TRAITS OF MEXICANS.

They Are Artistic and Their Children Have an Intellectual Bent.

That the Mexicans are an artistic people no one who lives long among om can deny. In music they excel, and all that is needed to make Mexico take a first place among musical nations is the wider diffusion of technical musical education. The veriest gamin can catch at once a novel air, and hits from the operas are everywhere heard from the most ignorant of the lower they are the genuine outcome of popuclasses. Not only are the Mexicans a musical people, but they are lovers of art in all its forms, and their manners are pleasing, whether you take the nost polished and traveled citizen or the humblest peon. Dally intercourse with educated Mexicans has a charm about it that is delightful to a northernabout it the polite, not from affection, but to throw in a little salt of advice from because they are trained to be so from their youth, and also because they are desirous of pleasing, being by nature an Irish town on a fair day, we kindly and warm-hearted. Well might are almost sure to see two balthe United States copy the manners lad singers. They generally draw which the Mexicans have for every-day use, as between parents and children. masters and servants, and between the is over. Their stock in trade conpoorest and the poor, who sometimes sists of a handful of sheet ballads. seem to possess little else but their courteous ways. The Mexicans are the Italians of this continent; they have been kept to the rearward of richer and more fortunate nations by their long and disastrous civil wars. Give the poor people of this country educational privileges for twenty years and they is generally pronounced, in a shrill will come up as the Italians have done monotonous treble; her companion since Italy became one country for all chimes in a second with a nasal drawl, her children.

One thing a foreigner in Mexico comes to notice is the decided intellectual bent of the youth of the land. Mexicans have great facilities in acquiring languages, and almost every had in the higher schools knows French to pay a halfpenny to secure a copy of and reads it as well as he does Spanish. it. These copies are carried away to They take up English with enthusiasm and master its abominable orthography and difficult pronunciation by dint of downright hard work. It is difficult during the long winter evenings, they for us, trained in the Anglo-Saxon are diligently read and often learned speech, to understand how very hard our tongue is to acquire in the case of a Spanish or I'rlian speaking person. It is impossible to anow how an English word is pronounced from its spelling, and, although our grammar is comparatively easy, our idioms are difficult and our unwritten rules for the arrangement of words are tremendous obstacles, only to be overcome by strenuous practice and wide reading.-Boston Herald.

EIGHTY RADICAL CLUBS.

The Gain That Socialism Is Making in the English Metropolis.

There are eighty Radical clubs in London, and as many working-men's clubs, to which the Socialists proffer their services on Sundays. Some of the speakers are extremely intelligent, and grapple with social problems with ability. Among these are Wm. Morris. already mentioned, who speaks in Broadway, Hammersmith, and has a lecture hall attached to his house; Annie Besaut, notorious for her partnership with B adlaugh, and an extreme Socialist: Elvanor Marx-Eveling, daughter of the famous Karl Marx; Rev. Stewart Headiam, a member of the London school board; Cunningham Graham, a Soc alist member of Parilament, who served three months' im-

LAND LEAGUE BALLADS. COUNTING BY ELECTRICITY. They Are Crude, But Catch the Fleeting

Impulses of the Celtic Stace Interesting Machine to Be Used in the That the land agitation in Ireland

Fortheoming Census, should be accompanied by a ballad We have on more than one occasion literature of its own was a foregone, published a note on the complicated conclusion. The Irish are, and always manufactured to be used in taking the have been, a song-loving people. The ballads in which the peasantry find forthcoming census. We now give a brief description of the process: vent for their feelings, though often

The census collector will call with rude and rough, are still interesting. his printed blank, and answers to quesbecause, like the Corn-law rhymes, tions will be written in the usual way. These sheets will then be placed belar emotion at the time. The laws of fore a person who operates a machine rhythm and rhyme are frequently set which may be likened to a typewriter, at naught. For these no one cares a except that instead of the usual ink straw; doggerel does just as well, or marks on paper, small round holes are even better, than the most poetic dicpunched in a card. The cards, one for tion; the great aim is to catch the each person, are about six and a half fleeting impulses which ripple over inches in length by three inches in the surface of the popular mind, and width, and the particular position of hole in a card indicates an answer to a Land League point of view. If we some of the questions in the printed saunter down the principal street of blank.

