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A GOLDEN GATE grasper after the infinitesimal has exhibited a perfectly trained team of fleas, drawing a miniature tally-ho coach made of gold, with all four wheels perfect, each turning on its axle. The elite of San Francisco witnessed the professor's wonderful exhibition of his control over these frisky little pests, and all were unsparring in their praise of the queer little team, the professor and the golden coach.

THE largest island and one frequently spoken of as a continent is Australia. Its greatest length from east to west is 2,500 miles, and from north to south 1,950 miles. Its area in square miles is 2,984,378, or about the same as that of the United States, exclusive of Alaska. At the last census the population of the island, natives excluded, was 2,135,512. Australia has 7,000 miles of railway, and 32,000 miles of telegraph and telephone lines.

SAYS the London Spectator: "There are children alive who will see, or at all events may see, the 'North American Republic' with a population of 200,000,000 and the means of raising £300,000,000 sterling a year; and the idea of incurring the enmity of such a power is as appalling as the idea of fighting Russia would be, say, by Italy or Spain. America could be met only by a confederation of Europe, which, without some great change of circumstances, would be impossible, or possible only if all Europe felt it too dangerous to put up with the treatment one power was receiving."

SALEM WRITES a starch factory. Did you ever stop to think that the consumption of this one article on the Pacific coast was enormous? Do you know that the supply is largely drawn from the far east, and altogether east of the Rockies? Do you know that it is manufactured from potatoes that cost on an average fifty to ninety-five cents per bushel and often more? Do you know that we pay exorbitant freight on every pound we buy? Don't you know that our farmers would get rich if you would furnish them a steady and sure market for their potatoes at half the above prices? Then why not manufacture the starch right here in Salem, for all this northwest country and create a home market for our potatoes? Probably no other enterprise would add more to the prosperity of Salem and its farming community than this "wheat supply." Friends what do you think about it? Somebody speak out loud.

THE STANDARD OF ABILITY. When a young man starts out to learn his trade and goes into a shop, totally unskooled in the manual performance of his duties in the new field of life on which he is entering, it is important that he should bear in mind this fact, viz: That his position, so far as it relates to himself, is intrinsically an educational one, as much so as in the school or college from which he may have recently graduated. The simple performance of so many hours' work per day, while it has a certain financial measure of value to the employer, has a value to himself when properly considered that is greater than can be measured in currency. As his progress and standing in the school depended on the thorough mental understanding of each progressive step he took, so, only in a more material sense, his advance in mechanical skill and knowledge is dependent on his thoroughly understanding not only the routine detail of his work, but the why and wherefore of each operation. There are always been and probably always will be two classes of mechanics—those who stand at their bench and go through the manual motions of their work like automatic machines, with little more conception of why the results are as they are; and the other, that class of men who make no moves without knowing why and how results are obtained, and the relative importance of each step. This is the mechanical education that counts, the education that schools the mind to a clear comprehension of principles, equally with details, and leads unflinchingly to that higher field where skill, diligence,

and marked ability find their natural level. The young man who, on beginning his mechanical education, realizes and acts upon these truths, will develop that ability which is not gauged by mere manual dexterity, but rather that which, when in latter years he may be called to design, lay out, and superintend the work of others, will enable him to creditably fill the position. Such positions come to those who bring thought and brains as well as manual dexterity to assist them in their work. To such men we owe the improvements of the age in every branch of mechanics.

It is a fact that too many mechanics work along day after day accomplishing their work by "main strength and foolishness," which is the direct and legitimate result of a lack of proper and thorough application, in their earlier mechanical life. The point emphasized is, that the mind that is able, through careful training and application, to bring to bear a knowledge of principles involved, as well as execution of detail in the work, is the one that approaches that standard of ability which should be the aim of every young man who is beginning his mechanical education—his work in the shop. When he has attained this, no question of wages will ever trouble him. Such men are always wanted. The supply is not equal to the demand.—Stationary Engineer.

A FACT IN DOUBT.

While Everyone Else Became Awakened, Old Ab Is Unconcerned. Last fall they held a protracted meeting at the Coon Run "meetin' house," and the result was a great spiritual awakening throughout Possum Ridge. Old Ab Tucker was the only man in the settlement who, in the language of Deacon Buster, "remained cold an' unconcerned about the soul's welfare." The minister had fished for old Ab, and the committees had visited him, but he held off and refused to come up out of the darkness. Finally the preacher went to see old Ab personally.

