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richer field for his fancy to browse upon than he did in the old graveyards where he has moped around hoping to find a treasure under the moss covered epitaph. Even the humorist will find herein much material to whet his appetite upon. In fact, we can find no class of reader who would not find much to which to gratify their particular taste, and it is inconceivable how any lawyer will feel his library complete without Mr. Harris' book. Little, Brown & Co. Price \$4.00.



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"The Good Old Days," by Charles W. Bell.—If there is one class of beings on earth more irritating than another it is those who tell you that "what was good enough for their grandfathers is good enough for them," and that are always referring to "the good old days." Now, everybody knows there never were such good days as the present, but are they wholly good? Have we improved all along the line, and in every particular? Read Mr. Bell's book and you will at least think twice before you answer.

He, however, has not made a serious matter of it, and has presented the comparison in a most clever and humorous manner. In the first paragraph he asks: "How would you like to return to the good old days before the bill collector was turned loose upon an innocent, unsuspecting and unprotected public?" With several as a starter, he propounds several hundred other similar questions, such as: "When boys spoke of their parents as 'mother' and 'father' instead of the 'old lady' and the 'governor'?" "When a policeman's defecatory organs were so attuned that he could imitate a game of poker in a fashionable hotel or swell club as far as he could a bunch of darkies shooting craps?"

"In the good old days folks went west to grow up with the country; now they go west for the purpose of establishing a business operations to begin divorce proceedings."

"The book is very neatly gotten up, and the illustrations are quite as enjoyable as much of the text. A. C. McClurg & Co.

"Civic Art: Studies in Town Planning, Parks, Boulevards and Open Spaces" (number 1) by Lucien E. Becker. 14 1/2 by 10 inches, containing 350 pages and 275 drawings and photographs, reproduced in line, half-tone and colotype, represents 20 years of labor on the part of the distinguished landscape architect and lecturer on landscape design, Thomas H. Mawson, Hon. A. R. I. B. The author, recently in this country, spoke at the convention on Civic Art in Philadelphia last month, and it is expected that he will give lectures in several of the largest universities this winter.

The book is the most elaborate and by far the most exhaustive on its subject. No such account of practical information relative to all the methods of beautifying and maintaining a city has ever before been brought together. The book is divided into four sections. The first, consisting of four chapters, treats of the ideals and aesthetics; the second, consisting of eight chapters, deals with the more practical aspects of civic art in relation to town planning; in the third section are given seven original examples of town planning, and in the last section, six examples of public parks and gardens. It covers a wide field of practical work, illustrated by classic examples and original designs, and further to enforce the importance of street furniture and equipment, a large number of designs are included of tram shed promenade shelters, band stands, clock towers, clock towers, conveniences, electric and gas standards. The practical setting out and planting of boulevards and the design of public squares and town gardens are amply dealt with, and the trees and shrubs suitable for varying conditions are given. The owner of property which is ripe for development will find much to guide him in a special chapter, which gives the results of long practice in the development of estates on a financial basis.

It is popularly believed that the effect of immigration in this country is to drag down the native to the level of the immigrant and to displace the native workman by a cheaper workman lower in the scale of civilization. In the second volume of "The American People, a study in national psychology," which will be one of the important books on Houghton Mifflin company's list this autumn, Mr. A. Maurice Low shows that the fear of injury done by the immigrant is unfounded. Instead of the immigrant dragging down the native he is the lever by which the native is raised in the social scale. This sounds like a paradox, but the facts sustain the assertion. Instead of the immigrant competing with the native for the bidding him in the labor market, the immigrant is given work that the native cannot do, which forces the native to seek work requiring greater ability and commanding higher remuneration. The effect of immigration, therefore, has not been to degrade the American, but to stimulate him to better things, and Mr. Low, who rests his case on historical facts, shows that this has been the effect of immigration in this country since the first great influx of the Irish early in the last century.

Sight Restored After Eight Years of Blindness



Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Chapin of Cleveland, Ohio.

New York, Sept. 2.—Dr. H. L. Chapin of Cleveland, Ohio, who has traveled in every country in the world, and after having seen the seven natural wonders of the world, and the seven mechanical wonders of the world, has now had the experience of being the subject for the creation of an eighth wonder of the world. Through a marvelous operation performed by Dr. Arnold Knapp of New York upon the eyes of the Cleveland surgeon, sight was restored to him after eight years of total blindness, and Dr. Chapin enthusiastically proclaims the

operation the greatest surgical and scientific wonder of the world. He lost his eyesight through the glaring sands of the Assyrian desert, where he had gone on his inspection of the "Seven Wonders of the World." While traveling over the desert he disregarded all the ordinary precautions that older, more seasoned travelers take, and would neither wear the tarboosh or the turban—not even dark glasses. Eighteen months later he became blind through an attack of iride acylitis, brought about by the desert sun.