As many as 250 items of information can be punched out upon a card, although no one card would ever have up in the center of the town more than one-tenth part of the whole after the business of the day number. For example, no one person can be classed as both white and black, American and foreign born, and if The lady vocalist usually has a shawl foreign born he can only come from thrown over her head, and her hair, one country. These cards, when which never seems to have made acpunched, are placed one at a time in a quaintance with brush or comb, hange sort of press, and a lever operated by over her eyes in a tangled mass. She one hand is brought down, when a begins by droning out the first verse series of pins are brought against the of a political ballad, or "ballat," as it card. Whenever a hole has been punched in a card, the corresponding pin passes through into a mercury cup beneath, completing an electric circuit. and this goes on for at least seven These circuits, one for every hole, pass verses, sometimes with the accomout to a large number of counters paniment of a concertina, sometimes which operate electrically, and which not. By this time a crowd has assemadd upon their dials all items of the bled round the singers, and if the balsame kind upon the same dials. For lad is approved of every one is eager instance, all white men are counted upon a dial marked "white males;" all business or professional people many a farm by the lonely mountain upon dials which indicate their parside or to the depths of many a shelticular business or profession. The tered glen, and there, by the turf fires, cards, as they leave the press, are all sorted by means of an electrical sorting device, whereby they may be by heart. Meantime the vocalists, sorted into groups of States. -Modern with their pockets well lined with Light and Heat. coppers, set off for the next fair or

TO PREVENT CONSUMPTION. The Latest Medical Views Concerning Tubercular Diseases.

Medical views of consumption have greatly changed within the last few years. It was once regarded as incurable; it is now regarded as curable, If the right treatment is begun early. It was once regarded as specially

transmissible; so much so that children

of consumptive parents often looked on

DEATH BY GUILLOTINE. The Awfol Suspense of a Criminal De scribed by Abbe Faure.

race course to pursue their vocation

and to dispose of the remainder of

their stock. It would be impossible

to overestimate the influence of these

ballads on the excitable Celtic mind.

They stir up the passions and make all

the right appear to be on one side .-

National Review.

themselves as doomed -a feeling which of itself did much to induce the The recent double execution of Al dreaded result. Now the disease itself lorto and Sellier at La Roquette has is not believed to be transmitted, but again given rise to a considerable only a condition of special susceptiamount of discussion as to the moral bility to the disease, a susceptibity effect of the "guillotine" on the crimwhich may be overcome or guarded inal classes. It is quite possible that against by proper precautions. President Carnot's severity in accord-Consumption was formerly looked ing few reprives has had a deterrent upon as incommunicable. It is now effect on the cut-throats, who had believed to belong to the great class of

learned to expect so much from the infectious diseases caused by microbes. misplaced clemency of M. Grevy. This The discovery of the microbe-the would seem to be borne out by the obtubercle bacilus-was made by Koch in servations of the Abbe Faure, chaplian of La Roquette prison, who has merous original investigations concommunicated a report on his minis- ducted by other experts. trations to the government. The Abba Tests on animals prove that this mi-

believes that no other punishment crobe communicates tubercular disease which may be substituted for execu- when introduced into their systems; prisonment for taking part in the dis- tion by the "guillotine" will have so and that the result, fatal or otherwise, depends mainly or wholly upon whether

THE ROCKING CHAIR.

My grandmother sat in this old rocking chair But she was not my grandmother then, And her sweet little ince was bewitchingly fair As it laughed a definere to men. fer sun-bonnet fluttered like bird on its string Her tresses trailed free on the bro And gaily I weep did my grandmother sing, Underneath the o.d gnarled apple trees.

My grandfather rode through the white orchard gate And tethered his steed to a tree;

He had curis growing thick o'er his silly young pate, And high Hessian boots to his knee.

From the pink apple blossoms that over hung, He brushed off the dew with his hat

Till he came to the spot where the rocking swung

And my merry young grandmother sat. The kingcup and cowslip blocmed 'round

and wide, The bees from their sweetness did sip;

But my grandfather blushed-and my father sighed, As he flicked off their heads which his whip.

