

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Talking of libraries, Carnegie won't be in the back of the books as a public benefactor.

A Pennsylvania man estimates that since his marriage he has eaten 43,800 pies. An enviable life!

An American firm has received an order from Africa for three hundred axes. And that's where Cheops originated, too.

Many doctors assert that nobody should ever run. Perhaps the messenger boy has got the right principle of long life after all.

Tennessee entered the lynching column again recently. Its citizens were naturally incensed because a jury had acquitted a suspect.

On the same day that Mr. Carnegie gave away \$5,000,000 Mr. Rockefeller "earned" \$6,000,000 in dividends, but failed to give it away. That's one way money is earned and spent nowadays.

Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, said in a recent address that he who calls a mob into being cannot be pronounced wholly guiltless of that which the mob may do. The remark is both reasonable and full of sound sense.

The appointment of Gen. Chaffee as major-general was the first instance of a private attaining that rank in the regular army of the United States. "I should know that Chaffee was not educated at West Point," commented a military visitor at the review of American troops in China last summer. "He is so unused to full-dress uniform that he has his sash over the wrong shoulder." It was true, and all the more honor to him for his success.

A recent importation of foreigners against which no one will be likely to take exceptions, except, perhaps, the natives they have come to destroy, has been graciously received and welcomed by the quarantine officer of the California State Board of Agriculture at San Francisco. The newcomers are a consignment of technica flies from South Australia, deadly enemies of the grasshopper tribe—their wholesale exterminators, in fact, wherever found. They came as cold storage passengers, and with them came a large number of ladybugs, for service in clearing the orchards of red scale—the pest of fruit-growers.

The German army has furnished another terrible illustration of what dueling means. An infantry captain present at an officer's dinner took offense at the innocent but rough horse-play of an army surgeon, and struck him. He then retired to his quarters. In a little while two officers representing the surgeon appeared with a challenge. Before they could deliver it a brother of the surgeon entered and shot the captain dead. His excuse was that he sacrificed himself to save his brother, the surgeon, who had a wife and children, and could hardly hope to survive a duel with the offended captain, a noted pistol-shot. Such an incident must come home with peculiar force to the emperor, who has frankly commended dueling in the army as the proper way for a soldier to protect his "honor."

There was a time when the lagolike reasoning prevailed in this country as to a war among European powers that, whichever killed the other, either way made our gain. But destruction anywhere in the world is bound to be felt throughout the world. The loss cannot always be traced, but it is as certain as the law of gravitation. A pertinent illustration has come in the report of our consul, Mr. Fowler, at Chee-Foo concerning the effects of the "boxer" trouble on our trade. The imports of American merchandise at Chee-Foo for the quarter ending with June, 1900, as compared with the same quarter of 1899, showed an enormous increase. After June 15 the imports ceased. Chee-Foo saw no armed hordes nor military movement, and, compared with other ports, was peaceful. But there were riots in the province around about.

The Yankee commercial traveler is meeting difficulties in France. His breezy and free manners outrage the tenderest feelings of the Frenchman, who shows only an agonized desire to get rid of the sandbar that has attached itself to him. French business is as courtly and effusively polite as a diplomatic encounter. Customers in Paris enter a shop as if it were a drawing-room. The tradesman and his clerks are saluted with all the ceremony of court procedure. Where this outward and ceremonial politeness is so general, it is easy to see that the American drummer before he has "struck the gait" would be at a masterful disadvantage. His manners have been slightly neglected in the hustle to sell the goods, and his ideas of court procedure and diplomatic usage are at the best what you might call hazy. As the excessive politeness of a Frenchman in this country seems absurd to us, so the excessive lack of ceremony of the Yankee drummer seems particularly agonizing in France. The commercial traveler, if he is to succeed abroad, will have to go to a commercial dancing school.

