

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

The dog that has the bone is in favor of peace.

The President may lead the people up to the trough, but he can't make them spill it tr-o-f-f.

And when a man bumps up against hard luck he always blames some other fellow for shoving him.

A woman is always ready to admit a man's superior intelligence if he'll admit that she knows more than he does.

Tom Watson thinks it is not likely that he will be a Presidential candidate in 1908. Hasn't Tom found it to be a paying profession?

An East Tennessean has been not free after ten trials for murder. Who will say there are no arguments in favor of lynch law?

It is comforting to note that once in a while a hold-up man tackles the wrong customer and retires permanently from the business.

A woman wants a divorce because her husband wouldn't allow her to talk. She ought to be able to get it on the ground of extreme cruelty.

Corncocks have become so valuable in Oklahoma that the people can no longer afford to burn them. Perhaps they have been cornered by the coal trust.

A New York woman has been adjudged insane because she smashed a piano. Perhaps she was driven insane by some one who tried to play the piano.

A St. Louis girl who was married on New Year's eve was killed by 400 people. It will be a shame if she never has any grandchildren to whom to tell the thrilling story.

The Adamless Eden which is to be founded in Texas will have only one-story houses. This is a wise provision. It will not be necessary to climb ladders in case of fire.

Harry Thaw gave his wife a Roosevelt bear for a Christmas present. Harry probably is one of the people who think they lack the true Christmas spirit who give only useful things.

When it was reported that Anthony Comstock had lost his job as a post-office inspector some malicious person alluded to the matter by saying that "Anthony has been stripped—of his credentials."

If Secretary Shaw can afford to decline a job with a salary of \$100,000 a year there need be no outpourings of sympathy over the fact that it costs him twice his present stipend to reside in Washington.

In a play that has recently made a hit in New York capital and labor are represented as settling their differences by the application of the Golden Rule. The author makes no claim to having founded the piece on fact.

Says the Baltimore American: "The best way to defeat and conquer danger is to march right up to it and bluff it between the eyes." That ought to be tried by the man who finds himself held up by a rude gentleman with a small-sized bit of artillery in his hand.

Comparatively speaking, what an affluent and independent gentleman the farmer is. The city man is the victim of the butcher, the baker and the poor gas maker. He pays for everything he gets except air and would be glad to pay for that if he could get the country kind. Not so the farmer. Though his fields are broad and his fences high and strong, he has a neighborly feeling for everyone who lives within ten miles of him. His pastures and poultry yards supply his meat and eggs, his garden fills his vegetable cellar every fall and his fruit house is stocked with fresh canned and cured fruits in abundance. He works leisurely through the spring and early summer, rushes a little during harvest and then spends the winter doing the chores and cutting his year's fuel.

What has prosperity done for us? Grievous to say, with all our fine schools as large a percentage of the population as ever doesn't know how to create its trousers, sew her hair pomades and "scent" and avoid carrying its handkerchief in its hip pocket. It is safe to say that in our rush for mere material comforts and life problems we have sadly neglected the essentials. The realization of our fine dream to be the greatest nation on earth will never come until the dissemination is complete of the knowledge that while you may call your maid by her first name she must not reciprocate, that you must not eat things with your spoon that you can eat more awkwardly with your fork, that you must not wear spats with your overalls and that a reversible cuff is in contravention of the seventeenth amendment.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who died in London recently at the age of 92 years, was one of the most remarkable women of the last century. Her grandfather, Thomas Coutts, founded a noted London banking-house, and his granddaughter inherited a large part of his fortune. She was the daughter

of Sir Francis Burdett, but added the name of her maternal grandfather to her own in 1837. She used her vast wealth in building schools, churches and model tenements, in endowing bishoprics in Cape Town, Adelaide and British Columbia, in restoring waning industries and in assisting deserving immigrants. It is estimated that during her life she gave away fully five million dollars. In 1881, when she was 67 years old, she married Mr. William Lehman Ashmead-Bartlett, born an American, but naturalized as an Englishman, who had assisted her in relieving the sufferings of the Bulgarians and Turks after the war of 1877. Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett assumed the name of his wife. She was already a baroness, to which rank Queen Victoria elevated her in 1871 in recognition of her great philanthropy. King Edward is reported as having characterized her as the most remarkable woman of her time, after Victoria, to whom he assigned first place.