Then my grandmother hummed her a cun "Faint heart never won lady fair."

So he sighed and he sued, and before very long There sat two in this old rocking chair. --Pittsburgh Dispatch.

CHARACTER-MAKING.

The Most Important End Any Community Can Have in View.

With all our many appliances for spreading knowledge and disciplining the mind, and our rightful interest in the work, there are few who would not agree that, important as it is, the building up of moral character outweighs it in its serious results upon the welfare of the community. A poor education is a thing greatly to be regretted, but a poor character is far more lamentable. That a workman should be unable to read and write in a land like ours is truly deplorable, but that he should be an idler, a drunkard or a cheat is much worse. Who would not prefer to employ the youth who, with the mere rudiments of learn-

be separated. Happily they are the united possession of large numbers of our favored citizens in this land of opportunities. But it is too readily taken for granted that the former will insure the latter, and this is not the case. There are too many sorrowful instances ing into vicious habits and criminal practices to allow us to cherish any acter-making is thus the most import-

women of which our country has such had never been inside of a schoolsore need. How shall we teach the young the lessons of sobriety and hon- heart, and the courage of a lion. On esty, truth and purity, industry and one of his hunting excursions he came economy, brotherly love and mutual across Katy, and the result was a mu-1882, and has been confirmed by nu- good-will, as successfully and as thor- tual passion and a marriage. oughly as we now do those of language and of thought? Such questions frequently rise up in the mind of every chin with his long, brown, bony

DISCOVERY.

When the world's first great weatward voy safer Sailed out in faith to this new continent.

Wh ther he fait all his life-currents stir, Though knowing not unto what place he went, One day, no land in sight, his grating keel Reported shoals; the unconscious vessel alld Ac oss, nor heard the grinding sands reveal The secret of the coast beyond them hid. He drifted past, though waif of leaf and bird Floating and are set for the secret set of the secre Floating and fluttering after, bade him stay ague invitat ons everywhere he heard; By hops's own dazzling giamor led astray, He landed on an island's rim, nor guessed low nearly he had won his larger quest,

Alas! the dumb, inscrutable human sea That will not tell us of the shores we seek! Its jealous waves, in moaning mockery, But just roturned from pressing a blue check Against fresh roses blown for us, unseen, In our own realm, that never will be ours. Though through the starry dusk all night we

And, unaware, breathe balaam from the flowand feel its soft mists wrapping us around,

And hear far, wave-tossed voices whispering from some dim bourne beyond the horizon's Heart's kindred starving for the love w

bring. As we for theirs-an unreaped harvest-field;

ir treasure just within our reach-con and yet. Columbus, this New World is thine!

Thy cla m was in thy forward-reaching soul An inner, prescent right; thou didat divine Wonders that the valled hemisphere should unroll At last, from out the blue blank of the sea;

And whatsoever foot might tread this shore, lear was thy title of discovery, Whose thought outsailed thy ships so long

before. That which we recognize and seek is ours:

Approaching unperceived, related souls Stir irresistibly our noblest powers: Us toward our own the tide of being rolls; And shall it not be joy, the voyage done,

To know the continent and Island one? -Lucy Larcom, in Harner's Magazine

THEIR WEDDING TOUR.

Jack and Katy's Somewhat Novel Experience.

Among the many German emigrants that from time to time landed at Ining, was trustworthy, rather than one dian Point. Matagorda Bay, on the coast who, with talents and education, was of Texas, and proceeded inland for lacking in integrity? And what com- hundreds of miles to make a settle munity would not be more happy and ment on the extreme frontier of that prosperous, if the citizens were honora- pe ilous region, was a red-checked lass ble, law-abiding and conscientious, than of seventeen, who, being an orphan, if, without these qualities, they were and without relatives in the old counadepts in all the scholarship of the age? try, had ventured over to try her Of course a good education and a good fortunes in the new. But though character need not, and ought not, to without kin, Gentle Katy, as she was familiarly termed, was not without friends, and the same vessel which brought her over had on board at least six sturdy young fellows who thought her more lovely than any other female they had ever seen.

