### A CHOICE BELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon. the Mappenings of the Day-Historical and Naws Notes. Dressmakers' bills are the root of many divorce sults.

does with his failures. A successful man roots while his danger of losing pre-eminence. Chi-unsuccessful brother stands around cago first appeared on the list in 1800

and squeals. When an old maid gets married in lesp year it gives everybody a chance to say smart things.

A woman is willing to take the benefit of the doubt and let man have the doubt of the benefit.

College athletics are deadly. This is proved by the fact that most men who play croquet are old.

It is not easy to decide which is the greater nuisance, a South American republic or a North Amorican despotism.

Sometimes a man loses his job because he doesn't know enough and sometimes because he knows too much.

The ill-faird steamer General Slo- of the Chinese is at Cauton. Hougcum had an unlicensed first mate-per- kong Island, at the month of the Cantake human life.

cherubs it will never arrive.

plant along comes the red ant and finds that the boll weavil is good est-

The Japanese people do not swear as do those of the West, but in an emergency the name of General burg. Berlin and Liverpool are com Kodama ought to serve all practical purposes.

Some scientist has discovered that the burning of incense will keep away mosquitoes. Most men will, h OWSKS! cling to the idea that tobacco smoke is just as good.

Now comes a bulging browed professor and tells us that anthracits coal is a luxury. Perhaps he will next tell us that George W. Bacr is a piece ofreckless extravagance.

a pound. With meat and almost everything else sonring skyward this must be welcome news to the struggling poor.

If matters go wrong in the English House of Commons a convenient ex-planation would be to attribute the fact to the "sophisticated air" which the members breathe. According to the London Guardian, the winds of heaven are not suffered to visit too roughly the interior of the Palace of Westminster, for they are "filtered through cotton-wool, and warmed by over hot pipes, and then the dead and oppressive product is forced through gratings in the floor of the House, where it picks up the mud from honorable members' boots."

Medical colleges are responsible for doctors and do what they can to men ace the public health. Some of the medical schools are get-rich-oulck schemes, taking every applicant who comes along with the requisite fees. They spoil hundreds of good farmers. mechanics, shoemakers and bincksmiths, issue sheepskins and leave the

the responsibilities of a physician.

the preservation of their health. There is aimost a touch of person

ality in the way American cities have moved in relative position during the nineteenth century. Their changing fortunes are full of suggestiveness. New York, which had become the largest city by 1700, has held its place In front in every census up to the A man's success depends on what he present time, and now, with a population more than double that of its next competitor, is not in turmediate

as the twenty-afth American city. At ench census it made a long stride and

passed many competitors, until it reached second place in 1890, 84, Louis appeared one decade earlier than Chicago, and by 1850 had Jump-ed to the eighth place, a sensational advance. Philadelphia started in the second place, has never been below

the fourth, and is to day the third American city. Boston started as the third, and stands to day the fifth. Charleston, the fourth city in the orig-

inal list, lost steadily in relative posttion, initil in 1880 in appeared for the last time among the first fifty. Baltlmore has kept its place very evenly. Northern Liberties, the sixth city futhe first census, and Southwark, the tenth, are now parts of Philadelphia. It is interesting to study the infin ences that make cities powerful the world over. The greatest gathering

haps the other officers had permits to ton River, was well utgh deserted un-European commercial interests found their way into Asia, formed a

If the millennium is postponed until new center of population, and founda mother admits that her own children | ed a city which is aiready great. Euroare lil-behaved and those next door are pean cities have not had so many ups and downs as those of America, al-though the population of Rome has

Just about the time the boll weevil shown extraordinary fluctuations, gets up a good appetite for the cotton two million in the fourth century, and at less than one hundred and forty thousand in the eighteenth. It is now about half a million. For many cen-incies London and Paris have been the largest cities in Europe. St. Peters

paratively modern. For the dwellers I the town left behind in the race. It is well to remember that quality, and not quantity, is the important consid

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is hamlet near Geneva, Switzerland, factors,

not answer to the unkindly memory in which Voltaire is held in English beaking countries.

