

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

There are no game laws to handicap the man who hunts trouble.

Cuba has now been libre for two whole years, except as to the sugar trust.

Boston girls have broken the record for high jumping. Must have been an extra large sized mouse.

When the Russians go into the open sea and sow mines they naturally expect to be some distance away at harvest time.

Any man who is really good may now become a mother simply by paying \$2 into the treasury of the New York Mothers' Club.

In the far Eastern unpleasantness the mine beneath the wave is carrying off the honors. The man behind the gun is a back number.

A New Jersey judge holds that a boy is worth twice as much as a girl. Titled foreigners will take the negative of this proposition.

Mr. Beer lets us into the secret that the public is going to be charged the highest prices it can stand. Do you know, we had suspected this?

Judge Gaynor declares that the railroads are the mothers of the trusts. Possibly; but under the law they cannot be compelled to give testimony against their millionaire husbands.

If it is true that Russia has gone extensively into private executions without trial, the outcome of the present war may be determined in Europe. Still, the story may be slightly inaccurate.

Four thousand bicyclists gathered at a rendezvous in Boston early in May to show that they had not lost interest in the sport. This is pretty good evidence that the wheel retains some of its old-time popularity.

Some day, when the civilized and enlightened nations find themselves with no wars on their hands, the duty of uniting for the purpose of blotting the murderous Turk from the map of the world will become paramount.

Marquis Ito warns the Japanese that they cannot win on American sympathy alone. It probably understands that American, as well as most of the other kinds of sympathy, goes only to the point at which it begins to cost money.

The late John J. Ingalls, it appears, was not the real author of the sonnet, "Opportunity." He found it floating around in the original Italian, and made a translation of it. And Fred Funston did not swim the Bag Bag river. Whether are we drifting? Can we be certain of anything nowadays?

Twenty thousand quarts of skimmed milk a day are used in Austria for making substitutes for horn, ivory, amber and such like things. The casein in the milk is precipitated by a chemical process and then mixed with formalin. This produces galialth, or petrified milk, a hard, elastic, insoluble substance that is easily worked. The Austrian dairy experts think that the demand for the skimmed milk for this purpose will be great enough to increase the profit in the butter-making business by producing a ready market for the by-product.

Porfirio Diaz will have been President of Mexico twenty-eight years on November 30th. And everybody expects him to be elected for another term. During all his long period of public service he has been working to establish a stable government, and to train his countrymen in the arts of self-rule. The task has been difficult, for in his youth revolutions were as common in Mexico as they now are in the petty republics farther south. Whenever he has spoken of retiring there has arisen such a bitter dispute among the aspirants for his place that he has each time concluded his work was not yet done. It is evident that he still thinks it would not take much to stir up trouble, for at his suggestion the constitution has recently been amended, extending the president's term to six years, and providing for a vice-president. Now he can select a candidate for the second place a man after his own heart, and train him to the duties of the presidency, so that whatever may happen to him—e is nearly seventy-four years old and in feeble health—a peaceable future for his country will be assured for six years more.

In new countries people change their place of residence frequently. Not being tied down by long family attachments, they move about until they find a spot that suits them. In only a few of the oldest American communities are estates held in one line for generations, and the custom seems not to be growing. How readily Americans "move" is shown by the fact that hardly two-thirds of the Representatives and only about half the Senators in Congress were born in the States which they now serve. No member of either House from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Washington or Wyoming is a native of the State he represents. Both Senators of old Indiana were born in Ohio; so were the West Virginia Senators. Speaker Cannon, of Illinois, was born in North Carolina, and Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic leader, in Tennessee. Virginia is the largest State represented in both Houses wholly by native sons. Delaware, Maine and Vermont are the only others on the list. Pennsylvania is represented chiefly by native Pennsylvanians, but New York, among the old States, shows an opposite tendency. In the early history of the country men often became prominent in the politics of several States in turn. James Shields, whose figure stands in Statuary Hall as the gift of

Illinois, served three States in the United States Senate. "Sunset" Cox represented Ohio in Congress, and afterward New York. George W. Jones held important offices in Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa and the Northwest Territory. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, was at one time the territorial delegate from New Mexico.