Gentle Katy cast her lot with a new of well-educated man and women fall- ly-married couple, and with them went far northward, to settle in a beautiful spot on the green bank of seem, she saw and fe l in love with as ant end that any community have in rough and ugly a specimen of civilizaview, it is by no means recognized as tion as could easily be found in a resuch, or provided for as it deserves. If gion where the men have always been intellectual exercises fail to instil it, more celebrated for their pluck than as they certainly do, it becomes a vital their beauty. Jack Hawksworth measquestion what means to use to train up ured six feet and two inches; was the good and conscientious men and rough in manner, blunt in speech, and house in his life; but he had a good

"Now, then, my little beauty,"

Jack, playfully tapping the bride's conscientious teacher, and regret is felt that a complete answer is not forth-and 1 wants the cage to put it in. I'm coming. Still the personal influence agwine to git the cage, and so jest you of the faithful teacher is very great in stay here quiet till I come back."

and resumed his course on the broad pace till daylight once more made it and shouted like a madman. clear befo e him, and then he hurried

forward as on the day preceding. The sun was perhaps two hou-s above the horizon when he reached that Jack Hawksworth put forth all the place where the Indians had en- his experience, sagacity and manly camped on the night following the capture of his wife. Here he spent some half an hour in examining the different foot-prints, and when, among others, he found those of his pretty bird, and saw where she had passed the night, his agitation and excitement became painful, and he several ventures, "when a big nob gits times groaned out as one enduring great bodily suffering. At length he set his teeth hard, with

an unswerving determination drew and Katy tuk ours amongst the his hands slowly over his face, and outwardly became more composed. the richer for't. Whoop!"-N. Y. Then he commenced a broad circuit Ledger. around the camp, to find the departing trail. In doing this he discovered a point where three horses had filed

from the main body; and suspecting these had been detached and sent off with the fair captive in a homeward direction, he at once resolved to follow this trail instead of the other.

"Et I'm wrong," he muttered, "good-bye to little Kate for the present; but of I'm right, and it's in one human nater to do it. I'll hev her back little girl should injure her health by ag'in, and the scalps of them as tuk her!

With this he again set forward in the manner described, and, with only now and then a brie! rest, continued the same hurried pace till near sun- To speak a little more clearly, Helen set, when he came upon the previous understands with singular rapidity, night's camp of the three India et. not only what is said to her, but even showing that thus far he had gained the feelings and the state of mind of upon his enemics. With the wildest those about her, and she thinks more anxiety of hope and fear, he now made than most children of her age. The an eager search for the footprints of "Touch" schoolmistress has done his little wife; and when at length he such wonders for her little pupil found them, where she had dismount- that you would scarcely ed and been secured to a tree, thus lieve how many things proving that her life had so far been finds out, as with electric quickness, spared and he had taken the proper through her fingers. She knows in a ourse, such contending emotions of moment whether her companions are joy and rage took possession of him- sad, or frightened, or impatient-in joy at the discovery and rage against other words, she has learned so well her foes-that for a time he was like what movements people make under one demented.

Since branching off from the main at times she seems to read our body, the three warriors had kept a thoughts. Thus, when she was walkstraight course, a little north of west; ing one day with her mother, a boy but on the third day Jack Hawks- exploded a torpedo which frightened worth reached a spot on an open plain, where they had made a halt, and from which, to his surprise, he now found the trait led directly south, toward a range of hills vibrations of the air striking against that could barely be discerned our organs of hearing-that is to say. such delusions. Yet, although char- the Llano. There, strange as it may in the blue distance. Knowing the ears; and deaf people, even though that among these hills was a rare they can hear absolutely nothing, are spring of medicinal waters, which the Indians not unfrequently visited, it oc-Thus, they can "feel" loud music, curred to him that the present party probably because it shakes the floor; had gone thither, and might, perhaps, and Helen's sense of feeling is so make a halt long enough for him to come up with them. The idea afforded learns many things from these vibrahim fresh hope, and raised his spirits tions of the air which to us are immaterially as he started onward again. perceptible. When night again fell upon the

cene, the hills were looming up in rugged lines before him, but still miles reasoning powers. The matron of the away. Knowing the exact location of Perkins Institution for the Blind exthe spring, and that it was so situated hibited one day, to a number of friends, as to command a view of the broad a glass lemon-squeezer of a new patplain in the direction of his approach, tern. It has never been used, and no he resolved, weary as he was, to push one present could guess for what puron in the dark and gain a safe position pose it was intended. Some one among the hills before morning, even handed it to Helen, who spelled "lemshould he not succeed in surprising his | onade" on her fingers, and asked for a curity. It was life or death to him, and he

reeled to and fro, holding her in his embrace, 19d finally sunk down on the trait. This he followed at a slower earth, and alternately wept, laughed

