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NEW YORK has a Japanese carpenter.

If you run after two hares you will catch neither.

BEHAVIOR is a mirror, in which every one shows his image.

THERE are 101 life prisoners in the Kentucky penitentiaries.

NEXT to the virtue, the fun of this world is what we least can spare.

A man has been arrested at Gate City, Wash., for stealing a sawmill and carting it twenty miles.

CONSIDERING comfort and convenience, living is cheaper in London than in any other city of Europe.

JAPAN is a great country for poor people. The most expensive form of cremation only costs seven dollars.

An Italian physiologist has demonstrated by experiment that thinking causes a rush of blood to the brain, which varies with the nature of the thought.

ENGLISH girls are said to be growing taller and the men shorter. The circumstance is attributed to the smoking habits of young men, which stunt their growth.

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR has presented the Astor Library with a small art collection, comprising twenty-two pictures, valued at \$75,000, a statue by Rossetti, and a couple of bronzes.

PAUL DU CHAILLU has written of the gorilla, and claims to have seen him, met him, and shot him. An Englishman offered to bet him £50 that he never saw one outside of a menagerie.

A SIMPLE COUGH REMEDY is made of an ounce of flaxseed boiled in a pint of water, a little honey added, an ounce of rock candy, and the juice of three lemons, the whole mixed and boiled well.

THERE is a man in Syracuse, N. Y., who has a snake in his stomach which demands frequent libations of port wine. If the unhappy man gratifies it often enough he may yet drive it into his boots.

THE BRITISH SOLDIERS' LIFE at Indian frontier stations cannot be altogether happy. One noon recently the thermometer registered 94 degrees at the Gnatong fort in Sikkim. That night it fell to 17 degrees above zero.

OF 200 household remedies, for burns, scalds, colic, sore eyes and everything else under the sun, cut from a weekly paper and submitted to a doctor, only eleven were selected out as being of any good whatever.

"THIS LOCALITY is booming as the oldest inhabitant never expected or hoped for," says a Nebraska weekly, and the same issue publishes two whole pages of delinquent taxpayers, including about half the lands of the county.

THERE are 500 men in New York who own farms within thirty miles of the city, and engage more or less in seductive agriculture. The *Express* says that every bushel of potatoes raised by them is worth its weight in tea or coffee.

THE LARGEST TELESCOPIC LENS ever ground in the United States is now in course of polishing at Greenleaf, Pa. It is to be used in a refracting telescope, and measures 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness. Its weight is 300 pounds.

ACCORDING to Herr Japing, the hourly rate of water falling over Niagara Falls is 100,000,000 tons, representing 16,000,000 horse power; and the total daily production of coal in the world would just about suffice to pump the water back again.

IN THE LAST TEN years no less than sixteen different patents have been issued on umbrellas, and yet none of them have been accepted by maker or buyer, because the umbrella as it is is good enough, and can't be made any better. It is like old wine.

THE SCANDAL kicked up in England over the discovery of a high-toned gentleman cheating at cards, has resulted in the discovery that about a dozen of them were making their living in that very way, and they never sat down to play without intending to cheat.

THE OLFACTOMETER recently exhibited to the Academy of Sciences in Paris is a little apparatus for testing the smelling powers of individuals. It determines the weight of odorous vapor in a cubic centimeter of air which is perceptible by the olfactory sense of a person.

TALMAGE says a merchant can do business and not deceive in the slightest iota. Give Talmage a \$25,000 stock of goods and start him in business on his plan and he would be bankrupt in three months. His own wife wouldn't believe his clerks when they told her the solemn truth.

SOCIAL CIRCLES of every kind are improved and elevated by the cordial touch of opposites. The rich and the poor, the cultured and the uneducated, the theorist and the practical man, the young and old, the married and single, merchant and mechanic, can all help each other; and that society will thrive the best which brings them

into pleasant and wholesome relations. Capital and labor are great contrasts, but only as they come together in harmony, or in harmonious operation, can the highest value of either be evolved.

A SNOW STORM at Deerfield, Mass., was accompanied by a shower of black insects. They were from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch in length, and seemed to enjoy their association with the watery particles, burrowing in the soft flakes and skipping about like fleas upon its surface.

JAPAN had a plethora of epidemics in 1890. Influenza reached her shores in February. Cholera followed with over 31,000 deaths. Dysentery affected 38,878 persons, with 7,262 deaths, a ratio of 18.94 per cent. Typhoid fever occurred 22,684 times, with 5,369 deaths, 23.56 per cent.

THE MOST DISGUSTED man in Belton, Texas, owns a mule which lately made a meal by devouring an envelope which contained \$225 in greenbacks. The animal looked none the worse after digesting that amount of uncooked cash, but his owner's face was "sickled over with the pale cast of thought."

FROM INQUIRIES recently made it appears that in Belgium there were more than 384,000 workmen employed in large industries. Of these 8,607 worked less than nine hours, 173,246 worked from nine to eleven hours, 188,148 worked from eleven to twelve hours, and 14,046 worked more than twelve hours.

