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SOME POINTS OF MORALS.

The ideal great man is perfect, of course. He is not troubled or limited by moral weakness—so his admirers suppose. And yet the great man, even the very great man, is liable to such weakness, and when he comes into the limelight all lapses and weaknesses become conspicuous-the more conspicnous the more exalted he

A rural Senator from North Carolina the other day opposed the erection of a monument at Washington to Alexander Hamilton, on the ground that he was "a rake." Hamilton's relations with Hamilton's relations with Mrs. Reynolds are well known. He fell into the toils of a cheap and vulgar woman, whose husband was cognizant of her actions. It was "a game," and it is a shame that so great a man as Hamilton did not hold himself above But the custom and sentiment of the times then were not so severe as Yet now there is no less "irregularity" than then. Probably there is

It became a scandal, and Hamilton was forced, in order to clear his of-ficial integrity, to make a plain statement of the relations he had held with the Reynolds woman, "On the side of his official integrity his vindication was triumphant, but the affair left a stain upon his name, which, ever, in view of his great public service long since was practically forgot-ten. It was Hamilton's conspicuous position, gained by his transcendent talents, that brought out the story of his relations with Mrs. Reynolds. was the same when Grover Cleveland was nominated for the Presidency, and the relations he had held Maria Halpin were forced into wide What reader of history does not know the story of the relations between Lord Nelson, greatest England's naval heroes, and Lady Hamilton? Or of Madame Walewski who, after all men had abandoned him, tried to follow Napoleon to Elba:

Let us bring an instance of the same kind, but of less importance, to notice here at home. The Oregonian found it had made a mistake in exposing the irregularities and immoral ities of Senator Mitchell. Everything it said was true, but those whose own morals were of the best refused to be eve, or to admit they would believethough in their hearts they knew it was all true. Others, of morals less severe, naturally resented all state-ments and proofs. Still others-and they were a majority, perhaps, said "Suppose it all true, what of it?" So the worst and the best and the indif-ferent alike stood by the man. The The women, too. For if you are on the search for human nature you find It in women. The hypocrisy is another

It is no mistatement, when Gertrude Atherton, well-known authoress, who has written eulogistically of Hamilton, while admitting his fault and acknowledging this blemish on his character says the fault was one common at the time. They who have means to know doubt whether it is less common now; yet in the better state of public opin ion extraordinary measures of secrecy are now deemed necessary, and money In most cases will secure the secrecy required. Jefferson, Hamilton's arch enemy, never said or wrote anything about the Hamilton-Reynolds affair for gossip was busy with Jefferson's name in similar scandals, as it with the names of most men of the

It is not possible to excuse misconduct of this description. In modern times it never has been, and there is an enforced shame-facedness in talk ing about it. In the earlier day, when the Homeric poems were young, and the older Hebrew Scriptures were written, little or no restraint put upon such conduct. But But the growth of moral sentiment has made it necessary now to hide it, if possible, and when divulged it becomes a just repreach. But the repreach is often weakened by the method of censure and denunciation employed by prurient prudes who, as Shakespeare's Timen exclaims, "scold against the quality of flesh, yet not believe't them-

But there can be no condonation by the public of the vulgar wretch who wastes money not his own, and esis entrusted, in these liaisons. Public defaulters are scarcely forgiven in any case; and by a contradiction of human nature which is not altogether strange, of human nature which usually is towards irregularities between the sexes-the man who squanders public money or money not his upon a woman with whom he holds improper relation, is forever and especially damned in public estima-tion. There is some virtue in this judgment, too, which puts financial above sexual morality, and fidelity to a trust, and especially a public trust, above the ordinary requirements of private conduct. In the State of Washington at this time there is a man (Adjutant-General Hamilwho is alleged to have squandered a large amount of public money n a woman. He will not have It is just as well, too, that infidelity to a public trust is the one offense that cannot be excused. still less condoned; and that when there is a woman in the case it is

Fear of publicity in these cases is the greatest of preventive forces; and he is a man of peculiar stupidity who cannot foresee what the sure conse-

public funds, to be squandered in an increase of business to the trust, vice, especially in illicit relations with women.

in laborers' time every day from the

working out in this case of the false

idea that water traffic has and should

have undisputed right of way over

traffic on land. In pursuance of this idea the bridges are opened to let the

most triffing or inconsequential river

and all hours of the day, and espe-

tally, it would seem, at those hours,

morning and evening, when the bridges carry the heaviest traffic.

