If the world's a wilderness, Go build houses in it!
Will it help your lonelines
On the winds to din it! Raise a hut, however slight, Weeds and brambles smother, And to roof and meal invite Some forlorner brother.

If the world's a vale of tears, Smile, till rainbows span it; Breathe the love that life endears,

Clear of clouds to fan it. Of your gladness lend a gleam Unto souls that shiver; how them how dark Sorrow's stream Blends with Hope's bright river.

STUPID, STOLID AND STUNTED.

The Depths and Lower Depths Human Unintellectuality.

[Cer. Boston Commercial Bulletin.] Any one who has been a constant reader of Punch has no need to travel up and down England with me to discover that the traditional, ingrained, agricultural laborer of the country is in very many cases so stupid, so ignorant, so devoid of all ambition to get out of the plow-ruts in which he and his progenitors have been traveling like cattle for many hundred years, as to rank in the mind of the careful observer only a shade above the domestic beasts, among which his life has all been spent.

I walked and talked with these Enghish hinds, and can testify that I never met in my own country, outside of imbecile asylums, so stupid, so stolid and stunted a class of human beings. They have a dialect of their own, which the stranger can hardly understand; a smock-frock sort of an attire which has been in fashion for a hundred years, and a way of life, as regards work and play and general home habits, that is the same as was their fathers' and grandfathers.

There are, however, lower depths of buman unintellectuality in England ing. Learners and forgers think re-than this. Underneath this last named specting their writing, and hence, the class is to be found a set of men and women that is the natural outgrowth (downward) of the stupid hind class. These are a sort of "innocents" who wall or about the country roads in a ness and hesitancy while the whole constate bordering upon complete imbestruction of the writing is more exact cility, and are saved from starvation by the charity of those who have pity for these unfortunates.

Downright imbeciles are cared for in England, to a large extent, in her immense imbecile asylums; and these institutions have to be large and numerous to accommodate the stunted imbeciles abounding in crowded old England. I call to mind, in illustration of the character of these establishments, one of the largest of them, located in Watford, a town which I walked through in my pedestrian excursion from London to Oxford. It contains 2,000 chronic imbeciles, who are under the charge of Dr. Case, an eminent medical man, and who are maintained at a net expense of 20 conta a day.

The Open Polar Sea.

Mr. Joseph W. Cremin, writing to The New York Herald on the question of this epen sea, gives some very ingenious reasons why the passage about the pole is He says

1. In descending through a shaft, or in sinking or boring an artesian well, we find that the mercury rises in the thermometer 1 degree for about every fifty feet that we descend toward the center of the earth. That would make a difference in temperature of about 105 degrees in one mile, and in thirteen miles the difference would be 1,365 degrees.

2. The polar diameter of the earth is twenty-six miles shorter than the equatorial, therefore the north pole is thirteen miles nearer to the intensely heated center of the earth than places at the equator. And as a difference of thirteen miles in this direction produces a difference in temperture of 1,365 degrees, it appears to be impossible to conceive how water, which is heated by connecsion, could freeze so near the interior fires, and on a surface of such a temperature.

3. The volcanic fractures in the crust of the earth in these northern latitudes prove its thinness, and the close proxmity of its surface to the heated interior.

From what has been stated, and from "observations made at Discovery harbor and Cape Sabine, proving that warmer water came from the north than from the south," it is almost certain that Lieut. Greely's theory of the open polar sea is the correct one.

Mind-Rend ng.

[Goetho's Prise Writings.] One soul may have a decided influence upon another, merely by means of its allent presence, of which I could relate many instances. It has often happened to me that when I have been walking with an acquaintance and have had a living image of something in my mind, he has at once begun to speak of that very thing. I have also known a man who, without saying a word, could suddenly silence a party engaged in cheerful conversating by the mere power of his mind. Nay, he could also introduce a tone which would make everybody feel uncomfortable. We have all something of electric and magnetic force with us. * * It is possible, nay even probable, that if a young girl were, without knowing it, to find herself in a dark chamber with a man who designed to murder her, she would have an unonsy sense of his unknown presence and that she would tremble with fear.

Butter on the Double Quick.

[Chicago Herald.] Among the prominent and most interesting exhibits at the London health exhibition was the dairy. The cows were milked in the presence of the spectators; the milk was then put into centrifugal skimmers, and in twenty minutes' time from the time it left the cow the spectator could spread the butter on

George Eliott: Animals are such agreeable friends! They ask no ques-tions, they pass no criticisms.

Tea-Cup Fortune-Telling.

