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**Fools.**

Some modern writer is of the opin-  
ion that fools were sent into the world  
to afford amusement and relaxation to  
the wise men, who would, it is feared,  
lead a very dull sort of life without  
them; but it strikes us that wise men  
were sent on the earth only to be  
laughed at by fools. In numbers, there  
can be no doubt that fools have the ad-  
vantage, and therefore, whenever ridi-  
cule is made the test of truth, it is no  
wonder that folly is victorious over wis-  
dom; in fact, if numbers and noise  
carried the day in mundane affairs, as  
they sometimes seem likely to do, this  
would be a fools' paradise indeed, and  
the sooner wise men got out of it the  
better.

But a sharp scrutiny into history  
will show us that it is not in virtue of  
their much folly, but their little wis-  
dom, that fools are so powerful upon  
earth. "To get the fools and knaves  
of a country well governed, that is the  
problem for States to solve," says Gar-  
lisle. True; and as yet no State has  
arrived at a thoroughly satisfactory  
solution. Every little helps. Even a  
few honest words about fools may not  
be utterly useless.

"As one star differeth from another  
star in glory," so does one fool differ  
from another fool in folly. There is  
the vain fool, the proud fool, the  
learned fool and the ignorant fool, the  
talkative fool and the silent fool, the  
clever fool and the stupid fool. All  
these require examination. Pre-emi-  
nent in foolishness is the vain fool; but  
he is for the most part more harmless  
than the rest; besides he is fair game  
for those who laugh at the absurdities  
of their fellows. The most comfortable  
thing in this uncomfortable world is  
the vain fool. Confidence in other  
people's good opinion of him wraps him  
around like a garment, or rather it en-  
clothes him like a coat of mail, and is  
proof against every sling and arrow  
that sense or satire may aim at him.  
Great is the vain fool's faith in the  
sentiment he inspires; "childlike and  
blind," he has no misgivings, but be-  
lieves, without a moment's hesitation,  
all that he wishes to believe. If a man

behaves with kindness and civility to  
him, the vain fool sets him down as an  
admirer. If a woman smiles at him  
good naturedly, he takes it for granted  
she is distractedly in love with him,  
and makes a greater fool than ever in  
consequence. And yet, after all, the  
vain fool is the last of the species one  
would wish to see die out.

The proud fool is almost as happy in  
his opinion of himself as the vain fool  
in his belief in the opinion of others  
concerning him. But the proud fool's  
happiness is not of a lively, expansive,  
social kind, like that of the other. No!  
A proud fool is solemn, slow, senten-  
tious and reserved. He is often suspi-  
cious, too. You may laugh without fear  
at a vain fool—it would never enter his  
head that you were laughing at him;  
but beware how you indulge your  
mirth in the presence of a proud fool.  
If he did not know exactly what you  
were laughing at, he would take it for  
granted that you were laughing at him,  
and would be venomous against you in  
the future. He is not without a nervous  
fear that he is underrated, and his life  
is a continuous effort to keep up his  
own dignity. He acts the part of a  
great man to himself; he looks on at  
his own performance and applauds.  
The proud fool is the most unpopular  
of the whole genus, because the little  
mind that he has is always occupied  
with himself. If he would send it  
abroad to give it an airing, he might  
perhaps cease to be a fool; for he is  
not without the germs of good sense,  
and only pride floods all, and will not  
suffer them to grow.

The learned fool is tedious and ridi-  
culous, without having any suspicion of  
the fact. He lives in the pleasing delu-  
sion that the reading of books is  
synonymous with the acquisition of  
knowledge. Few people read so much  
and apprehend so little of the meaning  
of what they read. He prides himself  
upon being a man of vast reading, and  
will talk away in a sort of bookish  
moss, so that you would say he had  
picked up a great quantity of valuable  
matter in his studies. The only thing  
he is thoroughly master of is the use of  
big words. He imposes upon women  
and simple-minded persons by his ter-  
rible setting forth of unheard-of epi-  
thets. "He draweth the thread of  
his verbosity finer than the staple of  
his argument;" and as to his quota-  
tions from dead and living tongues, you  
would swear he had been at a great  
feast of languages and had stolen the  
scraps. There is no harm in the learned  
fool; but he is likely to talk you dead.

The talkative fool may not be the  
worst of fools, but he is decidedly one  
of the most unpleasant. The clapper of  
a bell, the continual flowing of water,  
gives but a faint conception of the wishy  
washy flow of his everlasting talk.  
Windy, frothy, insane, rapid, sense-  
less, and semi-articulate, he will go on  
for ever, without breathing pauses or  
full stops. It is useless to wait for  
something to come out at last—nothing  
will come.