It is not necessary for us to dwell upon their long, wearisome, perilous journey homeward. Suffice it to say qualities and brought his pretty little wife safely back among her friends, to their great wonder and delight, he himself becoming quite a lion among her countrymon for his brave exploit. "Ye see," Jack used to say, in winding up the narration of his adspliced, as I've hearn tell, they has what they calls thar wedding towr; and so, to be in the fashion, me Comanches, and I'm jest one old scalp

LITTLE HELEN KELLER.

Anecdotes Illustrating the Bilnd Deaf-Mute's Remarkable Intelligence.

Helen Keller has a wonderful memory, and seldom forgets what she has once learned; and she learns very quickly. She is a wonderfully bright child, and her teacher, instead of urging her to study, is often obliged to coax Helen away from some example in arithmetic, or other task, lest the working too hard at her lessons. But her marvelous progress is not due to her fine memory alone, but also to her great quickness of perception, and to her remarkable powers of thought. Helen the influence of different feelings that Mrs. Keller. Helen asked at once: "What are you afraid of?" Some of you already know that sound (i. e., noise of all sorts) is produced by the wonderfully acute that she no doubt

The following anecdote illustrates both her quickness of touch and her drinking-ginss. When the glass was brought, she placed the squeezer in proper position for use. The little maid was closely questwice, and spelled, "I think." I can not forbear telling you one more anecdote about her, which seems to me a very pathetic one. She is a very good mimic, and loves to imitate the motions and gestures of those about her, and she can do it very cleverly. On a certain Sunday she went to church with a lady named Mrs. Hopkins, having been cautioned beforehand by her teacher that she must to his heart that sent new life through-out his drooping frame; for now it service. It is very hard to sit perfectly still, however, when you can't hear one word of what the minister is saying, and little Holen presently began to talk to Mrs. Hopkins, and ask what was going on. Mrs. Hopkins told her, and reminded her of Miss Sullivan's injunction about keeping quiet. She immediately obeyed, and turning her head in a listening attitude, she said: "I listen."-Florence

turbances in Trafalgar Square in No vember, 1887; George Bernard Shaw, who has written several novels and is

known as an art critic; H. M. Hyndman, the founder of the Social Demoeratic Federation and author of text books on English Socialism, and Sydney Webb, lecturer on polical economy at the City of London College. Each of these speak once or twice in the open air or in the halls-every Sunday. John Barns says that he has delivered an education which they have received, average of a hundred Socialist speeches in London and provinces every year. He was the leader in the recent strike movement. -London Gable.

The Great Applejack Belt.

The great applejack-producing belt of the country lies between the Hudson river or the east and the Delaware river on the west, and is pretty much comprised within the bounds of Orange County, New York, and Sussex and Warren Counties, New Jersey. Within this district are some fifty distilleries devoted exclusively to the manufacture of the flery spirit known upon the United States internal revenue returns as apple brandy, but commonly called applejack. Ordinarily, when the apple crop of the region is fair to good, the distilleries start up when the fruit begins to ripen early in September, and are kept running until the crop is exhausted, say about the 1st of January following. Some of the dis-tilleries turn out a large product. The biggest apple brandy distillery in the country is at Warwick. Orange County, and has turned out in the course of a good season 13,000 gallons. The product of the entire district in a prolific apple s ason will reach near 200,000 gallons, on which an internal revenue tax of \$180,000 is paid. -N. Y. Sun.

-A lawsuit in New York developed the fact that "after the owner of a lot in Cypress Hills Cemetery has buried a deceased member of his own family in it he is absolutely forbidden, by the law under which the cemetery is incorporated, to ever transfer or sell the lot outside of his family."