From the reports of the struggle between Russia and Japan, the New York World draws the conclusion that "the conditions of war and those of modern civilization are rapidly becoming irreconcilable." To illustrate this general truth by a particular example it says: "Take the question of floating mines at sea. The Russians say that if the Japanese ships can lie ten miles from their coast and throw shells into their towns they have a right to protect themselves with such weapons as will reach the ships. And in this they are perfectly logical. But neutrals are equally logical in holding that it is an intolerable invasion of their rights to strew the high seas, the common property of all nations, with deadly explosives. From this deadlock there is only one escape, and that lies in the abolition of war itself." As the world condemns war on principle it is not specially enamored of this doctrine of necessity, and, of course, it has very little moral value. There can be no doubt, however, that it is destined to exert practical influence, and that as that influence increases the influence of the moral condemnation of war will increase also. The way the two forces, the practical and the idealistic, work together is clearly shown in the history of more than one country, writes a contributor to the editorial page of the Chicago Record-Herald. There was a time, for example, in the history of the United States when the opponents of slavery were comparatively few in numbers and apt to be classed as sentimentalists. Even that part of the country in which slave-holding and slave-trading had disappeared was slow to take up the anti-slavery crusade. When it did so, however, its course was largely determined by the fact that it had no interest in the holding or the trading, and it was finally driven into war by the immensely practical question of disunion. Meanwhile, just through the operation of practical considerations, the moral considerations became more and more popular. People saw, with a clearer vision what it was to their interest to see, and in time the greater emphasis was placed generally upon the moral issue because of the satisfaction that comes from the profession of sound morals and the credit that such profession brings. If now, as The World says, war has become a general nuisance, owing to the complexity of the business relations of civilized States, the vast cost of armaments, and the terribly destructive character of modern weapons, it will find less and less favor on practical grounds, the moral condemnation of it will spread, and apologists who preach peace most of the time, but throw in an occasional whoop with a sublime disregard of consistency, will be reduced to stating the matter hypothetically. For it is evident that both the moral and the practical forces are working more effectively than they ever have before. The Hague conference and recent arbitration agreements are highly significant of the general disgust that is felt for war, despite the efforts that are made to belittle them, and if the Japanese overcome the Russians, the check to national brigandage such as has been practiced upon the Chinese by several powers will discourage the game in one quarter of the world at least.

The Habit of Scandal. Old Mrs. Etheridge had loved gossip all her life, but although her ears were always ready for it, she had schooled her tongue to disapproval. Nobody minded what she said, for although she might shake her head and utter her customary mild reproof, her eyes never failed to express interest and a desire for more information. The one phrase which rose to her lips when the tale was ended had become so habitual that toward the close of her life she occasionally employed it involuntarily. "Have you ever heard about Ed-ward?" asked one of the family connection, moving her chair close to the old lady's rocking and leaning over confidentially. Grandmother Etheridge shook her head and put her hand to her ear. "They say," announced the relative in strident tones, "that he's making a splendid name for himself, and has been offered a salary of fifteen thousand dollars by another firm, and that he is just as clever as he can be, has hosts of friends there in Chicago, and deserves them all!" The light of pride and joy shone in the old lady's eyes, but custom was too strong for her tongue. "You shouldn't repeat it, dear," she quavered. "There's a wrong story somewhere!"

Skeptical and Pessimist. Mr. Dolan looked at his visitor with an expression of confirmed opposition, and during the friend's argument he further emphasized his disagreement by an occasional emphatic shake of the head. "Now, I don't hold wid life-insurance companies, nor yet wid savings banks," he said, stubbornly. "A cousin of my own, he had his life insured for the benefit of his widdy, an' after all he niver had one, for 'twas him lived to be eighty, an' her that doted." "Wid banks it's just the other way," he continued. "For there was me own uncle; he put money in the bank, and he kept sticking it in and sticking it in, in the hopes that whin old age come he cud take it out gradual like and enjy himself; and instid o' that, 'twas him that had the widdy before he touched sixty-two. They're wurked on the wrong plan, the both o' thim institutions, man, and it's a wonder to me to hear you sp'aking a good wurrd for 'em."

Many a man is too stubborn to admit that he is related to the mule.

Some men actually know a few of the things they believe.

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