The stupid fool is the acme and  
crown, the *ne plus ultra* of foolishness.  
This is that sublimity of denseness,  
that pure, opaque stupidity, against  
which, as Schuler says, "the Gods  
fight in vain." But, after all, what  
would we do without the fools? As  
genial Lamb says, "Let us cherish the  
fools, lest in the improvement of the  
race, like the Dodo, they become  
extinct."

**HORSES IN THE UNITED STATES.**  
—It is said that there are 11,081,  
699 horses in the United States. Illi-  
nois has 1,349,320 tamed and untamed  
steeds, the largest number owned in  
any State, while Ohio follows very  
close with 1,299,000. Pennsylvania  
claims 602,300 animals of the equine  
race, among which are a great number  
of powerful draught horses, which are  
hardly surpassed for size and working  
qualities by the famous breeds of Bel-  
gium. New York has 703,120 of the  
useful creatures, while Indiana, Ken-  
tucky, Texas, Missouri and Virginia  
have within their borders in round  
numbers 890,000, 650,000, 600,000,  
520,000, 430,000 respectively. The  
returns from other States vary all the  
way from 9,000 to 300,000 for each.

**MUTUAL HELPS.**—Walter Scott  
wrote: "The race of mankind would  
perish did we cease to help each other.  
From the time that the mother binds  
the child's head to the moment some  
kind assistant wipes the dew of death  
from the brow of the dying, we cannot  
exist without mutual help. All, there-  
fore, that need, have a right to ask it  
of their fellow mortals, and no one who  
has it in his power to grant, can refuse  
without incurring guilt."

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**GETTING THEIR EYES OPENED.**

We have always contended that  
there was in the Democratic party a  
strong element in favor of supporting  
our Government upon the basis of true  
Republican principles; that when these  
principles were clearly set forth, and  
the danger of following in the lead of  
dogmas taught by the Democracy was  
thoroughly understood, that hundreds  
and thousands of those who were  
blindly following the lead of base and  
designing men, who were toiling them  
to political ruin, would see the danger  
of their way, and turn from their errors  
into the true light. All can see in the  
recent elections that such was the case.  
The triumphs of the people over those  
base villains connected with the Tam  
many rings show conclusively that when  
the people see danger, they will pre-  
pare to avert it. The point endeavored  
to be made by some of our Democratic  
cotemporaries, that it was not a Repub-  
lican victory, from the fact that it was  
achieved by a union of Republicans and  
law-loving Democrats does not detract  
from the glory of the achievement.  
It is very patent to every observing  
mind that it was not accomplished un-  
der the leadership of Democrats. There  
being but two parties in the field, it is  
also evident that if not accomplished  
by one, it must have been done by the  
other. It was not our purpose, how-  
ever, in this article, to crow over victo-  
ries, or to harrow the minds of the con-  
quered by memories of defeat, but to  
bear testimony, and proudly too, to the  
fact that no great part of the American  
people are so wedded to party as to go  
in direct antagonism to their own and  
the true interests of the country, in  
order merely to gratify personal spite;  
that whenever vice and fraud runs  
rampant in high places that the people  
rise in their might and suppress it, be  
it Democratic, or be it Republican.  
This is the policy which should actuate  
all classes of citizens in casting their  
vote for public officers. In forming  
political parties, laying down political  
platforms and principles, it should ever  
be the aim to support the right and  
suppress the wrong; and whenever, in  
the estimation of any party, there is no  
wrong in the opposition to longer fight,  
it is meet and proper that they should  
follow the course being advocated by  
the Democracy at present—pursue a  
passive policy, and let the contest go  
with a full sweep in favor of the party  
which is so founded upon principle as,  
in their estimation, to be perfectly im-  
pregnable.

The process of the reduction of the  
national debt reveals some interesting  
concomitant facts, showing in a per-  
fectly unanswerable manner how the  
burdens of the people are being re-  
moved. As has already been stated,  
the total reduction of the debt since  
March 1, 1869, is \$273,749,811 98,  
and the monthly interest charged on  
the total debt has decreased from  
\$10,532,462 59 on the 1st of March,  
1869, to \$9,068,453 42, or in other  
words the reduction of the debt is now  
saving to the country in interest  
\$1,364,009 08 per month, or at the  
rate of \$16,368,008 96 per year.—*N. Y. Times.*

The *New Northwest*—This enter-  
prising publication comes to us regu-  
larly, and is always read with pleasure.  
Though as a consequence we cannot  
expect to endorse everything advocated  
by that or any other paper, yet, for  
unswerving fidelity to principle, and  
intelligence in advocating its princi-  
ples, it has few equals. We can but  
admire its candor in dealing with those  
who are candid, while its cutting repar-  
tees to those who deal with unfairness  
is really refreshing. Success to the  
organ of Human Rights; and if all  
this class of papers would advocate the  
same principles, we might almost be  
tempted to say, success to Woman's  
Suffrage.