It is not uncommon for the street

cars to be lined up as far back as

Holladay avenue on the east approach

of the Steel bridge, and as far as

Third street on the West Side, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening—the cars crowded with pas-

sengers, many of whom, dinner palls

in hand, are hanging on by straps or

crowding the steps, while slow boats with tows of logs, perhaps, or perhaps

shifting from one dock to another

lessurely creep through the opening.

Here we have the spectacle of hun-dreds of hungry, tired men being held

up in response to a peremptory signal

of the captain of a tow or freight-boat

or boats operated by a few men, per-

haps a dozen all told, who live on the craft and are in no hurry to get any-

where, and who feel perfectly justified

in inflicting this delay and inconven-

ience upon their fellow-laborers under

the absurd ruling that water traffic

has, under all circumstances, the right

sense nor common justice in this inter-

pretation, and the facts in the case, if

strongly presented to the proper au-

thorities, would, it is believed, secure

relief from a situation that is utterly

needless and has become almost un-

STRANGE LANGUAGE:

In the United States Senate must have resounded strangely through the sol-

emnly aristocratic chamber where that

body sits. Only the other day Mr

Borah, of Idaho, enunciated the

prophecy that the people of this coun-

try were preparing to take over com-

long. Mr. Cummins, of Iowa, follows

with the direful allegation that "if we

fail now substantially to reduce the

we but postpone the justice due to the

people; a justice which, thanks to the

genius of our institutions, they have

the power to enforce and which in the

fullness of time they will enforce."

Such language as this has not often been heard in the Senate since the

time of the Civil War, and it is notable

that it comes from the new members.

has held his high office very long, and

it may be lack of experience which causes them thus to leap over the

which Senatorial custom has decreed

they speak because of newer and more Hiuminating experience than their col-

leagues, Aldrich, Hale, Penrose and the others, have enjoyed. Coming re-

cently from the people, they speak the

sentiment of the people, which, not

very loudly nor clamorously, but still

persistently and relentlessly, calls for

justice. In the long run it will not be safe for the Senate to deny justice

to the people upon the tariff or any other important matter. The Consti

tution of the United States is but paper

and ink, and it has no validity except

in the respect the people feel for it

Once destroy that respect by creating

the belief that the Constitution stands

for inveterate wrong and its prestige

will vanish like a vision of the night

It is idle in this country to talk of en-

forcing Senatorial decrees or court de

cisions by military force when the

great body of the people are opposed to them. Where is the military force

to come from? Law, order, wealth, are safe here as long as the people

believe that upon the whole the Gov-

ernment means to treat them fairly.

When that belief is destroyed by tariff

robbery or by heaping special privi-

leges upon the corporations, or in any

other way, then it will be time for

those who profit by the injustice to call

All obedience is a habit, and habits

STEEL THE TRADE BAROMETER.

The remarkable strength of the steel stocks for the past few days would in-

dicate that most of the fear of hostile

legislation had been dispelled. Either

the public believes that Congress will not make much change in the tariff

or it is satisfied that Mr. Carnegie and

Mr. Schwab were right when they said

that this country could produce steel

cheaper than any other country and

was not in need of protection for the industry. That there has been enough

improvement in the business of the

trust to warrant a steady and even a

strong market for the stocks is easily

apparent by the official report of the

corporation, which appeared a few days ago. The February earnings

showed a substantial increase over those of January, and March in turn

showed a larger total than was made

For the three months the net earn-

ings were \$22,921,268, an increase of

\$4,700,000 over the earnings for the same period in 1968. The business

for the first quarter of the year was so

satisfactory that there was a surplus

of \$3,026,674 after paying all charges and dividends. This sum, carried into

the surplus reserve fund, swelled the

tal yet reached by that fund. That this greatest of our infant industries

might be able to struggle along with-

out continual applications of tariff pap

since the trust was organized in 1902.

In the seven years, lacking three months, this colossus of corporations

has made net earnings of more than \$825,000,000. From June 30, 1905.

until the panic of 1907 was felt its quarterly net earnings never fell be-

ow \$30,000,000, and for the quarters

ending June 30 and September 30,

1907, they ran up to the enormous totals of \$45,500,000 and \$44,000,000.

is shown in the net earnings figur

may be changed.

in February.

upon the mountains to cover them.

