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ON SPARING THE BOY.

Evidently Dr. F. W. Van Dyke is not much of a believer in the Angelic theory of the nature of children. We will not go so far as to say that he would call them all little imps of Satan...

While we are not prepared to insist upon the formal morality of little children, we think it proper to caution the public against the seemingly innocuous but seriously the lying that children do...

It is much the same with the little boy's stealing, and perhaps also with the little girl's. The distinction between man and woman, all philologists agree, is in the natural development of the mind...

But we say this merely to relieve somewhat the somewhat of the stain on the infant character, not by any means to deny that the stain exists. It is there even with the most angelic...

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The long and short of it is that the human infant is a little brute and his proper training cannot be carried through without the constant use of brutality. There are times when the father's hope and the mother's joy must feel the tingle of a hickory switch...

devised are incomparably more brutal in essence than the old-fashioned appeal to the rod. Take, for example, the sentimentalizing which goes on in some refined families. The boy must not pick daisies because "the mother daisy grieves over the death of her dear little one, and so on. This is not only inane, but it is the worst kind of cruelty because it puts the wretched boy fairly out of touch with the realities of the world.

HALF-WAY MEASURES.

If Brother Crim, who ridicules local option and prohibition, before the Christian convention, will tarry a while in Oregon, he will get testimony from many sources to convince him that he has made a mistake, and from other sources that he has not.

It depends on the community. If there is a strong and active sentiment against liquor, liquor-selling and liquor drinking, it will manifest itself in the election of officers who will see that the law is obeyed.

Who ever dreamed that it was? Are some men fat by nature and some lean, some muscular and some feeble, some poets and some painters? What Jefferson meant was that all men are born equal before the law...

DOES BRYAN TRUST WILSON?

Mr. Bryan quotes in his Commoner from the St. Louis City Journal an article which he captions "A Republican's View of Bryanism," and which contains expressions that evidently reflect the present Bryan view of an interesting public subject.

The Democratic party is looking for a sure enough radical to oppose Taft. If it is to be a radical, it must be consistently so. It can be elected over Taft by a large majority as Taft had over Bryan...

If Wilson turned his back on his ancient conservatism when he had become "fashionable" through the initiative of Bryan, for that reason, it may be supposed there is some doubt in a man's mind as to what he is. He is a sure enough radical. Are there any sure-enough radicals besides Bryan?

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But if the chess-player's opponent makes a false move, which leaves him an opening, is that not luck which reduces below 100 the percentage of talent entering into success? At roulette a winning player must exercise intelligence, in order to know when to stop playing, hence his success is not due entirely to luck.

are unwilling to admit the qualities of mind and character which have contributed to the so-called stroke of luck. On the other hand, the chronicler of the human derelict is prone to blame his "rotten luck" for "slings of fortune," which are nothing but the fruit of his own follies, either of commission or omission, for the last person such an one is willing to blame is himself.

In short, good luck is the scapegoat of those who see others achieve where they have fallen short and bad luck is the scapegoat of those who have failed. If each man exercises the several qualities which the Frenchman mentions—perseverance, industry and intelligence—his share of luck is pretty apt to come and do him some good.

REVISING THE DECLARATION.

It strikes one that some of the critics of ex-President Elliot's Fourth of July address in Faneuil Hall did not read it very carefully before they began to pour forth their reflections. One commentator records that Dr. Elliot, referring to the statement that "Men are created equal," blurted out, "That is as it is."

Casualties of peace were reported as the result of gun vibrations on the morning of the President's Exploration P.M. referred to his recent visit to Palestine and the explorations being carried on at Beth Shemish by D. Duncan Mackenzie, says a London dispatch to the New York Sun.

The National Educational Association is fighting again the battle between the old and new, the past and present, the ornamental and the useful. The conservative universities are ruled by veneration for the great works of the past; the progressive Western universities and schools are ruled by the spirit of the present.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST LIBRARY.

The new public library that was opened with great ceremony in New York recently is housed in the largest single building in the world devoted to this purpose. It has a floor space of 375,000 square feet compared with 348,000 in the great library of Congress at Washington, and represents a combination formed by the Astor Library, which was incorporated in 1849, the Lenox Library, incorporated in 1857, and the Tilden Library, incorporated in 1887.