**SUN PRINTING ON FRUIT.**—Boys  
and girls, if you wish to astonish any  
members of the family, or any coming  
guests, by some day allowing them to  
discover their initials neatly printed on a  
pear, peach or apple, as it hangs on  
its branch, this is the way to carry out  
your plan: Just before the fruit  
ripens, cut the desired letters from a  
sheet of thin, tough paper, and paste  
them on the side of the fruit most ex-  
posed to the sun. When, in the course  
of time, you remove the paper from  
the ripe surface, you will find the let-  
ters distinctly marked upon it. There  
are other ways of printing fruit, but  
this is the most simple.

The dress in which Madame Cata-  
cey received Alexis was bought in  
Paris, and cost \$1,200 in that city.

**Death on the Steamer Ajax.**

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of the  
9th inst. contains the following particu-  
lars of a death on the Ajax:  
"The friends of Leon Gosset, the  
man who died last Wednesday on board  
the Ajax, while the vessel was coming  
into port, allege that his death was  
caused by ill treatment. The following  
particulars were given: Deceased was  
named Leon Gosset, aged fifty-three  
years, a native of Cornuilles (Euro),  
France, a butcher by trade. The  
morning that the Ajax passed over the  
Columbia River bar, a Belgian, who  
occupied a bunk with Gosset in the  
steerage, complained to the mate that  
Gosset had a large butcher knife in  
the bunk, and he was afraid that he  
might use it. While Gosset was on  
deck on Sunday morning the mate con-  
fiscated the knife. By this time it was  
whispered about the steerage that  
Gosset was crazy, and to satisfy the other  
passengers a watch was placed over  
him during the afternoon, while he  
was lying in his bunk. Soon after,  
Gosset sprang from his bunk and made  
a rush at a passenger who was not far  
distant, and with whom he had had no  
difficulty. The mate was sent for, and  
he, with the aid of some of the crew,  
was dragged on deck, his boots having  
first been forced on his feet, and with  
but a linen coat on his back he was  
pushed into the donkey-engine room,  
which is a small house on deck con-  
taining the roused donkey-engine and  
a quantity of rubbish. Although Gosset  
was perspiring profusely from his  
struggles, and the weather was cold, he  
was thrown into this cheerless, comfort-  
less place without a blanket, without  
sufficient clothing, and unable to keep  
warm himself by reason of his having  
been put in irons. In this donkey en-  
gine room Gosset remained two nights  
and a day, during which time the  
weather was intensely cold. When the  
vessel was in sight of the heads on  
Wednesday, it was discovered during  
the second dog watch that Gosset was  
dead. His remains were received by  
order of the second officer, who refused  
to allow any of the passengers to look  
at the body. On arriving at this port  
the remains were handed over to Cor-  
oner Stillman, who, on the statement of  
the officers of the ship, issued a certifi-  
cate that Gosset died of delirium trem-  
ens. On hearing of these charges,  
Coroner Stillman determined to hold an  
inquest and make a thorough examina-  
tion of all the circumstances. This will  
be done to-day.

**Singular Wager.**

A wager lately came off, the terms of  
which were as follows: "I will bet any  
man \$100 that he cannot make a mil-  
lion strokes with pen and ink, within a  
month." They were not to be mere  
dots and scratches but fair down strokes  
such as form a child's first lesson in  
writing. A gentleman accepted the  
challenge. The month allowed was the  
lunar month of twenty eight days, so  
that, for the completion of the under-  
taking, an average of 36,000 strokes per  
diem was required. This at 60 per  
minute, or 3,600 per hour—and neither  
the human intellect nor the human  
hand can be expected to do more—would  
call for ten hours' labor in every twenty  
four. With a proper respect for the  
Sabbath, the gentleman determined to  
abstain from his work on Sundays, and  
by this determination diminished by  
four days the period allowed him; at  
the same time, by so doing, he in-  
creased the daily average of his strokes  
to upward of 41,000. On the first day  
he executed 50,000; on the second day  
nearly as many. But at length, after  
many days, his hand became very stiff  
and weary, the wrist swollen, and, with-  
out interrupting its progress over the  
paper, it required the almost constant  
attendance of a friend to besprinkle it  
with a lotion calculated to relieve and  
invigorate it. On the twenty-third day  
the million strokes, exceeded by a few  
thousand, "to make assurance doubly  
sure," were accomplished. These in-  
teresting papers are not placed in the  
archives of the Royal Society, of which  
the gentleman is a Fellow, but were  
claimed and received by the person who  
paid the wager.—*From a London Pa-  
per.*

The State Senate of Illinois has  
adopted a rule requiring the roll to be  
called every morning, and the absence  
of members to be marked.

In the case of Turner vs. Ortiz, in  
San Francisco—suit for breach of  
promise—the jury brought in a ver-  
dict in favor of the plaintiff for  
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The total vote of the State of Illinois  
at the late election was 253,336.

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