

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Did you get your lost dog back when you advertised?" "No, but I got three better ones."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Platter: "Your boy, I hear, is a deep student." Popley: "He's always at the bottom of his class, if that's what you mean."—Philadelphia Record.
Hendricks: "So you have been to the dentist's? Did you take gas?" Burton: "Yes, the dentist kept up his talk throughout the operation."—Boston Transcript.
Lowe Comedy: "Why, in that town we were turning people away from the door." Hi Tragedy: "You don't say?" Lowe Comedy: "Yes, creditors and sheriff's men, and such."—Philadelphia Press.
Client: "Is there a cause so bad, or an individual so infamous, that your services could not be obtained?" Lawyer (thoughtfully): "I cannot say, off-hand. What have you been doing?"—Boston Globe.
Officer: "Weren't you a trifle absent-minded when you retired from the field of battle in face of the orders to advance?" Soldier: "Oh, no, not at all. It was my body that was absent; my mind remained on the battlefield."—Boston Transcript.
By the Sounding Sea:—"Ah!" sighed the remaining young woman who was one of the fashionable sojourners at the shore. "I wonder why the ocean means so?" "Perhaps," said the practical young man, "some crab or lobster is pinching its undertow."—Philadelphia Press.
CULTIVATION OF POISE.
How the Health May Be Helped by Constant Attention to Proper Carriage of the Body.
Do you want to run upstairs or up hill because "it makes you tired to walk slowly?" If so, it is because you do not balance your effort with the need. Do you race ahead when walking with your friends, and find no pleasure in strolling leisurely? It is because you lack repose. Are you irritable and nervous, and feel impelled to continual, even irrational, action? It is because you do not relax. Does effort, work or pleasure, exhaust you readily? It may be because you have no reserve force, on account of the continual strain you cultivate.
The remedy for all this, in the opinion of Joseph Stewart, LL. M., in relaxation, is repose and the cultivation of poise in all you do. Repose and relaxation as understood here, do not mean quiescence during merely some particular half-hour, but between every individual effort that has a necessary connection with another. Poise means a perfect balance of effort to the requirement of the moment.
The next time you go out for a pleasure walk, take each step as though your pleasure were summed up in that one; when ready for the next step call into requisition just enough powers to accomplish it. Walk for half an hour and note how restful it is.
This habitual lack of poise comes from unnecessary tension of the mind; from keeping the consciousness on the alert when there is no call for it. The result is that the habit is not only fostered as a state of the normal mind, but it affects the deeper being and avoids the state of the subliminal mind, whence it is ever seeking expression. The first effect is an unnatural and usually an unconscious tension of the muscles, which prompts to irritational, nervous and unnecessary movements. Action, when it comes, is overcharged with effort, and there is no nice and exact adjustment of the same which makes perfect expression. This tension becomes a fixed habit, a "fixed idea" of the subliminal self. It exhausts the energies, and vital depletion is the result.
Practice relaxation at particular times, but do not neglect to extend poise into all action. This mistake is often made; one sets apart a half-hour for meditation or relaxation, and takes no thought for the remaining waking hours.
Grace is only another term for this poise; this perfect adjustment of power to the desired end; no more nor less than enough—the perfect economy of vital expression. This is not only the basis of grace, but is essential to perfect health and serenity.
Adjust yourself to this law of expression. Use only enough power to accomplish the end. When the thought or act is finished let it be a finality; do not hold the effort continually. Dismiss it and repose in its sufficiency.
Fat Men Protected.
The Paris courts have just decreed that a balcony must be equal to a strain of 245 pounds. The decision was the outcome of a somewhat amusing lawsuit, in which the complainant was a portly person named Rudet and the defendant the proprietor of a villa near the pleasant resort of Fecamp. One summer moonlight night, while M. Rudet was enjoying the cooling breezes from the sea the balcony suddenly collapsed, and the guest, who tipped the scales at 245 pounds, came with a crash to the ground, sustaining serious injuries in his fall. He sued the proprietor of the villa for damages, but the latter sheltered himself behind the abnormal weight of his tenant, and declined responsibility. The court, however, did not take this view of the case, and M. Rudet was awarded \$210 as compensation. London Mail.
His Offense.
First Deacon:—"Pard' dat de minister's been playin' poker."
Second Deacon:—"Wal, what am de use ob bringin' sesh mat'ials before de congregation?"
"Dat Brudder Johnson accuse him ob bein' shy in 'tree poots' an' not makin' good."—Judge.

