

Many a man has sacrificed the best part of himself in his struggle for success. He has given up his friendships, torn up all the tender ties of his early years, sacrificed everything which he then held dear, to the goal of his ambition. In his mad rush for the "almighty dollar," all that is beautiful in his social life has been lost sight of. He has developed his money-getting powers, the faculties which grasp and hold, at the expense of all his nobler qualities, very truly writes Orison S. Marden, in Success. In middle life, he suddenly awakens to the fact that he no longer loves music, that his admiration for poetry and painting has evaporated. He finds that he does not linger by the wayside to drink in the glory of a sunset as he used to do. He no longer cares to lie on his back in the grass and study the stars. He finds it difficult to carry on conversation in society as he once did. In fact, there is only one thing in life that yields him pleasure—his business. In the narrow rut, between his office or store and his home, he finds his only joys.

Mrs. Susan Auwerter, of Braddock, Pa., furnishes a prize story of the recent hurly-burly in stocks. About five years ago she purchased 18 shares of Northern Pacific, paying \$10 a share. Shortly afterward the bottom fell out of the market and the stock became practically worthless. Her brother-in-law owned some of the stuff, but sold it for 25 cents a share and urged Mrs. Auwerter to do the same. She declined to do so, but put them in cheap frames and hung them up on the walls as a reminder of what then seemed to be her folly in making such an investment. During the whirl in Wall street, when the stock was jumping \$100 at a leap, she sent her shares to New York, where they were gobbled up at an immense figure. Now it develops that Mrs. Auwerter failed to pay an assessment levied some years ago, and there seems to be small prospects of her getting the purchase price.

One of the most notable library symptoms is the tremendous increase of interest in spiritual and theological problems, said a prominent librarian recently to a writer in the New York Sun. It is astonishing to see how many men and women are reading eagerly everything dealing with questions of life and immortality. We have a great many elderly readers who are absorbed in such literature. I suppose modern thought has upset their early beliefs, and they are struggling to readjust their theories and doctrines in the little time that is left to them. Psychology and all forms of occultism have a grip upon the public interest now, and sociological works find 20 times the number of readers they had even ten years ago. It interests me to see how many young men are delving in sociology and economics, a large proportion of them being from the working classes.

There is an opportunity in Cuba for the investment of capital, if persons investing will be content with moderate returns, says Senator O. H. Platt, in Success. I do not think our new possessions hold out any inducement for an American who proposes to support himself and to better his condition by his labor. The climate of the tropics is not favorable to the northern workingman, and the capitalist who expects to double his investment in a year or two, according to the present craze for obtaining immediate wealth, is very likely to be disappointed. Business methods, business sagacity, and contentment with reasonable returns, are likely to make ventures of capital fairly remunerative.

There is no end of odd names in North Carolina. One of the best-known men in Raleigh named his children after the states of the union, and they are among the most prominent people in that section to-day, among them being Rev. Wisconsin Royster and Vermont Connecticut Royster. Newburn is the home of Sharp Blunt. The home of Sink Quick is in Richmond county. Prof. Dred Peacock, of Greensboro, is one of the foremost educators in the state, while the home of Early Dawn is Raleigh.

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Progress in variation has been remarkable with the sweet pea. The Pan-American exposition is taking a hand in helping it along. A special exhibit, under various classes, is to be held on the opening day, July 23. Entries must be made not later than July 20, and specimens be in place not later than noon on the opening day.

Prof. Simon Newcomb, lecturing of the progress of astronomy before Columbian university, says: "It is determined that the solar system is moving forward in space 40,000 miles an hour, but whence it came or whither it is going no one can tell. All we have got to do is to keep quiet and hold on."

Extensive discoveries of oil fields in Texas have occasioned an excitement in that state which recalls the scenes in western Pennsylvania 40 years ago. There is a rush for oil lands, and a feverish speculation in the shares of companies formed to develop the wells. A single recent issue of a Dallas newspaper contained advertisements of 37 companies, formed or forming, with nominal capital stock ranging all the way from \$25,000 to \$500,000, and aggregating more than \$22,000,000.

The agricultural department reports that insects are destroying the crops in various parts of the country. Formerly the birds destroyed the insects, but man destroyed the birds, and now he must do their work himself or go hungry.

A paper in the backwoods of Georgia reports an accident that "A negro yesterday was struck by the limited express, landed on a pile of iron 60 feet away, and fell into the river, where he was drowned."