THE OTHER SUNDAY a popular Cincinnati preacher said that if there was any person within hearing who believed in the so-called Christian science, that person was either a dunderhead or a base impostor. The theory was a hobby—a fake—a burlesque, and he warned all earnest men and women against it.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES bubbles over with sage remarks, and one of his latest is the expression of a doubt that the excessive development of the muscular system in accordance with the athletic craze is compatible with the best condition of health, since the other organs may suffer if the muscles are overworked.

A TEXAS YOUTH who tried to murder his parents said he figured thusly: He would get about \$200 worth of property, go to Florida, start an orange grove, sell his oranges for \$10,000 and then live in a big house in New Orleans on the interest of his money. It is curious that he left out the ownership of a steamboat.

A WISCASSET (Me.) man discovered a big gash in his boot where he had cut his foot while in the woods, and just managed to get home, feeling himself growing fainter from loss of blood all the way, when somebody discovered that the gash only went through his boot, and the red color was not blood but only a woolen stocking.

WHEN A MAN SUICIDES without apparent reason the public must always suppose one. In the case of the man who went over Niagara Falls the other day, he was on his way to Europe to take possession of a large estate. The public suppose that the idea of the long voyage made him despondent, which is probably within forty miles of right.

A WASHINGTON correspondent says, there are no less than sixteen different fancy brands of butter shipped into that town, but as yet he has been unable to trace any of them to a hotel. It isn't any mystery, however, to a man who has been there, where some of the hotels get their supply. The Philadelphia oleomargarine factories furnish it.

A NEW YORK PAVING CONTRACTOR, in putting in a bid to repave Chatham square, forgot to carry thirteen in his multiplication of figures, and the result was that he got the work for \$11,000 less than what it would cost him to do it, and had to drop \$2,500 to secure a back out. He's the first paving man ever heard of who didn't carry right up and something over.

A LITTLE MAN asking how it happened that so many beautiful ladies took up with but indifferent husbands, after many fine offers, was thus aptly answered by a mountain maiden: A young friend of hers, during a walk, requested her to go into a delightful canebrake, and there get him the handsomest reed; she must get it in once going through, without turning. She went, and coming out brought him quite a mean reed. When he asked if that was the handsomest one she saw, "Oh, no," replied she, "I saw many finer as I went along, but I kept in hopes of a much better, until I had gotten nearly through, and then was obliged to select the best that was left."

ACCORDING to Lieut. Scott, the Indian messiah craze has received a death blow. Having some doubts in the matter, the Kiowas sent a messenger to find the savior, have a talk with him, and learn from his own lips what he wanted the Indians to do. After visiting several tribes without success, the messenger found the reputed messiah in Nevada. He proved to be a half-breed named Jack Wilson, but he was disgusted with the fellow, who seemed to be an admixture of adventurer and tramp. The rogue admitted that he couldn't bring back the messenger's dead relatives for consultation, and made it plain that he was nothing but an ordinary and ignorant impostor. The messenger returned and told what he had learned, and the craze has received its death blow.

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## FOR OUR LITTLE FOLKS.

### A COLUMN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM.

What Children Have Done, What They Are Doing, and What They Should Do to Pass Their Childhood Days.

#### Marinette's Prodigy.

Below is a picture of Master Carlton E. Herrick, of Marinette, Wis., the young inventor of a toy ball. Although now eight years old, he was only seven when he first conceived the idea of the toy, knowing nothing of patents. It was entirely his own invention. He has no father living, and no one to aid him in carrying out his ideas.

The toy appearing to have much merit, friends advised securing a patent. An application was filed July 28, 1890, and letters patent received Oct. 7, 1890. The toy consists of a small wooden ball about an inch or more in diameter, filled with lead to give it weight. The ball is colored, and has the surface divided by a series of ornamental stripes of different colors, or circular bands of variegated colors. A string two feet in length is attached to the ball, which is twirled a few times by the one handling it and then allowed to fly in the air. The

ball revolves in its ascent and descent, and gives a diversified and variegated arrangement of colors that render it very handsome. The ball returns to the point from which it was sent up.

The sum of \$3,000 has been offered for the patent, but it is considered to have more value than this, and negotiations are now going on for its purchase.

Master Herrick has other inventions not yet perfected. That his inventive genius is hereditary is indicated in the fact that his mother has received letters patent upon a child's toy of her own invention, which will no doubt also prove a valuable one.

Master Herrick is a modest, unassuming lad, not at all seemingly conscious of having done more than any lad might do. As his mother is in moderate circumstances, the pecuniary benefits they will derive from these two inventions will render them comfortable.

#### Good Advice.

"Aim to be kind," says Horace Mann, "generous, magnanimous."

If there is a boy in school who has club-foot, don't let him know you ever saw it.

If there is a poor boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rag in his hearing.

If there is a lame boy, assign him some part of the game which does not require running. If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner.

If there is a dull one, help him to learn his lesson.

If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents and another is envious of him, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before.

If a bigger or stronger boy has injured you and is sorry for it, forgive him, and request the teacher not to punish him. It is much better to have a kind heart than a great fist.

#### Boys:

Treat mother as politely as if she were a strange lady.

Be as kind and helpful to your sisters as to other boys' sisters.

