PERSONAL.

"Hold the Fort" is Mrs. Hayes's favorite musical selection.

Victor Hugo says England produces wealth admirably, but distributes it miserably.

Oregon newspapers defend General Howard against flippant critics who never saw an Indian.

Miss Helen Taylor, daughter-in-law of John Stuart Mill, has been nominated for Parliament.

The *Capital* advises Kearney that in the struggle of life brains suffer as much as his muscle do.

The London *World* believes Dr. Newman to be the greatest master of English in the world, and John Ruskin the second.

John G. Whittier says that Ralph Waldo Emerson is the one American who is sure of being remembered a thousand years.

Woman's rights, or writes, rule the Harper establishment. Ten out of seventeen contributors to the September Harper are women.

Governor Wade Hampton has experienced little benefit from his trip to the mountains. He is still too unwell to resume his official duties.

Mr. J. W. Harper, Jr., of Harper Brothers, has crossed the Atlantic six times during the past year. He begins to feel as though his home was on the sea.

Moses Owens, "the well-known poet," is an inmate of the almshouse in Bath, Me., where he is in a filthy, idiotic condition, his intemperate habits having separated him from family and friends.

Miss Anna Dickinson is being opportuned to lecture during the coming season. A lecture bureau is said to have offered her very liberal terms if she would undertake a tour extending over at least one month.

Mrs. Coates was conferring with a dentist about a new set of teeth. "The chewing capacity of these teeth is unsurpassed," said the dentist. "Maybe I can chaw with 'em," said the lady, "but can I jaw with 'em?"

Fame is priceless, but it brings its annoyances. "Jew," "adventurer," "Asian mystery," "arch Jingo," "charlatan," "mountebank," and "impostor," are some of the names given Lord Beaconsfield by the Radical press of England.

The alumni of Princeton Theological Seminary are invited to contribute a dollar each to place three mural tablets in the seminary chapel—one in memory of Rev. Dr. Miller, another in memory of the Alexanders, father and son, and a third in memory of the late Dr. Hodge.

Bayard Taylor's recent illness was, it appears, severe. His doctor forbade all reading, writing and brain work of any kind. During his sickness Mr. Taylor and his family were at Friederinhschoda, in the Thuringa Wald, but they have now returned to Berlin, where he has resumed his official and literary labors.

General Grant, after visiting Austria, will go to some watering-place and await the arrival of a friend from Philadelphia, whose wishes will decide his movements for four or five weeks. His present intentions is to prolong his stay until next May or June, completing in the meantime, a tour of the world, spending the winter months in India and China, and returning by way of San Francisco.

Mr. Henry Watterson made the address of welcome at a dinner given in Louisville, Ky., the other day to a party of visiting journalists. Speaking as one who speaks from experience, he said: "There is not a particle of difference between the detonation of the cork as it flies from the bottle in Ohio, in Kentucky, in Pennsalvania, and in West Virginia. Believe me, it makes the same music in them all; and very good music, too."

Wit and Humor.

Minnie Sota and Ella Noyes report good crops.

"Boston Corbett, the man who killed Booth," was last heard of in Nevada.

Nowadays there are more people going thro' the rye than coming through.

A man is obliged to die before his will amounts to anything, but that of a woman is always in force.

The tree under which the tramp delights to shelter himself from the sun must be the low-cuss tree.

Who are your business relations anyhow? Uncles, aunts, or what?—[*N. Y. Express.* Your wife can tell you.

"Gab," has become a National disease in this country.—[*Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.* So it has, with an r.

Mr. John Cass wants his name changed. He objects not to "Cass," neither is "John" nor "Jack," distasteful; but "Jack Cass" is more than he can or will stand.—[*Portland (Me.) Transcript.* Too bad; poor Jack cAss.

How stealthily from patch to patch
Proceeds the youthful felon,
And many a luckless farmer man
Bemoans the water-melon.
—*Yonkers Gazette.*

"Is that a friend of yours?" asked a gentleman pointing to a party who was sailing rapidly down the street. "Can't tell till next Saturday," returned the person addressed, "I've just lent him a dollar."

