SCELLANEOUS

Tobacco smokers have often been told that the cigarette is the most injurious forming which the weed can be used. A case was blessings cannot bring happiness. Over reported a few days ago of a person having become instne in consequence of the excessive smoking of cigarettes. A recent experi ment made in Chicago proves that cigarettes should be avoided by smokers. An analysis of a dezen brands was made, and almost every brand was found to have been "doc tored" to a greater or less degree. While the injurious ingredients (spart from the tobacco itself) varied somewhat, there was enough in each variety to induce smokers who value their health to give up cigarettes altogether. Different kinds of dirt, moreover, were found in all the brands.

The amount of skilled labour which is ab sorbed in a country where it is thought necessary in times of peace to be prepared for war may be partially estimated by reference to the statistics of Woolwich arsenal in England. The number of workmen on the pay sheets at the arsenal when there is no great pressure of work is in round numbers eleven thousand. About two thousand of these are employed in the gun factory alone. At the small arms fac ory at Enfield another two thousand workmen are employed. If to these figures are added the number of men engaged in building war vessels and torpedo boats, it is probable a graud total of 25,000 artisans would be reached. In times of war there would be a large increase on all these figures. The waste of labour in all Europe rendered necessary by the possibility of war must be en ranous

The pianoforte has always been considered by musicians an unsattsfactory instrument, owing to its inability to sustain the sound. If report speaks truly this defect has been remedied, and the whole art of pianoforte playing will be revolutionized. It is said that Dr. Eisenmann, of Berlin, has invented a piano which, by an ingonious appliance of electro-magnetism, is capable of sustaining and diminishing or increasing the sound at the will of the performer. The most extraordinary claim made for the system is that by moving the bar with the electro-magnets from one part of the instrument to another the timbre of the tone changes, so as to resemble that of other infor instance. The musical world will await impatiently further details of an invention which will do much to mitigate the tedious. ness of public piano recitals.

A real estate and land boom is in full blast at Melbourne. A correspondent of the London "Times" (Oct. 31) says an attempt has actually been made to buy the Anglican cathedral there, the price offered being £300,000 stg. The bills and cheques passing through the Melbourne clearing house during the first half of the current year amounted to no less than £160,000,000 stg., as compared with a total of only £88,000,-600 during the first half of 1887. General business has much improved of late, but this enormous increase in banking operations was due in the main to the boom. In the twelvemonth ending May 31 last 270 companies, with an aggregate capital of £52, which sum no less than £27,000,000 represented the capital of new land companies. The boom, however, is near its end. The banks have set their faces against land paper.

It is considered probable that the United States Government will order an enquiry into the administration of affairs in Alaska. Statements have been made and published that the natives are subjected to the most terrible oppression, and that the most revolting abuses, particularly in regard to the native women, are permitted. A Chicage kurnal says :- "We need not believe all that is said of cruelties and outrages practised there upon defenceless natives to feel a thrill of horror. There is enough in the accounts of occasional travellers, there is enough in the discreetly worded reports of Government officials, to show that in Alaska exists a little hell for which we are reaponsible." This is a very serious admission, and the acknowledged existence of the abuses mentioned, with the dissatisfaction felt at the high handed proceedings of the commercial company which has the monopoly of the seal fisheries, may lead to Congress turning its attention to the general position of affairs in Alaska.

Canon laac Taylor in his article in the "Fortnightly Review," has shown that of converting he heathen in far off lands of Asia and Africa. He has also pointed out that at the present rate of conversion, and if the relapses are taken into account, it will take one million years to convert the world, supposing its population remains stationary. The passing thought may be suggested to many benevolent and patriotic Englishmen that a large portion of the foreign mission contributions could be more ings." They are represented in poetry as effects have been tested and proven in the profitably employed in relieving the distress sweet, gushing things, rising to greet the cure of tens of thousands of cases. It puriand clevating the moral condition of the morn with melody and bursting forth in ties and enriches the blood, restores lost drag on a miserable existence in White | bird poetry one might consider them the of the worst maladies that afflict mankind. injunction to preach the Gospel to all the ity of singing birds are waspish and quarrel minder, "The poor ye have always with son, which is also their time for mating, you."

Is the Fiend A Russian?

The Temps recalls, in connection with the Whitechapel murders, a series of similar horrors which occurred in Paris six years ago. A Russian subject named Wassily murdered eight women of loose character often fight until they are killed. The fcand was tried for the crimes. The jury declared him to be insane, and he was handed | calmly by observing the combat quite unover to the Russian authorities and sent back to his own country, where he was confined in av asylum until January 1st, 1888, when he was set at liberty. The supposition naturally arises that he may have found his way to Eugland and there renewed his crusade against fallen women.

