

A WOMAN'S SONG.

She took her song to beauty's side, Where riches are and pomp and pride...

She took her song along the street, And hushed the beat of passing feet...

She took her song to those who rest, Safe in the clasp of nature's breast...

-Clément Scott.

The Rights of Inventors.

When an inventor brings out something that accomplishes a useful purpose not before accomplished...

Tobacco Growing in England.

Tobacco has been grown experimentally in England during the last year or two under a license...

Got Angry by Telephone.

A recent decision in Germany is worthy of record for the benefit of American telephone patrons...

An Enraged Hack Driver.

Jack Allroy has a large foot—a phenomenally large foot—wears No. 13 shoes—and he has also a phenomenally cool way of repudiating his debts...

Artesian Well Power.

Heavy machinery is now run by artesian well power in many parts of France, and the experience of the French show that the deeper the well the greater the pressure...

Method in Her Madness.

Bachelor (whom Brown has brought home to dinner)—Does your wife always kiss you, Brown, when you return from the office?

Ahead of the Doctor.

Doctor—I'm afraid you don't take the baby out doors often enough. Mother—Nonsense. She catches cold every time she goes out. I'm sick of this air bath foolishness...

It is in the Bible.

"You mustn't say 'feller, Johnny, remarked that young gentleman's Sunday school teacher. "It isn't correct. "Well, I don't care, it's in the Bible!" exclaimed Johnny...

Freshers' Healing Power.

Flowers (aged 4)—Bobby, why do they call ministers, doctors? Bobby (a lad of considerable information)—'Cos they make folks better.—The Epoch.

A good piano player makes the best typewriter, but after six months' practice on the "writer" no girl can pick out a tune on the piano. She runs to "dear sirs" and "yours truly's" instead of notes.

Steel, when hardened, decreases in specific gravity, contracts in length and increases in diameter.

The Railroad in Ceylon.

So closely does the railroad approach the water's edge that there seems barely room for it between the clustering palms and red-tiled roofs of the village on one side and the blue shining sea on the other...

But all at once a shrill whistle is heard, and the turbaned promoters scatter away from the track to right and left, while the morning train comes rattling up at extra speed...

Romance of the Future.

The realm of the half supernatural has been much worked, but it is by no means exhausted yet. Is there nowhere a family merged in our complex civilization which descends, and knows that it descends, from the race believed by old commentators to be mentioned in Genesis...

Except in the departments of mesmerism and sleep walking, the romance writers have hardly utilized the facts of physiology now creeping slowly into common knowledge...

Novel Shell for Steamboat Warfare.

The coming weapon of civilized warfare will not be an explosive bullet, but a chemical one," remarked a scientific gentleman a short time ago.

A Fashionable Woman's Whim.

The extent to which money is wasted at a fashionable woman's whim was illustrated to me the other day. I was in the shop of a well known florist on Broadway when a lady came in from a private coach...

Cholera Germs in the Bay.

It is extremely unpleasant to know that Dr. J. J. Kinyoun, of the Marine Hospital service, has proved that the Asiatic cholera spirilla thrives and reproduces ad libitum in the water of New York bay.

One of Mr. Conkling's Hobbies.

Bathing was one of Mr. Conkling's hobbies. The operators at the Hoffman house and the Lafayette place baths like to tell how they have rubbed down his manly form.

He is Not a Human Boy.

I never have met, Yet I cannot forget, Where'er I may wander, where'er I may be, The minister's joy, That dear little boy, My teachers described as a patters for me.

I've searched for him oft, Alow and aloft, In desert and forest and craney and nook, But never have met, Yet I cannot forget, The good little boy of the Sunday school book.

LIFE ON THE FARM.

Rural Employments Not Odious in Themselves—City Vacations.

There is a frequently recurring complaint from the farm, reached through the agricultural press, of the reluctance of boys to remain in farming pursuits; indeed, sometimes even to enter on such a life.

While we are compelled to acknowledge that farming has its unsatisfactory points none can dispute that much discontent is broadcast everywhere. The advantages of freedom, not from duties, but from personal inconveniences. It is the farmer's own fault if his house lacks comfort...

Memory of a Railroad Conductor.

An illustration of how the memory may be cultivated in retaining a long list of numbers, one has only to observe the freight conductors, and very often remarkable examples of retentive memories will be found.

Lotta's Collection of Shoes.

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"Why, gentlemen," said the enthusiastic relator, "there are velvet shoes, satin shoes, silk shoes, canvas shoes, grass cloth shoes, Turkish and morocco slippers, and sandals from Borneo and far off Sarawak...

Now, when it is remembered that the train may be made up of forty cars, and that the numbers run all the way from the hundreds to the twenty-five and thirty thousands, and that a dozen cars may be taken off and another dozen taken on along the run, my statement undoubtedly seems incredible...

Unlucky Horseshoes.

We had a rum customer in our jail recently, remarked the sheriff of an adjoining county in Kansas. I was away when he arrived at the jail, but a day or two later, when I was making the rounds, I saw him in his cell.

Blood Letting in Persia.

In Persia blood letting is the same panacea for well-nigh all fleshly ills to-day that it was with our ancestors in the days of blinff King Hal. In the spring every Persian hires him to the barber surgeon to have that professional phlebotomist relieve him of, say, half a pint of blood.

Wives of Newspaper Men.

There are not a few newspaper men whose wives are constant helpmates in their profession. The wife of Frank G. Carpenter, Washington correspondent, used to clip the day, from a score or more of newspaper articles which might in future be of use to her husband.

The Alligator a Delusion.

The alligator is a snare and a delusion generally speaking. Those who expect to see him besking numerously upon the banks of every river and creek, for all the like the picture book crocodile of the infancy, are doomed to bitter disappointment.

Reporting Prince Bismarck's Speeches.

A member of the official stenographic corps of the reichstag, in writing of Bismarck as a speaker, says: "It is not the speed with which he speaks that makes the reporters' task of taking down his words an especially difficult one, for there are swifter talkers than he; but Prince Bismarck speaks at a very unequal rate, and as a rule it is quickest at those very places which are most to the point.

Scorching a Hindoo Priest.

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Solitary Confinement.

This solitary confinement is a relic of a barbarous age. The history of the middle ages is full of cases where men have passed years, in some instances almost a lifetime, walking back and forth in a lonely cell which, perhaps, may have been for a portion of the time a dungeon.

In America much of the rigor of imprisonment has been alleviated by the introduction of contract labor. "Imprisoned at hard labor" may seem to imply a melancholy lot, but compared with solitary confinement, with nothing to occupy the prisoner's attention, or his muscles, hard labor means an existence far preferable.

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UTILIZING AUSTRALIA'S PHEASANTS.

Canned Rabbit for the Laboring Classes of England—A Sensible Way. Many unaccountable things happen in more than ordinary dullness just at this time of the year.

It is notorious that the laboring classes of England are unable to obtain sufficient food. Longing for meat for themselves and children, many go by night to catch a rabbit or two. When game-keepers or poachers in the poor fellows are sent to prison, branded as poachers.

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