

THE GULLY.

In the ruled mill long shadows fall, The mice creep over the floor, The cobwebs swing on the crumpled wall, The sun sifts through the door; The great milestone hangs idly there, And the brook as it trickles in air Gives a happy gurgle to the sunlight air And a smile to the far off sky.

THE ART OF MESSAGE.

Its Early History—Several Kinds of Manipulations—How Practiced. The art of massage is of great antiquity. There are always some kind folk who will take the time and trouble to search deep down into the annals of the past and transmit to us the facts they there find recorded.

THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

Charles Dickens' Grandmother—The Source of the Novelist's Gift for Story. Mr. T. Wemyss Reid writes in The London Daily News of the grandmother of Charles Dickens, repeating what was told him long ago by the first Lady Houghton.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Why Some People Wear Eye Glasses. Various Practical Items for Every Day. Spectacles are much more worn than they were half a dozen years ago. It is no longer a matter of surprise to see them on children of 8 to 10 years of age.

A FAD IN JEWELRY.

Hiding a Lady Love's Likeness in the Heart of a Silver Dollar. "I gave you a silver dollar for some cigar half an hour ago. Will you look over your money drawer and see if it has been passed out?"

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Women carpenters have appeared in London. Maria Mitchell has discovered eight comets, and has never won a Worth dress. Mrs. Mackay will be in Newport next summer, and intends to entertain on an elaborate scale.

HE WAS A BLOOD.

A Young Man Pays \$5 for a Ride in a Street Car. He was young, stylish, and very drunk. As he sat in a corner of a Mission street car last night and surveyed the tips of his patent leathers through a pair of bleared optics that bulged from their bony orbits, it was evident that he was a typical member of the laud voice.

Another form of treatment is named petrissage. This process consists in pressing and kneading and rolling the skin and muscles—a form of massage brought into use in cases where the patient is deprived of infirmity or accident from taking bodily exercise.

Suez Canal Statistics. The number of vessels which have passed through the Suez canal since it was opened in December, 1869, up to 1885 was 30,921. Of this number 1,513 were men of war, 22,009 were freight steamers, 5,393 were mail boats, 128 were yachts and 289 were sailing vessels.

The Proper Treatment of the Hair. Dr. G. T. Jackson, of the New York County Medical College, advises the proper treatment of the hair, which is a preventive of baldness, as follows: The scalp should be kept clean by an occasional shampoo of soap and water, borax and water, or some such simple means.

Lieut. Zalinski's Dynamite Gun. A reporter happened to meet Chief Engineer George H. Reynolds, of the Pneumatic Torpedo Gun company when he was dilating upon the recent successful experiments, and it was evident that he had lost nothing of his well known enthusiasm.

Miss Lucy Hooper, whose pen has been a power in the land, is to marry the Marquis d'Alida Sanahara, of Milan. The pen in her case has been mightier than the title.

A young lady and an ultra fashionable chaperone, with a large fan and false front, sat opposite the young man. The young lady seemed to be greatly amused in watching the efforts of the intoxicated individual to appear perfectly sober, while he seemed to be totally oblivious of her presence.

An Old Couplet. For he that fights and runs away May live to fight another day, will be found in Goldsmith's "Art of Writing Poetry on a New Plan." Butler's "Hudibras," written about 100 years before Goldsmith's version, contains the following: For those that fly may fight again, Which can never do that again.

How to Woo Gentle Sleep. A woman who has tried them advocates the following remedies for sleeplessness: When about to retire, wet a soft linen towel in cold water, and wring as dry as you can, then fold it lengthwise, so there will be three thicknesses, and place it around the neck, having one end folded smoothly over the other at the back of the neck; over this place a dry flannel or cloth. If you have a headache wet a similar towel, fold it cornerwise and tie around the forehead, so that the lower part of the fold will rest lightly on the eyelids.

Backward and Dreamy Children. Growing children should seldom be hurried or pushed forward in any way. Nervous diseases of the most obstinate and baffling type, affecting the whole life of the individual, are sometimes brought on by the injudicious forcing of the child. Those children who develop slowly and steadily will usually prove strongest in nerve and mind, just as the most enduring trees are those of slow growth.

A Louisiana Sugar Plantation. A sugar plantation is divided by main ditches and roads into sections known in some parishes as "cuts," in others as "strips" and in still others as "blocks." These have names familiar to all the people on the place. At Magnolia they talk of the "Polly Garden strip," the "Molly Shanty strip," the "North Front strip," the "Big Oak strip," etc.

SENATORS' AGES. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, is 69. Turpie, of Indiana, is 57. Allison, of Iowa, is 59. Morrill, of Vermont, is 77. He is the oldest senator. Pugh, of Alabama, is 67. Jones, of Arkansas, is 48.

The Terms an Inventor Made. George Stayer, Ives & Co.'s sole remaining partner, got his start through a valuable invention. A man in whom Stayer was interested died suddenly in New Haven, Conn., where Stayer was a small tradesman, and left an invention for engraving the backs of bank notes. Stayer, by some means or other, got hold of the invention and came to New York at once. He went to the New York Bank Note company—a sort of Standard Oil monopoly in this sort of work—and asked to see the president.

