

**Unfortunate Poor.**  
Scotland, in common with other civilized countries, has now a poor-law which provides for her beggars, but there was a time, not very long ago, when those who could not or would not work were obliged to obtain sustenance according to certain recognized customs. Some of these wandering tribes carried a meal-poke about with them, and the householders upon whom they called gave alms in oatmeal or barley meal, either by the single or double handful. Oatmeal was always preferred by the mendicants, as it found everywhere a ready market.

A class of beggars common in Ireland and Scotland were those known as the Hand-Barrow Mendicants, who lived in a manner suggesting the district school-teacher's "boarding round." They were always disabled creatures, and were carried about from one house to another, either seated upon barrows or reclining on bundles of rags.

When one was set down at a farmer's door, it required the strength of two persons to transport him to the next house. In some cases, if the mistress of the house was alone when a mendicant arrived, she was obliged to keep him until her husband and servants came from their works and could remove him to his next refuge.

These beggars must have suffered almost inconceivable misery from exposure to the weather, to say nothing of being jolted about from point to point. Some had no legs, others could not use their limbs at all.

There is a story to the effect that two young men, tiring of their task of removing a beggar woman to a distant hamlet, accomplished for her a marvelous cure. They were obliged to ford the River Esk on their way, and suddenly, in the midst of the passage, treated her to a cold bath, out of which she immediately scrambled, and though she had lost the use of her legs, she took to her heels and ran!

Another class of people, now provided for by the poor-laws of Scotland and Ireland, were the idiots and imbeciles who once required the personal care of almost every village in these countries. Formerly all vigorous imbeciles in Scotland were supported by going the rounds of the parish, and working for their board and clothing.

**An Awful Scheme.**  
I have heard lately of a country library which is run on so ingenious a principle that I feel bound to state it for the benefit of such of my readers as may be concerned with similar institutions. Though in some sense a public library, the books are not given out free, a small sum being charged, so much per day, for the use of them, and the library is open but two days in the week, and then only for a couple of hours. The consequence is obvious—a man takes out a book and finishes it perhaps on one of the off days. Then the work is laid aside, and he never thinks of it except on a day or at an hour when books are not received, and the result is that books are kept out for a week or two, at least, and a corresponding revenue accrues to the library. The advantage of this plan is two-fold. Few books are read (always a great point gained in a public library), and for those that are read a large fee is extorted from the reader. It is superfluous to add that the books in this library are carefully wrapped up in brown paper, and that the person who presides over it is eminently well suited for the post.—*Boston Post.*

**"Try Not the Pass."**  
Having had some dealings with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which proved very satisfactory to all concerned, a well-known citizen remarked to a very pleasant official: "Now, I will take a run to Washington; just give me a pass."

The official, not large physically but immense quizzically, said, "Certainly."

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The neatly folded pass was produced by the citizen. The conductor seemed puzzled. Then the "pass" was handed politely back.

The following is the pass: "To all toll-gate keepers on the Washington pike—Pass him free, his name is O'Leary."

The fair was paid.—*Baltimore Sun.*

**An Early Fall.**  
He—I love the autumn very much. Yes, you know woman was created about that season of the year.

She—I had never heard so before. Pray, how did you ascertain the fact?

He—You remember it tells in the Bible how Eve was created just before the first fall.—*Omaha World.*

**Yes, They Have.**

"How things have gone on and improved since I was a boy!" exclaimed an old gent as he laid down his pen and blotted his letter. "For instance, it wasn't thirty years ago that no one had any particular way of spelling 'shugar.' Now everybody spells it just as I always said it ought to be spelt."

THERE is a report at Pittsburgh, Pa., that Krupp, the great German gun-maker, contemplates setting up an establishment in Pennsylvania, so that in case of a war in Europe he can supply guns to any nation that wants them.

THE most widely separated points between which it is possible to send a telegram are British Columbia and New Zealand, via America and Europe.

**What Is Catarrh?**  
Catarrh is an inflammation of the mucous membranes, and may affect the head, throat, stomach, bowels, or bladder. But catarrh of the head is the most common, often coming on so gradually that it has a firm hold before the nature of the trouble is suspected. Catarrh is caused by a cold, or succession of colds, combined with impure blood. Its local symptoms are a sense of fullness and heat in the forehead, dryness in the nose and back part of the throat, and a disagreeable discharge from the nose. When the disease gains a firm hold on the system it becomes chronic, and is then exceedingly dangerous and treacherous, liable to develop into consumption.

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**Ill Winds**  
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"So I heard."  
"You know it, and yet you say I can be of a service to you?"  
"Yes, sir; I beg you will not refuse."  
"But what can a miserable bankrupt like me do for any one?"  
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