SAVED THEN JILTED.

Kentucky Youth Made Ridiculous by Tennessee Girl.
Former's Threat to Suicide Followed by Appeal of Girl, His Proposal by Return Mail and Her Cutting and Witty Reply.
W. P. Pelfrey, president of the Suicide club at Compton, Ky., has been declined as a husband by Miss Columbia V. Bess, of Nashville, Tenn., who sought to prevent the young man from jumping off a cliff and received a proposal the next day thereafter.
Recently ten young men at Compton formed a suicide club, signing a pledge that the first member who proposed marriage and was rejected should take his life. Pelfrey was elected president. This officer had to be the first to try his luck. Pelfrey tried and failed and announced the date on which he would fulfill his pledge, but his life was saved in a remarkable manner.
Miss Bess, head of the club's organization and their pledge, and she wrote to Pelfrey imploring him to reconsider his action. In connection with himself she brought up what other equally as great men had done on like occasions. She pointed out to Pelfrey how he and the others had a chance to become great in after life by marrying a maiden from Tennessee, Pelfrey, who was by no means slow, put his own construction on the letter and Miss Bess received this reply:
Dear Miss Bess: Your letter advising me to abandon the presidency of the Suicide club and go to Tennessee and get a wife has been received. I am convinced that your advice is very timely and every impulse of my nature demands that I now ask you to fix a date when you and I may be united in the holy bonds of matrimony. You are the very girl I am after and do please fix a time not far distant when our hearts may beat as one.
W. P. PELFREY.
Miss Bess, who is quite a pretty girl, declined to be interviewed, saying that she was preparing a letter to give to the papers. Later Miss Bess gave out her answer to President Pelfrey, of the Kentucky Suicide club, and now this youth may jump off a cliff according to schedule. Among other things in a letter directed to the young man in declining his marriage proposal she says:
"First, we hear of him allying himself with a suicide club and then he jumps from this slough of despondency into the sea of matrimony. Unable to cope with as slight a matter as a rejection in matrimony, yet ready to embrace the trials and tribulations of married life. I trust the days will lengthen when he can find a domestic slave, as his wife would be. He should experience the joys of love and courtship before jumping into the matrimonial boat."

DESCENDANTS MUST WORK.

Will of Jonathan Clark Provides Only Small Income for the Heirs for Stated Reasons.
The will of Jonathan Clark, who formerly lived at 233 Warren avenue, Chicago, and who died at Fruitland, Fla., February 5, makes provision by which the testator believes he will prevent his descendants of the second generation from becoming idle. After making plans for a final distribution of his estate, following the death of his widow and children, by which plans one-half of the estate is to go to the benefit of schools and charitable institutions, the testator says:
"I restrict the legacies of my descendants to one-half of my estate in order that they may each have enough to establish them in business, but not enough to support them in idleness."
The estate consists of \$600,000 in personal property and \$60,000 in realty, and in order that the realty may not be sold at sacrifice the testator provides for the creation of a trust, which is to be handled by Trustees Edwin F. Bayley, Caroline Patterson and George T. Clark.

JURORS PRAY FOR VERDICT.

In Murder Trial at Hopkinsville, Ky., the Twelve Men Seek Divine Guidance Before Voting.
The verdict sentencing Robert Randolph to the penitentiary for 18 years for killing John Ford was reached by the jury at Hopkinsville, Ky., after fervent prayer.
When the jurors retired to their room the foreman said, "Gentlemen, this is a serious case we have to decide. A man's life may be forfeited by our decision. How many Christians are among us?" Nine men raised their hands.
"Will one of you pray?" asked the foreman. One of the oldest jurors said he would do his best. All knelt and a most earnest and impressive prayer was offered.
Balloting was then begun. Several jurors were in favor of a life sentence and others for terms as short as eight years. The jury finally agreed on 18 years.
Ivory Coast Rich in Gold.
Surveys which have just been completed by prospectors of the Ivory Coast Gold Fields company, says a dispatch to the London Central News from Grand Bassam, show that there is blanket ore in an almost unbroken line for 11 miles, assaying one ounce and upward. This is regarded as one of the most extraordinary discoveries ever made.
Reversing the Proverb.
It is estimated that there are not more than 10,000 elephants left in the world, says the Minneapolis Times, and five of these will be killed for every one born. Some day it will be worth while to have an elephant on one's hands.

