

THE FAULT OF THE AGE.

The fault of the age is a mad endeavor to reach to heights that were made to be reached by the strength, or a thought most of strength, or a thought most of strength...

My Brown Merino.

YOU think it will look fit to be seen, after it is turned? I asked, holding up to the light my old brown merino. George Terry looked at it rather dubiously, while I anxiously waited for his opinion...

CHARACTER IN ONE'S VOICE.

It is as Perceptible as the Words You Speak. Unless the voice sounds cordially, words are powerless; unless the voice attests self-confidence, protestations do not convince; unless the voice speaks sincerity, the apology is useless...

CARRIED OFF THE BRIDE.

Strange Misadventure that Befell a Chinese Damsel. The way of Oriental brides would scarcely suit their Occidental sisters. In China a bride usually rides in a richly embroidered red sedan chair, decorated with flowers, and hired for the occasion...

A FEW FUNNY BILLS.

SOME AUTHENTIC EXAMPLES OF FREAK LEGISLATION. Laughable Laws that Legislators Are Asked to Pass and Some Comical Ones that Have Really Been Passed Upon the Statute Books. The Legislatures of the various States in this country are responsible for some freaks in our laws that are extremely funny...

DISCOVERY OF THE BRIDE.

The bridegroom, though distracted, had sense enough to rush to the city and make inquiries of the chair bearers. The coolies were dumfounded and explained what they had done. Together they climbed to the left, opened the door of the chair and found the demure-looking bride, long imprisoned and half starved...

RECENT INVENTIONS.

Wood figures can be rapidly duplicated by a new carrying machine, having two pedestals on which the figure and block are mounted, with a tilting and sliding support for the tracing and cutting tool, a flexible shaft operating the latter. An improved window-curtain bracket has a sleeve secured to the end of the screw, with a square rod mounted in the sleeve to slide in and out...

ALL WERE SELF-CONVICTED.

Georgia Lawyers Handed Over Their Guns with Singular Unanimity. Georgia has a stringent law forbidding its citizens to carry pistols on pain of forfeiting the weapons and paying a fine of \$50 or being imprisoned for thirty days. Shortly after the passage of this enactment Judge Lester was holding court in a little town, when suddenly he suspended the trial of a case by ordering the sheriff to lock the doors of the courthouse...



George Q. Cannon, the Utah statesman, once attended an irrigation congress, at which a drowsy delegate read a paper on artesian wells, which he declared always brought water except where they struck rock. He repeated this statement several times. At the fourth repetition he defied any one to deny the proposition, whereupon Cannon looked up, and in his full, musical voice, asked, "How do you account for Moses' success?"