On the other hand, it may be that

Neither Mr. Borah nor Mr.

should never be uttered.

bounds of propriety and say

upon the important schedules.

plete control of the Government

Certain sentiments recently uttered

bearable.

There is neither common

The only unfavorable showing made WORSE THAN A NUISANCE in the quarterly report was that on It is manifest that, long before Portland attains to the 500,000 popuunfilled orders on hand. These amounted to but 3,542,595 tons, a deunfilled These lation figure set for it by enthusi there must be at least reasonable rethe same period last year. This poor striction placed upon the opening of the bridges that span the river beshowing is explainable by the threatened tariff legislation, buyers being tween the east and west sections of the afraid to book orders so long as there was a possibility of tariff changes city. The East Side, a rapidly growchanges ing residence district, with the homes which might make a radical difference labor multiplying in every suburb reached by the streetcars, suffers annoyance, inconvenience and actual loss

The recent panic and the generalprices have also produced inordinate caution among buyers. This will be removed as soon as the tariff matter is ettled, and the depleted stocks must be replenished. With all of its iniquitles, high prices and grasping methods, the steel trust still remains a very accurate trade barometer, and prices at which the stock has been elling this month give promise for better times in the near future.

and in the future the gains scored wil

undoubtedly be much greater than

A TRAGEDY; PERHAPS A MERCY. Pity is the just due of the girl of tender years who, irking at parental restraint, in a moment of unbridled passion takes her own life. The child Ida Hansen was wholly irresponsible, yet she had doubtless been led by the counsels of evil associates, older than herself, to think that she was fully competent to choose her own company, hours and amusements. Aroused to sudden fury by parental restraint. she committed what from the stand and a cruel one, as far as her parents are concerned. Possibly, however, it was one of mercy to herself and to those who loved her most tenderly. this case, as in others, we know what has happened and bitterly deplore what seems a sad disaster. But who knows what would have happened if

There is generally but one fate in re serve for a willful, passionate girl who early makes up her mind that she is a law unto herself in regard to when and where she goes, and with whom, Needless to say that fate is worse than even the shocking tragedy of suicide. this case, as it has been reported, the mother is spared the anguish that has been the portion of myriads of mothers, who, when overtaken by sorrow and disgrace through the conduct of a wayward daughter, finds her own de linquency in counsel or control an ele nent in the catastrophe. A good come, kind treatment, wise counsel. the exercise of just authority-surely there is little room for self-reproach or public censure in the case of these parents. The desolation that has fallen upon their home is not, as is too often the case, due to their own delin-

A WORTHY AND FAR-REACHING WORK The Woman's Union, the annual neeting of which was held last Monday, is one-of the oldest and most use ful organizations, and, indeed, the only one of its type in this city, or state Briefly, the purpose of the organization, as worked out in its activities for a score of years, is to provide a home for working girls at a cost that those whose earning capacity or opportunity is very moderate can afford to pay. Its mmodations are suited needs and in a degree gratify the tastes of self-respecting, self-supporting young women who require in the "home" more than is comprehended by four square walls, a place to sleep and food to satisfy hunger. It gives the tired working girl a home for her money, and a sense of prote tion, without which the most elegantly furnised apartments do not constitut

a home Mary Clemmens Ames, the blographer of Alice and Phebe Cary, writes that when these sweet country-bred singers of a past generation left their home in the West and went to New York City, strangers and untutored in he ways of the world, they were un able to find any place that at all cor responded with their idea of home, the price of which was not far beyond their means. Later, reviewing their experiences in the great city, accounted this fact and the conditions that confronted them because of it as the most trying of their lives. This was in the days before the needs of women as factors in the industrial world were recognized—before the days of the Young Women's Christian Association and its manifold efforts to help and encourage young women to help themselves; before the days of organizations like the Woman's Union, the study of which is to promote the comfort of working women who must supply the home need that exists in the heart of every womanly woman, from the often meager pro sense that its bestowal is resented by independent, self-respecting people, is not a factor in this endeavor a pay-your-way proposition, with possibility of placing the means to do this within the reach of the great mass of working women. The only drawback upon this effort, as worked out in the local Woman's Union through its boarding home for young women, is its restricted capacity in the matter of room. Its building is inadequate to the demands that are made upon it, as demonstrated by the large waiting list of applicants upon the superintendent's books. Of course this means that a new building, mod-ern in construction, must at an early day supplant the rambling old house that for 20 years has, by dint of patching and renovating year after year, kept the traditions of a boarding home, without, however, meeting fully the intent of its founders or the de sires of its earnest supporters and managers. Since it would seem to be impossible for any enterprise to re-