As there is no royal road to learning so there is no certain formula for material success in life. All the successful men give out prescriptions for the attainment of wealth or other things to be desired, but these prescriptions are obviously faulty, since they do not succeed save in a few cases. Most men remain poor in spite of them. The advice of successful men is usually as useless as it is platitudinous. This is because it lumps all men together, whereas every man is a case by himself. Here is E. H. Harriman, for instance, making public the secret of his success. "I just attend to business," he says; "that is how I succeed. Anybody can do the same." Yet all of us know hundreds of men who, though they attend to business as faithfully as they can, are not successful even in a modest way. They toil early and late, they neglect no honest effort, yet they live and die failures so far as material success is concerned. Mr. Harriman's system is thus ineffectual with respect to a large proportion of men, and he seems to realize it, for he goes on to amplify and qualify his advice very materially. "I keep in touch with matters in which I am concerned," he says, "and meet the turn in events at the proper time. Any man of reasonable intelligence with ability to appreciate the golden opportunity and seize it will succeed in his endeavors." This puts a very different complexion upon it. Attention to business alone will not suffice. The aspirant for great things must also meet the turn of events at the proper time; he must seize the golden opportunity and know when to seize it. Assiduity must be supplemented by qualities which are not common to all men. And it is in these qualities that success resides. Successful men who, like Harriman, give advice to those who wish to emulate them would do better if they put the matter another way. They should say that men can not succeed without energy and industry, but they should not assert that those qualities alone will command success. For the truth is that success in material things is often the result of qualities which are not entirely admirable, even though they are rare. As for success in matters not material it can be attained by every one. A man may live all his life in poverty to die rich at last in those things which can not be bought for money. This is success which can not only be deserved, but which can be commanded.

MAP IS AID TO PEDESTRIAN. Enjoyment for the Walker When He Is Properly Equipped. "The bicycle, and later the automobile, gave a great impulse to the sale of road maps, but," said a man who takes his outings afoot, "useful as good maps are to those who by such means traverse the country maps are, as they have always been, no less useful and desirable for the pedestrian. "I wouldn't dream of walking anywhere without a map. The map is not only a guide, but it is a companion and friend that tells you about the country as you go along. It tells you not only precisely where you are at whatever moment you consult it, and the distances here and there, but with the country outlined before you and its features marked there on the paper you can find a far greater satisfaction in the walk than would be possible without the aid of this pocket companion. "Aside from the help the map gives you in getting where you want to go, halt where you will where some inviting prospect attracts and open up the map. "Only be sure that you hold it correctly adjusted to the points of the compass, and then the map will tell you what arm of the sea or what bay or lake it is whose waters you see far away to the east, or what village it is whose church spire you see rising to the north; it will tell you the name of the brook you have just crossed, and of the stream you'll be coming to a mile further along on the road. "With a map, in short, every feature of the country near and far is revealed to you. You know not only where you stand at the moment, but with intelligence the country round about as far as the eye can reach. A region new to you, it is all the more interesting because of its novelty, but the enjoyment you find in it is vastly broadened and heightened by the illuminating knowledge you gain of it from the map. "Invaluable as a guide, the map is scarcely less to be esteemed in its capacity of companion and friend, telling you of what you see. It makes, in a way, most pleasantly acquainted where otherwise you might be simply a passing stranger."—New York Sun.

WAY TO CURE A COLD.

Simple Home Remedies Will Often Break Up the Attack. It is the easiest thing in the world to catch a cold. One does imprudent things and next thing finds one's self in possession of or rather possessed by a horrible attack of grippe.

As a rule the simplest remedies for a cold are the surest. There is nothing for carrying off the congestion like a hot bath, a hot drink and a good sweat. Do this at night.

Another efficacious method is to snuff up warm salt water. But one must not go out right after this or the cold will be aggravated.

If it is a tight cold in the head rub the bridge of the nose thoroughly with vaseline at night. This simple remedy sometimes works like a charm.

It is of the utmost importance during a cold to keep the system from becoming clogged. The old, senseless maxim, "Feed a cold and starve a fever" is responsible for many bad complexions and prolonged colds. The proper method is to eat very lightly and even partially fast.

Rub a little camphorated cream on the chapped lips and nose. If there are fever sores moisten a little powdered borax and apply. For the aching limbs a good rubbing with alcohol or spirits of camphor is excellent.

If necessary to go out next morning rub the body vigorously with alcohol and a Turkish towel before venturing forth. It is of the utmost importance to avoid getting chilled after the hot bath.

If you will use plenty of stewed fruit in your diet, eat fresh figs, drink hot water on arising and before meals and take nine or ten glasses of water during the day you will be taking the best possible measures to get rid of a cold.

On the Promenade. He thought his style would turn the head of every girl that day. And every one, indeed, 'tis said, Was turned—the other way. —Philadelphia Ledger.

As yet the mirror has not been made that will enable a man to see himself as others see him.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS. Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance. Give love the power and it will always help. There are still some folks who think that making a noise in church is religion. If we fail to kill our doubts they will kill us. The happy Christian is always a busy one. Some people never look up as long as they can stand up. The wider the Bible is opened the harder it strikes at sin. Every land flowing with milk and honey has giants in it. When a lazy man looks toward heaven, angels close the windows. Whenever a wise man makes a mistake it teaches him something. The man who is always going to start to-morrow never gets there. You can tell how much people love the Lord by the company they keep. The nation has no better friend than the mother who teaches her child to pray. No matter how much religion we claim to have, all that counts is that we live. We are all the time making character, whether we are doing anything else or not. Lazarus did more for the Lord without saying a word than Martha did with all her bluster. There is something wrong with the man who is more concerned about his reputation than he is about his character.

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