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Topics of the Times

If a man makes no enemies he has but few friends.

A wife is the only extravagant habit some men have.

His satanic majesty doesn't waste any of his time on the hypocrite,

A marriage license gives a man a legal right to lie to one woman,

The Japanese do not have consumption. Even the children are taught how to breathe.

A poor girl's idea of a mercenary wretch is a young man who marries a rich widow.

Rockefeller has cornered violets, Plant a few in your garden and smash the violet trust.

After a man takes more than \$5,000 they quit calling it stealing and refer to it as embezzlement.

A Boston paper wants a good American name for the chauffeur. How would it do to call him down?

Some bachelors sigh because they are lonely, and some married men sigh because they have no chance to be.

Nevertheless, Russell Sage is the greatest object lesson in favor of vacations that could possibly be discovered.

leaving the management entirely to them.

The widow who has scattered the ashes of her husband on two continents may be trying to make extra work for the last day.

It would appear that influential people who obey the laws must be doing so just because they like to and not through any fear of getting into trouble if they should break over. 1\_\_\_\_

The fact that few Americans become chess experts has often caused wonder. The American who is capable of becoming a chess master is usually trying to pile up a hundred million dollars at easier work.

The man who leaves a team of horses unhitched on the public streets In these days of coughing chu-chus and reckless drivers is the bosom friend

have redeemed 1.000,000 acres of land, capable of supporting a population of 500,000. This announcement closes the preliminary stage of the reclamation project, which, being self-perpetuative by the law which set it in motion, will continue to operate as long as the work of irrigation is commercially profitable. The object of the reclamation law is to make the government the agent of the people in turning over the public domain to small land owners on a strictly business basis. The reclaimed land at what it costs to redeem it. In this way the fund for irrigation will-not be exhausted, but will

remain intact for making more land cultivable. The Eastern farmer is not taxed for the benefit of the Western farm, as would be the case if the government sold the reclaimed land at irrigated land that the average farm of soul-torture. need not exceed forty or fifty acres to support a family in abundance. The population being so much denser than in other farming districts west of the

way to life in the village, and the element of loneliness which has heretopugnant to many will be eliminated. a principal. Great interest is already being taken in the reclamation projects by prospective homeseekers.

trade slave is a man or woman who

jury to any and with benefit to all. establish a work-week that would emancipate their trade slaves. Few things in life are more piteous than the listless girls, dispirited young men and gray-haired veterans of the stores whose lives are narrowed down to their daily toil by a brutally selfish public. To them the beauties of nature exist only in pictures, and the joys of life are but things of their dreams. Millions are giving their whole lives for just enough to eat and drink and wear.

dreamed. The merchants of every city

them out to the parks or into the

make a garden, plant flowers, play

games, go a-fishing, and do a thousand

and one things to get nearer to na-

ture, to humanity and to God, and

feel that it is sweet to be allve. They

would go back to work with fresh-

ened spirit, with better courage and

with an inspiring feeling that there is

something more in life than endless

drudging. And no business would be

HENRY TALKS ON PATHOS.

Example of the False Sort Related at

a Dinner Party.

George Harvey gave a dinner to

William Dean Howells last month in

London. It was a literary dinner, and

most of the conversation that went

on at it had a literary turn. Henry

James talked about true and false

"Examples of true pathos," said Mr.

James, "come readily to our minds-

the death of Lear, for instance, or the

fading of the heroine in 'George's

Mother'-but I want to tell you of a

"This piece of false pathos was read

to me the other day by a young man.

He was very proud of it-he thought

It the best imaginative passage he had

"It concerned a destitute young wid-

ow and her little son. They lived in a

fire, no bedclothes, nothing. But an

old door, unfastened from its hinges,

leaned against the wall, and when the

weather was unusually severe the

young mother would cover her little

boy with this door, laying it over him

"And the youngster, cuddling up un-

"'In weather like this, mamma,

what do the poor do who have no doors

An Awful Warning.

"There's a girl who has had tweive

"And she's been waiting five years

for the thirteenth."-Cleveland Plain

der the door, would smile at his moth-

as though it had been a blanket.

good example of false pathos.

lost.

pathos.

ever written.

er and say:

to cover them?"

offers of marriage."

"Mercy!"

