

OUTTING A STICK.

John Randolph's Tender Love for All Works of Nature.

John Randolph was a curious bundle of inconsistencies; a man whom many persons admired, but who was feared by every one and loved by no one.

When the mood was upon him, he spared neither friend nor foe. Yet in his own way he was tender-hearted, and capable of performing the very kindest actions.

Mr. Randolph would never permit even a switch to be cut anywhere near his house, which was surrounded by trees and underbrush.

"I had seventy-five cents in my pocket, and had some idea of offering them as an equivalent for the damage done, but when I heard about the fifty Spanish milled dollars, I was afraid of insulting Mr. Randolph by offering the meager atonement of seventy-five cents.

"Did you want this for a cane?" "No, sir."

"No, you are not old enough to want a cane. Did you want it for any particular purpose?"

"No, sir, I only saw it was a pretty stick, and thought I'd cut it."

"We can not be justified in taking even vegetable life without some useful object in view. God Almighty planted this thing, and you have killed it. It would have grown to be a large nut tree, in whose boughs numerous squirrels would have gambled, and feasted on its fruit."

"I hope and believe, sir, you will never do the like again."

"Never, sir, never!"

He got up and put the stick in a corner, and I made my escape. It was some time before I could cut a switch or a fishing-rod without feeling that I was doing some sort of violence to the vegetable kingdom.—Youth's Companion.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Tannin has been discovered as an animal substance by M. Villon, a French chemist, who finds that corn weevils contain about three per cent of it.

The Germans have discovered that the pollen of the plane tree produces influenza, exactly like that in this country is called "rose cold" and "hay fever."

French physicians are reporting great success with the prompt internal use of an antiseptic in cases of typhoid fever. After disinfection of the intestines, according to this method, the disease runs a short course.

Paper is now manufactured from seaweed, according to a process recently invented in Japan. The article made in this way is said to be so strong as to be almost untearable, is sufficiently transparent to admit of its being used as window glass, and takes all colors about equally well.

Dr. Zambaco of Constantinople, who has lived for several years among the lepers of the far East, says that he has never met a single instance of contagion, although the malady is certainly hereditary, the children of lepers becoming leprosy at the age of ten, fifteen and twenty years generally.

The increasing application of electricity in mining work is based on the solid foundation of economy attained. The Aspen Mining and Smelting Company, which was one of the first to put electric motors underground for pumping, hoisting and haulage, have effected a large saving in the cost of their ore through this means.

J. Norman Lockyer, the English astronomer, computes the total number of stars of which some knowledge can be gained with the optical aid now available, at from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000. Only about 6,000 are visible to the naked eye—3,000 in the Northern Hemisphere and 3,000 in the Southern.

After experiments on the relative merits of castor oil and of olive oil as lubricants, the Italian Admiralty has ordered that the exposed parts of the ship's machinery be lubricated exclusively with castor oil, and that mineral oils be used for cylinder and similar lubrication.

When the first electric telegraph was established, the speed of transmission was from four to five words a minute with the five-needle instrument; in 1849, the average rate for newspaper messages was seventeen words a minute; the present pace of the electric telegraph between London and Dublin, where the Wheatstone instrument is employed, reaches four hundred and sixty-three words. And thus, what was regarded as miraculous sixty years ago has multiplied a hundred fold in half a century.—Science.

The art of tempering copper so as to give it a hardness and fine cutting edge was known to the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, but it is one of the lost arts. Scientific men have vainly endeavored to rediscover it. It is possible that the Indians of Ecuador have, as stated in the paragraph, accidentally found out how to do this, but we want more conclusive evidence than has yet been furnished before we believe it. It would be of some value to civilization if the art were rediscovered, but would not have nearly the importance it once had, since we have iron and steel now which do the work better than the copper tools and weapons ever did.

MEN AND MARRIAGE. Apparently It Is Never Too Late to Become a Happy Husband.

"When is a man too old to marry?" is quite as interesting as the question, "When is a girl too young?" I must leave to physiologists to discuss how far the chances of life are shortened when December weds May, and expects in May anything more than a nurse, though, in passing, I may observe that I have noticed several such marriages in which the funeral followed suspiciously close to the wedding. Without going back to the time when Jared lived a hundred and sixty and two years and begat Noah, there are several instances on record of modern patriarchs who became proud and happy fathers at the time when they should be thinking of shuffling off this mortal coil.

There was that stout Salopian, Old Parr, for example, who married at eighty, and had to do penance in Alderbury Church for an intrigue with Catherine Milton, when he was a sprightly mashpot of one hundred and fifty summers. If Lord Lytton is to be believed Parr had a rival in the Vale of Festiniog, in the person of an old Welsh farmer, who, when he died, had eight hundred lineal descendants, and whose youngest son was eighty-one years younger than his eldest. I fancy this man must have been of the same family as a certain Alderman Hookes, of Conway, who, is described in his epitaph as the forty-first child of his father, and himself the father of forty-seven children. Happily for twenty-seven children, happily for themselves, these people lived long before the days of Dr. Drysdale.

My own impression is that the Welsh border is the paradise of old men, the grand old man being only the most conspicuous among many.

A handsome bracelet consists of seven alternate diamonds and rubies, each in a separate box setting, and all mounted on a knife edge band of Roman gold.

Miniature paintings on rock crystal and ivory, set around with alternate pearls and diamonds, are among the most tasteful brooches yet offered.—Jewelry Weekly.

An irregular scroll of emerald gold filigree, in which the principal curves start from rubies, the whole encircled by a diamond ring, makes a very handsome and very handsome brooch.

Wampum beads, represented by dainty silver filigree, make a unique bracelet. Each bead has a rim of dull gold at either end.

