

THE MEASURE OF OUR DAYS.

In all our walks, in all our ways, Think not the measure of our days is gauged by figures and by rules. As erst was taught us in the schools: But, as we help a brother's needs, By noble acts and generous deeds, By giving comfort where we may, By lighting up a mourner's way; The sum of means that we employ To turn a fellow's ill to joy— This is the measure of our days.

A veteran in the wars of life, A prisoned soldier in the strife, Of soul with stingy, covinous Time Is he who makes his actions rhyme To universal brotherhood. Though long or short hath been his road, Centuries or decades his abode, Among his kind, it matters least So fellows by him have been blest. His life is measured by his plan Of dealing with his fellow man. This is the measure of his days.

And much methinks of time he gains, For all his labors, all his pains, For reaching onward far and near To succor want and shelter fear. No stingy padlock hems him in, To mean desires and groveling sin. A widow's blessing him avails, An orphan's prayer some good entails, While stretching outward over man He converse holds with Nature's plan, And solving life's deep mysteries, He grasps eternal verities. This is the measure of his days. —T. O. Rice.

Two Spiders. In an angle of a basement wall I knew a contented and plethoric hermit spider. In the opposite corner dwelt another. One was black and the other was the color of ashes. One was very fat and the other exceedingly lean. But their webs were as nearly alike as possible, and they both caught flies that came through the same window. There was no social intercourse and I used to sit on the steps and imagine the rivalry in business that must exist and the consequent hatred. I meant in the course of time to discover what the consequences would be if they were made to exchange webs, but a pedacious female with a broom came upon the scene, with a result whose details would not strike the reader as novel.

But I am convinced that Montague and Capulet are characters not unknown in the spider kindred, though they reverse the usual and natural order of enmity, and fight only when they are blood relatives and precisely alike. The gray and the black might live in distant amity in the same basement, but two grays or two blacks—abdomen, size and general family likeness agreeing—would not. —Belford's Review.

Drowning Half a Continent. When the Panama canal was first proposed a great cry went up that such a "ditch" would endanger the lives of millions of human beings. It was argued that the waters on the Pacific side of the isthmus were hundreds of feet higher than they were on the Atlantic side, and that the great rush of waters to even up the difference in the level of the two oceans would drown out all southern North America, all the West Indies and most of Mexico and Yucatan. Would be engineers and sensational editors passed their opinions or wrote yards of scorching editorials on the subject. It now turns out that the Atlantic and not the Pacific is the higher of the two oceans, and that in place of the difference in level being hundreds of feet, as had been affirmed, the surface of the water on the east side of the isthmus is exactly 6 1/2 feet higher than it is on the western side. —St. Louis Republic.

Races and Religions of the British Army. According to the annual returns of the British army, of the total strength of 190,569 officers and men, 151,311, or 76.3 per cent., are English; 10,538, or 8.3 per cent., are Scotch; 28,720, or 14 per cent., are Irish; Mohammedans, Hindus, Jews, etc., number 667 all told and need not be considered. Of the total 68 per cent. belong to the Church of England; 18.4 per cent. are Roman Catholics; 7.6 per cent. are Presbyterians, and 6 per cent. are Wesleyans. Out of 64,000 officers and men in the royal navy over 47,000 return themselves as members of the Church of England. —London Public Opinion.

Chaperons Must Go. Mr. De Style—How does it happen that our daughters are going around without a chaperon? Mrs. De Style—I've dropped the silly custom. It doesn't work well on this side of the water. "Why not?" "The young men seem rather afraid of chaperons." —New York Weekly.

A Rubber Insole. Persons with tender feet will be interested in an insole for boots and shoes. It is made of hollow india rubber, inflated with air or gas under pressure, the external protective covering being canvas, silk or other similar material. Inserted in the shoe it relieves the pressure of the leather against the tender parts of the foot. —Shoe and Leather Facts.

Magpie Among the Greeks. With the ancient Greeks the magpie was supposed to possess the soul of a gossiping woman, and we all know how unlucky it is to meet an odd number of the species in Ireland. —Irish Times.

In Belgium no person is allowed to vote unless he is a taxpayer to the amount of forty francs a year. This law makes the voters only twenty-two out of every thousand of population.

The Kentish plover, like the stone curlew or thick-knee, is being rapidly exterminated in the county from which it derives its name by collectors and so called "naturalists."

After the juice is squeezed from lemons the peels are useful to rub brass with. Dip in common salt, then brush with dry bath brick.

In some countries the leaves of trees are still used for books. In Ceylon the leaves of the tall pot tree are used for that purpose.

The Liverpool elevated railway will be worked by electricity, using motor cars instead of separate locomotives.

Chips for the Churchgoer. There are many people who think they ought to help the Lord to keep the preacher humble. It is easier to run an engine without fire than it is to keep up a church without a prayer meeting. The pastor who tries to carry his church to heaven on his shoulders will be sure to drop the most of it. Men who stamp around among the stars in the pulpit are not much account in helping people toward heaven. Closing the heart against the cry of the needy is only another way of shutting the door of heaven against yourself. The protracted meeting in which the members of the pastor's family take no interest is not apt to develop into much of a revival. —Ram's Horn.

Sad Looking Author of a Merry Book. One who once set type in a great English establishment remembers the time when that most fascinating of nonsense books, "Alice in Wonderland," was put into metal from young Dodgson's manuscript. "As you saw the writer, a grave almost sad looking young man, going in and out of Worcester college, or at the office about the proofs, you scarcely think such melancholy looking authorship could produce so merry a book." —Writer.

The Invention of Spectacles. Spectacles were first used in the latter part of the Thirteenth century. There is no certainty as to who was the inventor of them, but the distinction is generally claimed for Alessandro di Spina, who is said to have made some about 1285. —Notes and Queries.

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Table with 2 columns: County Name and Number of Representatives. Includes Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Cook, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, etc.

It is recommended, unless otherwise ordered by the local committees, that the primaries in the various counties be held on Saturday, the 9th day of April, and the county conventions on Thursday, April 14, 1892.

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