DUMONT BUILDS NEW SHIP.

The Indefatigable and Intercept Balloonist Now at Work on Machine No. 7.
Santos-Dumont has finally recovered from the bad effect of being dumped into the bay by his airship and is devoting time now adjusting a new balloon, which is almost finished. This one is "Santos-Dumont No. 7." It is considerably larger than the one just destroyed, yet its two 45-horse power motors have been found too heavy for it. Therefore one has been removed, making the motive strength 45-horse power. Instead of 90, as had been intended.
M. Santos-Dumont says his No. 6 cannot possibly serve again except for exhibition purposes. He has just signed an agreement to let the patched-up balloon be shown in the Crystal Palace, London, from April 1. He announces that work on another balloon will be begun immediately, because if he goes to the St. Louis exposition he wants to have two balloons in case an accident should happen to one.
Empress Eugenie has just sent to M. Santos-Dumont an album of snapshot pictures made by a young woman of her suits with an autograph letter graciously recalling her several visits to the balloon shed at Monte Carlo.

HOPES FOR BRITISH TRADE.

Lord Avebury Denies Before London Chamber of Commerce That Outlook Is Very Discouraging.
The annual meeting of the London chamber of commerce was held the other day. Lord Avebury, who was in the chair, said the outlook on the whole was not despondent for British commerce. There were, however, some disquieting features and dangers to be guarded against. Referring to the French bounty system in aid of their mercantile marine, he said that while the ship owners had enjoyed substantial advantages, the trade of the country had been burdened by the system of bounties and subsidies and by protection to beet-sugar, wheat, textiles, metals and other products.
Referring to the American shipping subsidy bill, Lord Avebury said it was not anticipated that the non-maritime states would remain passive and see \$9,000,000 bounty going to the maritime states without a protest. The best thing the government could do for commerce would be to let it alone.
Lord Brassey offered a resolution declaring in favor of the adoption of the policy of the "open door."

ROMANCE AND DISCIPLINE.

Army Authorities Punish a Soldier for Forging Improper Letter to Comrade's Sweetheart.
The army has taken a hand in the romance of a soldier stationed at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., and as a result of the interference of the military authorities Private W. J. McCormick, of the Fifty-seventh company of coast artillery will spend the next six months in the guardhouse. McCormick wrote a love letter to the young woman upon whom his comrade was showering attentions, signing the latter's name to the epistle.
The recipient of the letter was highly incensed at an insulting feature of the communication, which McCormick says was inserted by a third soldier, whose identity was not disclosed. The young woman sent the letter back to her friend, with a sharp note dismissing him from her favor.
It did not take long to fasten the guilt of forgery upon McCormick and reestablish the cordial relations which had existed between the soldier and his sweetheart. McCormick was sentenced to dishonorable discharge and 18 months' confinement, but the sentence was reduced by the reviewing authority to six months' confinement.
Cold Well Gets Stemm Up.
The people of Woodburn, Ky., have been greatly puzzled for several days by the strange action of a well in that town. The water in the well has suddenly become hot without any apparent cause. The citizens do not know whether the phenomenon is due to chemical action of some kind or to heat from the interior of the earth. The well is about 50 feet deep, walled up, and about three feet in diameter, and was built by the Kirby Milling company. Since the water became heated it has risen up to within ten feet of the top of the well, and is perfectly clear. The temperature is said to be about 100 degrees.
New Fog Signal is Tested.
Some most interesting experiments were made in mid-channel the other day between the mail packet Calais and the French steamer Nord. Signals were exchanged between the Nord and the Calais when six miles apart. If successful, the invention will be a boon to channel navigation, owing to the great danger of collisions in the crowded waterway.
Why Ex-Gov. Hogg Balked.
Ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, has refused to wear knee breeches in order to be permitted to bow to King Edward. Mr. Hogg says he is afraid he wouldn't look well with his calves exposed, says the Chicago Record-Herald, and people who have gazed upon his dimensions are likely to agree that his fear is well grounded.
The Same Idea.
The preponderance of public opinion, says the Philadelphia Ledger, is manifestly against the theory of a Detroit physician that everybody will be crazy within the next three centuries.

