

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Translated fiction is like pressed flowers.

The Sultan has again promised to be good. It's a way the Sultan has.

The tie between Cuba and the United States is now seen to consist largely of red tape.

Seek the man it becomes the duty of every intelligent citizen to assist in the novel search.

Yet it is scarcely possible that the crown prince of Germany will fly the royal coop for the sake of an American girl.

By combining their interests the cold-storage firms of Boston intend, no doubt, to make an extra cool million in the course of time.

It seems that Washington has been expecting Turkey to keep her word without constant pushing. This is the climax of credulity.

California banks are going to pay a forger \$500 a month to be good. California may now look for an unprecedented crop of forgers.

The Australian blacks do not allow a mother-in-law within a mile of her married daughter's hut. Here's a bon-bouche for the funny man.

Mary MacLane says, "I was born to be alone." It is plain from this that Mary plays upon the piano.

When the office takes the trouble to

A Kentucky girl who has had 150 offers of marriage has decided to remain single and devote her life to music.

The immigration figures for the fiscal year 1902 are suggestive. The total was 648,743. That was 3 per cent more than in 1901, 45 per cent more than in 1900, 208 per cent more than in 1899 and 283 per cent more than in 1898.

A New Jersey inventor has produced a fuel which he calls "coalite," that can be sold for \$1 a ton. As its principal ingredient is coal dust, it may be that it will give the coal barons a new way to turn an honest penny instead of driving them out of business.

In spite of the fact that the type-writer has displaced the pen in many business offices, the demand for pens and pencils still continues. During the year covered by the census report, one gold pen, ten steel pens and fifteen lead-pencils were made in the United States for each family of five persons.

There ought not to be either political or industrial differences of opinion over the announced intention of the American Federation of Labor to support all legislation directed toward the abolition of child labor.

A report is made by the American consul at Liverpool upon municipal socialism in Great Britain. Among the enterprises managed by municipalities are Turkish baths owned by Leamington and Harrogate; a rabbit-warren, by Torquay; an oyster-fishery, by Colchester; a crematory, by Hull. Doncaster and Chester own race-courses, and in Doncaster the town itself manages the races.

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World is looking for a man. And the world usually finds the man it is looking for in a boy. You may not get \$2,100 all in a lump by being the right sort of a boy, but the world will be glad to give it to you sooner or later.

A story is told of a wise mother, who, when her small son announced his intention of running away from home because something had vexed him, met the announcement with calm acquiescence. She packed a small bundle for him to take away, suggested the next town as a good place to stay for the night, and added: "Of course, Harry, if you really want to go, you may; but you don't know how much I shall miss you." The youngster picked up his bundle, went slowly down the path to the front gate, opened it, then turned and ran for the house, where he flung his arms about his mother's neck and burst into tears.

For months a laughing boy has been the bone of contention in a famous New York law suit. A husband and wife had parted. They viewed each other as strangers across a trial table in a court room. There was no doubt about their love for the boy. It was pure gold. It should have made a woman more tolerant, a man more forgiving. Happy married folks can't understand how the mothers and fathers of children can ever separate and learn to hate.

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