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note

# **OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS** -----

settler can buy of the government the The Sensitive Temperament Belongs to All Great Men. | September, 1611, a world atlas was first introduced into

OR comfort it is better to have a thick skin, but for accomplishment that is worth while power lies in the sensitive temperament. The ensitive man suffers a good deal on his way brough life. He is jarred by discord and opposition. His craving is for peace; criticism stings him like a whip. Sensitive men, as a

rule, endeavor to hide their sufferings from the public gaze. the old figure of \$1.25 per acre. The In this endeavor they assume an arrogance or a cynicism new lands are to be sold to actual that is not genuine. Some of the boldest flouters of critics settlers, and their purchase limited to and opponents are really the most sensitive. Behind their 160 acres. So great is the fertility of outward show of contempt they suffer the keenest agonles

But the sensitive is the creative temperament. A man that does not feel cannot perform. He is not creative, nor original. The sensitive man shuns polemics, the give and Mississippi, life on the farm can give men have been sensitive. The sensitive man takes things Journal. seriously. The sensitive temperament is the temperament of the thoroughbred whose pride keeps him from ever givfore made the vocation of farming reing up. It is the sensitive men that battle for an ideal, for

Sensitiveness is a symptom of brains. The dull wit is protected by a thick skin. But the thinker is sensitive because he thinks. He is self-analytical. He meditates on criticism and measures himself by it. To the world he Some forty years ago the good peo- may appear to be as hard as steel and as cold as ice, but ple of these United States abolished he feels deeply as very man of brains does. Intensity of the slave trade. And is it not time feeling is a necessary element of genius and intensity of that we abolish the trade slave? A feeling is possible only to the sensitive temperament.

Genuine sensitiveness must not be mistaken for a spurimust go to his or her business early ous sensitiveness which is very common and which is nothin the morning and spend from 12 to 16 ing but vanity and conceit. One finds people proclaiming hours each day waiting upon a lazy themselves "sensitive" because their vanity is easily of-Some people seem to think the Al- and exacting public that could make fended. These people are quick to imagine slights where mighty is making a mistake in not its purchases in two-thirds the time. none were intended They expect from the world a defer-Ask any dealer why he keeps open so ence to which they are not entitled and they fret when long and he gives only one excuse- this deference is denied. The true sensitive does not cry "Others do." It is a feeble excuse. out his hurts. He suffers in silence as every great soul Dealers could, if they would, stand to- does. His feeling is not a shallow vanity, but a deep movegether in this matter, and, without in- ment of the soul-San Francisco Bulletin.

### **History of Japan's Commerce.**

APAN has a history antedating that of any of the nations of Europe now existing. Its pages have been shut to us on account of our ignorance of the Japanese language and literature, but these obstacles to the acquisition of knowledge are gradually being removed and many interesting and important facts are coming to light.

The subjugation of Korea in 200 A. D., is proof that Japan had made considerable advancement in maritime And they are held to that hard lot, not power at an early date. The use of packhorses and oxen. by any natural condition, but by the the spanning of rivers by bridges, and the establishment of thoughtless public that likes to take stations at the distance of a day's journey apart, as far its ease, to consult its own time and back as \$13 A. D., show that domestic trade and commerce to domineer over its slaves. Vision- and interior means of communication at that time had aries have many schemes for revolu- reached a fair state of development. Peddlers were known of the man who sows the whole tionizing the entire economic order, as early as 457 A. D., while a systematized market was

the country and stimulated the study of geography and the desire for trade and discovery. So with the assistance of William Adams two schooners were built. In them the Japanese crossed the Pacific and opened trade relations with Mexico, only eighty years after Columbus discovered America. So active was the commercial spirit that during ers. this epoch over 1,000,000 Japanese emigrants had settled

in the islands and mainland of Southern Asia. But in 1636 the Japanese Government became afraid of

foreign religious influence and alarmed on account of the enormous export of gold; so it issued a law shutting up ports, confiscating all ships large enough to go to sea, and prohibiting shipbuilding. China and Holland alone were allowed to continue trade relations, but their operations were confined to one port. As a result of this law, the growing power of Japan was crippled, and for over 200

# take of contest, but once in a fight he stays. All the great years she led practically a hermit existence .-- Kansas City

# State Aid to Good Roads.

EVERAL of the Eastern States are taking a practical part in road building. New Jersey, the first to make a State appropriation, passed a law in 1891 by which the State pays one-third of the cost of improving the roads. The counties furnish the other two-thirds, with the privilege of charging a part of this proportion to

the towns in which the roads are built. At first the farmers were opposed to the measure, but now co-operate with It gladly. A State Commissioner of Highways furnishes the plans. Nearly 1,000 miles of roads in New Jersey have been macadamized since the law went into effect. In Massachusetts the State meets the entire cost, but requires the counties to pay back one-fourth. The State appropriations of \$500,000 a year have reached a total of \$5,000,000, and, as a result, Massachusetts has constructed hundreds of miles of fine roads. Connecticut operates on much the

same system, and its \$1,500,000 in appropriations has produced 500 miles of excellent roads. On a smaller scale lence of sunshine. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Delaware assist in the building of good roads.

