TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The world is happlest when the thermemeter has plenty room at the top.

Quite a number of Chinese names begin with Li, and it seems so appro-

The man whose shout is loud can yete no oftener than he that merely thinks.

The luxuriant weed by the wayside and on the vacant lot works twenty-six hours daily.

The Sultan has just bought a lot more Krupp guns with the \$100,000 he owes Uncle Sam.

Reports that the present season's rubher supply is short will have no effect on the usual neck output.

In the opinion of the multitude a

strong argument cannot come from the mouth of a man with a weak voice. "Nothing is preftier than a black hat," says a fashion journal. How

If the nose really is the index to the brain, as some scientific sharp declares, some people's brains must be a flery

about the young tady underneath It?

Why criticise the Chinese at home for being so conservative when even in this country they continue to hang on to the old lines.

The man with the bullet-proof cloth is neglecting an opportunity in not displaying his samples to the crowned heads without delay.

The New York doctor who says that high collars have a tendency to cause dictment was prepared against him, tonsilitis ought to be grateful to the foolish folks who wear them.

The King of Servia places his throne in jeopardy by marrying the girl of his choice, but perhaps he does not care. as it is not much of a throne, anyway.

It was a Frenchman, it seems, who attempted to kill the Shah of Persia. He allowed the Shah to escape, and there is where the proverbial French politeness came in.

Simultaneously with the appearance of the man in the shirt waist came the recent outbreaks of anarchistic violence. Can this be something more than a mere coincidence?

"Lobster" as a term of derision and origin, archaic delving having shown whole style and character. The Angloshould feel far more deeply insulted over the crustaceous title than in for-

Happy is the man who forms, early in life (or if not early, then late) the habit of taking all the light and warmth and cheer he can get with a tine glow of appreciation, looking, meanwhile, somewhat sidewise at those opposite experiences he can not escape. Let him squint a little, or look the other way. He will be a happier man, as well as more popular, than the self-appointed devil's advocate who sedulously notes the mugginess of the weather, the feebleness of his pulse, or the fact that he is "tired" (which, God belous, we all are—until we get rested).

We wish we could draw a lesson from the downfail of W. C. Cuthbert, who was sentenced recently from Chicago to the penitentiary, but the moral cindes us. He didn't drink. He didn't gamble. He didn't frequent the race tracks. He didn't associate with disreputable women. He didn't use drugs, What he did do, and this was his only bad habit, was to forge checks and notes. For which small dissipation be was sent to Joliet. But perhaps there is a moral in this story, after all. Perhaps crime is not caused by bad habits and bad associations, but by a criminal tendency, and that one of the manifestations of a criminal tendency may be bad habits and bad associations. Physicians of the soul, as well as physicians of the body, have frequently mistaken cause for effect.

A vigorous crusade against profanity has been instituted in Washington, D. C. In the interest of morality and good taste let us wish a prosperous career to the movement. "Cuss words" are convenient to those whose vocabulary is meager and whose stock of ideas is depleted. But the man of mature mind and dignity of character does not need profaulty to help him over a crisis. Aside from the question of morals, profaulty is to be condemned as vulgar, Purity of thought is reflected in purity of speech. No man who has as much respect for himself as he ought to have truth: "Every instance of a man's will disparage himself by using land suffering the penalty of the law is an guage which does not express the best instance of the failure of that penalty that is in him. "Let your communications be yea, yea, nay, nay," More than | ter." this is of evil origin. This is the same as to say: Say what you mean, neither more nor less. If your meaning is pure

As a target for political talk and a tics the young man just passing his colve \$2,000 a year,

and manly your words will correspond.