awakened spirit of progress that is abroad in Portland. Another of those justly celebrated, trade-disturbing reports of the Agricultural Department is due today. Unless it "leaks," it will hardly appear cannot foresee what the sure conse-quence will be of embezziement of Tennessee Coal & Iron brought quite grain, but if it is as seriously consid-

main stationary—any work to lag in the present active growth of the city—

it is manifest that the Portland Wom-

an's Union will soon find ways and

means to compass its ardent desire in the acquirement of a suitable site and

the construction of a building adequate

to the needs of the home that is main-

tained under its direction. The matter is one of local pride and more than local interest, and when appeal is made for funds to aid in carrying out the

generous plans of the organization for

the extension of its usefulness it will

no doubt meet adequate response. To doubt this would be disloyalty to the

ered by the trade of the world as was the March report on stocks in farmers' hands, it may create a sensation Based on private reports from various parts of the United States, today's Government report on wheat should show a condition of 80 per cent or less compared with 89 per cent last May crease of more than 200,000 tons from and an average of 86 per cent for the same month in the preceding ten years. In the Pacific Northwest the ondition of the growing crop is, on the whole, satisfactory. Rain is needed in some localities, but the crops are not yet suffering for want of it, and in most localities throughout the three states it will be several days before adand | ditional moisture becomes a necessity. Unless something unusual happens sole purpose of securing the support within the next six weeks, the Pacific of Republicans at the polls in the en-Northwest will enjoy the pleasure of a big crop and big prices.

> To sue the Journal for libel was most foolish thing for Dr. L. M. Davis to do. He really was not libeled by the Journal. What it said about him was legitimate comment on the course he had pursued. He was foolish enough as a candidate to accept "Statement One." He did it to get He did it to get a chance for the Legislature, not expecting he would be called on to fulfill the promise. But it turned out otherwise, and then his expressions betrayed his unhappiness; whereupon the Journal made some comment, such as a newspaper may properly make on a public man who places himself in such a position. Judge Morrow's ornonsult was altogether proper Davis had no case. When a man who laims to be a Republican and desires the election of a Republican Senator, et is foolish enough to pledge himself to a course that compels him to join in the election of a Democrat, yet manifests uneasiness about it afterwards, his new folly in bringing a libel suit because his position is criticised by a public fournal, is of a piece with the folly that pledged him to Statement One

Thestory that Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, paid \$35,000 to three Dem-Assemblymen to remain away from the joint assembly and thus make possible his election to the United States Senate is of course, a hoax, We all know that Senator Stephenson was elected under the pure and holy methods of the direct primary. Like Jonathan Bourne, he was, in fact, one of the first fruits of the new method by which the will of the "peepul" found expression. What need was there for the expenditure of \$35,000. or even 35 cents, when the popular demand for Senator Stephenson was so great that he could not well prevent his election? His election, like that of Bourne and Chamberlain, was a vindication of the merits of the new methods by which the people rule, Besides, who ever heard of a Democrat participating in the election Republican Senator, even though Republicans do elect Democratic Sena

May wheat in Chicago yesterday soared up to \$1.29%, nearly half a cent higher than the highest point under the alleged manipulation of Mr. Patten. Meanwhile, corn cats and potatoes, none of which claimed the attention of Mr. Patten, have reached the highest point of the season and are still advancing. It is now up to the theorists who placed al the blame for the advance in wheat on Mr. Patten, to explain who 'cornered" corn, oats and potatoes all of which have shown much greater advances proportionately than were shown by the premier cereal.

The half-section homesteads under the new law cannot be taken on land that contains coal, mineral or timber and must be above the high-line ditches in the semi-arid regions. The most feasible application of the law in allowing a man to take an additional quarter section of contiguou territory, the understanding being that his first quarter section is capable of profitable cultivation. Yet the conditions under which the new ground held will in most cases

The "crystal spring" which has be gun to flow again in San Francisco after being dry for many years is said to have great medicinal virtues. Sim ilar healing qualities are not unknown in farmers' wells and old vil-lage pumps. Usually they are im lage pumps. Usually they are in parted from the vault of an outhous but in San Francisco's new-found crystal spring one may reasonably suppose that the medicinal influx is

Ecclesiastical authorities differ so widely about the propriety of women wearing hats in church that every shape and color of conscience ought to be at ease. As a rule the Episcopallans advocate hats, while the Bap tists anathematize them. This doubt less corresponds to the estimate which each denomination places on female beauty as a factor in worship. Baptists seem to stand it better than some others.

