

Topics of the Times

Never judge a man by the opinion he has of himself.

Women use calling cards in playing the social game.

Talk isn't necessarily cheap when money does the talking.

Every man who knows himself knows how selfish other men are.

A woman doesn't thoroughly enjoy anything she can't cry over.

When a man borrows trouble he puts up his peace of mind as collateral.

There are a good many noughts in the sum total of the world's inhabitants.

The Panama canal is being dug to music. Why shouldn't it? Uncle Sam pays the piper.

After reading the report on the packing houses you are almost ashamed to look a corned-beef can in the face.

A man of the name of Sales was the victor in a recent big automobile race. How could they have stopped him?

There is one advantage possessed by the man at the bottom over the man at the top; he doesn't have so far to fall.

The Czar's attitude toward the Douma is that of a little boy who owns a dog about 20 sizes too large for him.

It is said the Standard people will furnish San Francisco with water. Oil and water may have to mix, after all.

Please stop asking concerning the public estimate of the joy of being an ice-man in Toledo. Nobody wants to be the ice-man.

No great war is now being waged anywhere. "Fighting Bob" Evans must regard this as a very inferior sort of summer.

A London music teacher says American girls have the sweetest voices in the world. We may add that they have the richest fathers, too.

It is announced that kerosene oil externally applied will cure snake-bite. This may cause H. H. Rogers to take a firm stand against the people who kill snakes.

The scientists have decided that the San Francisco earthquake was due to ruptures in the earth's crust. This relieves Thomas W. Lawson of a lot of suspicion.

George Bernard Shaw says he would rather sweep a crossing than live in idle luxury. Russell Sage might at least encourage Mr. Shaw with a word or two of approval.

While the girl graduates received the poetic advice to keep their eyes on the stars, the only advice the young men graduates had handed out to them was to keep their eyes on the "Help Wanted" columns.

The spelling reform brethren now claim William Shakespeare as one of their confraternity and they are right. A man who consistently refused to spell his own name the same way twice in succession certainly must be credited with latitudinarian views in the matter of orthography.

The late Michael Davitt, the Irish home ruler, who had served two or three terms in prison for his opinions, bequeathed to all his friends "kind thoughts, to my enemies the fullest possible forgiveness, and to Ireland my undying prayer for her absolute freedom." One does not need to agree with Davitt to admire the spirit which inspired such a passage in his will.

Addison, in one of his "Sir Roger De Coverly" sketches, says: "A man's first care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart; his next to escape the censures of the world; if the last interferes with the former it ought to be entirely neglected. If we may judge from experience and from the sighs and sounds around us, this is scarcely the principle which directs the conduct of many of us. And yet there is an immense amount of practical common sense wisdom in Addison's dictum, for in avoiding the reproaches of his own heart a man is taking the surest step toward the highest good—happiness."

Persons who travel are aware that the cake of soap for promiscuous use has been growing less common in the wash rooms of hotels, and in New York and some other large cities has almost disappeared. Devices by which a small portion of pulverized or liquid soap is deposited in the hand have largely superseded the cake of soap. The reason is the readiness with which soap receives and retains the germs of disease. Physicians who tested cakes of soap from various New York hotels found filth and disease bacteria in nearly every sample—in those from the highest-priced and most fashionable hotels, as well as those from the cheaper ones.

Nobody contributes more largely to the general good than one with a hearty good sense of humor. Troubles disappear at his approach, and under

the magic influence of his contagious geniality cares and worries, which seemed so heavy, become light as air and mere cause of smiles. One with a sunny, hopeful, humorous nature is like a physician during a plague. It is not possible, of course, for everybody to be witty or humorous. It is just as reasonable to counsel people to be poets or to be beautiful as to urge them to be wits or humorists. Wits and humorists are born, not made, and there is hardly anything more melancholy than the person without any sense of humor or a grain of wit vainly striving to win applause and dulling the edge of patience. Franklin said that no fools are so troublesome as those who have wit, and those who with unseasonable jests make light of serious and sacred things. If we cannot all add to the fund of good humor by "lambent flashes" of wit and the beautiful, gracious charm of an Oliver Goldsmith or a Mark Twain, it is nevertheless within the power of all to take a cheerful view of things and to cultivate our own good humor. Our temperaments are made for us, but our habits are of our own making. And good humor and cheerfulness are largely habits. A cheerful frame of mind comes with a desire and determination to be cheerful, and the habit, like all other habits, grows with time and use. Whoever cultivates the cheerful habit will find his reward in his own happiness, which will grow as he perceives how much his cheerfulness and good humor add to the happiness of others.

Prof. L. H. Bailey, director of the Cornell University's agricultural department, has been discussing the question of the cityward drift of farm boys, especially of boys who go to college, and his views are hopeful and encouraging. He is certain that in the near future there will be an excellent understanding and cordial co-operation between the farm and the college, notwithstanding certain present tendencies which he regrets. An identical letter of inquiry to Cornell students born and bred on farms or in rural sections brought Prof. Bailey interesting data, which he summarizes in the Century. One hundred and fifty-five students admitted that they were leaving the farm, and gave their reasons for the decision. These reasons are grouped under four heads, as follows: Financial rewards, physical labor, social and intellectual interests, miscellaneous difficulties and handicaps on the farm. Many of the students thought the farmer had no opportunity either for political distinction or for social, humanitarian service. Fifteen expected to return to the farm in the course of time, after a successful career in the city in business or the professions. Prof. Bailey is not surprised at the fascination exercised by the great cities, with their wealth, their intense life, their infinite variety, their social and political organizations, their amusements and artistic and intellectual attractions. But he believes that a reaction is in course of preparation. Great fortunes made in trade and commerce have a dazzling effect, but many of the ambitious youths soon discover that it is impossible for every one to get rich, and the professions are notoriously overcrowded. Yale proposes to make its law school a post-graduate school and admit no one without a college degree, and the suggestion is generally commended on the ground that already there are too many lawyers in the country. Most physicians, architects, literary men, artists say the same thing about their vocations. The farm holds out no promise of great wealth, but it insures mental peace, comfort and reasonable prosperity when properly and practically managed. So far as rural isolation is concerned, it is surely becoming a thing of the past, as Prof. Bailey has pointed out in a commencement address. With the ubiquitous trolley, the autocar, the telephone, the free delivery system, the construction of new railways, and—we may add—the automatic piano players and other musical instruments—who can justify say the farm means dull monotony and isolation? The farm needs the college, but it can in turn do much for the educated youth seeking opportunities. The city will find the farm more and more of a competitor with college men.

Mark Twain on Advertising.

Mark Twain in the midst of a panegyric on advertising told a remarkable story.

"There was a man," he said, "back Iowa way who was so pleased with an advertisement in the local paper that he wrote the following testimonial letter to the editor: 'Mr. Editor: Sir—After selling all I could, giving barrels away, stuffing my hogs till they would eat no more, I still had last fall about 200 tons of big, juicy, fine flavored apples left on my hands. I inserted in your valuable paper an ad. that I was willing to send free a barrel of picked fruit, freight paid in advance by me, to any one who would apply, there being, of course, no charge for the barrel. You will hardly credit it, but that little 40-cent ad. cleared out my whole stock of apples, and I could have disposed of five times the quantity on the same terms.'"

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