eventful majority, and ready to be gathered into the fold of one or the other party, has become more and more important. The advantages of "young blood" are frequently emphasized in the arena of vote-getting. Young men are given the reins of party management, and sometimes, when their elders are reluctant to yield, enter a vigorous struggle for supremacy. This is a signal of the advent of a new era. The progressing to a stage where the ideas and standards of a quarter of a century ago no longer dominate. It is doubtful, however, if numerous accessions of young men to State and national legislative bodies is altogether a hopeful sign. Young men have served with distinction as legislators at different periods during the last century, there being no more conspicuous example than that of Henry Clay, who became Speaker of the House when he was one of its most youthful members. Young men must come to the front, and old and tried leaders must give way with the mutations of politics, but it is market. the almost universal verdict that politics as a business is not profitable. This is true, most of all, for the later generation of voters. There is a phase of the question, however, which is proper cause for congratulation. Progress in political methods and in the selection of candidates which stimulates men to an interest in popular government, to attend the primaries, turn out on election day, and assist in keeping down abhorrent influences, is good. The agitation regarding the attitude of young men in the campaign, as far as it quickens zeal to that end, is altogether to be commended. We have enough ward heelers and professional politicians of SINNOTT & FISH, Proprietors. immature years.

The Jester case presented difficulties for the philosopher which the common seuse of a jury has removed. Thirty years ago Alexander Jester was indicted for the murder of Gilbert W. Gates. He escaped from jail and was not found until a few years ago. A new inand he was prosecuted by the State, with the assistance of lawyers hired by wealthy relatives of the murdered man, But the Jester accused of the murder of Gates in 1871 and the Jester tried for the murder in 1960 were two different men. The first Jester was comparatively young, hot-headed, and passionate; the Jester brought back for trial was an old man, bent with years and worries. If he ever was a homicide the murderous instinct had long perished in his bosom. But the law was plain. There is no statute of limitations for murder. Jester, the septuagenarian, must stand trial for the offense of the other Jester, and if the jury found him guilty must hang. Fortunately, juries are human, though the law is stony. The evidence against the prisoner was strong, but in the eyes of the jurors it contumely is said to be of most ancient | did not appear as evidence against this white-haired old man, but against anthat the people of Boston called the other person whom the inexorable red-clad British soldiers "lobsters" as years had slain. They refused to put a far back as 1770. This discovery hav- noose around the neck of Alexander ing been duly authenticated, the name | Jester in 1900 for the crime perpetrated of "lobster" assumes a wholly different by the Alexander Jester who had been signification-changes. in fact, its his predecessor in that withered frame. In short, they modified the law to meet maniae should now feel proud to be the requirements of good sense. No dubbed "a lobster," while an irishman public benefit could be conferred by the punishment of this poor, dead volcano. Since the purpose of the law in decreeing death for murder is not to kill the murderer, but to make an example, they acquitted the prisoner, holding that neither the human race in general nor that part of it residing in the State of Missouri would be bene fited by the spectacle of a man of 70 swinging in air for the crime which another man had committed. We think they were right about it.

> Superstition About Photographs. The Formosan aborigines regard photography with strong superstition. Toward the close of September last the helr of the chieftain of a certain tribe and several other young men visited the Toseikaku pacification and reclamation office, and in the course of their stay they offered themselves to be photographed. Lately several of those young men appeared at the same office and requested that their portraits should be returned to them, for they heard to their surprise from the elders of the tribe that persons who are photographed are in a similar condition as if their souls had been abstracted, and hence they would be sure to suffer serious injury. The only way to provide against this calamity lay in burning all the photographs. The people carnestly tried to undeceive the young men, but without effect, and were therefore obliged to give them their photographs.

X Rays and Vegetation. An Italian scientist who has been investigating the effect of Roentgen rays on vegetable life concludes that their action is identical with that of light, Continuing his experiments in the realm of micro-organisms, he thinks he has discovered that on these also their action is similar to that of light. Various investigators have previously obtained negative results, but these he attributes to the brief duration of the

A Punishment that Fails.

opposing capital punishment, Whately said wittly, but with evident in effecting its purpose, which is, to de-

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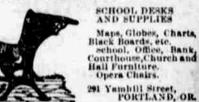
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