

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Happy are they who don't want the things they can't get.

No, Cordelia, we can't all be hero-worshippers; some of us must be heroes.

Many a woman who makes a man a mighty poor wife makes him a rich husband.

Do a man a favor and he will consider you under everlasting obligation to him.

Many a man who couldn't train a dog decently imagines that he is an ideal child trainer.

How would it do for Explorer Baldwin to find something besides his voice? It is becoming a trifle tiresome.

Emperor William says he is afraid he will never be able to see America. What, then, is the use of being an emperor?

Minister Wu says Chinese laborers are better off than our workmen. Then why does he object to our exclusion laws?

Though the pen may be mightier than the sword, it can't come up to the scratch when pitted against the ink-eraser.

A hundred years ago men married younger than they do now—but women didn't object to doing their own house-work then.

The charge that David B. Hill never kissed a girl in his life should not be accepted as true merely because David doesn't deny it. Perhaps he always promised not to tell.

Truly the prominent woman's husband is to be pitied, but fortunately for most married men who play second fiddle to the orchestra to which they belong give but few public performances.

The dull boy in school seldom appears to a disadvantage during recess.

The census bureau is right about people living longer than they formerly did. We know quite a number of persons who never lived so long before in their lives.

Preparations are already under way for the great Olympian games to be held in the United States in 1904. Foreign countries are extending assurances that they will be fully represented, and the governors of the various States are cordial in their expressions of interest.

Have acts of weakness and sin never any salutary effect on a man's character? Can any man say, viewing his life honestly, that no good has come out of the evil that he has charged himself with and repented of? Is not sin sometimes character-building? Does it not perhaps develop a man into a stronger force spiritually and make him a more practical, helpful Christian gentleman? Are not sins in some lives as the holes in a piece of linen which transform the plain, uninteresting cloth into beautiful embroidery?

We seem to be in the way of making ourselves ridiculous. Germany just now is overrun by Mormon missionaries and we are assuming the role of their protectors. Not long ago the German authorities served notice of expulsion on twenty-two of these Utah evangelists, whose activities in the empire had aroused the resentment of the clergy, but at the earnest request of our diplomatic representatives those notices were temporarily withdrawn. Mormon emissaries in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee—anywhere you please, in fact—are tarred and feathered, ridden on rails, driven out, sometimes shot, even hanged, and a paternal government looks on in silent if not cordial approval.

Until now there has been no revelation of the secret arrangements made between Great Britain and Germany relative to African affairs prior to the Boer war. It now appears that Portugal is to hand over the Delagoa Bay district and that the northern part of the Portuguese possessions will go to Germany. This is said to be the "compensation" to Germany for keeping quiet during the late war. It will make the German people, who have been so fiercely antagonistic to the British nation during the past three years, feel rather sheepish when they discover that they have actually been partners with Great Britain in the extension of British control in South Africa.

Serious thought is suggested by the fact that suicide has been unusually prevalent of late. Each morning's newspaper contains a list of people who have made away with themselves. What can be the cause at work? Some of the suicides, it is true, kill themselves because they can find no work—an anomalous situation in an era of prosperity—but most of them seem to be actuated by feelings of anger or resentment or spite. Some of them kill other people and then kill themselves. There is an implication in this situation that the American people are deteriorating in a moral fiber—that they are becoming morbid and unstable of character. But, granting this, we are still at sea as to the primary cause of the trouble. What is making the American people morbid and recklessly impulsive? Are we coming to that

world-weary condition which once pervaded the society of France when whole dinner parties would rise from the table to go and drown themselves in company?

After working steadily for twenty-five years for a certain company, a foreman took his first vacation. It is doubtful if he enjoyed it. Men are a good deal like animals. Turn an old street car horse into a rich pasture and he will roll a few times, kick up his heels and then search for his harness, bell and the long stretch. Harness any man to a job for twenty-five years, and it becomes his life, his ambition and his pleasure. He makes his body take a vacation and his mind remains at the office, or bench, or wherever destiny has placed him. It is a feeling that can be worn out, because man has more brains than a street car horse, but it takes time, sometimes years; sometimes all the years that are left. When the foreman ended his vacation and started for the shop he discovered that his job had vanished. He also learned that corporations are not soulless, for he was told that he had worked so well and faithfully, had done his full duty so patiently, that the concern had retired him on full pay for the rest of his life, be it a year or forty years. Not a beggarly pension, mind you; not pensioned poverty, which is just as hard for an old man to bear as a young one, but full pay, and the firm wrote to him: "Go where you please, and if you ever get stranded away from home, just telegraph the company." It was a fine thing to do. It was a bit of unasked appreciation that must have its effect on the other toilers in the concern. It is going to be interesting to see what happens to the foreman. If he, in the possession of health and strength, can drop the load he has been carrying steadily for a quarter of a century without a shock to his whole system, he is a big man—a real philosopher. If he loves flowers and children and books, his garden, the quiet place of his home, he may be happy, but the chances are that some day he will be found at the door of the shop saying, "Put me to work." It is in the blood. Americans are built that way, and the fact that ambition doesn't cease when the limbs grow weary and the thatch gray, in no manner lessens the kindly tribute that the company paid to the old foreman.

WORLD'S "MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN."



This is the young woman whom Harry Lehr, the authority of the "400" on feminine beauty, declares is the most beautiful society woman in the world. Miss Schenck is the granddaughter of the Rev. Dr. Noah Schenck, a noted Episcopal clergyman of Brooklyn. Four years ago, when she was 17, she started a letter chain of 10-cent contributions to furnish ice for wounded soldiers, which brought her 250,000 letters and \$25,000. Her home is at Babylon, L. I.

The Modern Child. The modern child is the most discouraging thing I know about. Just the other day I undertook to entertain a small neighbor of mine while her mother passed the afternoon in bed with a sick headache. Naturally, I assumed that the little girl would enjoy looking at a pretty illustrated book of fairy tales which had just come into my possession. She took the book politely, and sat down to look at the pictures. When I looked up she was staring at me with a question in her eyes. Seeing me disengaged, she put it into words: "Here's a very pretty picture," said she, pointing out, or rather indicating, for she's too well trained to point, to a wash drawing of Titania and her attendant fays. "They're very pretty, but will you please tell me whether they're angels or just insects?"—Washington Post.

Hard on the Baby. The Philadelphia Times is responsible for the following: A Canadian firm recently placed with the Montreal and Toronto newspapers an advertisement of a new nursing bottle it had patented, and was about to place on the market. After giving directions for use, the "ad." ended in this manner: "When the baby is done drinking, it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place, under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be 'botted.'"

Objected to Noise. Because they objected to noise some residents of Paderson, N. J., buried a church bell recently after it had been taken down pending repairs in the church. The congregation later dug it up.

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