

Striking Statistics.—The Time Wasted in Earning a Living.

The New York Picayune has compiled some interesting facts in the following article, for which it is responsible:

Several of our contemporaries having lately occupied themselves with statistical articles, showing the loss of time and money which is incurred by chewing tobacco, smoking cigars, and drinking rum, we, desiring not to be behind the age, intend to present the public with a few statistics as to the amount of time which is wasted in earning a living.

As a general rule we may say that men of business spend about nine hours per day in their stores, which, with three quarters of an hour occupied in going down town, and the same time in returning home, would make ten hours and a half per day. Ten hours and a half per day for six days in the week is sixty-three hours, to which being added twelve hours for Sunday (the whole of that day being usually devoted to thinking of the store) gives seventy-five hours per week, or 3,600 hours per annum, and supposing a man to live three score and ten years and devote fifty of those years to business, we have the fearful result of 195,000 hours in a life-time wasted in earning a living, 195,000 which he might have lost at the corner grocery. Allowing fifteen minutes at a time necessary for drinking a whisky punch, we find that a man of seventy years of age, who has spent fifty of them in business, might have drunk 750,000 whisky punches—or allowing half an hour for smoking a cigar, he might have smoked 390,000 cigars. Calculating a little less for a chew of tobacco, he might have masticated 85,000 quids of the Indian weed, and that without encroaching in any way on his present hours of recreation.

Looking upon it in a mere literary point of view, we shall find that in fifty years wasted in earning a living, a man might have read 2,340,000 hymns, or he might (allowing a day per vol.) have read 10,000 volumes of Bonner's History of the United States, or, if bent with a strong constitution he might have perused 6 volumes of Abbott's History of Napoleon.

If, however, we suppose the man to have indulged in the vice of earning a living to only a limited extent, consuming only half the time we estimated in our calculation, which would be five and one fourth hours per day, and had he devoted the remaining five and one fourth to miscellaneous pursuits, he might have had the following list of enjoyment by the time he reached the age of seventy:

He might have read one volume of Abbott's History of Napoleon.

He might have read 6,250 volumes of Bonner's Child's History of the United States.

He might have sung 200,000 Hymns. He might have chewed 48,750 Quids of Tobacco.

He might have smoked 42,500 Cigars. He might have drank 65,000 Punches.

He might have had this vast army of enjoyment and still earned a living, with the consolation in his old age of having lived a jolly life and being a wiser and better man.

At the end of the present year Gretna Green and border marriages will be prevented. By an act passed at the last session of Parliament it is provided that after Dec. 31st, 1855, "no irregular marriage contracted in Scotland, by declaration, acknowledgment, or ceremony shall be valid, unless one of the parties had, at the date thereof, his or her usual place of residence there, or had lived in Scotland for twenty-one days next preceding such marriage."

SENSIBLE DOCTOR.—A handsome young widow applied to a physician to relieve her of three distressing complaints, with which she was afflicted.

"In the first place," said she, "I have little or no appetite. What would be the best to take for that?"

"For that, Madam, you should take air and exercise."

And, Doctor, I am quite fatigued at night and afraid to lie alone. What shall I take for that?"

"For that, madam, I can only recommend that you take—a—husband!"

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Holland & White,
(TIRE PROOF BRICK BUILDING,)
MAIN ST., OREGON CITY,

KEEP constantly on hand a full assortment of the following articles both WHOLESALE and RETAIL:

DRY GOODS:

A large quantity, consisting partly of prints of all kinds, muslin, English and French plaques, draperies, fancy and black silk, shirtings, hickories, tweeds, cassimere, cambrics, shirtings, denims, drilins, satinets, blue, black, grey, and mixed, &c., &c.

GROCERIES:

A well selected assortment, in part consisting of sugar, coffee, tea, syrup, soap, candles, fruit, flour, butter, bacon, spiced, pepper, salt, salutes, soap powder, ink powder, yeast powder, gun powder, &c.