WISE CANUCK HORSES

Save Masters from Destruction by Sagacity and Sureness.
Instances Where Brute Instinct Was Superior to Human Intelligence—Wonderful Feat of a Mail Carrier's Horse.
To most people it would seem to be impossible that the horse, by nature a denizen of a warm or at least a temperate country, could thrive in a wild state amid the rigors of a Canadian climate. That this is possible is shown by a recent incident, says the Chicago Chronicle.
A brace of moose hunters, who were camping out in the woods in the extreme north of Pontiac county, thought they saw a wild moose feeding in the scrub near by. Some scientific and painful stalking was done and just as rifles were being leveled at the game it saved its life, and startled the hunters by giving utterance to a decidedly equine neighing.
It was then joined by a second dark-colored horse from the shadow of the woods and this one also proceeded to browse upon the twigs and branches. As soon as the men showed themselves, the pair dashed back into the woods and disappeared.
The next day they narrated their experience to a band of shanty men and found that three or four of them had also seen the pair of horses running wild in the woods. At times the pair were accompanied by a big, red mare and a young foal.
The mare was recognized as one abandoned in the woods two years ago. The two horses are supposed to be the team of a lumberman who was drowned.
These animals have managed to subsist upon the beaver meadows in summer, and by browsing on twigs in winter for several years. Who knows but that there is a nucleus here for the raising of a drove of hardy though perhaps stunted wild horses such as are found on the Welsh mountains or in the cold and barren Shetland and Orkney islands to the north of Scotland?
The wonderful sagacity of horses often avails to prevent accidents in those northern wilds in the early winter. For instance, the writer once started to drive down Bark lake on new ice at nightfall. After ten hours' travel the horse, a very speedy Norman thoroughbred, came to a dead stop and refused to go forward.
The beast had by her past actions inspired such confidence in her intelligence that her driver, not daring to attempt to turn in the pitchy darkness for fear of losing his bearings, covered her with the sleigh robes and stamped about on the ice near her all through the longest night in his experience.
When morning came it revealed an almost frozen man and horse upon the ice and open water just 30 feet in front of them. At the mare's feet was a piece of ice, and a man's body was frozen into the ice four or five yards away.
Experiment showed that six feet before the sleigh the ice was, after the night's frost, only three inches thick. Had another step been taken there would probably have been one more added to the unwritten fatalities of the pine region.
The mail carrier on the Gatineau road in the ante-railway days once had a notable experience with a horse. He rode up one very dark night in the late autumn to the Aylwin post office and stalked into the little store with his bags, where he was greeted with the utmost amazement by the crowd around the stove.
"How did you get here?" they asked. "How did you cross the big Hamilton creek?"
"Who do you mean? How do I always cross it?"
"Why, man!" cried the crowd, "the bridge went out just at sundown. There is no crossing there."
The driver laughed incredulously and said he had ridden up the road in the usual manner. To settle the matter the men took their lanterns and walked down to the site of the bridge.
Sure enough the bridge had been washed away, leaving only some of the crib work and the middle logs or stringers upon which the center of the bridge covering used to lie. These were about 15 inches wide, extending right across the 150-foot gully, and were swaying with the current on their uncertain foundation.
And on those logs laid singly end to end were the marks of the mail man's horse's shoes. Over 20 feet of raging water in a night of Egyptian darkness the horse had unfalteringly traversed that narrow pathway.
So unhesitating had his movements been that the man on his back was all unconscious of his danger and unaware of the fact that the bridge had been carried away and that his beast was doing the Bloudin act upon a swinging stringer.
There was not a man in the crowd of observers who would venture to make the same passage next day in broad daylight. The mail carrier threw up his job next trip.
Marriage of Domestic Servants.
In Paris male domestic servants are encouraged to marry, as they are observed to be more settled and attentive to their duty than when bachelors. In London such marriages are discouraged, as rendering servants more attentive to their families than to those of their masters.—N. Y. Sun.
Useless Objects.
Roderick: What is more useless than a snowplow in Jamaica?
Van Albert: Why, a sprinkling cart in Venice.—Chicago Daily News.