-A Christian trice, surrounded by pagans, has just been discovered in the heart of Africa. They had never before seen a white man. While their religious ideas are crude, still they have a priesthood, the cross and other emblems of Christianity. They are believed to have been exiled from Abyssinia about eight hundred years ago .- Catholic Review.

Sildes for a Family

Father of Family-How much? Shoe Dealer (figuring on back of package)-Pair of shoes for the lady. \$8: eldest girl, \$5; boy, \$3; other girl, \$3; baby, \$1.60. Just \$20.50, sir. Thanks. Can't I show you some shoes for yourself?

Father of Family (wearily)-Oh, dua't bother about me. I can go barefoot -N. Y. Weekly.

ducing an effect as the terrible instrument of justice at the service of the animals are closely confined amid the public headsman.

In his report the Abbe draws a realexercise in the open air. As to the curability of the disease, istic picture of the suspense in which the doomed murderer lives from day post-mortem examinations at the New to day, until he hears either his sum- York hospitals constantly show that mons to the scaffold or the news of a large numbers of psrsons who have reprieve. Nearly all the murderers once been consumptive have fully reseek consolation more or less in recovered, and have died long afterward ligion, according to the degree of of other diseases. In consequence of these near views, and none of them give up the hope of the question of prevention has become a reprieve until the last moment. The extremely important. But to know how condemned criminals rarely or never to prevent consumption, we must know sleep when they know that their time

summons came.

how it is propagated. Typhoid fever, the seat of which is is approaching, or if they do it is only to doze off into a horrible dream, from a the walls of the intestines, is propawhich they jump up all livid with fear gated mainly by the microbes in the disand dread. Sleeping or waking the charges, which later find their way into "guillotine," the lunette, the headsthe intestines again through infected man and his assistants are for ever drinking water.

present to their imaginations. Out of Consumption, on the other hand, having its special seat in the lungs, is eleven persons whom the Abbe attendmainly propagated by microbes coned during his six years of office only tained in the expectorations. three were really asleep when the The microbes are harmless so long

On the whole, the French system of as they are in a fluid state, but when keeping criminals in suspense for allowed to dry, they are taken up in

weeks or months is a severe one; but the air as dust and inhaled. This infected duct may lodge on the neither the prison chaplain, who conwalls of the room, and communicate siders it his duty always to buoy up the doomed man with hope, nor the the disease to tenants of the house. It has been scraped off with a sponge. magistrates and police officials who and animals inoculated with it have deal with the dangerous classes, are become tuberculous; while animals inclined to recommend its alteration inoculated with scrapings from uninin any of its details .- London Times. fected rooms showed no signs of the disease. To prevent consumption, therefore

The primitive plan of washing win-1. Observe all the conditions of vigdows by sitting out on the sili to clean orous health. Most kinds of microbe the outer sash killed one woman, who are powerless against high health. fell backward into the street yester-2. Have all sick rooms thoroughly day. It is always a marvel, seeing ventilated. It requires many microbes to infect. Ventilation greatly reduces this perilous plan for cleaning upper

Window-Washers' Peril.

windows, that more of such unaccusthe danger. tomed gymnasts do not lose their bal-3. Let the expectorations be invariance, and, with it, their lives. Nothably received in spit-cups, and careing can save them when they once fully disinfected.

topple over, because their hands are But consumption may be communiotherwise employed than in holding cated by the milk of consumptive cows. on. A fashion of sash that hinges, in-Therefore, let all milk be boiled. This stead of being raised by weights and destroys the various kinds of microbes. pulleys, is a desideratum. There are and should be made a permanent habit as a guard against all infectious discontrivances for this purpose, but it will probably take a number of funersases.-Youth's Companion.

als befors house-builders and owners -A very good uniment for sores and conclude to adopt them. Even when bruises is made of one-half pint of the window-washer does not fall out backward, the strain upon perves and sweet oil, one ounce of laudanum, and muscles is most injurious by this bad a piece of camphor gum the size of a walnut -Housekeeper.

