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Pointed Paragraphs.

The individual who snores should be "rapped" in slumber.

Little things trouble us and little things console us.

The up-to-date optician takes in the situation at a glance.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the close fellow seldom gets tight.

Some men with narrow views are rather broad in their conversation.

A wise man enjoys the little he has while a fool is seeking for more.

There is glory in any little thing you do simply from a sense of duty.

It's so much easier to convince others than it is to convince one's self.

Words are like sunbeams—the more they are concentrated the deeper they burn.

The shiftless farmer will ride around for a week in search of a lost hog worth two dollars.

Learn of the busy little bee, but be very careful how you take a pointer from him.

What a congressman learns his first term he doesn't always tell when seeking a second.

It doesn't profit a man much if his servant keeps the commandments intact and breaks all his crockery.

Thin people should take Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Business is Business.

Butcher's Boy—Thomson's cat has just caught a bird down in our cellar.

Butcher—Charge Thomson five cents for cat meat. We can't afford to feed his cat for nothing.

It takes a plain woman five times as long to buy a new hat as it does a pretty woman.

Hawthorne as a Student.

A correspondent of the Brunswick, Me., Telegraph says: "Hawthorne, when a student in college, lodged with the mother of the writer, and we often went fishing for trout in what is now known as Mall brook. At that time the students called it Hawthorne's brook. He was rather reserved in manner, and had but few associates. When in college, he was not over 5 feet 8 inches in height. It was the custom at that time for the students, when they met President Allen to raise their hats. Hawthorne and John Holden, it is said, were brought up among the Friends, and they did not raise their hats when passing the president. Hawthorne was summoned before the president for this neglect, and I have forgotten whether he was suspended or escaped with only a reprimand."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Excavation at Babylon.

German savants are busy with plans for the excavation of Babylon. Layard, the discoverer of Nineveh, was the first to really do anything in the way of excavating. The Germans are determined that their work shall be thorough. It will be costly and take five years. The excavators will begin with El Kas'r, the fortress, which is the remains of Nebuchadnezzar's palace, and where Alexander died. They will also investigate a number of other ruins near by.

If your child is pale, peevish, and does not thrive, a dose of Miller's Worm Powders occasionally will cure.

Rulers of the World.

The world has had 2,550 kings or emperors of whom records are known and who have reigned over 74 peoples. Of these rulers 350 were overthrown, 64 were forced to abdicate, 28 committed suicide, 80 became mad or imbecile, 100 were killed in battle, 123 were captured by the enemy, 36 were tortured to death, 151 were assassinated, and 108 were executed.

New life for a quarter. Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

What Is in a Watch.

The watch carried by the average man is composed of 98 pieces, and its manufacture embraces more than 2,000 distinct and separate operations. Some of the smallest screws are so minute that the unaided eyes cannot distinguish them from steel filings or specs of dirt.

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Women Who Shine Shoes.

In Paris and other large towns in France female bootblacks are increasing in number. They wear a peculiar garb, not unlike that of sisters of mercy, which renders their appearance neat and attractive. Not a few among them attend to their work with gloved hands.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Perhaps.

"It is said that an average of only one widower out of eleven marries a widow."

"I suppose that must be because the widows prefer to go after the young fellows."

High Living in Japan.

In Japan a man can live like a gentleman on $300 a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the wages of two servants, and supply plenty of food.

A book-lover is a person who wouldn't prop up a window with a blue and gold volume of poetry.

"Did she make you feel at home?"

"No; but she made me wish I was."

DIED IN ELEVEN MINUTES.

A Toronto Junction Woman Saturates Herself With Coal Oil and Set Fire to Herself.

Toronto Junction, July 3.—An awful way of ending life was that adopted by Mrs. Bray, wife of W. H. Bray, a pedlar on Somerset avenue, on Sunday morning. The woman is about 65 years of age and has been demented for some time, frequently giving expression to the thought that she wished she was out of the way. Yesterday morning, unnoticed by any of her relatives, she saturated her clothes with coal oil and then set fire to herself with a match. The flames immediately ran up her dress and she rushed into the street a living bonfire. Mrs. Charlton, who was standing at her gate on the street, was the first to notice her and she at once bethought herself of blankets and cloths. Mrs. Bray, however, evidently repented of her rash deed and rushed across the road to Mr. Phillips' where she knocked at the door. All was over in about eleven minutes, for the flames speedily did their work and she fell on her back from the door burned to death.