WRITES BOOK ON DEER.

President Roosevelt About to Issue New Volume Giving His Experience in Chase.
President Roosevelt has spent some time of late in the preparation of his manuscript for a new book soon to be issued from an eastern publishing house, on the deer of North America. The scientists who have had the president's manuscript and illustrations for the book in hand are surprised at his knowledge of animal life and his broad and scientific way of handling matters.
This volume is one of a series being edited by Casper Whitney, the editor of Outing, and will be issued late in the spring or in the early summer. The series comprises treatises on large game and forest reserves all over North America, and will be contributed to by a number of able scientists, among them Dr. C. Hart Merriam, a well-known government biologist and writer.
Those who have had an opportunity to judge of the president's forthcoming book say that while he has not the picturesque handling of languages adapted to describing animal life with which Thompson Seton is endowed, he yet has a clearer way of telling the tricks and habits of the deer, of which he has been a prodigious hunter, and the book will have a larger circle of readers than any of his other books.
Though much of the work upon the manuscript was done before he became president of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt has handled a large amount of the matter in connection with his pressing executive work and other duties.
LARGE INCREASE IN NAVY.
Indications Point to Congressional Action Which Will Add Many Ships to the List.
All indications point to a large increase in the navy at this session of congress. The naval committee is considering the appropriation bill, which provides for an increase of the naval force both in ships and men. There is scarcely any doubt that the committee will authorize the increase recommended by the secretary of the navy.
If this is done there will be three new battleships of the first class, two armored cruisers of the first class, three gunboats of 1,000 tons displacement, three gunboats of 200 tons displacement, three steel sailing training ships, of 2,000 tons displacement, one collier of 15,000 tons displacement, and four tugboats.
It is also highly important that the number of seamen and marines be increased as well as the officers. The bill is likely to provide for an increase of 3,000 seamen, 750 marines, as well as additions to the corps of constructors and civil engineers.
Secretary Long has recommended that the number of lieutenants be increased from 300 to 320, and that the limit of the number of junior lieutenants and ensigns be fixed at 600, which is a large increase. This recommendation is likely to be adopted. Secretary Long again has recommended the grade of vice admiral, but there seems some doubt whether this will be agreed to.
NORDICA IN A TEMPER.
Sings at Concert in Kansas and Finds That Her Music Has Been Transmitted by Telephone.
Lillian Nordica sang to an audience of 2,000 persons at Wichita, Kan., the other night. A unique feature of the concert was the transmission of the music by telephone to various parts of the city, also to other cities; even to Kansas City. Receivers the size of the ordinary telephone mouthpiece were placed among the footlights. Mme. Nordica did not learn of the shrewd arrangement for the telephone concert until a few minutes before singing the last number. She was indignant and almost refused to sing the closing selection.
Mme. Nordica said after the concert that never again would she sing into a telephone, and that hereafter her managers would investigate the stage to see if there were any receivers erected. She said that those who heard her by telephone would have a false impression of her singing.
Bowling Alley in a Church.
Encouraged by its athletic pastor, the Andrew Presbyterian church at Minneapolis has been provided with a bowling alley as an adjunct to the fine new gymnasium on which the church prides itself for the development of muscular Christianity. The only other church in the country which has a bowling alley, it is reported, is the First Presbyterian church of Trenton, N. J. Other churches at Minneapolis it is said will follow the example of the Andrew church.
Qualities of True Heroine.
A young woman who sang a selection at a local entertainment the other evening, and sang it well, refused, in spite of the most persistent efforts of the encore forces, to give another song. Noble, true-hearted girl! We wish, exclaims the Chicago Tribune, we could give her name.
America Will Help Pay for It.
It is estimated that King Edward's coronation will cost \$20,000,000. England needn't feel so bad, though, says the Chicago Record-Herald. A lot of it will be good American money.
As Heard at Chicago.
I have met the fire fiend and he is mine.—The Skyscraper.