A candidate for Congress in the First District of Virginia is a sharp colored gentlemen named Wm. Hare Pinn. He carries a good head on a pair of broad shoulders, his hair is almost as straight as that of a white man, and that is the kind of Hare Pinn he is.

What is home without a mortgage
For three-quarters of its worth?
Interest and taxes make it
Quite the dearest spot on earth,
When the bondholder so bloated
Gaily scoops your hard-earned dimes,
What is home without a mortgage
In these hard, precarious times.

A Cincinnati man took his wife's false teeth and bit the dog with them. And if she wasn't just the maddest woman. She took his glass-eye and looked up the chimney with it, but the unfeeling brute robbed even that poor revenge of its sting by laughing at her.

George had his hair shingled down so close to his head that it looked like a base ball. Then he went to Clara and said: "My head feels as light as a transparency." And Clara said: "No doubt, for all there is in it is on the outside." And George hasn't been able to make up his mind yet, what she meant by it, but he thinks it sounded ill-natured.

Abercarne's Great Disaster.

The full extent of the terrible disaster in the coal mine at Abercarne yesterday is now known. At half past two o'clock this morning the flooding of the pit was begun. At that hour the fire was within a short distance of the bottom of the shaft, and all hope of further rescues had to be abandoned. When this decision was announced to the relatives of the 251 men still in the pit the scene was terrible beyond description. Thirteen additional bodies of victims of the explosion were recovered before the flooding of the pit was begun.

The Abercarne colliery is the property of the E. B. B. W. Vale Steel, Iron, and Coal Company, one of the largest iron and coal proprietors in South Wales. It is situated a few hundred yards from Abercarne Railway station, in the Western Valley section of the Monmouthshire Railway.

The valley is one of the most charming in the district, and lies within sight of the Crumlin Viaduct; so well known to travellers. The pit, which is 330 yards deep and one of the largest and best worked in the district, was yielding 1,000 tons of steam coal daily. The machinery, for winding, pumping and ventilating was of the best kind, and the use of safety lamps in the mine was rigidly enforced. The cause of the explosion cannot even be surmised. Three detonations were successively heard on the surface. The framework and castings of the pit were thrown to a height of 300 feet above the mouth of the shaft. The colliery employs upward of 1,000 hands, of whom 373, taking their turn or "shift," went down at eleven o'clock in the morning. Twenty-one of this number came up at noon, up to which time nothing had occurred to create suspicion of danger.

At 12:10 P. M., a loud rumbling noise was heard, quickly followed by a flash of flame from the pit's mouth, and a column of smoke, dust and debris ascending high in the air. The explosion damaged the winding gear, thus destroying the only means of communication with the men in the pit. As soon as the gearing could be repaired working parties were sent down the shaft, and eighty-two men and boys working within a few hundred yards of the shaft were rescued. But it became evident, as attempts were made to advance into the workings, that but little hope could be entertained of any life surviving. About 400 yards from the bottom of the shaft are the stables, and here fourteen horses were found, all dead. Beyond this point the explorers could not go, on account of the impurity of the air and the prevalence of the choke-damp.

Volunteer explorers brought out ten or twelve men very much burned, and also seven dead bodies; but it is feared that no others can be for the present got at in consequence of the fire extending, and there remains no reasonable hope that any further lives will be saved. The whole district of Monmouthshire is much excited, and it seemed last night as if the entire female population of the district had gathered about the mouth of the shaft.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The Noblest of Dogs.