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PEARLS OF TRUTH.

To a man with a disposition bent toward melaucholy the choicest of earthly the contented mind fate has no power for

Contented minds ar more conducive to happiness than riches, glory, or fame. In our lite-work let us remember that it will profit us but little if we gain a world of wealth and lose contenment and happiness.

Good nature disarms enmity, allays irritation, stops even the garrulity of faultpassions ever attempted to feed upon. He is the natural superior of irritable persons.

Morality cannot flourish without courage; criminality certainly thrives upon the lack of it. If we cannot go so far as to believe with the Frenchman that every mistake in life may be traced to fear, we can at least agree with the philosopher who said, "Great talents have been tost for want of a little courage."

Suspicions, as transient guests of the mind, may be useful in establishing the innocence which should be brought to light or in proving the guilt which should be purged away; but as permanent inmates of the mind their irfluence is most pernicious. Suffered to remain, they rankle and fester and produce all manner of social corrup tions.

Propose to yourself an object that is noble, parsue it from motives that are high, let what is best in you take the mastery, and you shall be ranked with the wise and good long before you are fully either. An i, as you go on in the course of improvement, the idea of your better self will become more definite, and the life of this idea of wisdom and goodness will be dearer and stronger in you

ecstatic in enjoyment, perennial in fame, temper; by shrill or stern tones where unlimited in space, and infinite in duration. | quiet, soft ones would do; by frequent In the performance of its great offices it fears | checks and rebukes and sparing praise. And no danger, spares no expense, looks into the | what is sure to follow such mistreatment by volcano, dives into the ocean, perforates the father or mother? Bursts of temper, for earth, wings its flight into the skies, enriches | which the child is punished and the parent the globe, explores sea and land, contem. is guilty, and then spiritless, listlessness and struments-the violin, oboe, and clarionet, plates the distant, examines the minute, apathy. "I cannot blease him whatever I lime; there is no place too remote for its grasp, no sphere too exalted for its reach.

Venus, the Evening Star.

A very brilliant star may be seen in the south-west almost as soon as the sun has set. This star is the planet Venus, and she out shines every other one of the two thousand five hundred stars visible in the heavens on clear, moonless nights.

But why is she snining in that particu'ar portion of the sky, and why does she change her place from time to time, while the stars that twinkle around her remain always the same? It is because the stars are so far away that they seem to retain the same relative position in regard to each other.

If we were near enough to them, we should 000,000 stg., were floated in Melbourne, of find that they, too, are moving, some in one direction and some in another, some approaching, and some receding from the earth. The fixed stars, as they are called, are suns, and shine by their own inherent light. Venus, like the earth, borrows her light from the sun, and revolves around it.

If we were on the sun, and looking at Venus, she would move in a circle around greater service to you and your sex by singthe sun. As we see her from the earth, ing, not in measured rythm but by setting which is also moving, she appears to move or oscillate in attaight lines cast and west of the sun.

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Venus will move eastward until February 19, 1889, when she reaches her greatest dis tance east of the sun, and begins to retrace her steps towards him, ending her course as evening star on April 30th.

The western sky, during the winter and the spring, will therefore be blessed with millions of dollars are spent by the evangel- | the presence of the Queen of the Stars, beizing secieties of Great Britain in the work | coming all the time more radiantly beautiful and only reaching her period of greatest billiancy on March 25th.

LOVE IN BIRD LIFE.

The Sweet-Voiced Twitterers are Frauds o The Very Worst Sort.

thousands of poor outcasts of both sexes who | song on the slightest provocation. To read | vitality, and effectually eradicates the seeds chapel and other slums of London and the most amiable of God's creatures, when the large cities of Great Britain. When the fact is, according to naturalists, the majorworld was issued, it was surely never some among themselves to a high degree. intended to completely withdraw the re. They behave worse during their singing seawhen they are popularly supposed to be flitting about in the most loving manner, tenderly beseeching each other to be "my valentine." Those who have made a close study of birds will tell you that mates are won, not by love but pitched battles, for the most part, the stronger party carrying off the prize. Some of the more puguacious males battle furiously for the males who sit prejudiced and ready to say, "May the best bird win." Sometimes the conqueror flies off with her dearly won valentine, only to meet some superior female on the way who disputes the prize and winsit. If the superior female be a "star" singer in bird opera sho she can get rid of him and snare another.

Positive Bankrupt.

