

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"She's a great social light, isn't she?" "Yes. Twenty thousand diamond power..."

NOT ALL SMART.

A Little Tale with a Moral Which Each of Us May Take Home to Ourselves.

TELLS OF LIFE IN HAWAII.

The Able and Interesting Letter of a Chinese Boy to a Book Concern in Chicago.

OLDER THAN INDIANS

Bones of Prehistoric Men Unearthed by Tennessee Floods.

Claimed by Ethnologists to Have Been a Race of Idol-Worshipping Mound Builders, Superior to Red Men.

After noticing the more material destruction wrought by the recent flood there is interest and fascination in studying some of its freaks which appeal more to sentiment and the student.

The field was worth \$60 an acre before the flood, and last year 16 acres, including the old graveyard, produced 14 bales of cotton.

But when the creek spread over the bottoms as never before, this knoll extending down into the bend of the creek suffered great destruction by the swift current flowing across it.

The vaults were formed somewhat similar to vaults in graves of today. Thin slabs of limestone, evidently brought from some distance, perhaps across the creek, are placed edgewise along the sides and ends.

The Indians who occupied this country up to about 100 years ago did not usually bury their dead with such care. They simply opened a grave, wrapped a blanket about the dead body, laid it in the shallow grave and filled in the earth.

The graves recently washed up on the Wade farm may have some connection with a discovery made about 30 years ago in the bluff on the opposite side of the creek.

CANNED GOODS IN SOUTHWEST

People of That Section Seem to Prefer Them Above the Home-Grown Products.

The southwesterner gets his living from tin cans. There surely never was such a region for canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, canned milk, canned cheese, writes May Stanley Baker, in Century.

White tin cans form a charmed circle about every southwestern town and camp. Even where he can profitably and easily produce his own food, the southwesterner seems to prefer to raise some exclusive crop, sell his product, and buy canned goods.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Lord Wemyss has invented a combination pick, mattock, spade, chopper and saw, called a "multiplement."

The bite of a mosquito would scarcely be noticed were it not for the fact that the insect injects into the wound an acrid juice, which causes the itching and painful sensation.

The alligator never leaves fresh water, while the crocodile often goes to sea, and in the West Indies has sometimes been found many miles from land, heading directly for an island, possibly out of sight.

Prof. Dexter, of the University of Illinois, is making a specialty of a new department of science, which he calls physiological meteorology, which means the effect of the weather upon the human health, temper and actions.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE.

Its Establishment is Very Costly, But the Result is Well Worth the Price.

The recognition has also become general that higher education represents the best condition for great beneficence. With this recognition is united the knowledge that higher education is tremendously costly—in the opinion of some, extravagantly costly.

Many small beneficences are useless and worse than useless. They create or foster the ill they are designed to cure. If they do not create or foster evils, they do nothing toward curing them.

The great beneficences, however, are less in peril of failing to accomplish their design. Great beneficences are public. Negligence is easily seen, reached and corrected. Extravagances are more conspicuous, and are more easily lopped off.

Automobile Manufacture in France.

Automobiles, directly or indirectly, maintains more people in France than almost any other industry. All the factories have tripled their output during the last three years, and manufacturers formerly making cycles now produce automobiles.

Hats Off to the Bartender.

In Russia no man may enter a government establishment without removing his hat—a rule which has caused some trouble, it appears, since the establishment of the government spirit shops.

FROM LOWLY SOURCE

Humble Occupations of Some Rich New Yorkers' Forebears.

Interesting Light Thrown on the Foundations of Large Fortunes of Present Aristocrats by an Old City Directory.

Death as a leveler is not in the same class with an old directory. The wonder is if on the shelves of the mighty of Manhattan Island there is a copy of a little book which has just found its way to Chicago.

It was in an old book shop in New York that John C. King, of Chicago, brought to light the volume in which are found the names and the occupations of the dwellers in the metropolis before the last century had turned its first quarter.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the elder, has invoked the aid of the law to make her Mrs. Vanderbilt. She will have none of the Cornelius end of it. The shade of the original Cornelius doubtless will look disapprovingly on this action of its great-granddaughter-in-law.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, licensed cartman. Cornelius has a place with his brother and cousin Vanderbilts on page 42 of this old-time register of Manhattan citizens.