In 1767 he could write that he had formed a colony at Ferney; that he had established there three morchants everal artists and a doctor, and was uliding houses for them. In 1760 h orded with an honest pride that he and quadrupled the number of the parishioners, and that there was not poor man among them; that he had der his immediate supervision two undred workers, and was the means f life to every one round him. From the first Voltaire had culti

vated allkworms. He was never the man for an life hobby. Why should no use he made of the silk? Before

1769 the Ferney theater was turned into a silkworm nursery. From busy eneva came stocking-weavers, glad



Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

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New York automobilists -- Monireal Star.

The Insurance of a Man Hangod,

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### Wage-Earning by Married Women.

American prejudice against wage earning married women appears in the effort occa-matry made to make the employment of the state of the smell of gasoline. They de married back has been traced back make the appears of the employment of the smell of gasoline. They de married back has been traced back make the temployment of the smell of gasoline. They de IE American prejudice against wage earning achers in the public schools terminate with erriage. But thousands of American married women do earn wages, thousands more would gladly do so if they could, and other thousands

would be happier and better off if they did. The prejudice against it seems disadvantageons. American men, as a rule, prefer to support their wives if they can. If an American married woman works for pay. It is either be cause it gives her pleasure or because her husband's h come is insufficient. She does not do it as a matter of course. How long she can keep it up depends upon what the work is, and upon other circumstances. If she has hildren, that, of course, interferes with her wage-earning if it does not stop it altogether, and general acceptance a ensuous which would restrict or discourage child beau is not to the public advantage. Marriage tends, and shot tend, to withdraw women from wage-earning, but it need not stop it per se and abrupily. To make marriage a ba to future wage-earning by a woman operates in restr tion of marriage, and that is at least as much against public policy as restriction of child bearing. It will always lepend on circumstances whether a young wage-carning an who marries had better go on with her work, bu Dr. Patten seems to be right in holding that it is often that she should do so, and that it is often better that she should marry and still earn wages than not marry. Prejuance should not determine conduct in these matters. There should be a freer choice -- Harper's Weekly.

the Ray State possesses enough to keep them at work for penalty exacted,

relations. The plan is a tentative one, the first camp having just able." That is to say, the company will not contest them been established near Burland, but on the face of it the scheme appears to preserve two merits. It furnishes out Ferney-Voltairo is the name of a lit, head they will be transformed from malefactors into being factors.

It was here that Voltains, sometime The experiment will be watched with a good deal of purpose of getting himself hunged, and thus securing for his heirs a sum of manry. The law prescribes the pur has been criticised by the Daughters who first great practical philanthropist of has as yet found a way of employing them that is entryly have time to criticise their mothers and sisters should be careful that is entryly has as yet found a way of employing them that is entryly has been criticised by the Daughters. If super-based there and as as yet found a way of employing them that is entryly has been criticised by the Daughters who has as yet found a way of employing them that is entryly has been criticised by the Daughters and sisters should be careful about bore the name of the satisfactory. The farming out of convicts which has been had according to convicts which has been had according the may have ave time to criticles their mothers and aisters should be careful about invit-ing comparisons. A Philadeiphia chemist claims to have discovered a process whereby he can reduce the price of radium from \$16,000,000 to less than \$500,000 a pound. With meat and almost ev.

Cyclopedia, in Tweive Parts," ap-

springy step, and was greatly cheered.

when he received an invitation: to

"drawr up an' show your wares," and

"You say there's everything anybody

genially, when the agent's flow of con-

versation had ceased for a moment and

e looked hopefully at his bost. "Well,

where if tells about ant-hills, and the

hack in his chair and racked with

ioud creak while the agent searched

the pages of "Vol. One," with an anx

stammered at last. "You see ---- " But

Mr. Itansom mised his hand in protest,

aldy that slipped their minds. Jest turn over to the b's, and find 'butter' Now

see how you can make it come when

when you're in a hurry to get through

Again he regarded the agent's red-

"Not there?" he said, whon the re-

dening face with a calm and genial

suit of the search was reluctantly ad-

mitted, "That seems cur'ous, don't it?