U. S. TREATY WITH JAMAICA.

Concluded on Saturday at Washington Between the Parties.

Washington July 3.—A reciprocity treaty with Jamaica was concluded at the State Department on Saturday at a conference between Commissioner Kasson in behalf of the United States and Mr. Tower the British Chargé d'Affaires. The Jamaican treaty is now to be forwarded to Kingston for the approval of the colonial authorities and when this is given the formal signing of the instrument will take place. The Jamaican tariff commission left in the afternoon going first to Ottawa to confer with the Canadian authorities. All parties concerned in the negotiations here have been placed under the strictest reserve.

WILL THERE BE WAR?

The Government Has Despatched 300 Troops to South Africa and an Ultimatum to Sir Alfred Milner.

London July 3.—Five hundred troops were sent to South Africa yesterday and something like an ultimatum has been dispatched to Sir Alfred Milner by mail. This information from inside circles indicates that the Government has lost faith already in moral suasion and is preparing to coerce the Boers.

Drowned at Bracebridge.

Bracebridge, Ont., July 3.—Yesterday morning about 11.30 Leo Russell, son of Charles A. Russell of Bracebridge, a lad about 16 years of age, was drowned while bathing in the Muskoka River at the foot of Cooper's Rapids, about half a mile above the falls. His body has not yet been recovered.

TWELVE LIVES LOST.

Steamer Margaret Olwill Goes to the Bottom of Lake Erie in the Storm.

Chicago, June 30.—The steamer Margaret Olwill, owned by L. P. Smith of Cleveland, went down in the storm off Loraine, Lake Erie, last night. Twelve people were lost, including Capt. John Brown, his wife and son, and Miss Baldwin, a passenger. The Olwill, of 554 tons, was bound from Kelley's Island to Cleveland, with limestone, her cargo shifting in the heavy sea, sending her down by the stern. Seaman Coyle was the only man saved. He was picked up by the steamer State of Ohio.

John Smith, mate; Alex. McRae and Engineer Schenckl were picked up by the steamer Sacramento and taken to Loraine. This makes the number of drowned nine.

According to Coyle's story the steamer was caught between two waves and as she was borne along the top of one of them, she rolled over on the side. The cabins were torn loose and floated on the water, while the rest of the ship went to the bottom. Coyle caught hold of part of the after cabin and climbed upon it. Heffron, one of the wheelmen, was clinging to a part of the same cabin. Capt. Willoughby of the steamer States of Ohio sighted the wreckage about 5.15 in the morning, and immediately put into service her lifesaving crew. Coyle was rescued. Heffron was thrown a line, but he was too weak to take hold of it, and went down in the presence of a large crowd on board the steamer.

BETTER THAN SERUM.

Washington Physician Develops a New Treatment for Germ Diseases.

Washington, June 30. — Dr. Oscar Loew, one of the expert vegetable pathologists of the Agricultural Department, has developed to what he believes is a point of practical use a new treatment for germ diseases, which promises to supersede the serum treatment now in use in diphtheria, fevers and many other diseases. The experiments have reached a stage where they can be tested in hospitals. The treatment is similar in some respects to the serum treatment, but depends on a different principle, the basic idea being the presence of a class of ferments known as enzymes, which are produced by the same bacteria that produce the disease. It is because of the production, or rather overproduction, of a certain enzyme that a disease such as typhoid will "run its course," and then die out of the system. The bacteria in this case, it is stated, are simply killed out by the ferment they produce.

The object of the new treatment is to produce a pure enzyme, which, introduced into the human system, will kill the disease germs without injuring the patient.

The Hamburg-American steamer Phoenicia arrived on Sunday afternoon at Halifax from Hmburg and landed 355 immigrants, mostly Galicians. One child died on the passage.

As Big as a Saucer.