Wild animal life was abundant in the United States in 1822. There was no necessity then for the existence of protective societies for four-footed game.

Mr. Longworth, who compiled the directory of the city of New York 80 years ago, is to be complimented on the general appearance of the letter press. He apparently, however, allowed one typographical error to creep into his work.

But there are other names in this book of the olden time. Good old Peter Cooper is set down as a mason, living in Bedford street. Aaron Burr, counselor, had an office at 41 Nassau street, which is still a lawyers' location and his house was at 22 Reed street.

The Telephone in Surgery.

In several London hospitals surgeons are now using the telephone whenever they have occasion to probe for bullets or other metallic objects. The receiver of the telephone is placed on the head of the operator, and the patient is placed, in the usual manner, in contact with a plate, the general medium employed being a wet sponge or some paper saturated with a saline solution, which is spread over the plate.

The Limit.

Mr. Van Albert—Great Scott! Why are not all these dishes washed? Mrs. Van Albert—Because the cook is using the kitchen table. Mr. Van Albert—In what way? Mrs. Van Albert—She is playing a game of ping-pong with the policeman. —Brooklyn Life.

TOWNSMEN SEEK COUNTRY.

They Seem to Do It in Obedience to an Impulse Received from Nature's Forces.

What is the reason for the recent exodus of well-to-do Americans from our towns into the country? It increases with every year. What is the cause of it?

As I look into the matter, says Rebecca Harding Davis, in Success, some curious facts come to view which I think I will set down here.

I have here a queer book, printed early in the last century in the old town of Cumberland, Md. It is the autobiography of a hunter, Browning by name, who, before the revolution, shot deer, bears, panthers and sometimes Indians, in the wilderness of the mountain ranges in Virginia and the Carolinas.

Here is one story, for example: Browning, in his old age, lived with a married daughter in a town in civilized fashion. But his two sons, who were trappers, came down one winter from the mountains and begged him to go back with them for a last hunt.

The old man, then over 80, went, and at first was rheumatic, weak and irritable. But, after they had been in camp for a week, he went out alone one day, and got scent of a stag. He followed, lost it, and then "winded" another. For two days and nights he ran through the mountain passes like a madman; the snow was deep, and the jungles of thorns tore his clothes off his body.

"Still more, it is an acknowledged fact that the women of Turkey control most of the government appointments. To quote from a work recently published by one lone resident in the country: 'The women hold ultimate sway over the conduct of the men. The tangled intrigues for place and power which center in the harem form the key to many vicissitudes of Turkish history.'

TURKS PROTECT WOMEN.

It is a Capital Offense to Offer an Indignity to One of the Sex in Public.

Turkey is no place for the "masher." In the sultan's domain, if he follow his custom as he does in America, he would soon find himself without an occupation and without a head, for death is the portion of all who insult women in public places.

"Now, what eastern woman, whatever her nationality may be, needs and is eager for education. The influences which have brought her to feel this need are not difficult to find. Oriental people are naturally gifted, their minds are active and bright, their natures are capable of assimilating the refining influences of education in whatever direction these may be given."

The Latest Insurance.

It is now possible to insure at Lloyds against the risk of smallpox breaking out in the house on either side of you—the idea being, of course, to protect the assured against expense incurred by temporary removal. The rate is a minimum of ten shillings per cent. for the year, the risk, of course, extending over an indefinite number of people. One broker, who was in this business from the start, has been doing hardly anything else for the past ten days, and many who at first laughed at the whole thing are now coming into the market.—London Financial Times.

Rivals.

Mose Ketchum (who has just shot a hawk)—You old rascal! many a spring chicken you stole around here dat I've been blamed for. And a good many of dese I might have had but for you.—Judge.

Composite Success.

Sidney—Rodney, you live by your wits, don't you? Rodney—Well, partly; and partly by other people's lack of wits.—Detroit Free Press.