An Indiana jury, in its wisdom, has fixed the value of a single kiss at

\$1,500. This verdict must not be taken as establishing anything like a standard market price in this country for a commodity the value of which may vary infinitely, according to circumstances and to the personal beauty of one of the parties to the bargain. A lover may swear a single kiss is worth a king's ransom and all the world beside. On the other hand, and with no desire to be ungentle, it is easy to imagine a situation in which a kiss might be dear at any price. At certain church entertainments, where money was being raised for worthy purposes, a kiss has been sold at auction for as much as \$100, which is certainly a high figure when it is considered that the kiss was sold to raise money for the benefit. It is a traditional belief that stolen kisses are the sweetest. They are the dearest also in Indiana, for the one for which the Indian had to pay \$1,500 was stolen. For several thousand years the value of a kiss has fluctuated so constantly and so widely that any modern attempt to bring it down to a settled figure must prove worse than idle.

Some newspapers, in making a critical analysis of the character of the late Benjamin Harrison, have reached the conclusion that it was the quality of honesty chiefly that made him great. His purposes were honest and he pursued them with simple honesty. He was honest with himself and honest with the world. Thus there was no swerving from the truth for personal advantage, no compromising with false notions for political popularity, no toleration of falseness in any particular. And other newspapers are prone to declare that this is a sad commentary on humanity, when an example of plain honesty and duty well done should prove such a shining mark. Yet it was ever so. The sentiment, "An honest man is the noblest work of God," was as true at the dawn of history as it is now. The earliest moral teachings of all peoples were efforts to instill the value of truth and honesty. Our first legend of sin is the dishonesty of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Eve's dishonesty with Adam, and Adam's dishonesty with his God. We are fond of talking of the "good old times, when men were honest," but nobody knows when they were. In younger communities deception is not so easy as in older ones. Possibly in Puritan New England there was once a greater proportion of honesty than now exists anywhere—though that may be doubted—but this was an exceptional community, brought into being by a stern religious impulse. When Puritanism was flourishing most in New England, morals were at a mighty low ebb in most of the world. The Greeks became the most polished liars of the world long before they became its most accomplished soldiers under Alexander. The ancient Persian did not know what the truth was, and his modern descendant, who sells us Oriental rugs, is a tower of truth in comparison. The Roman, who stood as the embodiment of courage in the ancient world, was a more fluent liar than the modern child of sunny Italy. Honesty in statesmanship, and even the semblance of honesty in diplomacy are very modern things. Thus, while it is true that the sterling honesty of this man has elicited wide admiration, and while it is true that this is a sad commentary on the imperfection of humanity, we find therein no cause for discouragement. When simple honesty elicits universal admiration from the world, it is something gained. When men realize its value, it is something gained. And if men shall strive, however feebly, to emulate the example, much more will be gained.

Redeeming Waste Lands. The magnitude of the plans which are being made for the reclamation of the arid lands of the West is astounding even to the American mind, so wide is their scope and so costly will be their carrying out. But the cost is promised to be little in comparison with the results to be achieved. The plans involve the control of rivers and the utilization of the water in the irrigation of territory of vast extent. Storage reservoirs are projected of a size that will make them equal to veritable inland seas, and huge dams, constructed on the most advanced scientific principles, are to hold the seas in place. Canals larger than many of the well-known rivers of Europe will carry the water to the points where it is most needed, and a myriad of cut-offs and side-canal and ditches will finally distribute it to a multitude of farms. The conversion of several thousand square miles of desert into fertile country is promised as the result of these elaborate plans should they be carried out. That they are feasible in theory there can be no doubt, but that they are practicable is open to question.

Has a Home for Stray Cats. An uptown woman in New York, the widow of a Supreme Court Judge, has devoted her attention to the welfare of stray cats. She has had constructed a cage thirty-two feet long and ten feet wide, where all homeless animals who are found in the vicinity receive food and shelter. The neighbors call it the "cat mission." The cage is fitted with cushions and has a house heated with hot-water pipes in one end. A local milkman has the food contract for this asylum and leaves a large can of milk daily for the inmates. Over forty cats are being cared for at present, and news of the institution is spreading.

Remember, Jane Smith, that when a friend repeats gossip you told her, she begins by saying in an apologetic tone, "Jane Smith, who is a big gossip, and whom I don't often quote, says so-and-so."

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