

AL LESSONS.

History is taught in a novel way in Washington, and the pupils are taught in a practical way that seems worthy of emulation.

The other day he visited the room of Dr. Roush, the principal of the school in the Henry building.

"That," said Doctor Roush, answering the visitor's inquiry, "is a practical way we have of teaching history. We have just finished the study of that part of the Constitution pertaining to the election of the President and Vice President, and now we are doing the practical work.

Instead of being a modern Atlas with the whole world on his shoulders, he himself is a burden grievous to be borne. He wanders around, never allowing himself to stray far away from the saloons, the dance spots, the gambling resorts, and allowing nobody else to find any, either.

"Do you find that the scholars have much of an idea of an election here in the District of Columbia?"

"No; not as much as those who live where they may witness several elections a year, and this fact alone makes it doubly interesting to them.

The Bismarck of To-day. The Bismarck now before me was very different from the Bismarck I used to see in Berlin six or seven years ago, before Dr. Schweineger took him in hand.

The population of India. "We are so accustomed to think of the enormous population of India," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "that we find it hard to realize that the excessive density of the population is largely local, and that there is still an immense amount of elbow room in our great dependency.

"Mrs. Botta, the well-known wife of Prof. Vincenzo Botta, himself a litterateur of note, became distinguished early in life as Miss Anna Lynch, the poetess. Later she published 'Handbook of Universal Literature,' a remarkable work, passed through a number of editions, and was adopted in most colleges and schools as a text-book.

"We are prone to forget what we do know, whereas we should consider that whatever good thing we know is only a loan from God, and it is remembered to

POT-HOUSE POLITICS.

The Character of the Things Engaged in Expounding Its Merits. As a general thing the bar-room politician is not attractive personally.

He rarely pays much attention to his clothing or his general make-up, because at a time he is completely absorbed with matters of great political import.

He is kept so busy saving the country that he has no time or energy to waste in removing grease spots on his raiment or in manipulating a clothes brush.

He harbors an undefined sort of suspicion that the continuance of the planetary system, somehow or other, rests on a vote for his political party to which he claims to belong, or rather which he imagines belongs to him, he is perfectly sure that but for his sage counsel it would fall to pieces and resolve itself into chaos.

In regard to the actual services he renders his party there will always be a substantial difference of opinion. There is good reason to believe that this postulant for pap does more to cause the respectable element of his party to go over to the opposition than all the other causes put together.

Occasionally the small-bore politician gets into power and sticks with the pertinacity of a postage stamp in a pocket-book on a damp day. The taxpayers discover that they are being ruled by a man whose property is being sold for taxes lifts his voice and a rebellious hoof and rails at the small-bore demagogue.

This style of politician prevails, in a more or less malignant type, from Maine to the Rio Grande, and infests every political party.

VILLAGES OF RUSSIA. The Deplorable Condition of Sixty Millions of Ignorant Peasants. The idea of 60,000,000 of people being constantly upon the verge of starvation is a startling one, yet there does not seem to be any reason to doubt the truth of the author's statement.

It is a question, however, of great interest how long this state of things will last. If, as Stepanik says, the majority of these peasants are in want all the time, if they absolutely have not enough to eat for the larger part of the year, a time will come when they will move.

Mark Twain tells how General Sheridan would write to his wife, "Mr. Webster and I called on General Sheridan at his office in the War Department a couple of years ago and made a contract with him for his autobiography upon terms satisfactory to both parties.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In Europe it is customary to leave visiting cards on the graves of poets. This seems strange, when it is known that the occupants of the graves are always at home.

There is a new high-wire act. Two men starting from different ends of a slack wire meet and pass each other, going by on a waltz step. A woman actually dances on the wire, and a man trots across it with a companion upright on his shoulders.

A lady saw a driver, angry with his horses for some fancied offense, about to lash them severely. She interrupted him by entering the way to a certain street, to a certain man's house, both of which she knew very well.

Time, twentieth century. Place, at the polls. First Female Voter—"How do you do, Mrs. X? Who are you going to vote for for governor?" Second Female Voter—"O, I have not decided yet. The Republicans have put up Mr. A. They say he's very popular, and sure to be elected. But Mr. B. his opponent, he doesn't seem to have any friends at all, poor fellow; guess I'll vote for him."

The male birds, as well as the hens, dip the gravel into the mud, and throw up the material in perfect showers; and they do this in an odd way, and not scratching alternately, with both feet, like common fowls.

Although the explorers from the Marchese reached the curious birds in great numbers upon the seashore, they could only get them by creeping up quite close, and then running in and shouting; when, instead of running off, they took to their wings and perched upon the forest trees which formed a belt along the beach.

Men grow smaller when they grow penurious. Examples of this kind of growth are quite common. "There goes a man," said a princely merchant of New York to a friend from the country as he passed a man in the street.

When the man in question was doing a small business he was very liberal in proportion to his means. Some thought he gave away more than was proper and right. When he was worth an hundred thousand dollars he gave away less than when he began business on a capital of two or three thousand.

"When you see a man carrying a book bearing on the cover the title, 'Great Expectations,' or 'Our Mutual Friend,' don't rush to the conclusion that he is going to read Dickens. Many will dexterously clip a button from his coat before he lets loose of the idea that he is going to hug him, and when he expostulates she produces her button fastener and instantly replaces the button, tight and solid.

"Do you know, Miss Belle, that it's a really a waste of time to do so much thinking?" said Gus De Jay. "It's quite very fatiguing to think, you know."

A VERY CURIOUS BIRD.

Habits of the Mole, a Quaker Creature Found in the Eastern Seas. The male is about the size of a small turkey, and not unlike one in appearance, and belongs to the family of megapodes, or "big-feet," which are also called "mound-builders."

These latter are gallinaceous birds (of the order Gallinae) and are found in Australia and Papua, or New Guinea, and which lay their eggs, and then scratch up and carry immense quantities of sticks, leaves and earth over them, so that the heat of fermentation under a hot sun, hatches them. These birds have all immense feet, well adapted for such a purpose, two or three times as large in proportion as those of our turkeys.

They do not make regular mounds, like their cousins, the megapodes of Australia, but the whole beach shows a series of elevations and depressions, like a rough, confused sea. Contrary to what we should imagine, the very large eggs are not found at the very bottom of the depressions, nor on the summit of the mound of gravel, but in shallow trenches, and on the slopes of the irregular mounds.

It is often three or four feet below the surface of the mound. The heat of the beach, however, on which the tropical sun is ever shining, hatches the eggs at this depth; for, after they are once deposited and covered up, the parent birds take no more notice of them.

Does the Earth Really Move? Science says that it does, but we cannot help wondering sometimes if there isn't some mistake about it. It is a very wonderful fact that the earth really does move, and that it moves on, and Dr. Pierce's Medical Remedies is a very reliable authority on this subject.

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Gladstone has written more letters than any man living. —Walking is the favorite and almost only recreation of Cardinal Gibbons. He is an indefatigable pedestrian.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has a fair complexion, and a plump and well-proportioned figure. —Perhaps the youngest college president in the world is Rev. Warren A. Candler, who at the age of thirty-two has been put at the head of Emory College in Georgia.

A restaurant keeper at the London Zoo ordered an employe to take two barrels of buns to the bear pit, meaning to the refreshment bar near the pit. The employe took him to his work and dumped the buns to the bear.

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Are We to Have Another War? Some political prophets aver that we shall see a war between the United States and Mexico. It is a very interesting question, and one that is being discussed in all quarters.

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