Don't grumble or refuse to do some errand which must be done, and which otherwise takes the time of some one who has more to do.

Have your mother and sisters for your best friends.

Find some amusement for the evening that all the family can join in, large and small.

Be a gentleman at home.

Cultivate a cheerful temper.

If you do anything wrong, take your mother into your confidence.

Never lie about anything you have done.

#### Sayings of Little Ones.

When three-year-old Morris first saw the snow last winter he called out excitedly: "Oh! mamma, the ground is all white like the sugar frosting on Lola's cake."

And Charlie, who is about the same age, said: "It is raining sugar."

When Charles, who is nine, was getting ready for church the other Sunday I gave him a five-cent piece to put on the plate. "I want two; you have to pay two fares when you go to church."

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how he liked it, he said: "It's good enough; all but the end of it."

A little fellow had torn his trousers in climbing a tree, and came sobbing to his mother, and said: "See how badly I have bruised my pants!"

Little girl (fearfully) — Mamma, when are the Indians coming on?

Mother — Hush, dear, there are no Indians.

Little girl — Then who scalped all the men in the front seats?

"Mary, is Lucy awake?" "No, mamma, she ain't dot her eyes undon yet," answered Mary.

#### HOW TO EAT 'POSSUM.

A Dialect Story as Told by Congressman Coleman, of Louisiana.

Only those who have enjoyed an acquaintance outside of business relations with the modest Representative from the Second Louisiana District know that Hon. Hamilton Dudley Coleman is one of the best story tellers ever a member of Congress. A year or two ago, it was at a club, after a promising meeting of one of the American shipping conventions, that a score or more of gentlemen were enjoying a lively run of such stories as "set the table in a roar." Mr. Coleman was called upon by a companion and told what is given below, being twice encored, so intently did he tell it. It is the story of an old plantation negro.

"If yuh wants to know what's good des lis'en: You look at de 'possum and smack yr lips, fer he a big, fine feller. Den yuh take 'em an' go rit bac home, an' jes' fo' yuh git to de do' yuh take yo' axe-helv an' put 'em across de neck an' brake de neck by pullin' of de tail. Den yuh take 'em in de house an' ole' oman done lef' a great big fireplace heep full hick'ry ashes; yuh takes de shubble an' opens er big hole in dem pile er ashes an' draps dat 'possum in dar; an' when yuh takes 'em out dar heh hair des pull off dess as easy, an' yuh put 'im in some hot water an' scrapes 'im wid er case knife an' he cumm des as clean. Den yuh takes out de intrals, hangs 'im up an' wash 'm good; den yuh salts 'im down and puts 'im away twel Monday mawnin.' Monday mawnin' cum, de old 'oman takes 'im out an' parbiles 'im good; den she gets 'bout peck of taters, an' den slices dem taters an' piles 'em all ober 'im, an' den she bakes him twel de greese run all frum dem taters. Den she takes 'im out an' puts 'im in de big dish an' sets 'im on de dinner table wid de taters piled up all over 'im. Yuh cum ter dinner from de fiel' an' yuh walks in an' sets down to de table, but yuh doan' eat dat 'possum den. Eh! eh! eh! eh!"

"No sal! doan' eat dat 'possum den. Arter dinner yuh takes 'im an' de taters an' sets 'im up in de cubbord. Bimeby yuh cumm home frum de day's wuk; ter yuh cum comes home frum yer supper. Yure mity worn out; fer ver ben wukin' in de fiel' ha'd all day. Yer sits down outside de cabin do' an' takes yer pipe an' smokes. 'Fore long Ephrem says: 'Daddy, daddy,' thuper's ready." "But yuh dess sets dar? yer doan' go in at all. Yer wait twel de ole' oman an' de chilun go off to bed—she nuff. Den yuh knock de ashes out yer pipe an' goes. Yuh moves the little square front de fire an' puts yer chair clos up dar by it. Den yuh goes to the cubbord an' gets de 'possum an' de taters. Yuh puts 'em on de table. Yuh tel de ole' oman fur to go out an' lock de do'. Den dar yuh is! Yuh an' de 'possum, all by yourselves—tergesser. Yuh frows de ole' hat on de flo', takes yer seat in dat char' an' gibs up yer soul to Gord" — *Chicago Journal*.

#### Our Standing Army.

"I see you speak in this afternoon's *Telegraph* of the hardships our soldiers had to stand on the plains," said H. T. Carrington, of Chicago, at the Park Avenue Hotel, "and while I admit that your informant is right in nearly all that he says, yet service in the army is a delight to what it was before the war. There is not a post throughout the country that I know of that is not accessible by railroad, and which does not have a daily mail.

The quarters to which the private soldier is now assigned are simply palatial as compared with the old-time affairs. Take Fort Riley, for example. The men's barracks are splendidly arranged and handsomely furnished. Each company quarters is furnished with a library, billiard room, gymnasium and marble-tub bath-rooms, while the squad rooms or dormitories are nicely fitted with iron bedsteads and the walls are hung with pictures of army life. The mess hall at Fort Riley seats 1,200 men at each meal, and the chef de cuisine is a salaried civilian at \$150 a month.