But still I'll give 'em auother chance.

Now you turn over the c's till you come to 'cats.' There, you've got It,

fow how do they undertake to keep a

Multy cat from shedding all over vis

itors' clothes and the furniture, so the

ing gray hairs the enduring time?"

om's benevalent smile.

It's controry, same as it is sometime

"li's too bad," he said, "but prob

"It doesn't tell about them,"

lotts face.

ehern hut.

ganger.

the other rocking-chair on the shady

porch was pushed towards him.

I pay re down the fust money.

proached Mr. Ransom with a light and

### Automobile Nuisances,

IIE wife of a railway magnate in New York

has got to stop if I have any power." Of course there is no possible encase for such an action as throwing a stone at a lady's beal, but we wonder if I has occurred to Folice of a conglomerste, in beas various at a lady's beal, but we wonder if I has occurred to Folice the antomobile people, who need protection: that there must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automobile must be a cause for the harred between the automotion of the large and reflect on our universities. New York Globe. people and the gauge. At the present time some of the bas an effect on our universities. New York Globe,

LACKED JUST WHAT HE WANTED. I and more worked with the world's Atlass and the diction ary, I guess mother and Till marke out to get along without any cyclopedy. I and an excessive interest in his mealing where ind and exception of the indices protocore interest in his mealing where i

PASTIME OF AMERICANS. Baseball, the Game Which Is Our True National Sport. Coming down to the test of a nation

at sport, how many Americans cannot tell you the difference between a "home run" and a "base hit," between an "outshoot" and a "hot liner to short?" Not one in a thousand is a conservative bet. Indeed, this generation of youth knows baselall by In situct, it has become a heritage by right of American birth. How else will

you explain the unliquiable fact that a syver off boy knows the game so much better than the bessons he is begluning to have poked into him in the streets of Montreal and the suburban roads are infested

Norway's cosst line-1,700 milles In. straight fine-becomes 12,000 miles r followed round the fjords. In these illierately try to frighten horses; to scare pedestrians, and philadelphia. "Parties of a dozen or fjords are over 150,000 islands.

redicomor-

day there are 24,300.

new company.

AUTER STORIES

The Chinese have twice sucked Mos-

Pops Plus X. has adopted a white

love, which was one of the pets of his

Twelve years ago there were 2000

apanese in the United States, To-

Girls dressed in gandy red, black

and white uniforms are selling butter

and choose in the streets of Berlin for

w, once in 1237, and again in 1293.

to splash them with mud. It would be interesting to know more used to gather of an afternoon once a week on the field adjoining the upper part of Market street, near The conce tree reaches its maximum of production in about twelve years. the class that can afford to own or to hire such further such the Ephesonal Church new and about continue in full bearing for it would be worth the while of all respectable people whi are interested in automobiling to make a combined effort to suppress this nuisance. Anybody walking along a highway frequencies to employ the sport. An old years,

frequented by automobilists can readily understand why harred has grown up between the East Side gauge and the New York automobilists.--Monireal Star. A gard of rain to be precise, 36.52 days for players were laughed at in these days for playing ball, the projudice the rating of a Pennsylvania court an in-tratice company has been for the that period.

The mirrors did not spread null of ISTO mance company has been freed from the scessify of paying the policy of a man hanged or erime. The man, of course, was beyond as possibility of having any concern in the matter. His heirs were not, and the matter interesting epoch of its history is a particular interesting epoch of its erie a particular interesting opoch of its erie a particular interesting epoch of its erie inte the matter. His heirs were not, and the matter. His heirs were not, and they are the ones who must suffer. In that is the construction of the construction of the construction of the theory of an assisting are forced to share the penalty with hin, or indeed to beer all of it, in case of the criminal's even the courts of Penasylvania may understand law and have the ability to construe it. To such credit as they are emitted for acumes, purity and fearleeness they are

The courts of Penasylaania may understand law and in the base runner of the sonal the sonal

Note, sensively a year law possed since the crude and incomplete code of the carly 'doe that distinct impose ments have not been made in the game of insetail along the lines of in-cruesed dominate for while along the lines of incrossed dominada for skill and agility is my favorite tune," said he. He co-cuperated and entirely recovered."

