

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

That was a big smash when the pottery trust broke.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine was a great year, but it couldn't end the century.

A man is not necessarily a dude because he wears rolled-up trousers. They may be fringed at the bottom.

A Chicago woman dreamed of burglars and awoke to find them in her room. In other words, it was "no dream."

Fashion has ordered womankind to again wear high-heeled shoes. This is not the sole offense of the fussy old dame, either.

James Whitcomb Riley says this world's greatest wonder is its Managing Editor. And the entire corps of reporters will agree with him.

It is the old story. The last year it advertised the St. Jacob's Oil concern made \$150,000. A young fellow got hold of it, quit advertising, and wrecked it in a year.

Judge Shiras, of Iowa, has decided that a married woman cannot be compelled to attend school. It is always cheerful to learn of common sense being used on the bench.

Captain Sigbee, who was on the Maine when she was blown up but escaped injury, and then went through the war with Spain without receiving a scratch, was knocked out by a Brooklyn trolley car. Yet people go right on thinking war is terrible.

A Berlin doctor has set the feminine world agog by declaring that to the wearing of veils is due a vast increase in the number of red noses. It is likely that this will have more effect on the fashion than all the inveighing of oculists which has been going on against it for years.

The average man will make out of a public office all the law allows or does not forbid. Abuses and irregularities and doubtful constructions of the law become established. "Everybody does it," becomes a common excuse for continuing questionable practices. Then investigation comes and—compromise!

It is said that when Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Garland go to a hotel the gentleman never registers as "Hamlin Garland and wife," but as "Hamlin Garland and Zulene Taft Garland." Hamlin is all right. He has the proper idea. There is no reason why any worthy woman should pass out of existence when she gets married. Still, why does he write his name first?

The Chicago Tribune's statistician is responsible for the cheering information that the lynching record in the United States for 1899 was the smallest since 1885. This is certainly good news, and probably unexpected to many people, for the increasing horror of these demonstrations among decent folk has undoubtedly been the cause of giving them greater conspicuousness in the press when they do happen.

The disfigurement of scenery with obscene advertisements is a great evil in this country, but is by no means peculiar to it. In England it has reached such magnitude that a large society has been formed, with a periodical publication as its organ, to combat it and to resist its further extension. The society is reported already to have done much good, especially by its arousing public sentiment as to make it evident that advertisers guilty of the offense will lose rather than gain patronage thereby. There is shrewd sense in that plan of campaign, commendable for application elsewhere. Advertisements are displayed solely for the sake of gain, and if it be known that those which have a character revolting to good taste will repel patronage and cause loss instead of gain, offensive methods of display will speedily be abandoned. The remedy of this evil, as of many others, lies within reach of the public.

What was formerly the rule has become so far the exception as to occasion special comment when it occurs—the retirement of a merchant while still in the vigorous period of his life, leaving his business to be carried on by the younger generation. In the mercantile life of the olden time this occurred as a matter of course. To be sure, what was then considered a fortune would now be scarcely a modest competence, but estimates of wealth are only relative. The merchant who was successful expected to "make his fortune" while he was young enough to enjoy it. The changes that have come about in business methods, the fiercer competition, the larger demands of life and the corresponding advance in the estimate of what constitutes wealth, have made this old-fashioned class of retired merchants much less conspicuous than they formerly were in our American cities. Comparatively few men are able or willing to let go while there is opportunity to make more and it requires so large a fortune now to make a rich man that we are apt to wonder at any one who indicates that he thinks he has enough.