What Federal judge will enjoin the House of Representatives from proceeding with Mr. Murphy's impeach ment case? The opportunity to enappealing to miss. Part of the delta of the San Joaquin

is again under water, from a break in the levee, with a loss of \$200,000 in sight. And people down there deride Oregon as wet and rainy. Hamilton's place, of course, is in iail; yet his relatives will doubtless bail him out. The scapegrace son or

family in time of his trouble. Mrs. Hazel Moore gives it out cold that all the dinners she ever had with Adjutant-General Hamilton were "paid for by her with her own money." Now

that's the kind of a lady to know. The Corvallis Gazette, hitherto a semi-weekly publication, began the week as a daily. Corvallis has the proper spirit, and it is beginning to

If Japanese warships go into Bering Sea seeking trouble in protecting Japanese poachers, they will find it.

Were it your own business strictly, which of the candidates for Mayor would you employ?

Ortis must be a kin of Alexander else the case is sporadic and not

It Is a Contest Under the Primary Luw

by Republicans as Republicans. PORTLAND, May 6.—(To the Editor. It is a simple proposition that will onfront the Republicans of Portland Saturday. Saturday. To be sure, it will be only a municipal contest but since it is being waged under the primary law by Republicans, as Republicans, it is a direct recognition and declaration of the fact that the Republican party being used and resorted to confessed means to an end. It is to be the fact that they are Republicans to win a Republican nomination for the

But here we have one prominent aspirant for the nomination for Mayor, masquerading as a Republican and clamoring for Republican votes, who openly notifies the Republicans of Portland that if they see proper to nominate another prominent aspirant who is in the field, he will not for moment be bound by the direct vote of the people-he will scout the results of the primary law and, of course, throw his support to the opposing can-

He will do this, he says, out of his sincere regard for the primary law-his faith in the people, his inborn aver-

And to his support comes, to be sure the Democratic paper of Portland, which sees in the proposition to flour the results of the primary law-the direct vote of the people-the only evidence of loyalty to that law. Bah! Are the Republicans of this city never

to come to their senses?
This calls to mind your remark this norning, that whether the Republican party is worth saving-assuming that Senator Borah was right in declaring that President Poosevelt had saved itis yet to be proved. If the Republicans of Portland Saturday give a plurality of their votes for any man who refuses to declare his loyalty to their choice, and especially to any man who has it advance notified them that he surely oppose their choice unless the hoose him, they should at once there after proceed to disband, shut up shop, surrender all pretenses to future effort, and. like the fantastic picture in a moving-picture show, leap into the all and more or less gracefully go up in smoke.

For all the contests yet waged in Oregon, the present one in Portland sets forth the clearest view in advancof party duty. If the Republican party in Oregon is ever to get together, it must make the first practical move in this city. There must be no more Democratic Mayors. And the way to get a Democratic Mayor is to throw away votes on Republicans who in advance spit upon the primary law and the party they profess to regard by declaring their independence of and su-periority to both—their preference to the Democratic party and its candidates to a decision by the direct vote of the Republicans, which does not place them in the lead.

It is a party contest, waged as Re publicans through an appeal to Republicans; and for Republicans to give their support to those who declare their purpose to bolt the decision of the rank and file of the party unless their dictation is accepted is to commit harf-karf with prementations of the string for the Republicans of Portland to put up or shift up. The conceiled Boss, who places himself hari-kari with premeditated design. conceited Boss, who places himself above the workings of the primary law who wages his campaign on

assertion that he intends to rule his party or ruin it, should be given a back seat by the people he is not sure Either this, or let us have no mor

ain pretense of party organization or rational effort toward party success PIONEER REPUBLICAN.

BIG MEN IN NEW AUTOGRAPH BOOK Novelty in the Way of Collection Started at the National Capital.

New York World.