By the New York plan the State pays one-half the cost

of building roads, the countles 35 per cent, and the townships 15 per cent. Appropriations have reached a total of over \$2,000,000, last year's installment being \$600,000. Pennsylvania, at the last session of the Legislature, appropriated a lump sum of \$6,500,000 for good roads, the State to pay two-thirds and the counties and townships one-sixth each. But there seems to be a loophole in the law in the matter of determining routes, and the rivalry, or jealousy, of neighborhoods has prevented much headway thus far. The principle of State aid to improved roads has been firmly established, on the ground that the whole people are interested in the best highways and that all citizens should bear a fair proportion of their cost. Already the roads built on this basis in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are an impressive lesson on the value

# The Morals of Americans.

of the good roads movement-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

sis of the spirit. The church that inclines to the world declines. A lie is none the better for being set to music.

CANLINESS 10

Chalf of beauty:

character is all.

Parioying with

sin brings paraly-

The dollar sign is not the only sign of success. His promises give power to our pray-

TRUMPET CALLS.

to the Unredeemed.

The offering always savors of the hand.

There are no promises without precepts.

Results will punish better than revenge.

Man's raging cannot shake God's ruling.

High living does not make lofty living.

"Do" prevents more evil than "Don't."

The Bible is the world's text book on manhood.

There is no moral progress without moral purpose.

The daily paper is a poor substitute for daily prayer.

Angels would rather hear our prayers than their praises.

You cannot be a gentleman unless you learn of the gentlest of mcn.

Christianity proves itself and propagates itself by love for the people.

International comity is a convenient synonym for international cowardice. The stone that shrinks from the polishing never gains the power to shine. The world's real rulers reign not in the roll of the thunder, but in the si-

There is no imputed righteousness where there is no endeavor for personal righteousness.

Sometimes the people are going to church in spite of the things the preacher does to attract them.

CHARITIES IN JAPAN.

Efficient Care Taken of Adults and Small Children.

The greatest development of Japan in charity has been in the institutional care of able-bodied adults and of dependent children. Progress in the careof the former dates back to 1898, when a commission was appointed to consider the problem in all its bearings, according to a writer in Charitles. This commission recommended, first, the erection, through funds furnished by he state, of workshops in which the



Pechili gulf with floating mines in the hope of getting a warship or two.

Mr. Moseley's commission of Englishmen who came here to study American schools gives them much praise and some censure. One of the chief objections is to sending big boys to women teachers, whose influence, it is alleged, makes them less virile. No doubt a manly man does make a good schoolmaster for a boy more than 12 years old. But it is contrary to all experience to assert that a good woman teacher has a harmful effect on the manliest of boys.

A generation ago an English physician of note declared that four-fifths of the English-speaking people dig their graves with their teeth. But this undoubtedly doesn't tell the whole story. The manner in which eating is done and the makeup of the modern menu have a good deal to do with wrecking constitutions. Many is the business man who allows himself to become so absorbed in his affairs that he will swallow his meals in nervous baste that soon becomes disastrous to digestive organs. Hygienists observe that Gladstone is credited with chewing each bite 22 times, and attribute his longevity to his correct habit of eating. The culinary art of modern society has not for its purpose the preparation of the most wholesome food. The object to be attained is rather to tempt a jaded palate, to induce disregard of the guidance of appetite.

Milton's phrase, "They also serve who only stand and wait," has long been applied to the female portion of the human race. The modern girl prefers to quote, "Let us then be up and doing," with a courageous heart, trained muscles and a resourceful head. When a prominent Philadelphia society girl was recutly attacked by a negro she used her gun-metal-handled umbrella as she would a golf club, and a vigorous "drive" caused the thief to drop her purse and flee. When two sisters discovered a burglar under their bed not long ago, they dragged him forth, one of them sat on his chest. garret, very cold, and they had no and the other ran for the police. A little New Jersey girl recently rescued two small brothers from a burning building, and a Chicago housemaid broke through a group of men and dragged a child from under a trolley car. A "mere man." who recently fainted under the ordeal of vaccination, has collected these items of a week for the edification of his own ser.