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The Turf Congress

The sporting writer of the New York Tribune says :- "Ricing in America is on too expensive a scale to be governed by any such organization as this so-called Turf Congress, which convenes here next Thursday. With race tracks situated thousands of miles apart the idea of a national circuit, controlled by one general direction in the form of a National Jockey Club, is absurd. What Mirneapolis and St. Paul expect to gain by sending delegates to the meeting it is impossible to conceive. They support what is called the Twin City Jockey Club, but how is New York to be of service to the racing interests finding. It more than half overcomes envy. of Minnesota? The two big cities of that A really good-natured man is the most distant State might have racing every day in troublesome morsel that the malign the year without interfering in the remotest degree with the sport east of the Alleghanies. It is plain truth to say that the Eastern clubs care nothing whatever for an alliance with those of the West. The promoters of this so-called congress-all Western men-have been unable to secure the slightest notice from the American and Coney island clubs, and it is extremely doubtful if the Monmouth park and Brooklyn people can be persuaded to send delegates to their meeting. The failure to gain the co-operation of these rich and prosperous associations of New York and New Jersey signifies that the coming congress will accomplish nothing of importance to the racing interests of the East. An amicable alliance of Eastern clubs is urgently demanded in order that the troublesome question of dates may be settled to the satisfaction of each. Yet there is no prespect of such an arrangement. The East for the East and the West for the West is one of the unwritten rules of racing. The country is broad enough for half a dezen big circuits."

The Wrong and Right Way.

How purents provoke their children-by unreasonable commands, by perpetual restriction, by capricious jerks at the bridle, alternating with as capricious dropping the Pleasure is a shadow, but knowledge is reins altogether; by not governing their own and then to recklessness-"it is useless to ronto Ont. try any more." Ard when a man or child loses heart there will be no more obedience, Many a parent, especially many a father drives his child into evil by keeping him a a distance. He should make his boy a com child nearer to himself than anybody else, opinion an oracle, and his lightest wish a law. - A Maclaren, D. D.

> Mr. J. Parker-There are Trimble-Hawkins and his wife. They are a handsome couple, are'nt they? Miss Charity Ball-On, Street, Toronto. Please mention this paper yes, they are quite distinguished looking but do you know they say that at home they quarrel scandalously; andbe side a that, Mrs. Trimble-Hawkins absolutely neglect every bousehold duty, and her children are a perfect disgrace. Mr. J. Parker-Oh, you know her, then? Miss Charity Ball-Yes. indeed; I am her best friend !

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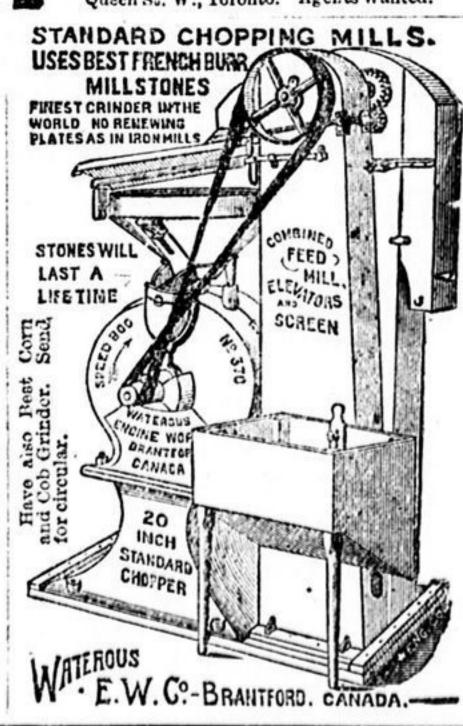
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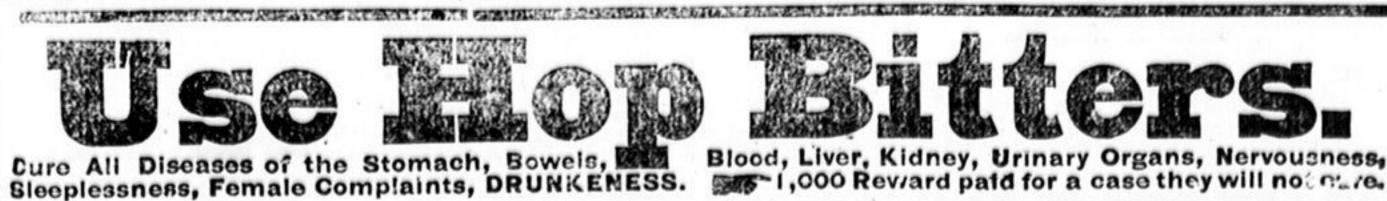
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