TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

In addition to the ready money, China is expected to ko-tow to the rest of the universe for years to come.

The aim of a person who gives a toy rifle to a boy may be all right, but it's the lad's careless aim that may do the damage.

In case Prince Chowfa Maha Vajriavudh decides to visit this country we shall insist upon him having his name manicured.

One burning question has grown cold and been laid away upon the historical shelf. Everybody is now agreed we are in the twentieth century.

cident some excellent boarding house managerial talent has been wasted in the making of some ordinary cadets. According to the Hon. Thomas B.

Judging from that prune stuffing in-

Reed, a trust is "a body of very rich men entirely surrounded by water." The definition undoubtedly fits some trusts. It has been discovered by scientists

that hiccoughs may be stopped by smoking a cigar. The next time the baby gets them you may know just what to do. One West Point cadet declared his

opinion that hazing there was not as bad as football. Probably it also has some humane advantages over shooting the Niagara rapids in a barrel. In defining a political candidate as

"a man who is asked to stand, wants to sit, and is expected to lie," Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., has nicely preserved the balance between wit and fact.

During 1900 nearly half a million foreigners decided that the United States of America is the best place on earth to enjoy life. If we do say it who shouldn't, they made a remarkably good

The confession of the Chicago Woman's Club that men are poor hands at conversation because the women insist upon doing all the talking is not only candid but obviously true. The honesty and perspicacity of the Woman's Club are bound to win for it a place among the leading intellectual organisations of the world.

After all the discussions as to the best method of preventing lynchings the placing of the responsibility on the sheriff must be selected as the best. Better than public sentiment or gatling gues in the jail is a sheriff who is determined to protect his prisoner if he is obliged to shoot down a dozen of the lynchings become costly to the sheriff and to his bondsmen there will be less lynchings.

We believe sincerely that crime and immorality among the lowly and weak of will have their origin to a great extent in the unpunished offenses of another class who owe to the world a good example, but give a bad example instead. There is no use for the social missionary to go among the ignoble to restrain and admonish them when they know that the sphere whence the mission issues is defiled by the practices which in them are rebuked.

The age is progressive, productive, materialistic. It aims not at the ideal. but at the practical, not at the highest development of the few, but at the highest happiness of the greatest number. Its object is the welfare of the average man, and it naturally desires that he shall get the benefit of its exertions before he dies. Therefore the age "gets a move on" and preaches the gospel of "hustle." The result is bene-Scial to the average man-to the greatest number.

A movement has been begun by several art institutes in this country to check the exodus of American art students - especially girl students-to Paris. It has the approval of American artists of established reputationmen who have studied in Paris, lived in the Latin Quarter, and know the unwholesome conditions existing therein. They assert that facilities for the first training in art are as good in America as in Paris, if not better. For a proper appreciation and use of the rich collections of art which exist in Europe, preliminary training is necessary, and that can be obtained at home. "To go abroad for a postgraduate course," said one of the most celebrated of these artists, "is all right, but by no mean for a beginner. The Latin Quarter is vile," he added.

College football, during the past season, had no worthier representatives than the students of the Carlisle Indian School, in the essentials of manliness and sportsmanlike conduct generally. The games in which they engaged were as many and as fiercely contested as those of any other college team, and the spectators, in some instance., were neither so considerate nor so sympathetic as they might have been. Yet their games were exhibitions of clean, straight football-such as all true lovers of the sport like to see. The umpire's decisions were never once questioned, and their defeats were accepted with the spirit of men who had done their best, and who had, therefore, neither excuses nor explanations to pretty hands and rings than for the offer. They have won a place for

themselves in the regard of many who would rejoice in their success in other fields where the rewards are less fleeting than those of football.

Various reasons are given for the fact that married people as a rule live longer than the unmarried. The Literary Digest contains an interesting extract from an article on this subject by Dr. Prinzing, a German scientist. Dr. Prinzing shows that the married are FRENCH & CO., BANKERS healthier than the unmarried, and exposed to fewer dangers. The mutual care of husband and wife for each other, and of the children for their parents, if there be children, and various other factors are noted as making for long life among married people. But one important factor in prolonging life is not mentioned, though it is probably the most important, namely, the will to live, which is much more powerful with a man or woman on whom others are intimately dependent. How often will a man or a woman threatened with iliness fight against and overcome it, for the sake of the marital partner or the helpless children; whereas a single person would probably give up to the attack. This idea that sickness and perhaps death can be postponed by a determined effort on the part of the individual is gaining ground, and the undoubted power of mental action over bodily conditions lends it strong support. We are still only at the threshold of knowledge on the subject. But the facts already noticed show that it is a subject worthy of our most thorough investigation.

The court of inquiry at the West Point Military Academy to investigate the charge that the death of Cadets Booz and Breth was due to hazing brought out some interesting evidence on the methods of hazing in general use among the cadets. Absolute truthfulness is demanded by one of the unwritten laws of honor among them. and the telling of an untruth would be followed by ostracism. It may, therefore, be assumed that the evidence given by cadets before this court is accurate as regards facts, but it is not necessarily reliable in matters of opinion. The cadets appear to be quite unanimous in the opinion that the methods of hazing in vogue at the ancdemy are not brutal. On this point the public will be inclined to differ from them. Among the methods used by the upper class men to amuse themselves at the expense of the fourth class men is that of "feet inspection," which consists in dropping hot candle grease on the bare feet of the victim. New cadets are also compelled to run down the company streets while the men on both sides empty buckets of a bath." Other ordeals to which fourth class men are subjected are "bracing," or standing in an exaggerated soldierly position; "eagling," or standing on tiptoe; ?wooden Willie," or drilling to the point of exhaustion. Milder forms of hazing consist in numerous ridiculous ordeals, such as requiring a man to stand on his head in a bathtub half full of water, or in making him stand on his head, speak a piece, and deliver a right-hand salute with his left foot. The list extends through a picturesque variety of items to such harmless tricks as naming the new men after different barnyard animals and compelling them to imitate the noises made by the animals. The cadets assert there is nothing brutal in any of these forms of hazing. They admit that if a cadet refuses to perform any of these things he will be compelled to fight, with the chances in favor of his being vigorously pounded. This is what happened to Booz. Whether these things are brutal or not may be a matter of opinion, but it is clear that the victim's opinion might differ from that of the hazers, "Uncomfortable" would certainly be rather a mild word to apply to some of these ordeals, and even compelling a man to stand on his head. while it may not be brutal, is hardly desirable or in accordance with the plans of nature. Col. Mills, superintendent of the academy, says the more injurious forms of hazing described in this inquiry have been abandoned for the last two years, while the others are TEMPLE MEAT MARKET. indulged in against orders. The institution would lose nothing valuable if the cadets were to abandon hazing altogether. It is a relic of barbarism at No. 54, Seventh and Davis Sts. Phone Clay 501

He Was in Demand. A merchant who lives on the upper West Side of the city was awakened at 2 o'clock the other morning by the continued ringing of his front door bell. He tried to go to sleep despite the noise, but had to abandon the attempt when a series of shouts coming from the street in front of his house assailed his ears. Mingled with the shouts he heard the voices of men engaged in a war of words. Jumping out of bed he ran to a window, threw it open and leaned out. There were five men on the street. and seeing himsthey began to yell with STAR BREWERY CO. renewed vigor.

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