After a little less than two years of work the Department of the Interior has issued a statement outlining the disposition of the fund for reclaiming the arid lands of the Western States and Territories. Twenty seven million dollars will be expended during the pert two or three years, and the work of construction, when finished, will Dealer.

but none for revolutionizing human organized and a law of measurement and prices was ennature. The great oppressive force, acted in 701; and in 760 the ratio of monetary metals was the great source of injustice, under established at the rate of one to ten for gold and silver, any system, lies in human nature. We and one to a hundred for sliver and copper.

fill our mouths with phrases that have By 1540 more than 2,000 Chinese merchant vessels, it is no meaning and the heart must stand said, went yearly to Japan, mostly to buy slik. Prior to voiceless. Better than all the imagin- this, and about 1280, the Japan Islands were made known ings of the centuries of absolute in- to European nations by an Italian who had lived many dustrial equality to come is the weekly years in China. The first navigation line from Europe to half-holiday that we can make our Japan was established in 1541 by three Portuguese merown. One-half day of freedom and of chants. The Spanish secured a few trade privileges in 1549, pleasure each week for the store work- and in 1601 the Dutch came and began to do a large busiers counts more for emancipation and ness under the name of the East India Company. But before or shortly after these events Japan had esequality than all the vain dreams ever

tablished herself as a sea power through her own efforts in and in this land may bring on this the Pacific Ocean. The communication with the Philippine practical reform if they will. They Islands, with Annan, with Siam and with India began becan give their employes a chance to fore 1500, and there were then more than 500 Japanese go home and enjoy their families, take emigrants living at Manila, and thousands living in Slam. For a short while the Philippine Islands were under the Captain John Smith, sent by James IL, arrived in 1613. In age of graft."-Harper's Weekly.

# 20000000000000 ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND. innerenere

The dangers of ballooning, writes Santos-Dumont in "My Air Ships," are confined usually to the landing. But the sea of air presents many kinds of dangers, and sometimes the balloonist encounters more than one on the same voyage. In Nice, in 1900, he went up from the Place Massena in a goodsized balloon, alone, intending to drift a few hours amid the enchanting scenery of the mountains and the sea. His experiences were enough to make most people content with solid earth. The weather was fine, but the barometer soon fell, which indicated a storm. For a time the wind took me in the direction of Cimiez; but as it I went to bed and had the doctors sew threatened to carry me out to sea, I threw out ballast, abandoned the current, and mounted to the height of about a mile. Soon I noticed that I had ceased descending. As I had determined to land soon, I pulled on the valve rope and let out more gas, and here the terrible experience began.

reached a still greater altitude, and I could now take account of the fact by the way in which the land was disappearing under me. The upward-rushing column of air continued to take me to a height of almost two miles. After what seemed a long time the barometer showed that I had begun to descend.

When I began to see land, I threw out ballast, not to strike the earth too quickly. Now I could perceive the trees and shrubbery. Up in the storm "lady of the snows" with something of itself I had felt nothing.

R. CHARLES CUTHBERT HALL thinks that indigent poor of Tokyo could be put to the moral standard of the American people is work and their earnings applied toantinha 10100

ality of the American people," but a deeper examination of ple occupations, the employe to remain the social side of our American life reveals, he thinks, a sit- under control of the agencies and his uation that causes anything but satisfaction. Our activity earnings to be applied to his support; has astonished the world, "but morally we are rapidly go- and, third, the support under sanitary ing astern-so rapidly that one is dumfounded at the con- conditions of the aged, the cripples and trast after a visit to some of the countries of Europe." Re- those incapable of any form of labor ligion, he finds, has very little part in our civilization to- and the rearing of their children at day; our home life might be better, and our people are public expense and under public overgenerally apathetic about their spiritual interests. To much sight. As a result of this plan it is the same intent but more specific are the conclusions of Dr. not unusual to find that worksnop in-Coyle, of Denver as disclosed by him May 19 at the open- mates such as the blind, the paralytic, ing of the Presbyterian general assembly at Buffalo. He the infirm, the high or middle-gradenoted the drift of the people away from lofty ideals and idiots and persons who have lost onecountry and enjoy some of God's sun- control of Japan. In 1600 William Adams, an English from organized Christianity. It means something, he or more limbs become well trained in shine and the sight of green fields, shipwrecked mariner, landed in Japan, and was naturalized. thought, when conservative observers called our time "the some particular task and acquire a de-

degenerating. Dr. Hall is president of the their support; second, to supplement Union Theological Seminary in New York. In these workshops, or until they could be the course of an address before the Religious erected, by the establishment of agen-Educational Association in Chicago he spoke of cies for furnishing drivers of vehicles, the "relatively good state of the common mor- mowers of lawns, etc., men with simgree of skill that enables them to earn more than is necessary for their sup-

In the children's institutions boys

Now, too, as I continued falling scarlet woman? Yet no especial op- port. lower I could see how swiftly I was probrium, nationally speaking, has being carried laterally. By the time been attached to our national laxity. over 7 are placed largely in the hands I perceived the coming danger I was death, I threw out my anchor. It caught in trees and shrubs and broke small trees and yielding shrubbery, my face a mass of cuts and bruises, my clothes torn from my back, fearing the worst and able to do nothing to Just as I had given myself up for

half of his client. ed for six months in two newspapers published in the applicant's residential town as well as in the Canada Gazette, the official government organ.

