneumonia, pleurisy and pulmonary consumption is frequently laid in over-heated, ill ventilated apartments.

Making a House Pretty.—A tasteful woman can make a garret beautiful and homelike, at a little cost; for the beauty of home depends more on educated and refined taste than upon wealth.

HOW TO PRESERVE A PIANO.

It is evident that if the piano is to remain in good order for many years good care must be taken of it. The instrument should be closed when not in use, in order to prevent the collection of dust, pins, etc., on the sounding board.

Christmas Presents.—It is time to think of holiday presents and not wait until the holidays are upon us, with all their hurry and confusion.

Treatment of Girls.—Alba Gosald Wilson, in a paper read before the Moral Education Society, advises mothers to keep their girls from their own fate, and she asserted that girls should be made to lead a quiet life on a simple diet until they are fully grown.

General Work In and Out of Doors.—Firewood should be prepared and put under shelter, and that general family peace-maker, dry fuel, generously supplied and conveniently placed for use.

Potato Pie.—One cupful of grated raw potatoes, one quart of sweet milk, three eggs, a little salt, sugar and nutmeg to taste.

USEFUL RECIPES BY AUNT KATE.

English Mince Meat.—Of scraped beef or tongue (cooked) free from skin and strings, weigh two pounds, four pounds of suet, pickled and chopped; then dry six pounds of currants, rub them in a cloth first, to clean them.

Christmas Plum Pudding.—One pound of suet, chopped, not too fine, one pound of currants, and one of raisins, stoned, four eggs, half a nutmeg, grated, one ounce of citron and lemon peel, shred fine, teaspoonful of beaten ginger, half pound of bread crumbs, half pound of flour, pint of milk.

Oatmeal Gingerbread.—One pound flour, one-fourth pound oatmeal, one-fourth pound butter, one-fourth pound sugar, one-half ounce ginger. Rub the butter and sugar into the flour; one pound of treacle will make it up.

Boiled Plum Pudding.—One half pound suet, one pound of flour, half pound dried currants, half pound stoned raisins, two eggs, half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, half teaspoonful of cinnamon and small pinch of ground cloves, half table-spoonful of salt, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, citron if you like.

Packing Butter for Winter.—Work out all the buttermilk; then salt at the rate of one ounce to the pound of butter. Pack in jars, and keep the top always covered with strong brine. Keep in a cool, dry place.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE WOMEN OF TO-DAY.—Gradually old fashions are being revived in many ways. Among the most conspicuous are dark or black bonnets, trimmed with white or gay-colored ribbons, or feathers. Here again contrasts are violent.

Miss Whitten, of Damariscotta, Mo., has the longest hair of any woman in the world. It is eight feet long.

In some of the late dresses made by Worth, they are laced up on one of the side darts. The opening is concealed with bows, and the dress looks as if it were stitched on the wearer.

The fashionable English weddings are solemnized at three o'clock in the afternoon by a special license, which cost \$100. People who cannot afford so expensive a ceremony have their banns called and are married before twelve o'clock.

Spun silk hose is fashionable. Tiny ostrich tips make a soft and lovely bonnet.

Bridesmaids at English weddings carry baskets of flowers instead of bouquets.

Neck ruchings of lace have four rows, sewed to a narrow band or a row of narrow lace insertion. Two platings stand around the neck, and two fall outside the dress.

Japanese ladies wear hats only when it rains. The arrangement of the hair differs according to the rank, age and condition. The general style is to dress it in turban form and ornament it with golden pins variously adorned.

A dress made in Paris recently for a New York woman was of wine-colored velvet, with no other ornament than eight buttons of solid gold, each enameled by an artist whose work was of sufficient value for him to sign it, even on the buttons. The cascade of Alexon point worn with this simple dress cost \$500.

Attacks on Royalty.

Though the Czar has now, for the fourth time, escaped attempts to take his life—the first being that of Taragzoff, in St. Petersburg, 1866; the second that of Berechovsky, in Paris, 1867; the third that of Solovieff, at St. Petersburg, in April in 1879; and the fourth the one of Monday last, at Moscow—yet his is not in this respect the most remarkable experience among European sovereigns.

Little Hands begin the Battle Alone

I was walking down one of Detroit's beautiful avenues on a lovely afternoon last week. In front of an ivy-wreathed doorway sat an old lady knitting. A sunny-haired little girl ran through the hall and down the steps into the street, carrying her doll.

"What is your name, little one?" "Ain't dot any."

"Haven't any name? Is that aunty on the porch?" "No, 'at's dan'ma."

"Well, what does grandma call you?" "S'e talls me Puss, but s'e talls 'e'at Puss, too."

"But what does mamma call you?" "S'e doesn't call me nuffin'—s'e's done 'ay off."

"Gone away off where?" "To see papa."

"And where is papa?" "Up dere."

And she pointed to the sky, rosy with the sunset's gl w.

"When did mamma go?" "E' sno' was on e' dround, and s'e went in a sleigh wivout any bells on e' horses, and dan'ma e'led."

I am not ashamed to own that tears filled my eyes as I kissed the child and turned away, for I, too, had my graves in childhood.—Detroit Free Press.

DO YOU BATHE?