The influence of the effort and opportunity represented by this great and artistic building with its hundreds of thousands of books and the invitation, an object lesson in the progress of human intelligence, it will simply take its place among the forces of civilization that lay a shaping hand upon the destinies of the race.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS.

If the next President should be an Ohioan, his name will be Taft, not Harmon. Not every Democrat who is a sure enough radical, but with amity. Just think of the grandchildren!

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One big thing to the credit of Postmaster-General Hitchcock is the raise in pay he is giving to the rural delivery carriers. They earn the money in the hardest kind of work.

to be Champ Clark, of Missouri, which state has become a good source of Presidential timber since it became doubtful in Presidential years. Clark's prospects are somewhat complicated by the pledge of support given Folk at the state convention in 1910, but as a candidate for President Folk is a back number. He might have secured the nomination while the impression of his prosecution of the St. Louis grafters was fresh in 1904, had not Bryan secured such an unbreakable grip on the nomination, but since then the Missouri Supreme Court has undone his work and it has passed into history. Folk is left over from a former crop of candidates. Clark, on the other hand, comes with the flush of victory in 1910 and with the prestige of the Speakership.

If the Democrats should name Clark for President, it is within the range of possibility that the Republicans might retaliate by naming ex-Governor Hadley, of Missouri, for Vice-President on the ticket with Taft. Hadley has made a fine record both as Attorney-General and Governor and former captain in the army. He has a good record as Governor and has contributed largely to make Missouri a Republican state.

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She was indeed a sensible mother who met her eloping son and his young bride at the Union Depot in this city last Sunday with kisses and congratulations. It is the part of wisdom under such circumstances to accept the situation, not only without any protest, but with amity.

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Gleanings of the Day

That crops of grain, potatoes and other food plants may be increased not only by rotating them with crops of leguminous plants, but by actually mixing the seeds and growing the two crops together, has been proved by T. Lyon and James A. Bissell, of Cornell University. Such leguminous plants as alfalfa, clover, peas, beans and vetches manufacture their own fertilizing nitrates, which not only increase the following crops of grain in quantity, but also increase their percentage of grain, which is the tissue-building substance of food.

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Nat Goodwin has a good memory. Most men forget about all but the first and latest.

BALLINGER AND POPULAR WILL

Editorial Note: The recent statements of ex-Secretary R. A. Ballinger challenging present-day popular government by the people. It is to be regretted that in this day of printed page, rural free mail delivery and generally discussed social and economic affairs by the people, one as learned as Mr. Ballinger should bring forth the same argument that was made against popular government by the framers of our National constitution.

At the so-called constitutional convention, which was never called for by the districts, it is a disgrace that the proposed constitution to the people. Mr. Madison—afterward President—wrote the majority would oppress the wealthy minority and said: "In a Republican form of government, the majority, if united, have always an opportunity to defeat the ruling minority. His plan was to keep them divided and thus destroy their unity of action through conflicting interests of groups."

The issue is fully demonstrated, not in fiction but in fact, that the people are the government. Their management may not be to the liking of the special interests; neither is it necessary that their actions and legislation be of perfect perfection. Their mistakes are as easily corrected as are the mistakes of an arbitrary representative body and their blunders far less in number than the blunders of a monarch.

The fact remains that the people are fast coming to the management of their state affairs by a more direct method. The generation of the future will have the common or public school system, which has prepared the people to surmount every possible objection to a complete democratic self-government. Every impediment placed in the path of progress by any autocratic power will only add to the force of the popular will.

W. BARZEE. Pedestrian Has Slim Chance. Buffalo (New York) News. Here was a case where it seemed as if everything was settled. The insurance company's doctor reported that the man seemed to be all right, and the man himself had certified that he was not engaged in any dangerous occupation.

"How about the sports?" the examiner asked of the doctor. "Baseball? Do you box? Do you belong to an athletic club?" "No—none of that stuff. I guess I'm a safe risk."

"What do you mean?" "Do you drive your car faster than the speed limit?" "No, no car."

"What? How do you get about?" "I walk." "Risk refused. A scorcher is a dangerous risk but a scorcher is no chance at all. Buy a car, old man. Sorry—good night!"

THE BROTHERHOOD METHOD. Professor Boris Sidis claims the training of the kid is not everything it should be in our present system of education. That his system psychological should supplant the pedagogic methods that are preposterous on learning's thorny way.

