

Better Late Than Never.

It is not an uncommon thing to hear young men complain that their early schooling was deficient in quantity, poor in quality, or—if neither of these—was wasted through boyish indifference and folly. They would get on better in life if they knew more, they are free to admit, but they do not see that they are daily wasting opportunities which, if improved, would in a few years give them a fairly good education. They think themselves too old to learn, and spend more time regretting their lack of knowledge than would suffice to give them the knowledge they need. It is said that the father of Professor Sumner, of Yale College, could neither write nor read when he came to this country, a young English mechanic. Within twenty years thereafter he was known as one of the best read men in Hartford, one of the most cultivated communities in the country. Instead of wasting his time in idle regrets for his deficient schooling, he learned to read, and read to good purpose. In a similar way many of the best, most honored, and successful men our country has known began their acquaintance with letters after reaching manhood; and there is no reason why the most illiterate mechanic in our land, if possessed of natural ability and a sincere purpose, may not increase his enjoyment in life, his opportunities for improving his social and financial condition, and the chances of his family for the highest success in life, by an honest effort to retrieve by study the disadvantages by which early poverty or lack of educational opportunities has surrounded him.

Tracing the Hudson Under the Sea.

The Atlantic Coast Pilot, published by the United States coast survey, explains the origin of the curious deep holes met with along the New Jersey coast, some distance out at sea. Of these "mudholes," as they are termed, nine are known to navigators, the deepest and the furthest out being the hundred and forty-five fathom hole, 83 miles southeast of Sandy Hook light. These remarkable depressions, as the Pilot points out, bear the appearance of having been originally a continuation seaward of the Hudson river valley. There were in all probability scooped out by the river being forced to run through narrow gorges. Several of these gorges can still be traced running almost parallel with the New Jersey shore line. In fact, the soundings along the coast would seem to indicate that the whole coast line, ages ago, was many miles seaward of its position to-day; that then the Hudson river entered the ocean at least a hundred miles southeast of its present mouth, and that the whole continent has since subsided, the sea encroaching further and further inland, as the country gradually sank.

Brorsen's Comet.

This small periodical comet has passed its perihelion and is approaching the earth. It resembles a nebulous star, and moves so rapidly by one star and another star that with little optical aid the observer can see the change in an hour's watch.

Its motion is from the constellation Camelopardalus to that of Ursa Major. After April 21 the comet is circumpolar and does not set in this latitude. Following the ephemeris of Schulse, the comet will be nearest the earth on May 10. Its place at that time will be among the small stars in the head of the Great Bear.

—In the United States district court at Portland yesterday Judge Dundy decided adverse to Bancroft & Co. on a demurrer in the school book case now pending in that court. This will have a tendency to increase the possibility that the county Superintendents will have to cast a vote on the question of books, by the 20th of June.

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Columbia River Salmon.

The American Greeter.

There has been a great falling off of late in the demand for salmon, and prices are extremely low, compared with those of two or three years ago. One reason for this change we believe to be the way in which the reputation of well known brands has been sacrificed. Packers on the Columbia river who have hitherto enjoyed a high reputation have latterly put up anything in the shape of fish and labeled it "Columbia River" salmon, and which being placed on the market has been returned by dealers who have complained that they could not sell it. Not only is this complaint found in the home market but we find the same thing causing comment elsewhere. The following appeared in the Sydney (New South Wales) Trade Review and Price Current Feb. 26. "To aggravate the loss to legitimate shippers and buyers, shipments of 'spend' salmon are sent down, which of course seriously affect prices, and in many instances the name of well-known packers are used (initials only being varied) on the most abominable trash. These are matters for our American friends to think on—they have a right to do their business in such a way as they see fit, and we would be sorry to see a falling off in trade between us; but depend upon it that whilst such practices are persisted in orders are not likely to be received from this quarter." The "loss" referred to, "aggravated" by the above mentioned practice, is stated in the same paper as having been occasioned by excessive shipments, which leads us to another reason for the lowness of prices here—viz: excessive packing. Packers if they regard their true interests will on no account allow the quality of their packing to deteriorate. They must also curtail the supply so as to conform to the demand (and restriction as to quality would have a tendency in this direction) or they must take measures to increase the consumption. This latter step we consider practicable as it is a fact that in this country to-day there are many dealers who never saw or heard of canned salmon. They must make their goods more widely known.

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will remain open for inspection until the 15th

day of May, 1879. All applications for

corrections or revisions of the same must be

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R. H. CARDWELL,

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Astoria, May 10, 1879.

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