The commonest principles of justice and humanity must be lacking in the brain of a man who can sit in a judge's chair and say solemnly to a jury: "If a railroad company kills a child its par-

ents should be satisfied with \$1 damages. Children are a source of expense to their parents and are of no pecuniary benefit." Yet this is the expressed opinion of a Supreme Court Justice in New Jersey. Only \$1 for the life of every child killed under the wheels of a train or trolley car. The market value of an ordinary dog is five times as much. A pig is worth more. Scarcely less foolish than this opinion is that delivered by a Justice of the Superior Court of Connecticut. He says: "Provided the railroad company killed the man painlessly, \$10 is sufficient damages for his relatives. The relatives must prove that the dead man suffered pain to get more. The fact that the body is mutilated does not prove it." Here is another gem of jurisprudence. A man put to death painlessly is worth \$10. A man who suffers some pain is probably worth \$100. On the other hand, and in accordance with the same rule, a man who is run over by a trolley car and dies shouting hallelujah and joyous praises for the company would have to pay for the privilege.

The question is asked, When will England reach the zenith of her greatness. There are some reasons for thinking that she has already reached it, and they have no reference to her success or failure in the Boer war. First, the English have ceased to be an agricultural people, and they must depend, even in war, upon food imported from over the sea. Second, as a manufacturing nation they have already begun to decay, as witness their steel loss of the premiership in iron and steel production. It is morally certain that England will be left far behind in the industrial struggle of the twentieth century by the United States simply because the United States possess the greater natural resources, while in natural capacity the Americans are fully the equals of the English. Third, if England loses ground in agricultural and manufacturing and trade it will be inherently impossible for her to maintain first rank as a political power, because in her recurring wars her accumulated wealth will be gradually swallowed up. That she must engage in such wars seems clear because of the intense jealousy of her great rivals, and because her limited imperialism brings her in endless antagonism to those rivals in various parts of the earth.

There are two facts regarding consumption which, although long known and insisted upon by a few sanitarians and physicians, have only recently been generally admitted. It is upon these two facts—the contagiousness of the disease and its curability in the early stages—that the modern sanatorium treatment of tuberculosis has been founded. Consumption is not contagious in the same sense as smallpox, for if certain necessary precautions are taken a tuberculous subject is little more dangerous to the health of those about him than is a well person; but if these essentials are neglected the danger is very great and very real. Now among the very poor, especially those living in large cities, it is practically impossible to enforce the observance of these precautions, and consequently each consumptive is a center whence the disease may, and probably will, spread in countless directions. The transfer of such a patient to a sanatorium removes at once a source of peril to the community and at the same time gives the patient himself the best, and often his only, chance of recovery. The main elements of treatment in a sanatorium are an abundance of fresh and pure air, wholesome food, rest and exercise in the proper proportions, and above all absolute cleanliness and the prompt destruction of the bacillus-laden expectorated matters. Formerly sanatoria were accessible only to the well-to-do, and the poor, those who need this form of treatment the most, were barred. A movement has started recently, looking to the erection of institutions for the treatment of the poor at the expense of the State, and to Massachusetts, with its State hospital for consumptives at Rutland, belongs the honor of being the first of the United States to build such a sanatorium. When not only every State, but every large city as well, has similar institutions for the treatment and the sanitary education of the consumptive, we may hope to see the fatalities from this "great white plague" become as rare as those from whooping-cough or a cold in the head.

Known Hundreds of Years Ago. Hero of Alexandria, in his "Pneumatics," describes, in the third century before Christ, several applications of steam as a motive power, some of which have formed the subject of patents within the last 100 years. In particular, his "Aeolipile" is on the very same principle as the steam turbine, which is the most recent development of the marine engine, for in both the steam acts directly upon fans, instead of through a piston. In glass ornamentation several processes known in Roman times, and subsequently lost, have been revived under patents within this century particularly the art of lacustration, rediscovered in France by a manufacturer who used it in executing medallions of the first Napoleon. The method of fixing paintings by an application of glass was also known to the Romans, and has been repeated since 1800. In excavating the Roman town Calvea, in England, recently, an iron screw of undoubted Roman origin was found with thread and point similar to a well-known modern patent.

"I don't ask that your kin be distinguished," a man said to his wife. "All I ask is that they keep away."

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