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The difficulty about taking Blaize at his word and letting him go is a forcible illustration of the power of spontaneous enthusiasm. You have got to have a good deal of spontaneous enthusiasm mixed with solid worth to make a presidential candidate run like a greyhound. Who can have more of this, in addition to solid worth, than a suitable boy in blue. Harrison is the man.

In Indiana it requires an average of 33,000 votes to elect a Congressman. In the South an average of 8,000 votes elects a Congressman. However well their fighting boast that "one Southerner could whip five Yankees," has been settled, it can not be controverted that one southern man can out vote four northern men. The question of all questions now before the American people is that of equal representation, free ballot and fair count and an honest return of the result. It is the greatest right of an American citizen to cast the ballot of his sentiment, to have that ballot counted and carry an equal weight with every other ballot cast. Until this can be done what is the use of dividing on other questions? When this result is obtained and a tribunal secured to which we can present our policies on governmental expediences, then it is time enough to advocate them, but not till then.

It is undoubtedly true, as declared by Mr. Blaine, that the American citizen who studies the conditions of life among the older nations must be specially impressed with the advantages which the people of his own country enjoy by reason of a policy "which inspires labor with hope and crowns it with dignity." In all the rest of the world there is not a government under which wages are earned and comforts secured equal to those of the working classes of the United States; and the great duty of the republican party is to maintain the system of protection which makes this incomparable situation possible.

Blaize romances are beginning to come in from Dakota, and one of the most entertaining is that of a man who dismembered a large ox, crawled inside, pulled the hole in after him, and slept there quite comfortably all night, but awoke in the morning to find the carcass frozen so solid that he couldn't get out. With the further details of his rescue by passers by, who heard his muffled cries and chopped him out with an axe, this narrative is one of absorbing interest.

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one. Last winter one chain attached to the bunch of keys carried in the trousers pocket and fastened to the suspender button above, was the "proper paper." This year no fad will be complete without a chain on each side. To the second one is attached a stout ring on which are hung a collection of more or less useful articles. To be quite right these should be made of silver and handsome in design. They include such conveniences as a match-safe, car or dog whistle, pencil, penknife, cigar cutter, and in extreme cases, a miniature work-screw.

Simple Cure for Rheumatism. [Catholicon, in Leeds Mercury.]

I hope people are enjoying the present weather. Everybody I know are suffering an unbecoming martyrdom from cold in the head, or some form of bronchitis or rheumatism, or some kind of misery. It is rather amusing, however, to notice that there is scarcely a person whose name is illustrious enough to figure in the Almanach de Gotha, and who is old enough to appreciate the desirability of being in the fashion, who does not declare himself or her a martyr to rheumatism. It is a present, par excellence, the fashionable complaint among kings and queens. Perhaps they sit on damp thrones. The latest royal victim, however, as it suddenly occurs to me, hasn't a throne to sit upon. I refer to the ex Queen Isabella of Spain, who has gone for the benefit of the waters to Wiesbaden, and she has, like the rest, become a sufferer from rheumatism. These remarks must be considered as prefatory to a curious prescription which I heard years ago, from an Irish lady, resident then and now in Leeds. Her sufferings from rheumatism used to be acute, until she adopted an old woman's remedy, which simply consisted of flour of sulphur dusted into the soles of her shoes and stockings. This was a perfect preventative. If any one doubts its efficacy, it is singularly easy and inexpensive to test the matter, and I should be very much obliged if those who may try it will let me hear the result. All I wish to do is to voice for the perfect truth of the statement as regards my friend's experience.

Mr. Huxley, after referring to the many species we have, exclaims: "see there, as they all came from one egg, therefore, there must be a natural selection, creating, firstly, those species, then, secondly, out of these species." In the assertion that all animal life came from one egg, he assumes the very point in dispute. It is a short way to account for terrestrial phenomena; it saves so much investigation and so much of belief in divine wisdom and power, that it is comfortable to accept it. Especially is it so with modern scientists, for it is not true as Agassiz has said:

"It is a curious fact in the history of progress, that a kind of intuitive insight, the earlier observers seem to have had a wider, more comprehensive recognition of natural phenomena as a whole than their successors, who excel them in their knowledge of special points, but often lose their grasp of broad relations in the more minute investigations of details."

One would suppose that the instruction given to the student should have always in view this "grasp of broader relations;" this "wider and more comprehensive recognition of natural phenomena," but it has not. Why?

The answer must be stated in another article.

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