**Good Gravel Roads in Iowa.**  
In Scott county the license money received from the saloons is used to improve the roads. At first ashes were used on a rock foundation. As ashes became scarce gravel was shipped in and used instead, giving better satisfaction. Small rocks were laid on the large ones before putting on the gravel, making a roadbed about 16 inches deep. The large rocks were omitted after awhile, as they had to be laid by hand, while the gravel could be dumped. Finally, the little stones were also omitted, the roads now being made entirely of gravel, 10 to 14 inches deep.

Milk crosswise, that is to say, one fore teat on the right and a hind teat on the left and vice versa; the milk thus flows more copiously than by parallel milking.

**Eggs for Various Markets.**  
C. F. Langworthy says that for market, the shells of new laid eggs should be wiped clean, if necessary, and the eggs graded as regards size. In some markets brown eggs are preferred to white. It is stated that in the Boston market brown-shelled eggs, such as are laid by Partridge Cochins, Dark Brahmans, Barred Plymouth Rocks, sell at from two to five cents per dozen more than white-shelled eggs, such as are laid by Brown Leghorns, Buff Leghorns and White and Black Minorcas. In New York market, on the other hand, white-shelled eggs bring the higher price. It is well known, however, that the color of the shell has no relation to the food value.—Farmers' Review.



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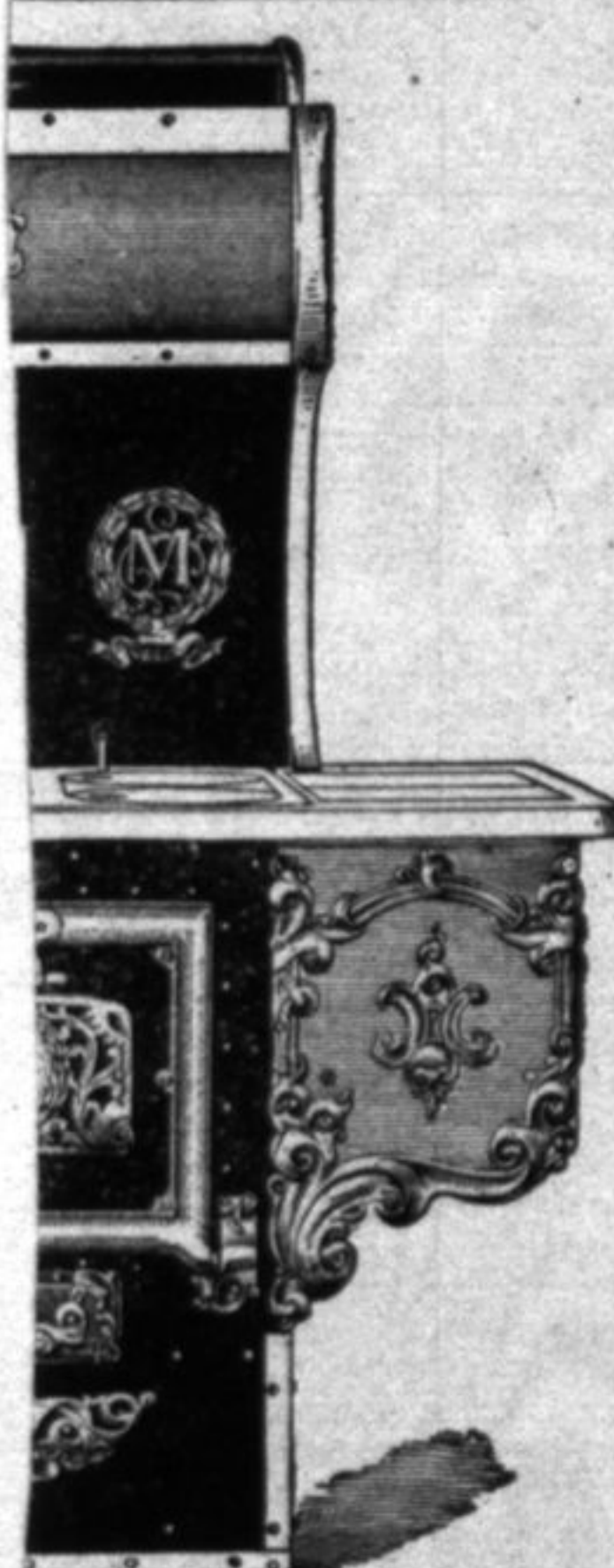
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