Topics of the Times

The man who can discover the discoverer is wanted now.

The next man who brings in the pole will find a congested market.

The course from the pole to the lecture platform is well charted, anyhow.

His wife being away on a visit, King Alfonso has grown a set of whiskers.

Many a baseball game is lost on account of the superior playing of the other side.

Some newspapers spell it "Eskimau," and others "Esquimo." Try to get together, brethren.

You may observe that whether or not you accept the excuse for an increase in the price of a necessity the increase sticks.

Everything looks favorable for a good crop next year. Would that we could say as much for early Christmas shopping!

In New Guinea, as the London Chronicle reminds us, the women propose. And to anybody who has seen them the reason is clear.

There is comfort and joy in the thought that we are to have a good apple yield this year. Otherwise we might have to eat Ben Davises.

By this time next year, people will frequent the housetops and take their evening recreation by watching aeronauts trying to hog the aerial lanes.

Fortunately for their records, neither explorer fished through a hole in the ice at the Pole and caught a good string, while the biggest one got away.

Funny to hear those aviators kicking about the condition of the aviation grounds, isn't it? You'd think that all they'd want would be a large bunch of nice smooth air.

When Peary and his party reached the Pole the Eskimos cried out: "Ting neigh, timah ketisher." This must have been disappointing to those who expected them to yell, "Excelsior."

Eskimo wives and mothers, it is said, never suffer from the ailments that afflict the matrons of a higher civilization. But it is no more than fair that there should be some compensation for being an Eskimo wife.

San Francisco is getting ready to celebrate the discovery of San Francisco Bay. For the benefit of those who have forgotten, it may be mentioned that San Francisco Bay was discovered by Gaspar de Portola, who doesn't seem to have had a single Eskimo in his party.

A test case is to be made in the New York courts as to what criminal statute is violated by the offense technically known as "talking back" to the police, and whether arrest and punishment in the matter are justified by the law. The question of illegal arrest is really a serious one, as the whole matter of personal liberty, upon which the principles of this government are founded, is involved.

The word "lobbyist" has generally been used, with good reason, as a term of reproach, yet it is well to remember that one may have commendable reasons for approaching legislators and trying to influence their deeds. In Washington, during the last session of Congress, a woman was spoken of as "one of the most aggressive lobbyists ever seen at the Capital." She was acting, however, merely as the representative of California clubwomen, and her mission, happily successful, was to help insure the preservation of the giant redwoods, which are one of the glories of the state.

Meat has been officially introduced as a part of the Japanese army diet, and, as a result, the Japanese board of agriculture has sent a commission abroad to investigate and take steps for introducing the breeding of cattle in Japan. One reason for the change of diet is to avert a repetition of the scourge of berl-berl which sapped the strength of the army during the Russian war, and was said to have been due to the rice diet, and another purpose is to add to the stature of the race by a general introduction of meat eating. Here in the Occident there is an increasing conviction that the meat diet has its penalties as well as its

was not the subways nor the tall American. buildings that impressed him so much, as the great number of prosperous, well-kept, good-looking old men. "They are," he said, "seen on the streets by the thousand, carefully dressed, leisurely in movement, yet apparently actively concerned with affairs. It is a stronger indication to me of the accumulated wealth, of the established success of the city, than anything else I have seen." These old men are splenterests them and they have the good their homes or to eat their hearts out est newspaper in those days.

of Emerson that he "has that privilege of soul which abolishes the calendar and presents him to us always the unwasted contemporary of his own prime." Whitman foresaw for America a race "of splendid and savage old men." We are accustomed to hear "the hurry of business life" decried and American ideals of life unfavorably contrasted with European. But the results in many cases are not so bad, after all. Look at our splendid and effective old men.

