

Contentment.

Discontent with one's moderate success in any line argues this, that you are not the master of your idea, but that it has become the master of you.

Handsome Congressmen.

Mary Clemmer writes from Washington to the Independent: There are fine faces among the Democrats—too fine to be Democrats.

Dickens and Thackeray.

Trollope's view of Thackeray is that while incontestably brilliant and commanding a high place among creators of fiction, he was not great.

For the Ladies.

In France it is not considered proper to display young marriageable girls at weddings.

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Color Blindness. Color blindness has been much talked about of late, and its existence has been conclusively proved.

Lickshing's Fish Story.

"That reminds me," observed Grandfather Lickshing, when the girl brought him a piece of broiled mackerel at the breakfast table.

Banishment in Russia.

The Moscow correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says that the practice of banishing Russian criminals to Siberia has of late been repeatedly objected to, both by legal and political authorities.

Blindman: "When I ears a ny one a comin' along I stoops down and pats the dog." His mate: "Ah, I ain't got no dog, but I takes and shivers awful. That's em."

How Tennyson Honored Sumner.

The late Charles Sumner used to tell a story of a visit he paid the laureate, in substance as follows: The last time he was abroad he visited Farringford, Tennyson's home on the Isle of Wight.

A New Use for Cats.

It seems that the Belgians have formed a society for the moral improvement of cats. Their first effort has been to train the cat to do the work of the carrier pigeon.

Every honeymoon has a man in it.

Particular About Her Coffin.

An eccentric lady of high social position in Springfield, Mass., changes the coffin of her departed friends neatly as often as the undertakers' fashions vary.

The Second S.

They have a wise sign painter in Detroit. Likewise a woman who knows a good chance to improve her prospects when she sees one.

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