A youth at school at Haddington who lacked musical talent, and whose voice consequently jarred during the singing lesson, was always allowed a holiday on singing days. His mother, failing to divine the cause of her son's enforced absence, paid a visit to the school to inquire into the matter. In answer to her query as to why her son was sent home on such occasions, the teacher said, "Why, simply because he has no ear!" "What!" she exclaimed. "Has ear! Did onybody ever hear the like o' that! Nae ear; why he has a lug like a saucer, man!"

It is a Liver Pill.—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

Steered by Light Waves.

Axtell Orling gave a private demonstration in London recently of his marvelous invention for steering a torpedo from a distance. The principle of the invention consists in the transmission of motor force by waves of light similar to the Roentgen rays. In one room Mr. Orling fixed up a model of a torpedo fitted with a rudder like a fish's tail, controlling it by an apparatus in an adjoining chamber, through two partition walls between the two objects. The spectators were astonished to see the rudder of the torpedo turning to the right or to the left at the will of the operator.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

New Process of Photography.

To be in the swim one must have one's photograph taken by the new process, which gives a raised surface like bas relief. For the lover who yearns to carry his sweetheart's picture always with him these new photos may be reduced to fit in a small locket. The newest fad in these locket or watch photos is to have a small magnifying glass set into the cover, which when opened releases the glass by means of a spring and enlarges the portrait to a most lifelike appearance.

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Mrs. S. J. O'Sullivan, wife of the vice-president of the U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company of New York, was so badly burned in the drygoods store of Crosby & Hill at Plainfield, N.J., on Saturday, that she died in the Muhlenberg Hospital at that place. It is thought that she stepped on a match, which ignited her dress of light material.

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Instructive Incidents in the Life of the "Recognized Leader in the U. S. of the Colored Race.

Booker T. Washington was born in Franklin County, Va., but he does not know when—no record having been kept of colored children's births in the days of slavery.

His first memory is of clinging to his mother's skirts while she shouted hallelujah for her freedom. Whether it was under this mother's instruction or that of his teachers in the colored schools, or both, he boy evidently grew up with a conscience and an idea of doing things well.

He worked in a coal mine after he was old enough to earn his living, but his hunger for knowledge drove him to study whenever and wherever he could get at a book.

Dr. John F. Cowan, in The Christian Endeavor World, tells how Booker heard of a place where students worked for their education, and how he finally entered Hampton Normal Institute.

He arrived there afoot, shabby and covered with dust. The faculty did not know what to think of him, and doubted whether they could offer him anything beyond a meal of victuals and a chance to wash himself. But at last they concluded to give him a room to sweep, and accordingly a broom was put into his hands.

He swept the floor once, and looked as his work. It did not satisfy him. He went over it a second time, carefully brushing out all the corners; but another inspection did not convince him that he had done a perfect job. He swept that room a third time, and then he concluded he had done the best he could.

Soon after one of the lady teachers came in and took note of his performance. A quick survey showed her that at least the floor was clean. She touched the walls and chairs with her white handkerchief in search of dust, but if she found any she did not say so. The next day he was admitted as a student at Hampton Institute.

Booker continued to use the broom, and pay his way with it, when not handling the hoe and spade to the same purpose on the school farm, climbing at the same time in his studies till he became the representative man in his class. Every task he undertook, whether in learning or labor, was as carefully finished as his first.

And when, in 1881, Gen. Armstrong sent him to teach school in a Tuskogee shanty, he faced, and felt, as he had never felt before, the helpless ignorance of his race, and resolved that he would try to sweep some of it away. The story of his thoroughness and his success is now part of the national history of the republic to the south of us.

The Marital Union in Russia.

It is a curious fact that Russia is the country where the marital union is most enduring.

There the average husband and wife can look forward to the pleasure of enjoying each other's company for a period of 30 years, whereas in England about 27 years is the average span of married life. In Belgium and some other continental countries the average is not more than 23 years.

Considering that nearly 50 per cent of the female population dies before reaching marriageable years, the percentage of women who marry must necessarily be small. It has been computed that only 25 per cent of females born ever become wives.