[S. Na bolas.] for her success as a fortune-teller through her skill in shaking and tapping a teacup until the grounds or tea-leaves in the bottom of the tea-cup assume in a rude way certain shapes or forms representing people, animals and various was attracted to the scenes of her former

be telling at the time. I was present once when she told the tom of the cup I discovered that the leaves had assumed a form which, with a little aid of the imagination, might be accepted as resembling a very spare, delicate and altogether debilitated young man.

With the aid of a teaspoon, and using a few other grounds of leaves that were lying on the bottom of the cap, I quickly changed the young man into a disreputalooking old tramp, with a big bundle on his back, and accompanied by a ferociouslooking bulldeg. Then I awaited the result. Presently the young lady whose fortune had been told took up the cup, with a blush of pleasure, to examine its contents. The moment she saw the dreadful figure of the old tramp she exclamed, "What a horrid old fright!" Then there was a great commotion, which was only quelled when I acknowledged iy guilt. But I learned some-thing, which was that with a little management and a teaspoon pictures of any kind could be made in a tea cup.

Personality in Handwriting.

[The Counting-Room.] Persons writing naturally do so without thought regarding the poculiar construction of their writing. The hand operates the pen as it were automatically through the sheer force of habit, by which all the innumerable personalities are unconsciously imparted to writspecting their writing, and bence, the more stiff and formal style of their work; there is wanting the easy, graceful flow apparent in thoughtless or habitual writing. Lines show more of nervousstruction of the writing is more exact and formal; and, besides, every different handwriting abounds in wellnigh numberless habitual peculiarities, of which the writer himself is unconscious, and

cannot, therefore avoid. Thus, two other insurmountable difficuties are placed in the way of the forger: First, to observe and imitate all the characteristics of the writing he would imitate; and, second, to note and avoid all the habitual characteristics of his own hand. Habit in writing becomes so fixed and arbitrary (not to mention the great artistic skill required to exactly imitate an unpracticed hand), that I do not conceive it to be possible for any one to similate the writing of another, or to so dissemble his own writing, in any considerable quantity. as to defy detection through a really skilled expert examination.

The Japanese "Treaty Box." (Boston Budget, 1

The principal object of the mission of e Japanese embassy, which lately arrived at Washington, was to get a copy of the treaty between Japan and the United States signed by the president. The original was burned in the great fire at Jeddo in 1858. The copy in Japanese was saved. This they brought with them, and a copy of it not signed, and a letter from the Tycoon to the pres-

The box containing these documents was looked upon by them as almost sacred. It was called the "treaty box," and was never allowed to be out of their sight. It was a box three feet long, twenty-six inches in depth and eighteen inches wide, covered with red moroeco leather and neatly sewed around the loads over the Panama railroad. They had tifteen boxes containing valuable

Emperor and Workingman.

(Chicago Herald.) turnout in a side street, and, accompanied by a gray-haired chamberlain tacked by a saw fly, but with results and a stalwart lifeguardsman, walk the that are not as necessarily fatal as in distance of a square or more to a manuprise the proprietor and employes by his sudden and unannounced appearance provision of foliage. The larch, more among them. Of course he is given the kind word of encouragement and com- larch can endure two years of them. mendation, he goes away, perhaps to pay a similar visit to another establishment. These visits he makes impartially to the mechanical and mercantite establishments, controlled by foreigners as well as natives.

The Oldest Dynasty in the World.

[Chicago Times.] The present reigning dynasty of Japan | Wall street." is the oldest in the world. It dates back 2,546 years, and its records are accurately preserved for that time. During this period the reigning houses of china have several times been changed, and all the nations now civilized, without business. exception, have had their beginning. It is sometimes marvelous to reflect that any house could preserve its integrity and occupy the throne for such a period

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FALLEN ROYALTY.

I have a friend who is quite renowned | The Ex-Empress Eugenle and Her Recent Visit to Paris. Paris Letter to London Truth.

The Empress Eugenie spent a sad week

with the Duchesse de Mouchy in her new house near the Hotel des Invalides. She other images which she professes to triumphs, went to look at the balconvof understand as referring in some way to the Ecole Militaire, where she witnessed the person whose fortune she happens to so many reviews in imperial state, was at Longehamps, St. Cloud, in the Tuileries gardens, and everywhere passed fortune of a young lady. The proposely and method of making it seemed to me to be very vague; but the gist of it all Berry to pay her respects to be very vague; but the gist of it all berry to pay her respects to be very vague; but time a young genher. She was paid many visits, but her, she was paid many visits, but fortune of a young lady. The prophecy almost unnoticed. Her cousin, and method of making it seemed to me M. de Lesseps, hastened from pearance would arrive, and exert a old and valued friends. It is not at all powerful influence on the future prospects of the young lady. Wishing to discover what was in the cup to warrant his eldest son, whom she calls her petitsuch a forecast, I obtained possession of it without being observed. In the botgoing over the theatre on which the im-perial drama was played by her and the emperor. But her general attitude was that of a person who through much suf-fering has come almost to be insensible. Her complexion is bleached as her hair. The eyes of pale blue have lost the faculty of lighting up. It would be hard to say whether they express indifference to most things or resignation. But they look as if they had cried so much that no more tears were left in them.