CLOTHING:

such as black frock, sack, and shawl coats, of cassimere, cambric, satin, and cloth; vests, buff, silk, black satin, cloth, and cassimere, plain and fancy; pants, a large assortment of dressings, cassimere, cloth, jeans, satin, linen, and all other kinds; hats, caps; over and under shirts; stocks, handkerchiefs, and cravats, and a thousand other things, such as

BOOTS & SHOES,

women's coarse and fine leath, fine black and colored gaiters, spurs, &c.; men's calf shoes, light and heavy brogues, kid and cuff boots, calf and colored gaiters, boys' and children's boots, shoes, handkerchiefs, and cravats, and a thousand other things, such as

W. P. Burns,

WAGON AND CARRIAGE MAKER,
OREGON CITY, O.T.

17th Street, attention paid to repairing, and attention to patients warranted.

Sept. 19, 1855.

M. M. LUCAS. E. DALTON.

Lucas & Dalton,
HOUSE, SIGN, & ORNAMENTAL PAINTERS, &c.

HAVE received and offer for sale,

4000 lbs Atlantic white lead,

350 gallons boiled linseed oil,

300 " raw,

300 " turpentine,

200 " Tilden's No. 1 furniture varnish,

150 " " coach "

200 " Japan "

100 lbs of putty,

6 doz Adams 6-10 brushes,

6 doz each tool assort'd,

19 packets of leaf gold,

10 " silver,

100 lbs of Small's assorted colors,

3 gross of camel and sable hair pencils,

5500 ft of glass, 10x10, 10x12, 10x14, 10x15.

Gilted glass, any quantity, of the following sizes and pieces:

8x10, \$3.25 per window,

10x12, 4.00 "

9x13, 4.00 "

10x13, 4.50 "

10x15, 5.00 "

Meers, L. & D. would respectfully call the attention of the trade and the public generally to examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere.

LUCAS & DALTON,

Front St., Portland.

CLOTHING WAREHOUSE.

Wm. G. Badger,

100 BATTERY ST., CORNER OF MERCHANTS,

SAN FRANCISCO.

An IMPORTER of every variety of Clothing and Furnishing Goods; also of Ducks, Drills, Sheetings, Blankets, Hats, Boots and Buttons, by recent arrival has received very large invoices of the most desirable styles of CLOTHING, and it is the LARGEST stock ever offered in this market. The Goods are manufactured under my own superintendence, and of the best material, well cut, large sizes, and made in the most durable manner.

Traders from the country are invited to examine this heavy stock, and they will find the prices lower than they can be found elsewhere in the market.

Purchasers may rely on receiving the best and most reliable goods; as each article is guaranteed. ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY promptly and carefully attended to.

10,000 pairs assorted fancy cassimere pants,

10,000 " assorted fancy and plain satins, &c.,

7,000 " " ladies' stockings,

2,000 " Godey's rubber pants,

1,000 Godey's white rubber coats,

2,000 cases Godey's long and short rubber coats,

200 " miners' blous,

1,000 dozen unperforated overshirts,

300 " fancy cassimere overshirts,

1,000 " white shirts,

600 " heavy hickory shirts,

500 " heavy check shirts,

300 " Merrimack shirts,

600 " ladies' wool undershirts,

300 " regatta undershirts,

200 " grey flannel undershirts,

450 " ladies' wool drawers,

250 " bleached drill drawers,

1,000 " overalls,

200 " country-knit wool coats,

1,000 " heavy white and mixed cottons,

1,000 pieces super silk pocket handkerchiefs,

900 " super black silk neck手kerchiefs,

1,000 Godey's white rubber coats,

2,000 cases pie crusts,

300 " " panta,

200 sets cloth and velvet vests,

200 blue and white blankets,

50 " " ass't duck,

200 cases fine felt hats,

100 " straw hats. For sale by

W. G. BADGER,

Whole Cloth Clothing Warehouse,

No. 109 Battery, cor. Merchant St., San Francisco.

It is now quite late at night and afraid to lie alone. What shall I take for that?"

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