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THE ART OF GRAFTING.

Grafting as a fine art has grown so rapidly with the progress of modern civilization and culture that enterprising institutions of learning, such as the University of Chicago, will soon be founding seminaries for its professors.

Meanwhile it may be of some interest to look into the history of the thing, and in particular to trace the genealogy of its name.

Finally, toward the end of the Renaissance, the meaning of the word became transmuted, in the verb form, from "to scratch" to "to tickle."

THE GOVERNMENT AND YELLOW JACK.

Many newspapers are expressing surprise because the federal government has not extirpated yellow jack in New Orleans by this time.

But those critics are unreasonable. The malady has been active for several weeks before New Orleans acknowledged it.

These drawbacks ought to be weighed by those papers which are casting as-

perations on the federal authorities. Much of the national disease fighters' work is negated by their adverse environment.

Though there were four centuries of refuse accumulations to overcome in the Cuban cities, as compared with only two centuries in New Orleans, the latter town has certain topographical defects which were absent in Cuba's centers.

"I do not see that the policyholders have suffered very much" says president of the Equitable. The policyholders will also be unable to see that Mr. Morton has suffered very much.

A new crime is laid at the beef trust's door. An Illinois man ran away to Europe to avoid the subpoena in the beef cases, and now his wife demands divorce on the grounds of desertion.

Pastor Chas. Wagner is taking the baths at Carlsbad. It is unusual to find an advocate of the "simple life" in the same pool with gouty patients and victims of high living.

Although it keeps him pretty busy in Cleveland the "Best Mayor in the United States," "Tom Johnson" finds time to act as "consulting mayor" of Chicago.

It is estimated that each army recruit costs Uncle Sam \$1,000. In other words a recruit is quoted at the same price as a member of the Missouri legislature.

That dispensary official in the South Carolina, who says he refused a \$30,000 bribe from a whisky firm, would be starred as a freak in Milwaukee.

Governor Magoon is going to line the Panama canal zone schoolhouses. Reports would seem to indicate a greater need for lining it with drug stores.

What's the matter with Jerome settling it by running for the whole thing in New York with the endorsement of all the parties and Mr. Cutting?

No wonder Iowa lost a few thousand population. It has furnished millions to the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska, Chicago and the Far West.

After this Portsmouth business is over, the Czar will have to devise some scheme for establishing peace between himself and the Russians.

It is slowly dawning upon Dick Yates that the men who promised him the senatorship in Illinois, are not in position to deliver the goods.

If folks in Tokio who think its "peace with dishonor" could read the American newspapers today, they'd feel more cheerful.

Secretary Shaw's presidential prospects are "looking up." Mr. Bryan has declared positively that "shaw will not do."

Possibly Mr. Shaw may find consolation in the thought that some men are too great for the presidential office.

There is Linevitch too—distinguished as the only Russian who has commanded an army without being defeated.

If you don't seem to notice the Kaiser and his yellow peril, its because they're out of sight behind the president.

It isn't so hard to understand why more people commit suicide in August than in any other month.

The daily auto mishap is running a close second now to the daily train wreck.

The Russian army wants more war. What a magnificent digestion it must have.

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