"Brother Tucker," he said, "have you ever thought seriously of this matter of the salvation of your soul?" "Wal, I've thought of it right smart fust an' last."

"And hasn't it ever appeared to you that you ought to repent of your sins and lead a better life?" "I dunno of it haint at odd times."

"Well, then, why don't you turn your back on the world at once?" "Wal, now, parson, looky here. I dunno as I rightly un'erstan' this business, an' I know fer shore jest what sin is, but betwixt you an' me, I don't fear like I've been bad enuff to git sart' erbout it."

"You are a sober, honest man, no doubt, but can't you recall little things in your daily life that were wrong?" "I dunno es ter thet. I traded hosses with ole Joel Wade one't, an' I reckon I got her leetle ther best of ther swap, fer Joel's hoss was wuth sumpin', an' mine wusn't wuth er cuss, an' I knowed hit. But I reckon little things like that haint held up ergin er feller up thar?"

"Indeed they are."

"Air, eh? Wal, I wusn't settled in my min' erbout thet, but I lowed they didn't pay no 'tenten ter sech things es hoss swoppin'. It must be counted up ergin me erbout sellin' uv thet er dead steer to them city folks fer beef."

"Of course."

"Wal, I'm derned ef I'da thought it. Don't 'pear like it 'ud hurt nothin', when none of 'em knowed the steer died. Reckon, meby, I orten ter sold split aigs to them folks what got up er dinner fer ther pore?"

"That was very wrong."

"I'd never thought of it thet air way. Begosh, I s'pose it wusn't right proper in me keepin' ther Widdler Bunton's ole red barner what got in ermong my haugs?"

"That was a very grave sin."

"Was, eh? Wal, I'm dinged sorry, fer I'd like ter do right, an' I hate ter give that barner up. D'yer reckon little things like that 'ud count fer very much?"

"Yes, indeed."

"An' I s'pect they'll hev it figgered up ergin me 'bout feedin' them hogs I sold wheat bran ter make 'em wetch up."

"Yes, that's against you."

"I lowed it must be. I guess workin' off cholera chickens outer ther peddler an' puttin' grease inter butter, an' workin' right smart o' corn stalks inter loads of corn that goes ter market, an' all sech leetle things like them I reckon won't be counted up fer nothin'."

"They're all sins, Brother Tucker, and will have to be accounted for."

"Wal, parson, I s'pose ye'r posted up in sech matters, an' know how ther lan' lay, but I been er goin' erlong thinkin' that all them leetle things wouldn't ermount to shucks, an' I felt like es if I wusn't goin' ter have no sins ter answer fer, an' I wusn't skeered none. But of sech

triflin', insignificant things is goin' ter be held up ergin me then I'm er gon'er."

"Oh, no, brother; you have but to repent and forgiveness will follow."

"I'll be all right then, will I?" "Yes."

"An' kin go right on jest es I hev an' won't be counted?"

"Oh, no. You must repent and reform. Leave off your bad habits and lead a different life."

"Uh huh. That's what I was erferred uv. Seems like gittin' religion comes down pretty hard on a feller. I'd like ter join yer, parson, an' go erlong er ther rest, but it 'ud be a leetle grain to strainin' on me, I reckon. I don't min' ther repentin', but ther tuffer part stieks me, fer I've ekilated on doin'er heap o' hoss swappin' this winter."—Thomas P. Montfort.

Washington as a Poet.

[A young lady upon whom the great Washington in his youth looked with somewhat tender approval was Miss Cary. To her he wrote his only poem, the MS. of which now reposes in the state department at Washington. The following is an exact copy of this poem, punctuation, capitals, and all:]

Oh ye Gods why should my Poor Restless Heart Send to approve thy Might and Power At last surrender to Cupids feathered Dart And now lays bleeding every Hour For her that's Pytless of my grief and Woes.

And will not on me pity take The sleep among my most inveterate Foes And with gladness never wish to wake In deluding sleepings let my Eyelids close That in an enraptured Dream I may In soft lulling sleep and gentle repose Possess those joys denied by Day.

"SCRAPS."

Suppe (to stage manager)—"Sav, Governor, have you got a life preserver?" Manager—"No; what's the matter?" Suppe—"The Roman General fell everboard into the tank with his helmet on, and he's floating 'round head down."

The most extensive and curious of all the deserts on the face of the earth is that of the Sahara. This is a vast area of unproductive soil extending from east to west nearly across the continent of Africa at its widest point, and having an average width of 1,200 to 1,500 miles.