Seedsman Busy All the Year. "What does the seedsman do in winter?" A gentleman connected with a prominent house which deals in plant germs, roots, seeds, bulbs and slips, repeated this question of a reporter the other day.

Hans Bretmann. This is the nom de plume of Charles Godfrey Leland, but is now little used by its original bearer. Mr. Leland was born in Philadelphia, Aug. 15, 1824, and became a member of the bar of that city, May 6, 1851. Literature, rather than law, has proven his vocation, and to it he has for many years devoted his time.

Cures for Warts. Following are remedies for warts, any one of which often proves effective: Moisten the warts and subaluminous on their night and morning. Wet the wart with vinegar and cover with cooking soda, letting it remain on ten minutes, do this several times per day.

Street Car Statistics. Few people who use the Broadway horse railroad ever stop to consider the large number of men, horses and cars which the road must employ and the number of passengers carried by these cars.

CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES. The total number of Shakers is 24,000. The total number of Adventists is 97,711. The total number of Mormons is 250,000. The total number of Moravians is 10,686. The total number of Unitarians is 20,000. The total number of Mennonites is 100,000. The total number of Universalists is 35,500.

In an English Car. Now, the American car and the English carriage run on two different principles. The English railway manager expects you to do a great deal for yourself. He expects you to buy a rug to wrap around your legs, and you do it. He expects you to buy a shawl to put around your shoulders, and you do it. He expects you to buy a reading lamp if you are to travel by night, and you do it.

Darwin's Mental Relaxation. Charles Darwin found backgammon a great mental relaxation, and he was very fond of novels for the same purpose. The great naturalist did most of his writing sitting in a large horse chair by the fire, upon a board stretched across the arms.

The Great London Fire. It lasted four days, commencing Sept. 2, 1666. It broke out accidentally in a house near London bridge. A strong east wind caused it to spread with great rapidity, and thus London was given up to the flames.

A Wedding Ring Motto. The word Mizpah is of Hebrew origin, and, literally translated, means beacon, or watch tower. From this it has come to mean the memorial or reminder of a covenant.

Naming a Guliana Town. The story of Maracibo's christening runs thus: It was almost 400 years ago, when Spanish invaders came sailing up the lake to see what stores of gold or precious stones might be plundered from the rulers of its shores, and found where the city now is a native town called Coluivacca, governed by a powerful chief named Mara, who resented the coming of foreigners with fierce warfare and many battles.

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A Cowboy's Bit of Experience. I am not dissatisfied, but my foolish notions have been corrected, and I am sure if the young men in the east knew the facts and understood the real work that cowboys do they would be glad to stay at home and earn a living in an easier manner.

A Finnish Thought. Little Sister (angrily)—Now you do what I say. Little Brother—I won't. "You, won't, eh? Oh, don't I just wish you was grown up and you was my husband."—Omaha World.

An Old Saying. "Necessity is the mother of invention." This is a very old aphorism, dating back over 300 years. Its origin is attributed to Franck's "Northern Memoirs," written in the year 1658. These memoirs, however, were not printed until 1694, and twenty-two years before the appearance of said publication (1672) the idea was expressed in Wycherly's "Love in a Wood," act iii, scene 3. George Farquhar also makes use of it in his "Twin Rivals," act 1, produced in 1703.

Church Etiquette. A little hesitancy as to the proper thing to do sometimes disturbs a gentleman when strangers are ushered into a church pew which he with one or more ladies is occupying. Therefore, it may not be amiss to say that if the strangers are a lady or ladies, go to the charge of plagiarism cannot be sustained.

Success at Bootblacking. A New York professional bootblack says: Now, you see I employ a dozen boys, and they are always busy. To what do I attribute my success? Gentlemanly manners and a good shine. When it was found that courtesy was the rule in my place my business increased. I pay my shiners, who are worthy colored men and boys, \$1 a day. Many, however, who make themselves agreeable to customers and do good work, often earn nearly double the sum. The work performed is pleasant.—Chicago Times.

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The Aristocracy of Mind. He—Charming youth, that young Bellamy—such a refined and cultivated intellect! When you think what he's risen from, it really does him credit! She—Why, were his people—a—infernal! He—Well, yes. His grandfather's an earl, you know, and his uncle 's a bishop; and he himself is heir to an old baronetcy with £20,000 a year.—London Punch.

Jay Gould's Yacht. The following are the dimensions of Mr. Gould's water palace: Over all length, 250 feet 3 inches; water line, 233 feet 3 inches; draft, 26 feet 4 inches. Cramp & Son, Philadelphia, builders.

A Charge Not Sustained. It is claimed that Thomas Campbell plagiarized the line, "The distance lends enchantment to the view." The original introduction, from Dyer's "Grosvenor Hill" shows that the charge of plagiarism cannot be sustained.

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