The Sidis system drastic grabs the mind when it is young and implants in it a mathematical lore. "The age of seven winters can knock Euclid into splinters, and the mind of most of his contemporaries balk at 'four times four.'"

With Baby's milk dentation, comes Demosthenes' oration. An almost simultaneous growth—like puppydogs and fleas—And his convolutions of Sanskrit knits rings through the Persian Sanskrit. Where our present system binds him to the simple A B C's.

He can argue on extension to a fourth or fifth dimension. And can draw dodecahedrons—whatever that is—without having heard of them or missed 'em from his limited arithmetic or his geometry.

When the prodigy is twenty, then his learning will be plenty. To confound the deepest scientists and thinkers of the age. And then if he be alive still at the age of twenty-five, will break him up, to put it mildly, as the Dickens of a sage.

But the thing that puzzles me now is the fact I cannot see how. Why his baby bites of Sanskrit, his boyhood, science filled. He will have a chance of learning, when the Autumn leaves are turning, when the winter snows are falling, where crabapples ripen thickest, and where chestnuts have been split.

Will the lines of "De Corona" give unto the boy alone a clue by which he can translate with ease the language of his dog? Will the lines of "The Dimension" e'er improve on that invention of a forked stick with which to twist a rabbit from a log? After all, Professor Sidis may have ample right to bid us. To plunge straight into the cradle into learning's cribbed and barred maze—really can't see, but that childhood's age of Fancy. Is lots shorter than the most of us would have it, as a—Dear Collins, Portland.

Advertising Talks

By William C. Freeman. I received a letter from Frederick Edward McKay, from Seattle, recently. He is now manager and half owner of "The Yankee Girl" company, in which his wife, Miss Blanche Ring, is starring. While in Seattle Mr. McKay wrote an article which appeared in the Post-Intelligencer at the head of the dramatic department. On this subject he writes: "As I read my own paragraph a second time, it occurs to me that you might be glad to have it sent to you as a text for one of your daily talks. The point I make is that if a manager—who is in the same class with all other business men—makes an honest and valiant effort to give his patrons 'the goods' and advertise exactly what he has, he will make all the money he requires in this world, and the mere fact that his production is financially successful in first-class theaters proves that it must be artistic—must have merit.

"Every week throughout the last two seasons a great many dollars have been spent in the daily newspapers in the various cities in which Miss Ring has appeared. As I look upon the profits of these two tours I consider that a very considerable portion of them is due to the thousands of dollars spent in extra advertising in the daily newspapers and the fact that the old-fashioned 'hot air' over-elaborate methods of writing these advertisements has been thrown to the discard. Henceforth I will spend twice as much money in this direction as hitherto, realizing that in the theatrical business, as in other lines of occupation, the scheme of 'bull-eye' statements in the daily papers is simply casting bread upon the waters."

When Mr. McKay and I were associated together we often talked about the value of advertising—discussed the methods employed by theaters—and we always agreed that a theater running a good play would always be filled with an appreciative audience if the management took the trouble to put some human interest, as well as facts in the advertising copy. I am glad to know that Mr. McKay has done this on his own account and that he has succeeded. The plan that he has carried out so successfully should be adopted by theaters everywhere. Five-line theater announcements have little if any effect. (To be continued.)

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

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If you can't do anything well yourself, be a critic. If any one gives you more than he gets in return, you may rest assured it is counterfeit.

One reason some actors change their names is that their acting is so bad they don't want people to know who they are. People don't seem to be homesick as much as they formerly did.

Most ministers are too willing to allow strangers to strike their congregations for a collection. If a woman of 30 marries a man of 50, people say she is 18 and her husband near 70.

Too many men, when asked for an opinion, try to decide in favor of all parties concerned. I believe I never knew a visitor who was a better guest than not visiting his wife's grave often.

A rich man usually has poor kin to keep him humble. No man ever enjoys the kisses enclosed in money. The boys are said to make women feel happier.

This is the season when a woman never goes to the front door without passing out a fly. Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, July 11, 1861. The City Central Overland mail left Placerville on the 1st of July. The coach and horses were decorated with American flags. There were six bags of mail, and the mail was paper mail, weighing 175 pounds.

The U. S. troops have been removed from the Fort near Klamath reservation. The Indians in the country are just double the white population, and some solitude is felt for their sake. The people are content with themselves into military companies.

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