> Thus goes the old familiar song. 'How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." On second thought, however, one may interpose an exception or two. Let the memory go back to the "parlor." In the recollections of childhood it does not figure as one of the popular home institutions. There was something sacrosanct about it that did not appeal to boys at least, and the girls didn't seem to give it much appreciation until Horace and Arthur accumulated sufficient courage to inaugurate the custom of calling around on Sunday afternoons, sitting on those frail and artistic Louis XIV chairs and assuming the joyful expression of slaves on the block while passing stereotyped compliments upon photographs in the family album, many of which pictured numerous freaks of the genealogical tree. Ed Howe, in his Atchison Globe, quoting an architectural authority, says that the American parlor, as an institution of the home, or adjacent thereto, is passing, adding: "That word 'adjacent' is used advisedly, and with a distinct recollection of some parlors all have seen. In the house they were, of course, but they were far enough from the home; perhaps adjacent is a little too close, since they remained a dungeon except on grand occasions like funerals, or weddings, or entertaining the presiding elder. So the parlor's doom will leave no aching void. It was something in the void itself, when most of an institution; devoid at least of comfort or cheer, of sunshine or fresh air. And the chairs ranged about in such excellent order, added to the somber light that filtered through shades and shutter which strove to shut it out, made of it a nice, grim death chamber, which purpose it served frequently, and better than the others, being better suited to the purpose."

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AN ARBOR-DAY IDYL.

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Every human activity may be considered from the esthetic as well as the practical point of view. No especial powers of discrimination are needed to enable the reader of this extract from the Chicago Ledger to determine where to place each of the two men whose conversation is reported.

The man wth the benignant countenance framed in side-whiskers came to a stop and spoke genially to the sturdy fellow who was planting the tree on the lawn.

"Ah," he said, "yours, my friend, is

"How iss it?" inquired the husky in-

dividual. "Yours is a noble task. Now, when all nature is sear and disconsolate, you are looking forward to the coming season of sunshine and flowers, and are doing what you may to beautify and gladden the earth."

"It dake a vagon-load of r-rich eart' for de hole vare diss dree go."

"Yes, yes. Just so. I was speaking metaphorically, so to speak. I was referring to the time when this umbrageous verdure should---"

"Diss isn't dot kind of a dree. Diss iss a moundain-ash."

"Very true. And a beautiful species it is, I have no doubt. How splendid it is to realize that one may be a humble instrument in the furtherance of the plans for making glad the waste places! In years to come you will journey, perchance, to this spot and gaze upon the towering monarch of the forest which shall arise from the shrub you are planting, and to your soul will come the cheering knowledge that it was your hands that made it possible. Even next year you will come here, no doubt, and-

der dree ouid again if der feller don'd All cold dishes are his particular care. pass from chef to chef, each adding "Yess. I gome next year unt pull seddle his pill. He iss slow pay."

Sparrows Served as Woodcock. Friends of State Senator Sterling R. Catlin, of this city, who attended a dinner he gave the other night, are now wishing they had not accepted, for a joke he played upon them became public property. The main course at the dinner was named as woodcock, and the guests remarked how small and tender they were.

It was noticed that Senator Catlin did not seem to eat much of his, and to-day the guests learned why, for, as a joke, he had them served with com-A recent visitor to one of the larg- mon sparrow instead of woodcock .est of American cities stated that it Wilkesbarre dispatch to New York

Better Not.

(just returned fron. Nephew abroad)-That franc piece, aunt, I got in Paris.

Aunt Hepsy-I wish, nephew, you'd (sweet or otherwise), hot fruit croutes, contrary, King Edward probably fetch home one of them Latin quarters etc. they talk so much about.—Boston

The Cylinder Printing Press. In 1814 Frederick Koenig invented did specimens. The game of life in the cylinder press in London. It was used here first in 1827. Koenig insense to keep actively employed in it | vented it to the order of Walter of rather than to confine themselves to the London Times, the world's great-

PAPERS BY PEOPL

WE ARE MEN ONLY AS WE DECOME MEN.

By Prof. George B. Foster.

Almost every language contains the equivalent of our old saying: "He's a chip of the old block." And then there is O. W. Holmes' bon mot: "Every man is an omnibus in which all his ancestors are riding."

More important still, the old church and the new science both know a law of hereditation. Man is hereditarily burdened with predisposition to disease and vice, they both assert. Now, the old church had a plan of escape from this network of necessity. A divine decree of grace arranged for the salvation of a part of the race from the ruin of hereditary sin. But this sort of salvation does not satisfy the moral sense of the modern man. That a fixed number were arbitrarily selected to be saved from the curse under which our common humanity groanedthis conception has turned out to be offensive to the moral sense. No man wants that blessedness in which he must helplessly gaze upon the damnation of his brothers who were passed by in the decree of grace.