The age at which people marry is gradually going up, the average bride and bridegroom of today being six months older than the average happy pair of 10 or 12 years ago.

Children as Ruskin Sees Them.

John Ruskin, in answer to the question, "When does the education of a child begin?" replied: "At 6 months old it can answer smile with smile and impatience with impatience. It can observe, enjoy and suffer acutely and, in a measure, intelligently. Do you suppose it makes no difference to it that the order of the house is perfect and quiet, the faces of its father and mother full of peace, their soft voices familiar to its ear, and even those of strangers loving, or that it is tossed from arm to arm, among hard or reckless or vain minded persons, in the gloom of a vicious house or the confusion of a gay one?"

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Little Katie McLean Drowned in an Uncovered Fire Tank at Goderich on Saturday.

Goderich, Ont., July 3.—About 7 o'clock on Saturday evening Katie McLean, aged 9, daughter of Mr. John McLean of this town, was missed from her home. Not having been seen for two hours, and, as there was a large water tank nearby that was being filled up, a neighbor looked in and saw the child's hat floating on the water. As there was considerable water in the tank and three loads of dirt had been dumped in after the child was supposed to have fallen in, the steam fire engine was taken to the spot, the water pumped out, and a few minutes afterwards the little one was found a few inches under the dirt. The body was laid on the road and presented a pitiable sight, as it was almost encased in mud. The coroner, Dr. J. W. Holmes, who was present, decided that an inquest was necessary, and the same will be continued on Monday or Tuesday. The tank is an old one that was used for fire purposes before the town had waterworks. It was covered with long logs about a foot in diameter, some of which had been removed to allow the filling up, and it was through the opening thus made that the little one must have fallen. There were a great many people present when the body was found and there was much comment about the opening into the well being left unguarded during the filling-in process.

DEATH OF W. P. KILLACKEY.

Rupture of One of the Blood Vessels of the Brain or Apoplexy.

Windsor, Ont., July 3.—While W. P. Killackey, one of Windsor's best-known citizens, was seated at the supper table on Friday evening he was taken with severe pains in the region of the abdomen, followed by excessive vomiting. Dr. Reaume was summoned, but was unable to save his patient, who died at 10 o'clock. Probably death was caused by a rupture of one of the blood vessels of the brain, and apoplexy followed.

Mr. Killackey was 38 years of age and was born in Elgin County, near St. Thomas. For a number of years he was Separate School Inspector for the County of Kent, but in June, 1896, just after the general election for the House of Commons, he was appointed deputy collector of customs for the port of Windsor. He held that position about a year. Since that time Mr. Killackey acted as organizer in Province of Ontario for the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association.

Mr. Killackey unsuccessfully contested Kent and South Essex in elections for the House of Commons. He was a clever and impressive platform speaker.

UNCLE SAM'S BALANCE SHEET.

The Deficit for the Past Fiscal Year is Only $88,875,989.

Washington, July 3.—Contrary to the expectations of the treasury officials, the Government expenditure during the fiscal year closed on Friday exceeded the receipts by only $88,875,989. One month ago the officials predicted that the deficit might not exceed $100,000,000, but at no time up to a few days ago was it expected the amount would be less than $90,000,000. The receipts for the 12 months of the fiscal year were: Customs, $206,307,812; internal revenue, 273,142,490; miscellaneous, $26,566,442. Total, $515,916,474. The disbursements were: Civil and miscellaneous, $119,225,598; war, $229,041,011; navy, $64,734,470; Indians, $12,799,983; pensions, $139,394,743; interest, $39,896,925. Total expenditures, $605,092,734.

CUSTOMS REVENUE JUMPED.

An Increase of $3,389,433 for the Year 1898-99.

Ottawa, July 3.—Canada's customs revenue for the fiscal year 1898-9, which closed on Friday, was the largest in the fiscal record of the Dominion, amounting to a total increase of $3,389,433 for the year, as compared with the fiscal year 1897-98. The totals are: For 1897-98, $21,879,375; $25,268,808 for 1898-99. Increase for 1898 99, $3,389,433. There are some amounts not yet to hand and by the time all is in the increase will be about $3,500,000.