DOINGS IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES

Lucien E. Becker will begin his series of monthly free organ recitals this evening at Trinity Episcopal church, Nineteenth and Everett streets. The recitals will be given every first Sunday after evening service at 8 o'clock and the first program will consist of English composers exclusively: "Spring Song" (Hollins); Gavotte "Moderne" (Lemare); Sursur Corda (Elgar); Elfentanz (Johann); Sonata in the Style of Handel (Adagio, Allegro, Largo, Minuet) (Wolstenholme).

An interesting addition to Portland's musical circles is announced by Madame Rosset de Cambremont, instructor in French at St. Helen's hall, in the person of her daughter, Mademoiselle Marie Rosset de Cambremont. She is a graduate of Dr. Damrosch's school for the violin in New York, where Edouard Deller of Paris was her instructor, and has also traveled in France and Switzerland, completing her studies on the violin and in French. She intends to make Portland her permanent residence and will open a studio in the near future.

Mrs. Rose Coursen Reed has returned from Gearhart, where she was the guest of Mrs. Ernest Elsworth-Smith of Kansas City. Mrs. Smith was Miss Marjorie Coursen, formerly of Clatskanie, and was well known in musical circles in Oregon.

Robert B. Carr, wife and family, will return from Europe Friday, according to a letter received here this week. Mr. Carr is director of the Taylor Street M. E. church choir and tenor soloist and in his letter issued a call for a rehearsal of the choir next Friday evening.

A recital will be given for the benefit of the Maude Booth home next Friday evening at Masonic Temple under the direction of Dr. Emil Enna. He will be assisted by his sister, Miss Harriet Enna, who will sing a number of folksongs in English, Danish and German.

Mrs. Alice Brown Marshall has returned from her vacation and on September 23 will present several pupils for piano recital in her new studio in the Columbia building. The students to be presented will be Miss Gertrude Steer, Miss Nellie Saris and Miss Helen Stockton of Albany. J. A. Finley, the new musical director at the Century M. E. church, will assist.

QUADRUPLE LIFE BARED BY ARREST OF FARMER

Meridian, Miss., Sept. 2.—How a man maintained four households for 18 years three in addition to that of his legal wife, was revealed when F. L. Deason, a farmer who lives near Collinsville, was tried in the circuit court here today.

Three of the women in the case were sisters, Cricket, Dora and Ellen Cochran, and they were shown to be the mothers of 18 of his children, in addition to his five other children.

How Deason was able to maintain these four families during the period of 18 years without action having been taken against him does not appear from the record.

When the three women and Deason faced Judge Buckley all admitted that the charges made against them were true. The women were sentenced to one day in jail each on condition that they leave the county in 60 days. Deason was given 60 days in jail.

An effort was made to show Deason was a Mormon, but this failed.

Weds Girl Selected by Wife.
Dayton, Mich., Sept. 1.—W. A. Hains, a business man, fulfilled his wife's death bed request by marrying the girl selected by her for a successor.

HOME RULE FIGHT ON IN EARNEST

Campaign Will Cause Divided Unionists to Get Together Solidly.

By Philip Everett.
(By the International News Service.)
London, Sept. 2.—At present even the most sturdy Tory must admit that his party is in a state of terrible discord and confusion after the utter defeat of the veto bill, but in less than three weeks the great home rule campaign will begin and prominent Unionists assert that the opening of it will see the forces of Unionism a solid homogeneous body once more.

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(From Family Physician.)
There is no excuse for any woman having wrinkles now. It has been found that a simple mixture of saxolite and witch hazel has a remarkable action upon the deepest wrinkles, no matter what their nature, whether caused by worry, habitual frowning, a debilitated condition or the ravages of Father Time. This harmless remedy, which anyone can easily make, obtaining the ingredients at any drug store, acts both as an astringent and a tonic. The combined effect of tightening the skin and heightening its vitality is to immediately affect every line and wrinkle, keeping the cuticle smooth and firm as in youth.

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- "The Winning of Barbara Worth," Harold Bell Wright, the author of "The Shepherd of the Hills," \$1.30.
- "The Harvester," Gene Stratton Porter, author of "Freckles" and "A Girl of the Limberlost," \$1.35.
- F. Hopkinson Smith's latest book, "Kennedy Square," a great romance of the old South. Don't fail to read it, \$1.15.
- "The Glory of Clementina," William J. Locke, \$1.30.
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