It is not whether we have inherited bane or blessing, it is what we do with our heritage that counts in the world of values. And we can convert our curse into a blessing, our blessing into a curse, both into character. The law of heredity which at the beginning of my career binds me to its network can in the end free me from its network. I may be saved by the law from the law. Instead of thus denying the law we fulfill it.

AMERICA NO LONGER MERE SPECTATOR.

By Sidney Brooks.

It is difficult for Europeans, who live in a powder magazine and rarely have the fear of an explosion out of their minds, to realize the simplicity, spaciousness, and unhampered self-absorption of American life. Foreign politics is minimized by them at least as much as it is exaggerated by Europeans. Americans can hardly be got to take them seriously. A diplomatic dispute with another power, conducted on either side upon the implication of force, is of all experiences the one most foreign to their normal routine of existence. When you have mentioned the Monroe doctrine you have pretty well indicated the sum of the average citizen's interest in external affairs.

During several years in the United States I do not recall a single well informed debate in Congress on the foreign policy of the republic or a single member who ever treated his constituents to an address on such a topic. The operative opinion of the commonwealth still desires to have as few dealings as possible with foreign powers, still quotes and abides by Washington's warning against "entangling alliances," still shrinks from any course that threatens "complications," still clings to the policy of isolation as the one that most adequately squares with the needs of American conditions.

This is so even though facts and necessity have out-

They are the cooks of four great wings.

the greatest kitchen of the world.

4. A sauce chef, who rules over all

cream, spices and raw materials of all peacock in his gorgeous feathers over

pantry chef hands out the ingredients only is eaten. Never will the sauce

of every dish completely garnished to cook try to roast nor the roaster

his colleagues. He has one specialty, touch a sauce. Those turtle doves

Alfonso and Leopold are to-day near perfection. Francis Joseph up to ten tan, taken over by the new, quit the

years ago kept the most princely table | Cafe de Paris six years ago on \$2,000

of them all. When age forced him to per year salary and an admitted com-

go slow he still invited the archdukes mission on purchases of from \$6,000

Ferdinand, whose simple living is natural and whose enthusiasm did not M. Quellian deplores the Turkish craze

last a year. For the first time in for stuffed meats of all kinds. They

man Empire (till 1809) had no longer plicated with a stuffing-that terrible

When he goes on a gastronomic spree M. Menager, head chef of Edward;

it is with frankfurters and horserad- and M. Peltier, head chef of Queen

ish, with "spaetzle" cakes. But the Alexandra, have fixed salaries of

kitchens of Nicholas, Edward, Alfonso \$8,000, free lodgings and a rake-off of

and Leopold are run on the great old 3 per cent on all purchases accepted by

2. A chef of soups, entrees and hot a slice of Danube sturgeon, or a sad-

meats, etc., i. e., the majority of dishes. There are 125 ways of pre-

To-day Francis Joseph eats alone. demands its liver festered in the sun!

strangled "high" duck, whose sauce

paring eggs, 32 "on the plate" (not

The kitchens of Edward, the Czar, what the lilac ribbon orders.

kings.

lines of:

dishes.

1. A pantry chef.

all grills and fries.

5. A pastry cook.

run many of the formulas, prejudices, and traditions that a decade and a half ago were all but omnipotent. The peculiarity of America's position in the general scheme of world politics is indeed precisely this, that her people are unconsciously engaged in adapting their mental outlook to their achievements. The Spanish war landed them on a stream of tendencies that has already carried them far beyond their old confines, and is inexorably destined to carry the a farther still.

UNITED STATES, PRECEPTOR OF JAPAN.

By Louis Ichige Ogata.

A visitor to Japan is at once impressed with the evident desire for education among the Japanese people that shows itself on every hand. The governmental regulation that makes education compulsory is really little needed, for the parents themselves show the greatest eagerness to give their children the best school advantages they can afford. In spite of the multitude of children who swarm the streets and the vast number who work in the fields and in various industries where the cheap labor of children can be used to advantage, school statistics in Japan show a much better percentage of chil-

dren of school age in attendance than is shown in some States in America. Recent reports show that there are about 30,000 public and private schools, nearly 120,000 professors and teachers, and about 5,295,000 students in Japan. There is hardly an incorporated city in the empire that has not at least one kindergarten. Many colleges and universities, public and private, furnish opportunity for

higher learning to thousands of Japanese young men as well as women, but the crown of them all is the imperial university.

