

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Limburger cured in Germany certainly has a relapse coming over.

There is more than one way to shuffle off this mortal coil. That's why doctors often disagree.

When a woman forgives a sin it is for the future pleasure she will have in reminding the sinner of it.

One of the great problems of modern politics is how shall business men be interested in municipal affairs.

Most men regard it as more humiliating never to have shot a deer than to be ignorant of Greek and Latin.

The powers all seem to be for the integrity of China. The integrity of the powers individually is under suspicion.

Sometimes we are almost compelled to think that Editor Stead's worry over the affairs of the universe is unnecessary.

Miss Stone is going to write a book and lecture. Now let the people who refused to contribute to the ransom fund squirm.

It is reported that Aguilardo is an expert checker player. But he failed to reach the king row in the rebellion game, notwithstanding.

It is nice to learn that "ideal marriage conditions" exist in France. By the way, what are "ideal marriage conditions?" No questions asked?

Colorado is to exhibit a plaster model 200 by 300 feet of a modern irrigated farm. Irrigation is going to play a very important part in future history.

It is found that molasses, which is plentiful and cheap, gives the Louisiana mule additional energy. Care is doubtless taken that he shall not let it get into his heels.

It is reported that the King of Norway and Sweden has two crowns and has the privilege of performing at two coronations. The important question, however, is does he receive two salaries?

Mr. Fitzsimmons, the prize fighter, says he would be willing to have himself elected a member of the United States Senate. With Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Tillman sitting as members of the highest legislative body in our land it ought to be possible to make the gate receipts go a long way toward supplying the running expenses of the government.

J. Pierpont Morgan has no secrets. He is so frank about giving out details that any one after reading his printed directions should be able to form a trust. Mr. Morgan is not selfish. He does not care if every man, woman and child in the country organizes from two to eight trusts a day; he is confident that he will still be able to grub along and make a living.

The death of Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage excites an immediate personal interest among thousands, probably we could truthfully say millions of people. The great tabernacles with which his name was associated gave him but a small fraction of his following. His sermons published in the newspaper press had a circulation and a list of readers which shamed the success of the largest selling novel. The readers could be found all over the country, in city and village and upon the most remote farms. They were of the constant kind, too, never missing the new chapter, while many of them hoarded the old ones. No preacher of his time, if we except Beecher in his palmiest years, had such a hold upon the public, and it follows as a matter of course that he must have had exceptional powers to attain to such influence. To his fame as a writer of sermons he added that of a popular lecturer, but with all his success on the platform and in the pulpit there were not a few auditors whom he distinctly repelled by his extravagances of manner. And though his Brooklyn church in particular gave signal proofs of its devotion to him, the finest tribute he ever received was in the loyalty of his larger reading public.

After several years of study doctors are agreed that the vermiform appendix, which is located at the end of one of the human canals, has no object to serve in a man's body. It is a useless growth, they declare, and all bodies would be better off without its presence. At one time it might have served a purpose, but whatever function it performed is not now in evidence. While thus discoursing, does not the thought come to mind that some men, yes, and some women, in this world are apparently as useless to the body politic as the vermiform appendix is to the human system? You meet them now and then, perhaps every day. There are of this number some who have much money, some who are in quite moderate circumstances, and others who are poor. The society woman who thinks of naught else, the man content to lead a humdrum life without making any effort to improve his condition or to better the condition of those who are dependent upon him, and the loafer who will not work—all these are in the same class; they add nothing to this life's brightness or to its progressiveness. They are dead timber. Take a step forward every day; even if you lose ground at times, forge ahead again and make yourself of some use in

the world. Don't be a vermiform appendix.

There is an impression abroad that in this new era of industrial consolidation young men have a much diminished opportunity to rise to positions of eminence. It is argued that the number of "jobs" where men can be independent and make their own fortune is steadily decreasing, in spite of the growth of our manufactures and commerce. Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, in a university address before a fine audience of young men at Chicago undertook to show that these apprehensions are exaggerated. He denied outright that money is more than man in the modern world of business; the reverse he asserted to be the case. A generation ago, when a man could get 10 per cent on his money in safe investments, a fortune of \$50,000 would yield its possessor a comfortable income, sufficient to enable him to live without effort if he chose. Now that the interest rate is cut in two, that same man, if he desires to maintain the same standard of living, must either have twice \$50,000 or he must put his own efforts with his capital to keep up his income; and this process is constantly going on so that the ratio of a man to a dollar is growing every year, provided always that the man is a trained man. Unskilled and unspecialized labor stands a poor chance in the present competition. It is true that in the coming era of centralized production and distribution the proportion of men on salaries will increase, but the salaries will also increase in proportion as the worth of a trained man, who can do some one thing that nobody else can do so well, grows with the increasing exactions of business. Dr. Shaw does not regard this increase of the salaried class as a misfortune to American manhood, but rather the reverse; for, other things being equal, that man has the largest opportunity for personal development and public service whose living comes to him without anxiety on his part, through the faithful performance of duties to which he has been trained—leaving some of his time and some of his energies free to think of other things than money and to seek some of the higher ends of life to which money-getting is unquestionably an obstacle.

At the very moment while the United States is seriously considering the enactment of legislation restricting immigration, Canada is making the most energetic efforts in her history to attract new settlers. She is at work not only in Europe, but in this country. Illustrating the success which her agents are meeting, it is asserted that in the fiscal year which ended on the 30th of April last no less than 18,000 persons from the Middle and Western States of the Union took up land in Manitoba and the territories embracing the provincial provinces of Assinobola, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Concerning Manitoba the general reader in this country is well posted, but what does he know about the provisional provinces? Assinobola lies north of North Dakota and eastern Montana and has an area of 90,340 square miles. Alberta comprises 100,000 square miles, and lies north of western Montana. Saskatchewan is north of Assinobola. Its area is 114,000 square miles. The mercury goes pretty low in these regions in the winter season, but there is little snow, while the air is dry and the sky is generally bright, so that cold is felt less there than where a humid atmosphere prevails. There are frequent visits of melting weather heralded by the Chinook wind, and except during January and February the climate is not so severe there as in the region of the great lakes. Once all this country was supposed to be doomed forever to the status of a wilderness dotted with trading posts of the Hudson Bay Company. Now it is recognized as available for the production of No. 1 hard wheat, in crops ranging from thirty to sixty bushels to the acre. When Canada comes into the Union this great region will be well settled with prosperous farmers. It seems to be a far better country in many respects than that toward the east. During the past half century there has been a steady stream of immigration to the United States from Eastern Canada. The people whom it brought here have bettered their condition, and have never evinced a desire to go back. It is significant of the superiority of the Canadian territory further west that it is able to attract settlers from the United States.

Her Brother. A pathetic incident recently occurred in connection with a biograph scene in one of our Western cities, says Popular Science. The instrument was one of the large ones used to throw a moving picture on a screen for public entertainment. Some of the views showed incidents of the occupation of Pekin by the foreign troops. One represented a detachment of the Fourteenth United States Infantry entering the gates. As the last file of soldiers seemed to be literally stepping from the frame to the stage, there came a scream from a woman sitting in one of the front rows. "My brother! my brother!" she cried. "There is my dead brother Allen, marching with the soldiers!" She had recognized the figure as that of a man who had mysteriously disappeared several years before, and had been regarded as dead, no word having been received from him. The woman wrote at once to the War Department, and in time learned that the man who had been so strangely discovered to her was indeed her brother. Ever think that perhaps people are particularly friendly to you because of the discovery that you have a common enemy?

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