Every one is familiar with the appearance of the noble Newfoundland dog, whose splendid qualities, physical and moral, are famous all over the world. We still enjoy a pre-eminence in producing the pure breed; and considerable numbers of them are exported yearly, the demand for them in other countries being still very great. Their intelligence, gentleness, fidelity, and affection for their masters have made them universal favorites; while their aquatic propensities and powers, which they often display in rescuing human beings from a watery grave, add greatly to their value. The true Newfoundland dog is entirely black, from twenty-six to thirty inches in height, of a powerful frame, majestic appearance and benevolent expression of countenance. In this island they seldom exceed twenty-six inches in height, but in England they reach thirty and in rare cases thirty-two inches. Last year a German friend of mine, Herr T. A. Verkruzen, a distinguished conchologist, brought here, as a present, three fine young dogs of the Leonberg breed, now pronounced to be the finest in the world, superior even to our own. We have thus the prospect of possessing shortly a still more magnificent race of dogs than the Newfoundland. The specimens of this new breed have in one year grown to be splendid animals, and by good judges are pronounced to be the finest ever seen in the country. They are expected to propagate this year, but will not be full grown till the third year.

The Leonberg is the result of skillful crossing between the St. Bernard, the Newfoundland, and the wolf dog of the Pyrenees, and appears to combine the best qualities of the three noble races. Baron Essig of Leonberg, Wurtemberg, Germany, was the breeder of this new species, which is already world-renowned; and our specimens were obtained direct from his establishment, and were very carefully selected. They are the favorites of kings, princes, and nobles in Europe. The Empress of Austria has one of them, the Prince of Wales another; Prince Bismarck and Garibaldi, the Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, and scores of other exalted personages are possessors of the famous Leonberg. A good specimen, well trained, often sells for £50 sterling, and even as high as £100. They are eagerly sought after in all parts of the world to which their fame has penetrated; and they thrive in all climates. At the great dog shows of London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Baden, and Lima in Peru, they have carried off the foremost prizes. In 1873, at the Paris dog show, the first prizes of two gold medals were won by Leonberg dogs. They grow to be thirty to thirty-six inches in height, and are frequently over 100 pounds in weight, with noble heads and great symmetry of form. They are exceedingly gentle, and possess such intelligence that they can be trained to do almost anything within the compass of doghood.—*Boston Traveller.*

Mr. C. D. Sanders, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is a tall, straight, robust man, between 50 and 60. He has not slept for fifteen years. He feels tired sometimes, but never sleepy, though he has tried working continuously for ten or eleven days and nights. Heavy opiates have no effect upon him. At night he goes to bed "so as to be out of the way," and lies there and thinks, but does not sleep.

Eight young women of Celina, O., have become a brass band.

The Last of the Gamblers at Wiesbaden.

