

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

POVERTY OF COLLEGE ENGLISH.

By President Elliot of Harvard.

One night in Sanders' Theater an English gentleman gave a lecture on good in form as in matter. He chanced to interest a Harvard graduate, whose interests in college had been chiefly athletic.

HARDSHIPS OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS.

By Charlemagne Tower.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact, that with the salary of the present time the United States service is the most difficult government in the world for an ambassador to serve properly, because, with \$17,000 a year, he is obliged to rent a house, meet his personal and domestic expenses, and entertain according to his official position in the country to which he is accredited.

France, do these things in mansions which belong to their governments, and with salaries which are twice as large as his, or even more.

LOVE IS NATIVE TO THE SOUL.

By Leon A. Harvey.

Science tells us that the physical universe is one, that life is one, and that man is the highest product, if not the end toward which creation has looked from the beginning.

CONSERVATISM BETTER THAN HASTE.

By Rev. Dr. Charles Parkhurst.

Were there the same crisp, malar atmosphere that men respired in the later day of Moses and throughout the administration of Joshua, men who have large, nation-wide obligations at Washington would find enough to do in attending to those obligations, and would have no time left for prevaricating as a means of auctioning themselves off upon the acceptance of voting constituencies.

For boys and girls

GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S TRIPLETS.

When I've been as good as a little boy could, If I sit as still and not stir, My mamma will tell a tale I love well.

UNCLE SAM'S COAL AREAS.

Montana Can boast of Most Extensive Field. The Scientific American has made an interesting abstract from an address by Marius R. Campbell, of the United States Geological Survey, to the National Geographic Society.



COAL AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES. BLACK SHOWS ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL; SHADED, LIGNITE.

(c) Semi-bituminous. (d) Bituminous. (e) Sub-bituminous. (f) Lignite. (a) Anthracite is too well known to need description. (b) Semi-anthracite is a low grade of anthracite.

understood that each of these States includes an enormous territory, equal to two or three of the smaller Eastern States. It is true, however, that most of the coal territory of these States is underlain by low grade lignite, and hence the fields are not so important as their areas would indicate.

If the present rate of coal consumption should be maintained from now on, the coal of the United States would last nearly 4,000 years. On the other hand, the increasing rate of coal con-

servation in the United States is an alarming factor in considering the future supply. The rate of increase is enormous, the amount produced in each decade since 1816 being equal to the entire previous consumption.

sumption of coal continues. The classes noted above include all of the different kinds of coal that are known, but certain peculiarities of coals within the bituminous class have led to distinctions which are of great importance: thus the property of coking, which is limited entirely to the bituminous class, has given to coals possessing this peculiarity a value far above those coals having similar composition, but which do not possess this characteristic.

At a recent wedding in a small western town the officiating clergyman, after the ceremony and the usual congratulations, turned to the assembled friends, and said: "Friends, you all know these young people; you have seen them grow up from children, and now that they have entered the holy state of matrimony, perhaps some of their old neighbors may have some special word to say to them."

There was a silence; no one responded for a moment; then the father of the bride stepped out from his position near his daughter and said: "I don't know as I can add anything to what has already been said," and he looked solemnly at the little gathering, evidently uncomfortable and embarrassed; but fortunately his eyes fell upon a neighbor, a political opponent, who would never listen to his views upon certain matters relating to taxation, and the speaker's face brightened, and he exclaimed with energy, "but this seems an excellent opportunity and I should like to say a few words on the single tax!"—Youth's Companion.

His Danger. Nurse—Please, ma'am, I can't find little Franz anywhere. We've looked all over. Mistress—Did you look to see if he's been gathered up by the vacuum cleaner?—Transatlantic Tales.

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE. She reads her essay off by rote, She gives deep thought its proper note, And while she thus wins sweet, sweet renown She wonders how folks like her gown.

Half in fun half chagrin, grandmother called in. The triplets, their hearts beating sore. "Your manners," said she,—and each of the three Scrapped a little bare foot on the floor.—Bowed Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

THEIR NEW HOME. Mr. and Mrs. Brown Sparrow had for a long time felt very uneasy in the different homes they had made each year. Their first great trouble came when they built a beautiful nest in a little bird house perched high in a large maple tree.

SHARK IS GOOD TO EAT. Tons Could Be Sold at New York Daily for a Few Cents a Pound. An American writing from Italy suggests an addition to our list of table fish.

BLESSINGS ON NEW BUILDINGS. Russian Custom That Got a Scoffer Into Trouble. It is a custom in this country to open all new buildings and institutions, public or private, with a religious dedication.

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