MARRIAGE AND GOOD LOOKS.

By Betty Vincent.

Girls, do you marry a man because he dresses well or because you love him? Do you love him because he is 6 feet tall and broad-shouldered or because he is honorable and a gentleman? From some of the letters I receive from young girls I cannot help inferring that their ideal is a combination of a clothing house poster and a showman in a musical production.

If the heart of the man is tender and kind, what can it matter if every feature on his face is hopelessly crooked? The doll-faced man is as bad as, and worse than, the doll-faced girl. The rugged man of sterling worth is the man to guard a woman's future and happiness. If you are impressed with a man's smartness of dress stop and think, girls, how that same man would look in rough and simple working clothes. Ask yourself, too, if you would be willing to give up many of your own little vanities that your husband might gratify his own fastidious sense of adornment.

> lettes, not to mention any use of hard boiled eggs. Veal is cooked in 90 ways. There are 80 principal soups. The nursing school of modern gas

> tronomy is the Salon of Parisian Crefs. Here meet Paul de Amici o the Quirinal kitchens, Bosomporo o the Vatican, Quenon of Belgium; Bo relli, with Prince Doria, and others.

A great catering combination it is ter is Paris. It is run by business ly kitchens.

Aboreal Freaks.

away to the wilderness for hours at a noise, and they needed no assistance. On the Orient Express an enigmatic | the food. Be it the czar's bear chops, time strange, weird melodies. It is the At 1 o'clock the window that had gentleman with a mauve ribbon in his the baby bear with bright glass eyes spirit of the dead singing among the been closed was opened again, and the buttonhole hastens to Paris, writes a. is brought in holding his own chops branches, the natives say, but the unkempt head of Mr. Grimes was correspondent from the French capital. on a silver plate garnished with scientific white man says that the thrust forth. The Cologne Express carries another. smilax. When Edward eats his fa- sounds are due to a myriad of small "Say," he called out, "how long are the Sud Express a third. A fourth vorite turtle doves they come boned, holes which an insect bores in the you fellows going to keep up that comes by the English packet. From wrapped in a chaud-froid sauce with spines of the branches. Lisbon and St. Petersburg two start; cameo design in black truffles. They

The weeping tree of the Canary Islfrom Rome and Constantinople two are ranged round a bed of Spanish ands is another arboreal freak. This answered a voice. arrive. All wear the pale mauve rib- chestnuts puree. But, above them, the tree in the dryest weather will rain beautiful birds spread their white down showers from its leaves, and the after a pause, "if I'll agree not to run natives gather up the water from the my lawn mower before 7 o'clock in Such "presentations" of the dish are | pool formed at the foot of the trunk, the morning after this, will you stoy Without the best butters, vinegars, the chef decorator's work. He-almost and find it pure and fresh. The tree that noise and let me go to sleep?" wines, truffles, mushrooms, herbs, a taxidermist-spreads the tail of the exudes the water from innumerable pores situated at the base of the kinds, there is no grand cookery. The the roast peacock, whose breast meat leaves.

Busy Mr. Harries.

Gen. George H. Harries, commana er-in-chief of the militia of the District of Columbia, is the busiest centurion in the land. In addition to being a soldier, he runs an electric light company and manages a traction company that is the wonder of those who know what good car service means. and their suites. Then finally the force to \$8,000. To-day he has a real dilet. In addition he is a member of all com-

was handed over to the Archduke tante to work for-the new sultan is mittees of civic organizations. "I met Mrs. Harries just a few minutes ago," said one of the general's friends by way of making talk when

1,000 years the court of the Holy Ro- actually want the Rouen duck com- they met. "Fine. I'm very glad to hear it," returned the general. "I met her myself last week."

Pecan Culture.