A new wrinkle in autograph collection is being circulated among Washington statesmen. Opposite the blank space for the signature in the book is a motto or quotation. This one from "Haun Houses" fell to President Taft when "Haunted signed his name at September 15:

Our little lives are kept in equipoise By opposite attractions and desires, The struggle of the instinct that enjoys, And the more nobler instinct that app Ex-President Roosevelt signed the book while he was in the White House. Op-posite October 27 is the following from "The Golden Legend":

he Golden Legend':
Touch the gobiet no more,
It will make thy heart sore
To its very core.
Its perfome is the breath
Of the Asgel of Death,
And the light that within it lies
Is the flash of his evil eyes.
Beware! Oh, beware!
For sickness, sorrow and care
Are all there.

Speaker Cannon suspected that he wabeing kidded when the book was passed to him. A quotation from 'The Spanis' Student,' dedicated to the Speaker's birthday, May 7, follows:

Her step was royal, queenlike; and her fac As beautiful as a saint's in Paradise. This fell to Vice-President Sherman tho wrete his name at October 24: One half of the world must sweat and groun that the other half may dream,-

Never or Ever-Busy Women.

New Bedford Standard.

A newspaper writer, sympathiging with women because there is no longer any cradle to rock, or hardly a baby to care for, no home schooling necessary in the presence of the modern kindergarten, no sewing to do in this ready-made age, little housework in this day of flats and suites and restaurants and prepared foods, and asks with concern. What are we going to do with the women out of a job? Let him put that question face to face to his women acquaintances and dollars to doughnuts he will find them fill so busy trying to keep up with their engagements that they won't have time to answer his foolish questions.

Accustomed to Cross-Questions. Accustomed to Cross-Questions.

Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

Recently a lady witness in a court
up the state was subjected to a troublesome fire of cross-questions, and the
lawyer, thinking that some apology
was necessary, tried to square himself:
"I really hope, madame," said he,
"that I don't annoy you with all these
questions."

"Oh, ne," was the prompt reply of
the witness. "I am accustomed to it."

For the inscription under the stained glass window placed in the Metropolitan Temple as a tribute to Theodore Roosevelt, why not the two lines of Bunthorne from "Patience;" New York World

I am not fond of uttering platitudes. In stained-glass attitudes.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM SIMPLE NEW HINTS FOR BEST AUTHORS Up-to-Date Literary Criticism of English Standard Writers

London Punch. Some of our contemporaries, taking ompassion on the literary aspirant in is difficulties, are prepared to furish him, by way of help, with a candid criticism of his efforts. an example is worthy of imitation, and today we offer the following comments on MSS, that have been sub-

John Milton-You seem to have certain facility in turning out blank verse, but your poem "Paradise Lost" is insufferably long, and full of weartsome classical allusions. We feel sure that no editor would accept it. And yot there are ideas in the poem. You might, we think, have made a good deal more of Adam's first meeting with Eve. The piece, too, would be greatly improved by the use of suitable head-

Was It Love at First Sight?

Was it Love at First Sight?

Interesting Story of How the First Man
Met the First Woman.
Was Eve a Suffragette?
(N. B.—This last headline, though irrelevant to the poem, would be sure to
prick the public attention in these
troublous days, and we cannot too days, and we cannot strongly insist that the only test of a work is its selling capacity. This is a point too often overlooked by beginners like yourself. No, we do no think you have enough ability to wir a limerick prize.) William Shakespeare—Your play "Hamlet" is not without merit. There

are indeed passages in it of which no practiced hand would be ashamed, and we have little doubt that if you perse-vere you will in time write stuff good enough for the provincial stage. What we especially like about this little effort is that there is plenty of blood in it. We suggest that you cut out all the soliloquies, and tone the lan-

more. Burns-There is no demand for the Scotch dialect poem; even the Scotch dialect story has gone out of fashion. Your only chance of success would be to have a few of your efforts set to music, and then forward them to our countryman, Harry Lauder, in the ope- of his bringing them out at the talls. You seem to have a leaning oward sentimental verse. You might evelop this vein, taking as a model in the Twi-Twi-Twilight."

Francis Bacon—The public does not read essays. If you aspire to be a leading-article writer, you must acquire a snappier style. No, we do not allow that anyone can be the author of another man's plays. To be the author of a work, one must have written it one's self.