old plan -Philadelphia Ledger. -A New Fork physician recom RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL mends the Jewish custom of washing hands before meals as a preventative There were 516 conversions and acagainst typhoid fever. He says that cessions in the mission churches served

contagion can be conveyed into the by students of Garrett Biblical Instisystem by the hands. -The Polytechnia Institute at Wor--From the general appearance of cester, Mass., has introduced a new the vegetation, together with a discuscourse of electric engineering, leadsion of the origin and relation of the ing to the degree of bachelor of science. form, it is concluded by eminent -The Moravians, though small in botanists that Greenland is not a numbers and wealth, have sent out, European province from the point of

sionaries, and expended £60,000 year-ly. They have nine mission shipa during the last century, 25,000 misbotanical geography, but has nearer

tute last year.

this direction. No one knows how much good seed is thus dropped into bad surroundings, or are allowed free the soil of young hearts, or how rich a

> harvest it often yields. The difficulties of systematizing moral development are so numerous and grave that they may well tax the powers of the wisest and most zealous advocates. Especially is this the case because maxims of good conduct, though ever

so diligently laid down, are not of themselves sufficient to insure the good conduct which they recommand. Just as mental discipline consists more in the constant exercise of the mind itself in right paths than in the information imparted, so moral discipline consists more in the continual exercise of right feelings, right desires, and right actions, than in any repetitions of moral precepts, be they ever so true. Whoever can succeed in inspiring these, and cultivating them an

habits, has found the true secret of character-making. As has been well said, "Not by precept, though heard daily, not by example, unless it is followed, but only by action often caused by the related feeling, can a moral habit be formed." If this is thought a delicate and difficult task we may remember that it is one not confined to a certain class, as mental development usually is, but intrusted to us all. It is a duty which every one must share, a responsibility which none can throw off. The truth is that we are always making character, both our ows and others, either for good or for evil. By the emotions we cherish, by the desires we indulge, by the actions which respond to them, we are steadily building up our own. Every hour we are adding stone upon stone, either for strength or beauty, or for weakness and deformity. And, willingly or not, we thus help to form the character of those around us. Not only by our example, but even by the unconscious influence which emanates from us, are others being helped or hurt. We are a part of their surroundings, and they are a part of ours, and as such we are all helping to form each other's character by our daily life. As we are, and as we do, so we teach others to be and to do, though we utter no word of instruction

or advice.-Philadelphia Ledger. -The greatest work which the teacher can do for the pupil is the work which Cardinal Newman says Dr. Whately did for him: he "taught mu to see with my own eyes and to walk with my own feet.'

-a novel scheme in railroading is about to be tried by an English syndicste on the Austrian railway system. Lending libraries will be established at all the railroad stations of any size, at which books will be loaned at a low rate. They can be returned at any of the libraries of the company. Travelers are, as a rule, greedy for books, and the venture is expected to meet with success, notwithstanding the opposition of train news agents, whose business will be sadly hampered.

In her imperfect English, Gentle Katy managed to inquire how long he would be gone, and Jack assured her "it wouldn't be over a thousand

years." He finally took leave of her, in his rude way, and went about fifty miles to the eastward, where, partly for cash and partly on credit, he purchased a small shanty and land enough to live on comfortably, and then returned for the purpose of TOmoving his bird to his care.

But judge of his anguish on finding that Katy was lost to him, perhaps forever. The young couple with whom she had made her home in the wilderness were almost frenzled with fear and t ibulation. They told him, with wringing hands and tearful eyes, that Katy had the day before gone over to a little prairie grove to gather some flowers, and that shortly after, hearing some wild screams and horrible vells, they had looked out just in time to see her borne off by a party of mounted Indians.

