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As the man walks up the mountain, he seems to pass out of the clouds which hang about the lower slopes. Upon the pinnacle, at the top, he is in perfect light.—Phillips Brooks.

This is a queer world! Not so very long ago a man who had retired from active business after he had accumulated a considerable fortune, committed suicide, because he did not know what to do with himself and life without some occupation did not seem worth living. Now another man, who has retired on a competency, has written a letter to one of the New York newspapers, asking for suggestions as to how he should keep from dying of ennui. In answer to this letter, which was published by the accommodating editor, a perfect flood of suggestions has been sent in for publication in the same paper. Some of these suggestions are serious and fairly sensible, but most of them are too silly to deserve consideration. The poor rich man deserves universal sympathy. He supplies one of the most powerful arguments in favor of a college education. If that retired merchant had had the advantages of a college education he would not lack something to fill his life's sunset days; there is always baseball, football and boat-racing to interest a college man.

The Providence Journal, a leading Republican paper of New England, says of Oregon's senatorial situation: "An unusual situation exists in Oregon, where Senator Fulton, Republican, whose term expires next March, and who desires to be re-elected, is opposed by Governor Chamberlain, Democrat. Mr. Chamberlain won in the senatorial primaries last June, and is entitled to the office by virtue of the fact that a majority of the members chosen to the new legislature pledged themselves to vote for the candidate receiving the largest primary poll. Of course, the Republicans are irritated at the existence of a Republican legislative majority, whose hands are tied by such an ante-election agreement, and ways are being sought to prevent the fruits of his triumph from being enjoyed by the popular governor. The scheme, however, deserves to fail, and probably will fail. Oregon is a Republican state, but it cannot afford to go back on its word for the sake of keeping a Republican senator at Washington."

One of the chief features of the American Playground Congress, held in New York last week, was the spirited attack of a young Cincinnati woman, Miss Maud Summers, on the comic sections of the Sunday papers. Miss Summers, one of the best known story-tellers for children, was vigorously applauded when she declared that in the papers emphasis was placed on deceit, on cunning and on disrespect for gray hairs. "The comic supplement of the Sunday newspaper is lowering the standard of literary appreciation," said she, "and debasing the morals of the children in this country. It teaches children to laugh when boys throw water from an upper window upon an apple woman or outwit an old and infirm man. Humor has its place in the literature of childhood, and it would be well if gifted writers for children could be found capable of substituting genuine fun for the coarse vulgar type now so prominent."

The pastor of the Second Reformed Church in Jersey City gives out an interesting story of what he considers the efficiency of prayer. A woman of seventy-five was desperately sick about one month before the last election and there seemed little hope that she would live long enough to find out who was elected president. As she was greatly interested in the outcome of the election, she asked the members of her family to join her in prayer, that she might live long enough to see Mr. Taft elected. Her prayer was granted. She actually lived until the Friday after the election. The story is quite touching, but, without irreverence, one cannot help wondering whether her prayer would have been granted had she asked to live until Bryan was elected. If she had, what a long life the devout woman would have had before her, and what a mistake she made that she did not try it—if she really loved this life.

It has been suggested that John D. Rockefeller write a book giving his autobiography, and it is reported that John D. did not spurn the suggestion of the publisher. That would, indeed, be an excellent thing. Judging from his statements at different times concerning his connection with the Standard Oil trust and relating to the methods of that organization Mr. Rockefeller's master of fiction and it would not be at all surprising if his biography would eventually prove to be the most elusive of things in the field of literature, the "great American novel."

The Salem Statesman is kept pretty busy nowadays urging its readers to imitate Eugene's example. Here is a sample: "Eugene gets her \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. building, the canvass for the money having closed successfully. That is very good indeed, and friends of the Salem Y. M. C. A. will have to take notice."

Ge, but Houston, Texas, must have a slow one for a su-

perintendent of public schools. He has ordered that the Roosevelt system of simplified spelling be taught when most folks had forgotten there ever was such. In fact, there never was. The system was the work of an international committee, not Roosevelt.

The tip given out that Mr. Taft, the president-elect, has commissioned somebody to purchase two powerful automobiles for his use in Washington has caused quite a flurry among the makers of heavy machines. Of course, especially in a case like this, where the president is such a heavyweight, it would be a great advertisement for the endurance of their machines.

An Atlanta society woman—at least that's what the news notes called her—has sued a preacher for \$10,000 for calling her in a sermon a "devil incarnate—a devil from hell." Some people are so touchy, you know.

Flirting is going to come high in St. Louis if the \$1000 fine imposed on a man for indulging therein is to be made a precedent. Blinders may have to be worn in that town by men susceptible to the goo-goo thing from the peaches.

"Joe" Cannon chuckles a few chucks and winks the off eye whenever asked if he expects administration opposition to his election as speaker of the next house. And why wouldn't he, when he has got the thing nailed down?

If Governor Johnson subscribes to a clipping agency, he must be convinced that he is the most watched man in the country, if the editorial injunctions of "keep your eye on Johnson," or words to that effect, are being obeyed.

There is more building on a large scale assured for Eugene next year than ever before in the history of the city. In fact it seems as if the winter season will scarcely retard operations at all.

With what he has and the half million his wife has just inherited, Secretary Root ought to be able to feel at home among the poorer senators.

Bad roads may keep some persons from attending the good roads convention.

SPORTING NEWS

Owen Moran of England wants a go with Tommy Murphy, the Harlemitte. A good many counterfeit tickets were taken up at the Yale-Harvard game. Harvard men think they have got a song at last that will prove as popular as the famous "Boola" at Yale or Princeton's "Old Nassau." The new song is entitled "Harvard Every Day," and was written by Malcolm Burrage Lang. James J. Lee, the junior A. A. U. cross-country champion, has quit Boston and will reside in New York. Charles Reed, the veteran horseman, has decided to make his fu-



Some Lane County Apples.—Posed by Gladys Rowland for Nobody's Business.

ture home in Russia, where horse-racing is in high favor. It is said that the Yale-Harvard management could have sold 40,000 more seats for the big football game if they had had them. Mike Ballenti, the crack Carlisle quarterback, will enter professional baseball, next season. It is said he will sign with the Philadelphia Americans. The University of Michigan football team of '08 proved to be the weakest Ann Arbor eleven in years. Dan Donnelly has resigned his position of referee at the Armory A. A. of Boston and Jack Sheehan in future will be the third man in the ring. Bob Andrews of England, a protégé of Jabez White, has come to the United States looking for a 120-pounder to tackle. "Young Corbett" says that another week of faithful training will put him in shape once more for a hard ring battle. Fred Bradley, of Boston, has been offered a bout with Jim Barry of Chicago by the Jeffries club of Los Angeles. Jack Sharrott, the former Giant and New England leaguer, will manage the baseball team in Johnstown, Pa., next season. Joe Tinker, of the Cubs, Mike Donlin, of the Giants, and Harry Howell, of the St. Louis Browns, are all sure-

Advertisement for Lenox Heating Stoves. Headline: "The Store That Saves You Money". Text: "Has received a full line of Cast Cook Stoves, Steel Ranges, Granite Ware and Kitchen Utensils of all kinds completing our stock of Modern Home Furnishings. Our line is right and our prices less." Large text: "Lenox Heating Stoves". Subtext: "The best in quality and workmanship, the most economical on fuel, and the most effective for service, made for use in Oregon; also the ordinary heaters at money saving prices." Includes an illustration of a woman and a child, and a small advertisement for "The Cracker Jack" furniture polish.