Pecan nuts are grown successfully States south of parallel 40. Forty feet is generally the distance apart of them. Queen Alexandra has simple tastes—a breast of Bohemian pheasant, the trees. If the triangular method and, do you know, the queen has seen of planting is adopted forty trees can Theodore." desserts, including souffles, fritters dle of Siberian young boar. On the be grown to the acre. Pecan trees may bear a few nuts at an early age, knows more about great feeding than but paying crops cannot be expected 3. A chef roaster, who also directs did Carlos himself. He delights in under ten years, and full crops under ployers' eggs. He adores little birds. twenty. The annual yield of a tree in The art of these cooks is sublime. full bearing has been variously reportthat carries a sauce; fish, braised Each can give you a choice of 5,000 ed at from one to twenty bushels.

Hard Graves.

Before a grave can be dug in the fried, but done in the bainmarie); 47 churchyard of Llanbadoc, in South 6. A chef decorator. Do not think poached, 20 with cheese, 13 "en co- Wales, the rock has to be blasted he decorates the table. He decorates cotte" (tiny earthen dish), 32 ome- away.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked



The man who blows into an old gun to see whether it is loaded, never makes the foolkiller any

trouble. A woman can jump at a conclusion and hit it with both feet

while a man is bringing his wits around the corner. Some people never look up as long

as they can stand up. An enemy is an enemy, whether he carries a flag or a musket.

The organ's sweetest music does not

come from the biggest pipes. No school will do us much good unless we make life itself our school. Sometimes the meeting is closed the

is open. Tell your troubles only to the Lord, and you will soon have joys to tell to everybody.

tightest the moment the leader says it

The thing that makes a bulldog famous, is that he hangs on like grim death to the end.

No man has done his whole duty to God who has done less than his duty toward his next door neighbor.

If every Christian always looked happy, how soon it would kill the saloon business and crowd the churches.

Aim high. It won't hurt your gun any more to knock the feathers out of an eagle than to splinter a barn

A NEIGHBORLY CONSPIRACY.

Mr. Grimes had a large lawn in front of his house and another at the side, and it was his custom to get up and run his lawn mower at 5 o'clock in the morning. In vain his neighbors protested. In vain they complained that he woke them up just when they were sleeping the soundest, and that they could not go to sleep again.

"Nobody has any business snoozing after 5 o'clock," he said. "Go to bed early and get up early. That's the way I do. Think I'm going to wait half a day for you people to sleep off the effect of your late hours, when my grass needs cutting? I guess not!"

Then his neighbors did a little planning. They found out that he went to bed at 9 o'clock, and they made arrangements accordingly. Punctually at 9 o'clock the next moonlight evening the sound of a lawn mower in action. was heard directly across the street. from the Grimes dwelling. Presently another one chimed in, then another and another, and in less than fifteen minutes at least a dozen were in active operation.

able to undertake the most brilliant per window in the Grimes house was closed with a vicious bang, but the that an artist chef, thoughtless of the noise became even louder. It was money details, might not think of. It a bright night, and the industrious is the beginning of the end of prince- neighbors, bareheaded and in their shirt-sleeves, appeared to be enjoying their exercise. There was no more grass to be cut, but they continued Among the curiosities of tree life 15 to go through the motions. In accordthe sofar, or whistling tree, of Nubia, ance with the prearranged plan, there-When the winds blow over this tree it was no conversation. The lawn mowgives out flute-like sounds, playing ers were permitted to make all the

racket?" "Not more than an hour longer,"

"Well, say," spoke Mr. Grimes again,

"Well, it's a bargain," he said.

A Queen May Look at a Man. There is an old story current in his-

home city, Brooklyn, about the late Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, which illustrates how a son is to his mother the most important being in the world. In Dr. Cuyler's case one could not justly question his ability and usefulness. Besides being a successful pastor he was the author of many religious Looks which were read here and abroad, as well as a frequent contributor to certain magazines.

When he was in England he and his mother corresponded regularly, and at great length, so the tradition goes. One day a letter came in which he described his presentation to Queen Victoria. Mrs. Cuyler read it with eagerness, hardly able to wait till she had finished before telling some one what had happened. When she at last in several States, but mainly in those got through the letter she hastened to a neighbor's house and announced: "I've just got a letter from England,

> Musn't Waste His Time. "Why not have our store physician keep busy between whiles?"

> "As to how?" "Offer bargain operations in appendicitis. Only one to a customer, of course."-Washington Herald.

The Tongue. There are "blind spots" on the

tongue which are insensible to some fiavors.