A tasteful pattern in a child's ring consists of a number of small turquoise, set at equal distances all around a plain gold band, having slightly raised edges.

A hollow ball of gold, having stars and crescent moons, encircled by a diamond ring, makes an ornamental top for a single prong ladies' hairpin.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Elevate It by Electing Good Men and Women for School Officers.

If the school is a failure it is usually on account of a poor teacher. If the teacher is incompetent it is usually the fault of the school officers. If the school officers are inefficient it is the fault of the voters in the school district.

Thus the blame for a poor school rests with the people. The people like to shirk this responsibility, but it belongs to them and they must bear it.

A good school costs something; it costs usually more, but not quite enough; a little more would secure a much better teacher for the full year; a little more would furnish the school-house with modern appliances; a little more, judiciously expended, would make the school-house and grounds more attractive. The cost of time comes hardest. It is so easy to find excuses for not visiting the school. The success of the school depends somewhat on your personal effort. Visit the school, visit it often, visit it intelligently.

All this you may say is true enough, but how shall we have the best school? First and most important, elect good men or women for school officers. In some places position on the school board is held in little respect, and any man will do. This is wrong; in some respects members of school boards are the most important officers you have to select. Should all the school districts in the country, for the next twenty-five years, elect competent men or women, who were thoroughly alive to their duties, every office in our government, from President down, would have a worthy incumbent. Select, then, officers who understand how to give your child an education and who will take the time to attend to the work. This is of vital importance, an error that can hardly be remedied until another school meeting.

The matter of liberal appropriations has been touched upon. Don't be stingy here! Run the school as you would any other profitable business. Tools for the farm cost more than for the city, so do those for the school-room. A school-room without good blackboards, maps, globes, dictionaries and reference books, is like a farm with tumbled-down fences and worn-out tools.

Now then, you are started with good school officers, a liberal appropriation and a public sentiment alive to a good school. The next most important business is in the selection of a teacher. Your officers will understand the need of your district and will endeavor to secure some capable, earnest teacher, who will not be always looking forward to the end of the term, and who will not measure his work by the amount of pay he receives. At all events hire the same teacher for at least a year, and if possible secure the same teacher for a series of years; it will pay in many ways. If the teacher is the right kind he or she will find methods of interesting the parents. Thus the district school is in the hands of the people of the district and its success or failure will be measured by their intelligence and interest.—C. B. Collingwood, in Rural New Yorker.

GRIT AND PLUCK. A St. Louis Doctor Says That He Has Seen Them Save Many Lives.

I have had a patient who coolly said to me, "I will not die." I was compelled to assure her that she would. There was no hope for her. "Doctor," she answered, "you are a fool. I shall not die." Grit it was that carried her through. A few years later she was sick again, and, as I thought, unto death; but there came the same all-conquering reply, "You are talking nonsense, I shall get well." And she did. This was repeated a third time. I actually began to believe she would get well any way and at all times. It never occurred to me to think of her as liable to die. Finally her mortal sickness came, and I expected to help her up as usual. But now she replied, "Doctor, you can come or go as you please; I am going to die; this is my last illness." "O, no," I said; "we will have you out in a few days." "Nonsense," she answered; "you are talking what you know nothing about. I shall never be well again." In two days she was dead. Her grit gave out; her pluck was good to the last. She had pluck enough to face death; she had no longer grit to endure disease. There is no question but that moral and mental grit go with physical to sustain vitality. A stout will wards off the blows of disease. In this case the patient went straight ahead to die without a flinch or a whine. She had a vast faith in the "All Right," and allowed no one to dabble in theology at her bedside. She marched into the "next life" as she often had into the next year, and had not a tremor. She took her pluck with her. She treated a neighbor's prayers as she treated any medicine. "You can come if you like," she said, "or you can go. Your prayers can't stop me and they can't change me—no more than the doctor's powders." She was a woman of extraordinary intelligence and determination.—St. Louis Republic.

"Did you see any Quakers in Philadelphia?" was asked of a Detroiter who lately returned from that city. "Only one that I was sure of." "Did he 'tise' and 'thou' you?" "He did. He got down off his back and said: 'If he don't 'tise me two dollars I'll knock thy 'tise head off.' And I said, 'alright, I know the regular fare was twelve shillings; You don't want to fool with those Quakers any, and don't you forget it!'—Detroit Free Press.

A French electrician claims that he will soon be able to produce a thunder storm wherever and whenever it is desired.

Leave hope behind! So ran the dire warning which Dante read on the portals of the Inferno. So runs the cruel verdict of your friends if you are overtaken by the first symptoms of that terrible disease, diphtheria. Leave hope behind! Your days are numbered! And the struggle against death is given up in despair. But while there is life there is hope! Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured hundreds of cases worse than yours; and it will cure you, if taken in time. But diet is dangerous. No power can restore a wasted lung; the "Golden Medical Discovery," however, can and will arrest the disease.

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WHICH WAS IT? BACON OR SHAKESPEARE? The authorship of the dramatic productions attributed to the last of the above named is agitating literary circles to the very centre, but settling the practical matter is a more difficult and important question, how to regain or preserve health, that essential of bodily and mental activity, business success and the pursuit of happiness. We cast throw far more light on this subject than any other of our contemporaries can on the question first propounded: If the system is depleted, the nerves shaky; if indigestion or constipation both at times, or constantly; if the skin is yellow, and the tongue furred as in biliousness; if there are tremor, vertigo, or other symptoms of nervousness; if the kidneys are inactive—use HOLLAND'S PILLS, the most successful and successful of all age-prolonging and health-restoring remedies. Remember, if malists threaten death, it is neutralized the poison and fortifies the system.

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