

Gleams Through the Mist

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Rebellious Thoughts.

Scientists tell us that civilization
is only a coating of thinnest veneer,
and man in the earliest dawn of creation
Was much like the man that we find now
and here;
and often I wonder in bitter vexation
Who willed me this coating of civilization.
And, oft when the Winter, in Boreal channel,
Sweeps down, with the North Wind to
harry and hurt,
I am cursed at the itching of now Winter
flannel
And writhed in the woolen torment of my
shirt.
And worse is my writhing and sharp ag-
gravation
this prickly shirt we call civilization.
We cave man perhaps was a villain and
glutton,
And careless of things that pertain to a
bath;
but ne'er did the loss of a bone collar but-
ton,

which things I declare here, without hesi-
tation.

the evils peculiar to civilization.

overgrown with torrents and wild cata-
 clysms,
 And tacked wild beasts, it is quite safe
 to say,
 It never was plagued by the dogmas and
 isms
 That render a mortal so sorely today—
 (What name, I hereby rise to make declaration,
 strike me as pests in our civilization,
 I have man, his life was a simple, un-
 frilled one,
 And he demands rested light on his
 head;
 Those days the cave bear and sabre-tooth
 killed one
 A dinky bacillus now does it instead,
 Despite of the hygiene and fine sanitation
 that we have developed in civilization.
 I have man was born and grew up and
 was mated,
 And, more or less peacefully, lived with
 his wife,
 His children, grew aged, and so it is
 ended,
 Old, finally creak—that's the tale of his
 life;
 Which case, as appears in my own obser-

And a man does under civilization,
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After an hour's conversation with
 Jar-genius, it is a great relief to find
 one whose ideas of human dignity
 run a regular schedule—and carry a
 eeping car.

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Solemn Thought.

The Spring comes once again, with all its
 joys.

And in the tree the happy bird warbles;
 And mothers soon shall spank their little
 boys
 for nudging their knees in playing
 marble.

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"Where have you been, boy," I said
 arply.

"Watching the passing of a hundred
 es," said the courteous office boy.

"Old stuff, my son," I chided, "for I
 lled that last week about the sky-
 line in a basement barbershop."

"Nay, my sire," replied the c. o. b. o.,
 watched the passing of these hun-
 dred souls between the warehouse and

fish market." * * *

Passing It On.

Books on good manners teach us,
That the toothpicks we behold
Are not for use, but kindling wood,
To be stacked up and sold.

—Dallas News.

Yes have it wrong, Dallasian friend,
You've merely missed the nub, else;
Those toothpicks were all meant for use,
But not for use in public.

—Indianapolis Star.

The toothpick is a luxury;
Much like a knife, say some.
Not to be swallowed publicly,
Save in a museum.

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The Milwaukee Coroner has developed
a theory that people are apt to get a
fatal mania for chewing gum. The
telephone central office must be a reg-
ular suicide club.

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Also some stenographer's employ-
ment agencies I have seen.

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If Moore Came to Portland.

Is't the last rose of Summer,
That beautiful thing,
Or can it be merely
The first rose of Spring?

It seems the whole season
As merry months fly,
They're too busy blooming
To give sigh for sigh.

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Approximate History.

8,217 B. C.—Thomas Thinskuhl have-
invented the sling, is rewarded with
a piece of land, and a house in the vil-
lage, after the funeral of his former
ruler, on whom he demonstrated the
utility of the new invention.

93 A. D.—Diocletian divides the Ro-
man empire into four parts, which
are the proximate cause of schismat-
icisms, since Caesar wrote "De Bello
Illico."

643 A. D.—Roger Scott condemned
and whipped for going to sleep in
church in Boston, which shows how a
man will always choose the lesser of
two given evils.

1765 A. D.—British House of Com-

votes the Stamp Act, to the intense fury of all subsequent grammar school classes in American history.

1892 A. D.—The U.-Day treaty is ratified.

1893 A. D.—The harbor of Manila in recent years has engineered a era of 'em.

1898 A. D.—Battisteph Maine in Haha harbor begins to become the first position in the Philippine problem, the Uncle Sam has not yet got the swer.

1912 A. D.—Yuan Shi Kai becomes president of China. Sun set.

1913 A. D.—Important developments mentarily expected in the Mexican Revolution.

1914 A. D.—Important ditto, ditto.

British Reforms Threatening.
London Spectator.

In the course of a speech at Houn Herbert Samuel said that the present year would see some rate in civil and religious equality in Wales, he followed next year by the abolition of plural voting.

"The Spectator," he continued, "the

minister will lay before Parliament proposals for the complete elimination from parliament of the hereditary principle and the thorough democratizing of the second chamber." are quite aware that there is nothing inherently incontestable in this interesting prediction and a statement to the contrary from some other minister, with, as its corollary, an exhortation in the Radical press proving two to be consistent, if not identical. But as Mr. Samuel does not assume a deal in raw statement, we may not out that his prediction, if we assume that it represents the considered view of the Liberal Committee, to a proposal which would eliminate the most disputable features of hereditary constitutions. To make the Chamber of Peers a body of laymen should inevitably damage the prestige of the latter and substitute petition for compensation.