MACHINERY HALL GONE.

Toronto Industrial Exhibition Company's Big Building Destroyed by Fire.

Toronto, June 30.—Machinery Hall at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition grounds was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

The blaze was discovered at 4.15 o'clock. In 15 minutes the building, which was a frame structure, was completely enveloped in flames, and the firemen found the building almost a total wreck on their arrival. Agricultural Implement Hall was slightly damaged. The shafting, pulleys and an engine in Machinery Hall were also completely wrecked. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been a spark from a passing engine. The wind took the flames along with great rapidity. Machinery Hall was valued at $18,870. The insurance on the building was $6,000, and on the boilers, engines and shafting $3,200. The loss on the latter reaches some $5,000.

HAD A SCHEME.

And It Might Work if It Only Got a Trial.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the man in the threadbare suit of black, stepping up to the man at the desk, "but you are the president of a life insurance company, are you not?"

"I am. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"If you can give me about two minutes of your time"—

"Is it any hard luck story? Because, if it is"—

"No, sir; nothing of the kind. I have simply a practical business suggestion to make, which I think you, as a practical man of business, will see the worth of at a glance. All fire insurance companies, I believe, join in maintaining what is called a fire insurance patrol. It is the duty of this patrol to try to save property when a fire breaks out. Very good. My suggestion is that life insurance companies organize a similar institution. It should be the duty of the life insurance patrol to assist in nursing and taking care of all sick or injured persons whose lives are insured. Think how many hundreds of lives are annually sacrificed by careless nursing that might be saved by concerted action on the part of"—

"Was that all you wished to see me about?"

"Yes, sir. I merely wish to add that I have had a practical medical experience of many years and understand hospital practice sufficiently to be able to take entire charge of such a department as I have suggested"—

"Good morning, sir."

"Isn't the idea worth at least a dollar, anyhow, or enough to get my laundry out of the"—

"Thomas, show this man out."

"No, Thomas," said the caller. "I can find my way out alone, Thomas. I will only ask you, Thomas, to accept this trifle as a slight token of regret and sympathy—sympathy, Thomas. I don't suppose you get many of them—in this philanthropist's employ. Good morning, Thomas."

He handed Thomas a 5 cent piece, much worn, pushed his hat a little farther back on his head and stalked out, full of dignity to the last.

The Society of the Queen's Kiss.

There has just died in Essex, England, an old lady who enjoyed a rather original popularity among the neighbors, by whom she was spoken of as "the old lady who kissed the Queen for a shilling." When only a year old the Queen—then Princess Victoria, of course—was being wheeled about the park by her nurse, when a troop of boarding-school girls came tripping along the walk. One of the number, whose father had some position at court, recognized the royal baby, and pointed it out to her companions. The little princess was immediately surrounded by an admiring group, and the nurse had all her efforts in the world to prevent her from being hastily lifted from the carriage. But if they could not hold the child they would at least have a kiss, and one of them said, "Let us each have a kiss and we will each give you a shilling." The nurse accepted the offer, and was soon some 40 shillings the richer.

Soon the little adventure was noised about the royal household and came to the ears of the Duchess of Kent, the royal infant's mother, and the ingenious servant was hastily summoned before her mistress, whose first impulse was to dismiss her from the house. But the Duke interfered. "Nurse," he said, "you are pardoned. For my part I see no harm in my daughter being admired; it is only natural, for she is the finest baby in the land. But in future I forbid you to allow her to be kissed for less than a guinea, and even that is a mere nothing." The Duchess posted a physician off to school to examine into the health of the girls who had committed the familiarity.

The young women subsequently formed a society known as "The Society of the Queen's Kiss," and when the young princess became Queen they recalled the incident. "We are," they wrote, "the first of your subjects from whom Your Majesty received homage." And on all important occasions they addressed repeated expressions of allegiance. But the members gradually died, and with this old lady's death "The Society of the Queen's Kiss" has passed from existence.

Imperial Tea Jets.

Both the German emperor and empress are great lovers of flowers and great numbers of them are employed every day for the decoration of the imperial dinner table