### CHILE'S MINEHAL WEALTH.

# is becoming more popular every year. Great Resources of This South Ameri-

scientific and economical way, is found. Coronel have an annual yield of 1,9885. in avery department of American in 000 tons and employ some 9,000 labor dustrial and commercial life. Illus-immed Sporting News arise. This not only simplice this of meets, but also coals nearly of the En-

ropean steamers touching the bords The coal is what is termed "soft," but it is of good quality. The country has ports some hard cont. The most im Brown was an energetic philambres material oralised callebra is found un-point, but there were times when it der a conglomerate, in bede varying reach. The members of her own fain by grew chary of mentioning sches occore in Europe. About four fifths

Educated Business Men. PUDENTS of the history of education are fa-Blar with the time when the object of the egiate foundation was amost solely to train ang men for the priesthood or the ministry. then the desirability of general scholastic cu ture as a preparation for entry into the law

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and while rights for an automobile. The pole learned professions. Except for the comparatively shall number attracted by the notion that an scademic education is feared than to sometimes more to the nitrate of soils. Chile at present ar of haired that has been growing among the was fitting to genility, the vast majority of academic professions the feared than to no intrice. Old Mrs. mob gauge of the lower and upper East Side plis were destined, in the order named, for the surplice, the Brown was an energetic philanthro-has got to stop if I have any power." Of course there is robe and the chaise. From the three typical American post, but there were times when it

reach. The members of her own fame



monum A VICARIOUS APPLICATION.



Voinilie, always alive to the advantupes of a good advertisement, sent to the Duchesso de Choisel the first pair of silk stockings ever made on his ooms. If she would but wear them they must be the mode. What stocking would not look beautiful on a foot so charming? The lady accepted his medical profession to struggle with stockings and his compliments, showed wants to know in it," said Mr. Ransom, the reproach. Every decent doctor both to her friends, and thus put some should join him and pursue the fakirs, fifty to a hundred people out of the grafiers and moral perverters until it is made too warm for them to conway of want.

lonize in the play

Voltaire established Geneva watch- I guess I shall have to buy it. Lawace, ne in the profession. A medical makers at Perney, and Perney was yes, I can see how easy the pag-mon seeding watches to China, Spain montail be. But new 4 just want to diploma ought to be beyond purchase abon sending watches to China, Spain. Italy, Russia, Holland, America, Turby anyone not fitted in every way for key, Portugal and North Africa, be-

From the common school of the counsides carrying on a considerable trade try district to the highest university in with Paris.

As if he found weaving and watch the land, the fundamental idea of American education is to make Ameri oaking insufficient for his energy, by can citizens. There is no thought of making soldiers or officeholders or mer-772 he had started a lace-making in

if he wanted a reward for all this ouble he had it. The missrable ham et had become a thriving village, and the desert place blossomed like a ruse. The master's corn fed his people. His of life he deems best suited to his capacity; he does choose, and that commly without blas what he shall be ases produced excellent honey and for your young American has ideas of wax, and his hemp and flax made

Evening Up.

"Why are you so haughty and over

aring toward young operatic aspi

unts? Don't you know that some o

hem may one day become great prims

"Well," said the impressario, calmiy,

"that's all right. If they ever become

great prims donnas, they will be more

inughty and overbearing than I am.