At this direful intelligence Jack Hawksworth sank down on the nearest seat, buried his face in his hands. and for a few minutes shook all over like a man with the ague. When he again looked up his hands and lips were working convulsively, his dark. bronzed features were white and ghastly, large beads of perspiration were standing all over his face, and his small, black eyes had a piercing, fiery, wicked expression. He staggered to his feet without saying a word, clutched his long rifle with a grip that seemed to sink his fingers into the cold metal, and then went straight to the spot where his unfortunate wife had been seen in the power of a savage foe. For half an nour he walked to and fro over the ground, minutely examining the footoff at a long, steady, Indian lope and watch him.

day the old hunter purshed it at the same loping pace. When at length longer see the hoof-prints he was folate a few mouthfuls from his wallet,

took a long drink of the flowing water, stretched himself out on the ground, with one hand resting on his trusty rifle, and almost immediately began to shout the name of his wife, went to sleep, though in that peculiar and at the third call he received an condition of mind and body, the re- answer that sent the blood bounding sult of long experience in scenes of with the wildest rapture through danger, that the slightest unusual every vein. In another minute he

that Jack required; and the moon by her; and as she sprang into his rough

strained every nerve and muscle to the last tension, and succeeded in reach- tioned as to how she found out a secret ing the base of the hills in such an ex-hausted condition that he was obliged ple present. She tapped her forehead to throw himself down on the earth and rest for an hour to recover strength enough to go through with what was yet before him. He had two miles yet to go to reach the spring,

and when at last he slowly dragged his aching frame in sight of it the late noon was already silvering the tops of the trees, and he knew that day was about breaking.

But now there came a thrill of joy was he who heard the whinny of a horse only a few rods distant, and felt assured that he had not made a fatal mistake in his calculations. Guided by the sound, and moving with the stealthy caution of a panther, he soon reached a grassy and beautiful platcau, where he saw the three animals

he had so long followed picketed within half pistol shot of him. The horses showed some fear at his advance, and Howe Hall, in St. Nicholas. more than once snuffed and snorted so loud that he fairly trembled lest their masters should come to learn the cause. He reached them, however, without discovery, and in less than a minute had cut every throat. As they floundered, groaned, fell and kicked they made a noise that roused up the sleeping savages and brought them upon the ground in frightened haste; idea of your better self shall become but for this the old hunter was prepared. Throwing himself down behind one of the animals, with his long rifle brought to bear upon the point from which the Indians were hurriedly approaching, he waited till he saw a moving shadow between prints of the different horses and cal. bimself and the background of culating their number; and then, fall- the sky, and then taking as good ing upon the departing trail, he struck aim at this as the circumstances would permit, he pulled the trigger. With soon disappeared from sight of the the sharp report the savage dropped, excited couple who had come forth to and his companions close behind uttered yells of dismay and terror. But The trail led almost directly south- their yells were not as loud and ter-

ward, and all the remainder of that rible as those of the old hunter, as he sprang to his feet, knife in hand, and bounded toward them; and probably night fell upon him, and he could no supposing themselves assailed by numbers, they turned with wild lowing, he threw himself down upon shricks and fled, fast and far, down the green bank of a running stream, the steep hills, and escaped in the darkness.

Having thus gained a complete victory, in less time than it has taken us to record the facts, the old hunter new sound would be sure to wake him. Six or seven hours was all the rest wife, and cut the cords that bound had reached the side of his darling

that time being well up, and pouring but manly arms, and clung wildly down a silvery flood through a cloud-down a silvery flood through a cloud-less sky. he arose took another drink. powered with his emotions that he him by doing it -Atchison Globe.

About beit-improvement.

Propose to yourself an object that is noble; pursue it from motives that are high. Let what is best in you take the mastery. You shall be ranked with the wise and good long before you are fully either. And as you go on in the course of improvement, the more definite, and the life of this idea and wisdom and goodness shall be dearer and stronger in you. You shall be named after the idea of your life; you are wise, for you are becoming so; you are good, for you are becoming so. In all right courses of life, a man resolutely desirious of becoming a wiser, better informed, better disciplined, more useful individual, will find his thoughts, both of the end and the way, get clearer as he precedes in his work. He sees more truly and more brightly what it is he wants; he sees more fully the means for its attainment. And with better prospect both of the end and the way, there comes increased motive for the self-improving effort of the journey .- N. Y. Ledger.

PITH AND POINT.

-People who call each other liars

-A wife owes a duty to her husband, and the husband, as in courtesy bound, pays the debt.-Binghamton Leader.

-Man will never be a free agent so long as woman chooses either to rule or bamboozle him -- Milwaukee Journal

-The man who keeps a secret from his wife may be a discreet man, but he