Indianapolis tailor—Have you any further suggestions, sir, about your trousers? Indian man (thoughtfully)—Yes. Y'd better fortify the seats with some extra cloth. I expect to go on to Washington in a day or two to see the president.—Boston Courier.

"It is funny," said he, "that they should call a man-of-war she, isn't it?" "I don't know," she replied, "with drooping eyelids; it may be because they have so many trials before they are accepted." Her trials came to an end in that self same hour.

The largest anvil is that used in the Woolwich Arsenal, England. It weighs sixty tons. The anvil-block upon which it rests weighs 103 tons. Altogether 600 tons of iron were used in the anvil, the block and the foundation work. It is said to have been six months cooling before it was sufficiently hard to stand the shock of the immense hammer.

A kind word, a pleasant smile, a cheerful greeting, a genial pressure of the hand, or a familiar nod as you pass on the street—that's all; but you have sent a ray of sunshine into some sorrowful heart, and touched that impalpable chord of human sympathy, which trembles in sadness, or vibrates with joy. It costs but little, and carries with it so many blessings, the value of which we have no means of estimating.

At a recent inquiry into the sanity of a young man of large property, witnesses were called to prove that he was unfit to manage his affairs. A curious slip was made by a schoolmaster when asked if he had formed any opinion as to the state of mind of the alleged lunatic. "Oh, yes," he replied; "I can certify that he is an idiot. He was one of my favorite pupils."

The art of manipulating typewriters, mainly in the hands of young girls, had developed so remarkably that it is now possible to "dictate to the machine" as the phrase goes. In any one of the typewriting schools, and in hundreds of metropolitan offices, there are young women who have abandoned the use of shorthand and write out their copy as the words of it fall from the lips of whoever dictates to them.

HE FOLLOWED SUIT.

My wife has been under physicians care for two years, for what they called "liver complaint." She would get some relief while taking prescriptions, but would soon fall back into the same dreary, inactive state. I got her a bottle of "The California Remedy," Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. It did her immediate good, and when three bottles had been taken she regained her old accustomed health and spirits and is now as well as ever. Seeing the benefit she derived, I used it for rheumatism with the result that I am now entirely free from the disease with which I had suffered for a year.

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"I have met this man," said a lawyer with extreme severity, "in a good many places where I would be ashamed to be seen my self," and then he paused and looked with astonishment at the smiling court and jury.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE." soliloquized the melancholy Dane. A sea of troubles oppressed. He shrank before them; ambition lay dead. Life, as he viewed it, rested under a yellow cloud, tinged with green. Hamlet, to my mind, was liliou. The blood, diseased, carried through the natural gases and allies of the body, made life a burden; and the ill of the body magnified in a tenfold degree his other ills. Purify the blood, give new life and action to the system, take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and your drowsiness, lack of appetite, chilly sensations, yellow skin, and breath, will all depart, as the morning mists are dispelled by the rising sun.

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"I beg your pardon, madam, but you are sitting on my hat," exclaimed a gentleman. "Oh, pray excuse me, I thought it was my husband's," was the unexpected reply.

This is the season of the year when the raw, cold winds created havoc with the hands and complexion. Soft white hands and a clear "peachy" complexion can be assuredly preserved by the frequent application of Dutard's Specific. If rubbed into the skin well it leaves no greasy surface. The skin absorbs it. Sold by D. W. Matthews.

A physician walking with a friend said to him: "Let us avoid that pretty little woman you see over there on the left. She knows me and casts upon me looks of indignation. I attended her husband." "Ah! I understand. You had the misfortune to dispatch him," was the remark that slipped out. "On the contrary," replied the doctor, "I saved him."

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Brown—"Your teacher can't be such a mean man as you make him out. I notice his son has all the toys he can possibly need." Little John—"Why, dad, those are what his father takes away from the other boys."

Oregon is one of the most productive states in the Union. Its vast mineral regions contains gold, silver, copper, iron, and coal. Its immense tracts of grazing lands support thousands of cattle and sheep, and its extensive agricultural regions produce all the cereals in abundance, the yield per acre being, in some instances, the largest in the world. Among the useful and valuable products of the Web Foot State may be mentioned Oregon Kidney Tea, which has proved a boon to thousands afflicted with pain in the back and kidney difficulties. It is purely of vegetable composition and never fails. Sold by D. W. Matthews.

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