Defining a Philanthropist

Willie-Pa, what is a philanthoopist

-Washington Star.

his own and is ready to air them, too, nen. on appropriate and even sometimes on Here dwelt together as one family inappropriate occasions. After all atholics and Huguenots. When Ger was devastated by famine in 1771 Volhowever, the best method of judging of any system of education is in its re tairs imported corn from Sicily, and sold it much under cost to the poor sults, and, without saying a word in disparagement of the people of any mople of the province. Their sufferother nation, it may be said that in ngs and sorrows were his own. It every essential quality the American hight well warm his old heart to se citizen has demonstrated his efficiency his little colony firm on "those iwe in life and action the value of his great plyots of the wealth of a state

It little or great, freedom of trade and freedom of conscience.

donna#?

Foreign critics frequently declare that Americans are living at too high a pressure, that they have a strained, nervous expression, take life too seriously and have no time to converse and enjoy themselves. Now, is not the exact opposite of this the actual case? Look at the biographical sketches in magazines and newspapers of the most successful men and are they not all longer-lived than their doctors? Are not the captains of industry, all along in years, still in harness, hale and hearty and traveling about the country attending to a tremendous

training.

amount of business? Why is not Pa-A philanthropiat, my son, is overwork killing them off? Simply merely a man who has more meney because with all their business cares than he can possibly use himself .they are shrewdly dividing their time in such a manner that they have suf- | Philadelphia Ledger.

The agent for the "Inexhaustible

# ARE WE OLD AT 307

#### Preabyterian General Assembly Has Put that Limit on Youth.

When you are 30 you are no longer young, according to a decision reached w the United Presbyterians in genoral assembly in Pennsylvania a short

time ago. Following this ruling, all persons over 30 years of age were re-quested to withdraw from the "young at 30 which day has he as never before the muld to the door. comie's societies" of the church. This is gloomy intelligence for Presbyterians, and withal interesting to the un- France poets, novelists and artists have spoon, appeared a moment later in the regenerate:

make sure o' one or two things before To be old at 30, shelved before the her supreme charm. And in recent "upen your month," she sold, pour rucial third of a century, recognized years she has successfully invaded ing in front of the sented visite "Lo's see, what parts have ye got 'Vol. One, A to Cour,' that's al tright. Now you find me the place

If I was to be so soon done for, why of the sweet young thing. was I ever begun for?" It is drendful,

I've tried more'n forty different ways shade of Calvin, be it asked, is it true? always be 30-there is lots of time-A question the present generation is but the siren of 30 can never, never be ease of long practice. Mr. Bansom leaned comfortably apt to ask itself about anything too 10. She doesn't want to be? Oh, yes, down without a word." uncomfortable to be believed in. So far as the country of which the often develops for 10's sweet simplici open his month in order to transhe, battle, and in that battle only one statement was made is concerned. It is certainly ridiculously untrue. For at rithons that when she wears them sug to the average American man-at least gest that somehow they are never so in the Eastern States-is apt to con becoming as when they have censed have any further trouble with that eld to the front, but the Chinese field so to be so considered by the mothers of 30 can wear even these and make them going to say? You may say it now." Defore the geographics were fairly

appear charming -New York World.

Italy's Distinction.

Nor is the American woman of 30, if till unmarried, ready to be classed as an "also ran" in the matrimonial

slightle daughters.

while a woman's chances of marrying national pride (without which are numerically lessened after she country can claim the respect of forreaches 30, she is then apt to marry eigners). Italy has an enviable disetter from a worldiy point of view, if tinction. It honors its intellectual she marries at all, than if she had been men intelligently, not by an ignorant ied to the altar from the school room, ied to the altar from the school room, The sensationally successful marriages that one reads of daily in the news, papers are rarely entered into by young by is not unlique in this experience.

