

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Some people clear their consciences in much the same manner they would clear coffee.

One million dollars to nothing, as a ratio of liabilities to assets, almost amounts to genius.

Talking of dog exhibitions, no canine's ancestral tree can be conclusively decided by its bark.

Sarah Bernhardt says the American man does not know how to make love, when we doubt if Sarah ever saw him really try.

Science now claims to tell the age of fish by their scales. No scientist, however, has yet discovered a method by which to tell the age of a fish story.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with being the richest man in the world and in the enjoyment of the largest income. And yet his digestion is such that an ordinary Dutch lunch would put him on the shelf for a week.

"Horses, cards and women." There seems little else to say in the case of defaulting Cashier Brown, of the Newport (Ky.) bank. The story is old—much too old. Many sermons and many columns of editorials will not make plainer to people the fact that, if a man sows the wind, he must reap the whirlwind. Brown is reaping the whirlwind after his career of vice. In the meantime the moralist ponders over the matter and honest men mourn the loss of their money.

A competent referee has reported that the services of a lawyer in a case for which the disciple of Blackstone put in a bill for \$17,000 were actually worth no more than \$300. It may not be easy for an attorney who sets so high an estimate upon his qualifications and efforts to find clients hereafter. Overcharges of a few hundred per cent may be expected now and then at the bar, but to ask \$17,000 in compensation when one-fiftieth of that amount would have been a fair remuneration passes the bounds of patience.

The practical extinction of the buckwheat cake of our fathers must be laid at the door of the miller. He is accused of mixing with buckwheat flour wheat bran and shorts in the interests of economy. For a while the adulteration was undetected, but gradually consumers began to complain that the buckwheat cakes don't taste any more like they used to do in the good old days back on the farm, and people began to stop buying buckwheat flour. As the demand fell off, the farmers raised less and less buckwheat. A race of honest millers, co-operating with the farmers, might raise the buckwheat cake to its former proud position.

While people were still shuddering over the atrocities of the "Boxers" in China came the terrible details of the horror at Limon, Col. The people of that region are not peculiarly bloodthirsty. They seem to have gone about the thing much as they would have come to the aid of a neighbor in any other matter. They left the punishment to the father of the murdered girl. They furnished the murderer with a Bible and gave him time to pray. They had ordered the rough element to keep away and make no interference. What a queer mixture of order and crime, of religion and sin, of civilization and barbarism, of compassion and malignity!

Whenever modern invention or discovery has produced anything, some one pops up to inform the world that China knew this thousands of years ago. If China did know any of these, she never made use of them, and is entitled to no credit. The latest claim is that arches in Peking show she settled America. This really is an old claim renewed, and one that has been discredited by scholars for many years. Humboldt and his school believed that the civilization of Mexico and Peru was derived from other people, but the trend of modern belief is that it was evolved by the aborigines themselves. China's claim has no more foundation than Ignatius Donnelly's—that the settlement and colonization of America came from the fabled Atlantis.

A regimental physician in the French army has investigated the effect upon soldiers of regular marching in disciplined bodies. The uniformity of the soldier's step causes the indefinite repetition of a shock of the brain and bones, and consequently the mode of motion is far more deleterious than an irregular walk. He attributes the peculiar aches and pains of the men to the fact that the same parts of the body receive the series of shocks. What does the doctor suggest by way of relief? Experiments have shown that his plan is efficacious. The device is simple: A rubber heel for all military boots. The brain-jar and other unfavorable sensations are so diminished as to give the infantrymen a new lease of activity. The relative efficiency of the army may thus be increased by what might be considered an unimportant change. The scale might be turned in a long and close contest in favor of the rubber-heeled men, and the map of Europe altered.