A Startling Record for Neglectors of the Bed.

Reader, do you bathe? We do not mean on Saturday evening—provided there is plenty of hot water—but do you bathe frequently, daily? do you find pleasure in jumping out of bed these frosty mornings, and jumping into a bath-tub of water cold as it can run from the hydrant?

HOW THE LAMBS ARE FLEECED.

The Fate of Amateur Stock Gamblers.

During the recent break in the stock market (remarks the New York Times) the lambs, as all greedy, unsophisticated outsiders are now dubbed in Wall street, lost, it is estimated, from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 by their redundant credulity.

Scientific Geology.

M. Raymond has demonstrated that hydrophobia in the human subject can be transmitted to the lower animals.

The wood Quebracho Colorado which, as a new material for tanning, excited great interest in Europe, contains, besides a peculiar tannin, about 2.8 per cent. of another astringent acting like gallic acid with reagents.

Regarding the adaptability of steel as a material for the construction of bridges, the Scientific American remarks that the attitude of engineers on the subject appears to be one of expectancy. They seem inclined to put the burden of proof on the manufacturers, and to require them to furnish evidence of its suitability and economy before consenting to use it.

A very good test for examining the stability of explosives that are not intended to be stored for a great length of time is given in Dingler's Journal. Subject small quantities of the material in a close vessel to a temperature of 70° for about eight days.

It is intended to keep dead bodies in the Morgue at Paris in a frozen condition, so that longer time may be given for their identification. As yet, however, the Municipal Council has not determined what kind of ice-making machine will be adopted.

In a niche in the Cathedral of Freiburg a box was discovered containing rings and medals. It is thought the box had remained in its hiding-place several hundred years. One of the rings examined by Dr. Schertel was of tin, nearly pure, and the metal had undergone its peculiar gray modification.

It is now proposed in Paris to substitute for the despatch of letters miniature railroads, with trains run by electricity, in place of pneumatic tubes. Satisfactory experiments have been made.

During the procession on Lord Mayor's Day a large stone was thrown into the carriage of the retiring Lord Mayor. A similar attention was once paid to George III. when going to open Parliament, and he picked up the stone and presented it to the Master of the Horse, seated opposite, as a proof of the affection of his subjects.

The first Masonic Lodge in the Northwest has been opened at Prince Albert. It is named "Kinisteno," and halls from the Grand Lodge of Canada. It has a membership of about twenty to start with.

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION.

Prominent Republicans Hanged by Democrats—An Ex-Sheriff Whipped—The Republican Party Terror-Stricken.

New York, Dec. 1.—The Times' New Orleans special says the fact that Madison Parish, formerly giving a 2,500 Republican majority, now returns 2,292 Democrat majority, is explained. Some days before the election bull-dozers from the country made hostile demonstrations, picked out colored men with whom the management of the campaign rested, and systematically got rid of them.

Lord Dufferin.

The Liverpool Post has this to say concerning our late Governor-General: "The report that Lord Lytton will surrender the post of Governor-General of India to return to England in the early spring has again given currency to the statement that he will be succeeded by Lord Dufferin. It is asserted that the fact that Lord Dufferin being at the head of affairs in India would be a guarantee to Russia that Central Asian affairs would be properly dealt with.

General Grant, in speaking recently to a correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, said: "I shall not be able to do much more than call Galena my home after a while. It is a good place to live in now, as my income will go much farther there than in a large city, while I can live better than most of my neighbors. My means are not large enough for me to live as I would like, and I will have to find something to do after a while. I have two farms near St. Louis, and some real estate in Chicago, which if I could sell I would feel better off.

With the exception of Lord Beaconsfield, Salisbury and Cairns, there is no member of the British Cabinet who does not mainly owe his place in it to effluence, or birth, or both. The Duke of Richmond and Northumberland, Lord Sandon, Col. Stanley and Lord John Manners would never but for birth have had a chance of such elevation.

SOME LITTLE THINGS OF VALUE.—If your coal fire is low, throw on a table spoonful of salt, and it will help it very much. A little ginger put into sausage meat improves the flavor. In icing cakes, dip the knife into cold water. In boiling meat for soup, use cold water to extract the juices.

London Truth observes that in no country except in England would a man like Mr. George Augustus Sala be allowed to remain in political obscurity. "Elsewhere he would be forced by electors to accept the position of a legislator. Here alone is a gentleman, who is perhaps the first journalist of the country, without any assured political status. This is, it must be admitted, more due to the anonymity of our ablest press writers than to any fault of the public.

Extravagance in language is one of the peculiarities of people in Southern countries. Castelar, upon hearing the long-winded tendency of his countrymen commented upon rather severely, replied: "You are perfectly right, gentlemen, but you don't know how difficult it is to hold one's tongue in Spanish."

As many as 1,000 Testaments have been sold in London on a single Saturday night from the Bible carriage of Henry Moorhouse, the Evangelist. For twopenny he sells a package which contains a copy of the New Testament and also some illustrated papers.

There is such great activity in the building trade in Paris that the workmen who usually return home to the country at this season until the spring are remaining in the capital.

It was Dr. Samuel Johnson who said that second marriages were the triumph of hope over experience, and a very wicked remark it was too.