Oliver Goldsmith-Your story, "The Vicar of Wakefield," is exceedingly tame, and we do not think any editor would take it. The public is more interested in burglars and detectives than in vicars. But you are capable of improvement, both in style and plot, Study the the works of the late Guy

B. Shelley-Your lines are very fair, but you are by no means happy in your choice of subjects. You must study the popular taste more. The public does not want laments. You should give them something in the style of "Put Me Among the Girls."
You would perhaps do better in prose. Why not try your hand at a football

william Wordsworth-Do not be diswilliam Werdsworth De not be discouraged, though your efforts have so far met with rejection. Have you read the verses. "Will You Love Me in December as You Do in May?" Take these as a model. We think you are could capable of rising to this level. juite capable of rising to this level. Fes, a really good coster sons, witty and up-to-date, would be sure of aceptance.

Samuel Johnson-We have glanced hrough your Rasselas. You appear o have set out with a very huzy idea is to whether you would write in Eng-ish or Latin, and the result is a grotesque mixture. Before beginning a work, it is always well to decide what language you will write it in. Robert Browning—We should not ad-

vise you to write songs for the music halls. Your style is not direct enough to get home on the public's heart.

Affected His Rheumatist

Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.
At a banquet recently one of the speakers told of a man who was a chronic grouch. Nothing ever suited him, and he grumbled over the most trivial things. Once he had to take to his bed with rheumatism, and notwithstanding the fact that his wife gave him every care, he growled at her incessantly, which caused the good lady's tears to flow. 'How are you getting along, Jake?'

asked a friend who called one after-"I am getting worse and worse," complained Jake, "and it is all my wife's fault."

You surprise me," said the caller,

"You surprise me," said the caller, She seems one of the most devoted nurses I ever saw,"

"You don't know her," returned the rheumatic. "The doctor says that a damp room is the very worse thing for me, and that woman comes in here and weeps, just to make the air damp,"

Anti-Millinery Laws No Joke.

Baltimore American.

Much joking will be indulged in ove
he bill in the Illinois Legislature to the bill in the Illinois Legislature to limit the size of women's hats and regulate their hatpins, but it is really a matter to be taken seriously from a very important standpoint. With the stiff feathers and other decoration standing out far beyond even the enormous brims, and sharp, stiletto-pointed hatpins also exposed, the eyes of the general public are in genuine danger. The subject from this standpoint has passed the limits of a joke and become a menace. If fashion dictators have not the sense to confine extreme styles this side of danger, it becomes a legitithis side of danger, it becomes a legiti-mate matter for the authorities to take up. Blindness, even if restricted to the one case already reported of a conductor on a streetcar, is too hard a penalty to pay for fashion's folly

Black Eye for Blackstone.

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Kansas City Times.

"Your Honor," said Moman Pruiett, the criminal lawyer, "since reports and modern law are not sufficient to convince you, let me read this section from Blackstone, the father of the common law and undoubtedly an authority. He supports my contention precisely."

"You had as well sit down, Mr. Pruiett; I have decided the point agaist you," replied the court. "You need not cite more cases. I have overruled your demurrer and do not care to hear

not the more cases. I have overruled your demurrer and do not care to hear you read this section."

"I know you have," sarcastically said the know you have," sarcastically said the redoubtable lawyer. "I know it, but I just wanted to show the court what a fool Blackstone was."

Money in Raising Violeta.

Fruitgrower and Florisi. If there is one branch of commercial horticulture in which ladies have a

the witness. "I am accustomed to it." chance of succeeding, and which does not involve them in the coarsening returned the lawyer.

"Yes," rejoined the lady. "I have a 6-year-old boy at home."

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Undecided.

Washington Star.

"Did you ever have appendicitis?" said the insurance man.

"Well." answered the skeptic. "I was operated on. But I never felt sure whether it was a case of appendicitis or a case of professional curiosity."

Life's Sunny Side

In his "Irish Life and Character," Michael Macdonagh has a choice col-lection of bulls. He called on a hairdresser in Kingstown. As he was leaving the man tried to induce him to buy ing the man tried to induce him to buy a bottle of hairwash. "What sort of stuff is it?" he asked. "Oh. it's grand stuff," the man replied. "It's a sort of multum in parvo—the less you take of it, the better."

A few days later the writer was walking with a friend over the Wick-low Mountains, where they met a "character."

"Well, Mick," said my friend, "I've heard some queer stories about your learn to the stories of the witer was "character."

heard some queer stories about your doings lately."