The empress drove about in a plain coupe. She was always in black crape and merino. Her figure has lost all flexibility, and though the Carlsbad waters were of service to her, she has the stiff walk that rheumatism or the weight of years gives. The outlines of the shoulders, however, retain some of their former elegance. As the adherents of Prince Victor are anxious to organize an electoral campaign by next year, and to obtain pecuniary assistance from the empress, the house of the duchess de Mouchy was closely watched when she was there. If the world has not gone from her, she has lost all taste for it. The seclusion of Farnborough sometimes weighs upon her. Nevertheless, she said she would be glad to return to it after her continental trip. At Carlsbad she refused all exceptional honors and favors, lived quietly at an hotel, and

took her place in a queue at the pump.

Her old vivacity has died out. If it had not, she would try to subjugate it, for she ascribes to her impetuous disposition the culminating error of the emperor's reign, and another event for which she will mourn as long as life and consciousness remain to her. She has the generosity to admit the errors of judgment into which she was hurried, and which were attended with disastrous consequences both for her family and for the nation over which, by an astounding freak of fortune, she became the sovereign. The empress still thinks aloud, and talks often and rapidly of what is on her mind. She ill bears any mental tension, unless in religious exercises, and has not the resources of music, embroidery, knitting, or sewing, which enabled Marie Amelie to beguile the tedium of a residence at Claremont.

Her infirmity prevents her walking as much as she wishes. She lives altogether at Farnborough in the past and among objects reminding her of departed glories of the emperor and of her ill-starred son, of whom she can now speak without falling into paroxysms of grief. The inner woman is chastened by affliction, and the outer woman aided; but she is more interesting, per-haps, than when she had the prestige of beauty, a throne, and (externally) the most brilliant court in Europe. I have heard her compared to Henrietta Maria, who also had reason to deplore the impetuosity of her disposition. That queen, however, had a trial in her old age to which the empress has not been subject. She lived in France when she was a discrowned queen and widow in dire poverty. Her house at Bois Colom-bes was in the marshy part of a wind-swept plain, and being too poor to buy firewood, she had to stay in bed in winter to keep herself warm.

A Destroyer in the Spruce Forests, [Science Monthly.] According to accounts of observations

published in the third bulletin of the entomological division of the department edges. There were three japanned boxes of agriculture, the ravages of the spruce placed together and then covered bud worm (Tortrix fumiferana) have Around the box was a light frame, and been extensive and destructive in the when carried was borne on the backs of coast forests of Maine west of the Penob four men by poles. The embassy brought scot river. The damage appears to have with them \$80,000 cash for the purpose reached only a few miles inland from of making purchases. Their money was all brought from Japan in Mexican dol- prevailed is marked by extensive masses lars and American half dollars, stamped of dead woods. The trees are attacked with the Japanese mark. They brought in the terminal buds, which are eaten an immense amount of baggage, over away, and when that is done, the ease is eighty tons, which made four full car-

The fatal character of the attack is owing to the fact that the spruce puts presents for the president of the United | forth but few buds, and those mostly at the end of the twigs, and, when these are destroyed, it has nothing on which to sustain the season's life. The attack is made in June, when the growth is A favorite amusement of Dom Pedro most lively, and just at the time when II, of Brazil, is to leave his gorgeous the check upon it can produce the most serious results. The larches are also atthe case of the spruce. They are more factory or other establishment and sur liberally provided with buds, some of over, sheds its leaves in the fall, and is liberty of the establishment, and he in full foliage before its enemies attack takes his time in examining the ma- it. Hence, while the spruce and fir succhinery and modus operandi. With a cumb to the first s ason's a savits, the

Business thanges.

[New York San] Two gentlemen met on the street. 'Still in the hardware business?' asked

"No," replied the other. "I have retired from the hardware business and am trying to do a little something in

A year later they met again. "Still in Wall street?" asked one. "No," replied the other. "I have retired from Wall street and am trying to do a little something in the hardware

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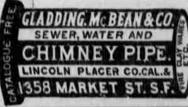
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