As a further bar the cost of securing a divorce is so high that few people of the lower classes can afford it. The fee varies according to the eminence of the counsel retained, but the average cost including traveling expenses -for both applicant and accused must appear at Ottawa, the seat of government, when the bill is heard-government fee, solicitor and counsel fees and so on, is not less than \$500, and oftener reaches \$1,000 or more.

## The Freshest Yet.

"This order of poached eggs on toast guest. " Are you sure the eggs were a nail in a custard." "It is hard work "Sure," replied the waiter; "they

were laid right on the toast."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Not Doing It.

"Well, he might as well have taken them with him; they're not carrying out instructions."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

will not lead some people to dol the regard bestowed upon the biblical

Here a trivial excuse, spider-webby of the older boys, more experienced in it. Carried along at a terrific rate. in its validity, may serve as a pretext and more serious companions. Young knocking against the tops of trees and for seperation. But in Canada it is a girls go to school carrying upon their continually threatened with a painful much more serious affair. Only one backs infants that have been intrusted cause, the Scriptural, may be taken as to them so as to lighten the tasks of ground for legal separation, and then the regular attendants. The attendaway. I was dragged through the the matter is not left to the indifferent, ants are fourfold-those watching over insignificant weighing of a local justice the child's clothing, the food, the cleanof the peace, or even to the courts; it liness of person and the physical trainis made the concern of Parliament, ing. In the training of institutional both houses of which must pass the children a kindly demeanor is required bill which is entered by counsel in be- on the part of the attendants and in every way there is encouragement of.

In addition, a published notice of in- the effort to provide a mother's tentention to apply for divorce, giving derness and sympathy. Foundlings are name of applicant and accused with boarded out for three years with ground of accusation, must be insert- nurses who are paid \$2 or \$3 a month.

#### Some Japanese Proverbs.

Seeing that we all are, or ought to be, grateful to the man who provides us with a new proverb, we have especial reason for gratitude to the Japanese, who have quite a collection of excellent variants for some of our best-known efforts in this direction. Thus where we say, "More haste, less speed," a Japanese puts it, "If in haste, go round." Our "Accidents will happen in the best regulated families" becomes "Even a monkey sometimes falls from a tree." "Out of evil cometh good" reappears as "The lotus springs from the mud." Other easily recognizable variants of English proverbs are: "If one plays with a tiger doesn't look very nice," said the cranky trouble may ensue." "You cannot fix scattering fog with a fan," which also appears as "Building bridges to the clouds," or "Bailing out the, sea with a shell." While, in case of a failure in any such attempt, consolation is conferred with "After all your own heart makes the world."

#### A Change.

Parrot-Do you believe in evolution? Tigerskin-I should say I did. Last year I was roaming the mountains as free as the air; now I'm posing on the carpet-made up into a rug!

### mated couples in this country who may desire a legal separation to go to Canada to obtain it. Recently published statistics show that during one generation of thirty-four years-those preceding the year 1901-the divorces granted in Canada numbered only sixty-nine. In the United States during the same period the number of divorces was almost 700,000. The population of the United States has averaged twelve times that of the Dominion, while its divorces were 10,000

fresh laid?" If divorces in the United States dur-

"He left numerous relatives to mourn his death."

would we not be looking upon our What is there that silly enthusiasm

save myself.

me up.

times as many.

words, by 668,000.

lost the guide rope wound itself round

a tree and held. I was precipitated

from the basket and fell unconscious.

When I came to I had to walk several

miles until I found some peasants.

They helped me back to Nice, where

DIVORCE LAWS OF CANADA

They Are Far More Stringent Than

Those Existing in the United States.

It will not be advisable for mis-

ing the time mentioned had been the

same per capita as in the Dominion

there would have been less than 2,000

in this country-reduced, in other

Were these figures reversed-if Ca-

nadians had outnumbered our divorce

decrees by 10,000 times, relatively-

I could not go down! I glanced at the barometer and found that I was going up. Yet I ought to be descending, and I felt, by the wind and everything, that I must be descending. I discovered only too soon what was wrong. In spite of my continuous apparent descent, I was, nevertheless, being lifted by an enormous column of air rushing upward.

The barometer showed that I had