Wiesbaden, however, has one of the old set left, who is regarded as a rare specimen of extinct species—a kind of *trilobite* or *icthyosaurus*, or some other fossil monster, belonging to a former stratum of society. His history may serve to point a moral, though it is hardly picturesque enough to adorn a tale. He is an English man by birth, of an old historic name, and a family of distinction and aristocratic connection. After the usual education of the sons of the wealthy and high-born at one of the English public schools, Eaton or Harrow, and perhaps a short residence at either Oxford or Cambridge, an appointment in the civil service of India was procured for him through the influence of his powerful friends. Promotion was sure, and the prospect of respectability and independence certain, if not wealth and a Governor-Generalship; but the perverse youth, becoming impatient of his slow but regular advance, threw up his appointment, and pocketing whatever salary was due, and such money as an indulgent father might allow him, made his way to the Continent of Europe. Wiesbaden was then in the fullness of her gambling splendor, and the youth was soon sporting in its fatal blaze. His pockets were cleaned out again and again, as they were replenished by generous remittances from home. Finally, his father died, leaving him as a younger son some £20,000 for his share of the patrimony. This was soon staked and gone; but fortune occasionally smiled upon him, and one night he went home with some $30,000 in his pockets. He hastened next morning to deposit this handsome sum in the hands of his banker, and made known to all his relatives and friends that he he had bidden farewell forever to the green tables of *roulette* and *trente et quarante*, and was resolved to live a pure life. His resolutions, however, hardly survived the time for response of congratulation from his family in England to his welcome announcement. In less than a week he had withdrawn and lost all his money, and was again a beggar, suing for the bounty of his friends, who now, believing him to be incorrigible, settled upon him an annual pittance, barely enough to keep him in daily bread and beer, and supply him with a yearly suit of coarse broadcloth. So inveterate, however, was his passion for gambling, that he never failed, at the very moment of receiving his small quarterly allowance, to stake it all on the green cloth. Now, at last, that Wiesbaden has got rid of gambling and its seducements, the old sinner is said to be penitent; but is suspected that it is his vice that has left him, not he his vice, as the cynical Rochefoucauld says of old age in its supposed reformation. He continues to live in Wiesbaden partly from choice and partly from necessity, for he wants the means of going elsewhere, and, besides, is loath, no doubt, to leave his habitual beer house and favorite sausage shop, and perhaps the scene of his former delights. We have heard that at one time he was one of the gayest of the moths that fluttered night after night about the gas-lights of the gambling saloon. In his youth—for he has spent a larger part of a life of more than threescore years in Wiesbaden—he was regarded as the very pink of fashion, was the chosen companion of the young bucks of *ton* and rank, and shone not an unfavored beau in the eyes of the miscellaneous fine dames of this gay resort. He is now a pitiful old man, who goes shambling about the streets in the shabiest of suits, with his old felt hat over his eyes, his head hanging, his body bent, and his ungloved hands deep in the great gapping pockets of his loose shooting-jacket, as if he were searching for a stray florin, never, alas! destined to be found. He is the very personification of shaby slouchiness and dispairing dreariness, with never a reminder about him of his former gentility, save as it may be an occasional clean collar and a dangling eye-glass.—*Harper's Magazine.*

No Encouragement.

A brisk fight between two boys at the foot of Griswold street yesterday was interrupted by a citizen, who, after releasing one of them, made the other sit down on a salt-barrel and be talked to.

"Now, then," he began, "it is a terrible thing for a boy like you to be conducting in this manner."

"I'd a licked him if you hadn't come up!" wailed the boy as he carefully wiped his scratched nose.

"Suppose you had. Do you want to be considered a dog? Why don't you try and be a good boy and get along peacefully with everybody? Suppose you had rolled off the wharf and been drowned?"

"Spose'n I hadn't, too! It's the good boys who get drowned!"

"What!"

"It,s so, and I kin prove it! I'll bet a dollar agin a cent that more Sunday-school boys have been drowned this year than bad 'uns!"

The man reflected and did not dispute the assertion.

"And more run over by the cars," continued the boy.

No answer again.

"And more of 'em got sick and died, and I'll bet I've got more money and have more fun and peanuts than any good boy in Detroit!"

"But the good are rewarded," quietly observed the man.

"So are the bad," replied the boy. I'll bet I make fifty cents before dark!"

"But the good are respected."

"Soam I. I kin go up to the post-office and borry three dollars 'thout any security, and I'll bet ten to five you cant! Come, now—put up the lucre!"

"My boy," sadly observed the man, "you must think of the future. Don't you want to be looked up to and respected when you are a man?"

"That's too fur ahead," was the lonesome reply. If anybody thinks I'm going to be called a clothes-pin and a wheel-barrow and a hair-brush by all the boys and not go for 'em, jist for the sake of lookin' like an angel when I get to be a man, they is mistaken in the house, and you dasn't bet they ain't!"

And he "dasn't." — *Detroit Free Press.*

One lady read in the paper how a smitten youth had expended $120,000 on one of the most distinguished queens of the demi-monde.

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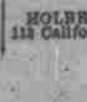
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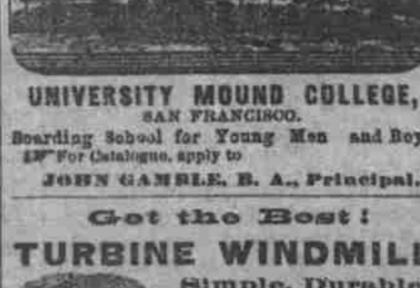
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