Congressman Jefferson M. Levy of New York is reported to have offered Rockefeller \$400,000 for 500 shares of Standard Oil stock. This valuation applied to his total holdings of Standard

Oil places Rockefeller's wealth in that property alone at about \$260,000,000. In addition to this he has large interests in other directions, so that it is impossible to measure accurately his entire fortune. Within the last year, however, the advance in the market value of his Standard Oil stock alone has increased his wealth \$95,000,000 or so, while his annual income in dividends from that stock is about \$16,000,000. Such astonishing figures go far to prove that the Standard Oil magnate is the richest man in the world. They are deceiving, however, in a sense. Mr. Rockefeller has no such accumulation of money as that, nor could he have. Any effort to convert those holdings into money or into other forms of property would "bear" the market and materially reduce the value. The estimate is actually based on the earning power of his property, calculating the capital value according to the current rate of interest. The lower the rate of interest happens to be at a given time, therefore, the greater is the estimated value of the fortune from which the enormous dividends are drawn. The annual increase of the fortune, likewise, does not mean a corresponding reduction in the wealth of others, for it is not drawn from stocks of commodities and money previously existing. It is drawn, instead, from the year's increase in the general wealth of which this particular fortune obtains such a conspicuous share. The prophecy that such a fortune could be accumulated by any means, legitimate or otherwise, by the end of the nineteenth century would have been considered wildly fabulous 100 years ago. Washington died the richest man in America, yet he was not a millionaire with all his land, slaves, accumulated crops and similar possessions. Jefferson throughout his writings continually calls attention to the essentially agricultural character of this country, and the fact that by force of nature the development must be along agricultural lines, virtually assuming that the country must be relatively poor, and that great fortunes could hardly be accumulated—this, too, when \$1,000,000 would have been considered a stupendous sum. That is hardly strange when we remember that for the whole of Louisiana territory Jefferson paid but \$15,000,000. He could not anticipate the astonishing wealth which that very agriculture would create, nor the minerals that the new territory would produce, far less the bonanza fortunes that would follow with the era of railway building, manufacturing and general industrial expansion.

Why Man is Marsupial. Man is a perfected marsupial. He is a creature of pockets. With him the necessity of a pouch simply develops one. This is the law of evolution. The first we read of him as a pocket-bearing animal was on a level with the kangaroo. He then had one pouch fastened to his belt. Now look at him and compare him to women, for whom—in his chivalry—he is truly sorry. She, in her helplessness, is usually behind the kangaroo, and at her best only equals him with one pouch fastened at her waist. She was not evolved through the laws of nature, but under the stern decrees of the dressmaker.

What a difference between no pockets and a score of pockets! The first is woman; the other, man. Woman is literally fettered for want of pockets. She must carry in her hands whatever is not a part of her clothing, while man's arms, palms and fingers are free—free to help his unfortunate sister.

Thing of five pockets in trousers, five in vest, five in jacket and five in overcoat—an exact score in all. Some men have more than this. When man took up the handkerchief habit he made a pocket for that convenient article. He doesn't have to be plucking them up—except for the women.

He made a pocket for his knife and a pocket for his watch; a pocket for his keys and a pocket for his letters; a pocket for his tobacco and a little pocket for his car tickets, and he kept on making pockets as fast as he needed them.

Women, in their helplessness, envy him. They reach out to him to borrow his knife, to borrow his pencil, to borrow a bit of string and to borrow a dozen articles that he usually has stored away about his clothing. He is kind and lends, for he is sorry for them in their arrested development.—New York Herald.

Why He Was Pleased. When the children attending a certain school reassembled after the summer holidays one of the teachers asked her little pupils if they were pleased to get back to school.

"Yes," was the almost unanimous response. Taking the boys individually, the teacher next asked: "Why are you pleased to get back to school?"

"Because," answered the bright youth, "I gets a bit o' rest at school. In the 'holidays I just runs herrins all day!"

"Some gave one reason, some another, but it was reserved to a little tot at the bottom of the class to startle the teacher."

"And now, Johnny," said the lady, kindly, lifting the youngster onto her knees, "why is Johnny pleased?"

"Must I tell the truth?" asked Johnny. "Of course, Johnny. Now, why are you pleased?"

"Because I ain't so there!" replied the incorrigible.—London Tit-Bits.

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