giris-a statement which, though it is while in dramatic art it still leads the generally heard from ladies who are no longer young, is nevertheless true. The American woman seldom reach- there is much activity and a far from

whole family won't be picking an' cates full mental and physical maturity The agent shut the book with a stam before the age at which the flat of the Pennaylvania Presbyterians would reland rose abraptly, in spite of Mr. Ranegate her to the dead past. And the American man before 30-well, really, "You stan' there a minute till moth-

frown up. In extreme southern countries, where year, so a further considerable inpeddling, why, mother's got a 'Helps women were reigning belies or even crease of traffic can be stated. The You will be wise if you keep out of their walk during June, July and Au-

where trouble her brother was having with 1sh capibil is 1 and where the Presbyterian flat might do some good, the shade of Calvin has never penetrated. And so the shape less, maranchical induces of the shape

never pemetrated. And so the shape less, mustachioed ladies of the Latin race may go on feeling young just as

known-mentally and temperamentally "Yes, meeds," replied Matilda. she is softer and more rounded. In Mrs. Brown, armed with bottle and always been manimous in recognizing kitchen

the world over as life's prime, sug-gests to all of us the plaintive inquiry: by dedicated to celebrating the charms "Oh, messis" began Mattida. "Not a word from either of you!

Nevertheless the sweet young thing commanded Mrs. Brown, seizing the

she does. Why, else, the manta she so Naturally the man was obliged to war with her, but there was only one

in "also ran" in the matrimonial In invention, scholarship, scientific have the sick on hers ellow."-inverpstakes. It seems, indeed, that research, and large enterprise, and in Youth's Compation.

### Mient Auctions.

To a stranger a Chinese auction is a most curlous spectacle. The auctioneer leans over a slightly elevated counter and exhibits his wares. He says nothing, neither does the bidder, who merely steps forward to the ane fluneer and runs his fingers up his sleeve, making pressure on the sales man's arm, thus indicating how much he will pay for the article. Then an- of leap year? other and another repeat the action, price receives the article witho

the receipts from the traffic of the accepted.

Lots of worthy people are not popu lar. There's your case, for example,

In metal mining copper comes first, long as they like, and the American womain, just reaching the full bloom of her bounty, must be sherved. Cine that'll make his arm well in no time. If it entre anything," That evening Mrs. Brown heard That evening Mrs. Brown heard opportunity. The country needs modner heavity, must be shelved. That evening Mrs. Brown heard ern metallurgical process and knowl solves in the kitchen "is that your edge of successful methods of handling tion is about 20,000 tots of copper an nually. Manganese is also an important industry. Sliver, once very high ly profitable, has dec'in d; 74,000 hills grams of sliver were exported in 1900 Promising gold deposits exist, es, we'ally in Southern Chile; \$30,000 in weld, gold orew and matte have been expored in the last ten years.

#### Korna the Pathway of Nations

"Take this right Americans began to look up Korea on the map, for at that time we were at

man was killed out our side. "There?" exclaimed Mrs. Brown, in geographics were soon put back on

a tone of deep sufisfaction, "you won't the shelf. In 1894 Korea again mane "Vell, meesls," said Matilda, with a open the tide of war swept across the brand smille, "I tank set vor posty Yalu and left Korea again the "Land late. Eet vor mine odder bruder vat of Morning Calm." And now again in - this year of grave she is to be made,

though much against her will, the chessboard for another game. In 1228 she was swept-from north to south by the Mongols in their effort to get at the Japanese. In 1502 she was swept from south to north by the Japanese. She has been verily the pathway of nations, trodden of every foot .- Century.

#### The Mean Thing.

Dorothy-Have you taken advantage

Mignonette-Yes, I proposed to until the one signifying the highest Charlie last January, and now he is out a suing me for breach of promise .- De word being exchanged on either alde, troit Free Press,

> Occasionally a man gets reckless and tells his wife the truth, and then she finds out what a brute she has married.

Most people get the spring out of

gunt.

to the Handy' that her mother had be-fore her that you'd ought to take a 30. And the South American or Span-less than in 1902.

world with Tommaso Salvini and Eleonora Duse. In music and literature

complaisant public opinion .-- Century. Traffic on the Sucz Canal.

In spite of the reduction of trans-portation charges of 10 cents a ton, ful bidder know the price offered and

er fetches ye a glass o' lemonade; it's he can scarcely be considered as quite Suez canal for the year 1003 are only

warmish day," said Mr. Ransom, cor- grown up.

"But as to the book you're

chants or traders or inventors; make citizens first, then let each young American choose for himself the lin