"Och, don't believe thim, surr," re-plied Mick. "Sure, half the lies told about me by the naybours isn't true." The following notice Mr. Mardonagh saw posted in a pleasure hoat on the

"The chairs in the cabinet are for the ladies. Gentlemen are requested not to make use of them until the ladies are seated."

And this he clipped from a Kings-

"James O'Mahony, wine and spirit merchant, Kingstown, has still on his hands a small quantity of the whisky which was drunk by the Duke of York while in Dublin."—Pittsburg Chroniwhile in cie-Telegraph.

Mr. Morse having bought a new bi-cycle of the most improved pattern presented his old one to Dennis Hall-oran, who did errands and odd jobs for the neighborhood. "You'll find the wheel useful when you're in a hurry, Dennis," he said. The young Irishman was leud in his thanks, but regarded the wheel doubt-

fully. 'T mistrust twill be a long while befoor I can ride it," he said.
"Why, have you ever tried?" asked

Mr. Morse. Mr. Morse.
"I have," said Dennis, gloomily. "A friend lint me the loan o' his whiles he was having the moomps. 'Twas tree weeks I had it, an' what wid practicle. ticing night an' morning, I niver got so I could balance mesti standing still. let alone riding on it."-Youth's

A thin little man, with a long beard and a big bundle, boarded a Second avenue car at Fifth sireet the other day, and when the conductor came around handed up a \$1 bill and asked for a transfer to the Fourteenth-street

The conductor handed the passenger The conductor handed the passenger a half dollar, a quiter and three dimes. The thin little man saw the three dimes and quickly thrust his change in his pocket. He didn't wait until the car got to Fourteenth street, but alighted at Eighth street. When he had gone, a passenger said to the conductor:

"You gave that man three dimes instead of two." The conductor did not smile, but The conductor did not smile, but said:
"Did 1? Well, ho'll have a devil of

a time getting rid of the half dellar."---New York Sun. During the automobile races held in Savannah, Ga., a good story was told

on two young men from New York city.

Knowing that the state of Georgia was "prohibition" and expecting to find the lid on tight in Savannah, they ventured to locate a "speak easy," where they could obtain some of the "ardent" in the event that their supply should any out.

It was just then a large Irish "cop-per" was overtaken by the boys. Tak; lng him to one side he was asked in a very confidential way if he could give them a tip as to where a stranger could get a little drink "in case of sickness."

He at once led the strangers of the street and haited in front of Benedict Presbyterian Church, pointed to the handsome building. nost overcome with asionishment, one of the youths said: "My goodness, officer, you don't mean to tell us we

"No," replied the copper, "but you can get it anywhere else hut here."—Philadelphia Record.

Donald had been to Sunday and on coming home was asked what he had learned. The lesson was the story of Joseph, and the small learner was evidently very full of his subject. "Oh," he said, "it was about a boy, and his brothers took him and put him

and his brothers took him and put him in a hold in the ground; and then they killed another boy, and took the first boy's coat and dipped it in the blood of this boy and—"

"Oh, no, Donaid, not another boy!" his sister interrupted, herrified. But Donaid stood his ground.

"It was, too," he insisted. Then he added, "the teacher said 'kid,' but I don't use words like that."—Woman's Home Companion.

Fond Mother—Johnny, I told you that you might have a piece of cake, but I see you have taken two pieces. Why did you do that?

Small Johnny—Well, mamma. I've been making believe there was another little boy visiting me, so of course, I had to give him a piece, too—Exchange.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

THIRD STAGE OF

ROOSEVELT'S HUNT Winston Churchill describes East Africa's backbone, from Nairobi to the great Lake Victoria Nyanza.

JACK JOHNSON'S LIFE STORY, BY HIMSELF

The champion heavyweight pugilist tells how he got into the fighting game, how Joe Walcott taught him everything he knows and how he conquered all comers. This autobiography is free from offensive egotism.

WHEN OUR MILLIONATRES GO TO EUROPE

William H. Vanderbilt years ago set the fashion that now costs the United States more than \$100,000,000 annually,

BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

Some of the handsome residences in the garden spot of Southern Oregon, shown with pen and picture.

LETTERS OF A JAPANESE SCHOOLBOY

Wallace Irwin's topic is "Forms of American Exercise," which he punctures with delightful satire.