

## Quill Points.

### A SYMPOSIUM FOR MAY FIRST.

BY THE LATE EMPLOYER.

In the piles of brick and mortar,  
In the heaps of sand and stun  
Lies the work that now had order  
In ten hours a day be done.

BY THE LATE EMPLOYED.

In the blocks of brick and mortar,  
In the avenue fronts of stun  
Lies the money we had order  
Had when ten hours work we done.

BY THE REST OF US.

If you folks would kinder sorter  
Git together, everyone,  
And fix this thing as you had order  
Then this work could all be done.

Poor Mitchell! He can now appreciate that portion of the Presbyterian creed which declares that if a man do a good act and do it not through the fear of the Lord, it shall be accounted as a sin. Mitchell has been advocating a constitutional amendment providing for popular election of senators, and his constitutional enemies—whom he would also like to see amended—declare that this also is a sin worse than his acts which they quote as a proof that what he wants is a good thing for the country. The sin lies, not in the thing itself, for it is very desirable, but in the fact that Mitchell is trying to bring it about. Perhaps when the Westminster creed is amended on this point, certain newspapers will also amend their anti-Mitchell creed to correspond.

Stanley seems to be on the slate for the governor of the Congo country. He is undoubtedly the best man that could be secured to subdue Central Africa and bring it under the dominion of England, but when he does it the people of America will not be so proud of him as they were when he went in search of Livingston, or even when he was seeking to rescue Emin—as was supposed. Even now his fame is tarnishing under the electric light being cast upon his motives in undertaking his last expedition.

Emperor William has had a photograph taken showing himself charging at the head of the royal guard, the ground beneath his horse's feet being strewn with the bodies of the slain, supposed to have fallen

beneath his mighty arm. Here is a suggestion for some of our "colonels by courtesy." Let them borrow a uniform and have their "piceters took," which shall serve forever as mute but indisputable witnesses to prove to coming generations the valor of their much-titled ancestors.

Powderly sees in the 75,000 idle men in California a force that will render abortive the eight hour movement; but there are not 75,000 idle men in California. After all the fuss in San Francisco, only about 1,000 men were found so much in need of work as to labor in the park. Tramp labor can not be relied upon to break the force of organized effort, as its very unreliability is the chief cause of its being tramp labor.

Brazil does not tread the path of democracy with the free step that alone can enable it to walk in safety. When a self constituted provisional government, instituted ostensibly to promote democracy and freedom, rules a country more despotically than did the deposed monarch, there is lacking the spirit of a republican government in the rulers and the spirit of a free people in the ruled.

The worst feature about these fights "to a finish" is that they do not finish anything, but only breed a new crop of fights that need finishing. If they really did finish them we might match every pugilist in the country against some other hard headed fighter and finish them all up in one general carnival of the "manly" art.

Professor Wiggins exercises more discretion than the ill-starred Erickson in prophesying earthquakes in San Francisco. He has grown too wise from experience to set a date, and is consequently prepared to claim every spasmodic twitching of Dame Nature's face as one of his predicted convulsions.

It is said that an early collapse of the French cabinet is feared. Why not make one out of walnut-braced inside with iron rods? France ought to be able to pay for something more substantial than those flimsy affairs that fall to pieces at every loud noise.

That Baptist minister who held his shivering convert in the water while he posed for his photograph, to be used to show how gracefully he immersed his victims, had an eye to business, though his bump of reverence must be a cavity.