PAUL HARPER'S GRIT

Son of University Professor Shines Shoes for Students.
He and His Room-Mate Hang Out a Shingle Announcing the New Enterprise and Earn Lots of Spending Money.
When Paul Harper, second son of William Harper, needs money for any of the little charitable enterprises he often indulges in, he shows as much tact and ability as does his famous father when the latter feels the University of Chicago is in need of some substantial gift toward a new hall or a new class. Only the youngster he is 13 years old—good about it in a different manner.
Recently the boy found a new field for his charity, and he had to have money. It didn't trouble him a bit how to get it. He unfolded a plan to his chum, the son of the late Col. Francis W. Parker, and quicker than it takes to tell it a sign was hung in one of the halls of Morgan Park academy which read: "Harper & Co., polishers of boots and shoes to Morgan Park Academy."
The news spread quickly throughout the dormitories and halls, and there was a scramble among the students to be the first to have his shoes shined by a university president's son. They came in droves and stood in line waiting their turns. They wore calf shoes, tan shoes and patent leathers. No matter what the style of leather, the price was the same to all—five cents. For more than two hours the boys—Harper and Parker—were polishing shoes at a rate that would permit a downtown bootblack to retire from business in a few months. They polished 150 pairs of shoes the first day, "and if we could do that every day," said young Harper, "we'd soon have all the money we want."
The professors in the various classes were compelled to go to the "show shining parlor" to get enough pupils together to make a decent showing. There was no interference, however, with the establishment of Harper & Co. On the contrary, the faculty saw the humor of the situation and the professors were inclined to treat the matter as a good joke.
THE CORONATION SERVICES.
King Edward Anxious to Have Ceremonies in West Minister Abbey Greatly Shortened.
Details of the coronation are gradually coming up for the royal decision, says the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, and nearly all the essential points will be decided before the departure of the king for Paris and the Riviera. Great efforts have been made to shorten the service at Westminster abbey. If the ecclesiastical authorities were allowed to have their way the service would occupy five or six hours, with an official requirement that the spectators should remain in their places an hour or two in advance. The Litany will certainly be dropped, and the musical portion of the service will probably be curtailed.
Other changes are proposed, but there is a tendency to magnify the importance of every detail. The abbey service and the royal drive through the metropolis are the only fixtures. The day for the naval review has not been announced, nor that of the gala night at Covent Garden, nor the day's functions at the Buckingham palace. The garden party at Hatfield may occur on the Saturday after the coronation service. The king's health is reported to be excellent.
AUSTRIAN BARON'S AMBITION.
Will Make His Debut on the Concert Stage at New York City, Singing His Own Songs.
Society is interested in the New York debut on the concert stage of Baron Clemens Franckenstein of Vienna, who, as Clemens von Franckenstein, has just given a recital of his own songs at Mendelssohn hall.
Among the baron's compositions which were performed was a group of songs written to the words of Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell," which was performed here by Mr. Edna and A. Southern. Baron Franckenstein has put this play into musical setting, the whole of which will be performed next season.
Baron Franckenstein, who has been in this country only two weeks, is well known in the society circles of the Austrian capital. His father was in the diplomatic service of Austria-Hungary, having been stationed in Copenhagen, and his brother is one of the secretaries of the Austrian legation in Washington.
Queen Sees in England.
Count Tolstol's illness calls to notice a small community of professed disciples in a Norfolk (England) village styling themselves the brotherhood church. The members are forbidden to give or to receive money. They work for a living, but accept payment only in kind. All property is held in common. They are opposed to matrimony and the further peopling of the world. The community numbers about 120 persons and has been in existence five years. Though some members have fallen away, it attracts new members, and maintains a strong vitality.
The Eccentricities of Nature.
Some of the water that is now lying on top of the ground in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, remarks the Chicago Inter Ocean, would have made millions of hearts glad had it appeared on top of the ground in the corn belt last summer.