

Miscellaneous.

Helen Keller at the Boston Art Museum. I had the good fortune to witness the unique scene in the Boston Art Museum, two or three weeks ago, when Helen Keller, the beautiful deaf and blind girl, was taken to "see" the statuary. Helen Keller is now seventeen years old. She has a beautiful form and her face is expressive to a most unusual degree. She gives the impression of a fresh, happy girlhood. There is a slight deformity of the eyes, but every other feature is perfect, and her mouth is especially expressive and handsome. With smiling, portly lips she seems to be filled with a happy expectancy of what the future may bring her.

At the museum the scene appeared thoroughly familiar to all the old Greek mythologies, and it seems as if just been reading "The Illiad." A letter suggesting the visit was sent her by her friend, Miss Cobb, formerly a teacher of the blind, and Helen accepted the invitation, saying that she had always wanted to see the "olive-browed god and the white-armed goddess." At the museum the first statue shown her was that of Apollo. A sculptor who had made that of Apollo. A sculptor who had made that of Apollo. A sculptor who had made that of Apollo. A sculptor who had made that of Apollo.

The address and quickness with which she could examine a statue was wonderful, but what impressed her on the looker as even more remarkable was that she seemed to read the artist's thought through her sensitive fingers as readily as a seeing person could take it by a glance. She was shown the head of a mother bidding farewell to her child. In this the arms of the mother were missing. Her first question was, "Where are the mother's arms?" She should embrace the child. And she was not at first understood she repeated her arms around Miss Cobb. Of the mother she remarked, "She has sorrowful eyes, wide open; her lips seem to quiver; she lifts up her forehead.

Helen Keller's vocabulary is quaint and bookish, quite different from that of an ordinary schoolgirl. She talks as if she were translating. She sometimes stammers and with an earnest effort to be understood, but in order to catch every word she says one must give attention. There is a slight explanation of this. When she desires to see or understand any of the statues, she reaches for the hand of Miss Cobb, who spelled into her fingers what she was to see. Her quickness of perception astonished everybody. Upon being shown a bas-relief of some dancing girls she immediately asked, "Where are the dancers' feet?" and to test their absence simply by touch even sooner than it would be noted by a seeing person. The adjoining relief was that of a figure, three being four or five figures. The lips of one were closed, and as soon as her fingers touched it she announced, "One is silent." A little further on was a statue of Neptune, and on feeling the empty hand her silent question was, "Where is the trident?" She was not without an answer. She said that Neptune, laughing, "He is not so handsome as Pericles." The latter she had previously described as having "a fine, strong face full of spirit and thought," and Saglio was especially pleased with Michael Angelo's group of Mother and Child, and after having examined each of its figures separately she placed one hand on mother's face and the other on that of the child and remained in that position for a brief minute as if touched with the gentle perfume of motherhood. Then she said softly, "It is very sweet and lovely."

There was an absorbed and expectant silence in the big rooms as the blind girl passed with rapid face from statue to statue. The little group of students following her watched her as on almost breathless interest as she stood on the top of the step, and groping and smiling. They were not to be seen, but she might say. With eyes as sightless as the vacant orbit of stone about her, yet with every motion she presented a picture of extraordinary interest and one which will never be forgotten by those who saw it. —Ann B. Parker in Congregationalist.

THEY CAN MELTED IN AND THE DUMP CONVERTED INTO LAUREL. On every dumping ground where the city contractors of Brooklyn place their ashes one may see a heap, as lead after lead is deposited, and carefully plied the tomato cans and other cast-off pieces of tinware in piles by themselves. The contractors do not object if the householders put old cans among the ashes, for this insures a careful leveling by the Italians at the dumping grounds as no expense to the contractors. The revenue from these cans that are collected by the hundreds of thousands is a matter of surprise to most persons. A two-horse load brings from \$6 to \$8. It takes several days of hard work to get a good load, but the Italians don't seem to mind the labor of it, for there is money in melting it in sight as the piles of cans grow. They watch jealously their plotting grounds, and sometimes make special arrangements with the contractors for the privilege of scraping and raking the ash heaps over.

The cans are sold to men with furnaces, who place them in a big aldron, and under a slow fire melt the tin and solder and run that part off for future use and sale. Almost all the tin and solder is saved by this process, and is available for use in making more cans for preserving vegetables. The heat is then made into steam, and the iron that remains is melted and cast into wash wheels. The demand for these cans is said to be greater than the supply, and one of the most valuable of the by-products of the Italian iron and brass works are that of working over an ash dump. The Italians also collect old bits of leather in heaps. Old shoes of a large size are always a special delight to them. A wagon load of them is always available for use in making lampblack. There are other sources of profit in ash heaps, but the oldest source of fortune is those who pull them to pieces and use the metal and the glass. —New York Herald.

Agricultural.

Early Tomatoes. PREPARATION OF THE SOIL—SETTING THE PLANTS IN THE FIELD.

While the tomato is adapted to many soils it must be remembered when the aim is early maturity that the soil should be one which the fertility is widely distributed and which is desirable where a general crop is grown to be sowed, since such soils tend to produce a too rapid and too large growth of vines, thus partially defeating the purpose in view—namely, a quick growth of plant and a rapid development of fruit. The active fertilizing matter should be concentrated within the immediate reach of the roots. After this preparation is made, both as to place and time, as will best serve the purpose, is most desirable. A light, sandy loam, high and well drained, is perhaps the ideal for early tomatoes, provided the proper nourishment is given from artificial sources. The best treatment of the soil should be such as to free it from weeds and to leave it in a thoroughly friable condition. A crop of 2000 plants per acre is not too high, and in better to provide tomatoes than a heavy crop. A clover or timothy sod or a hay crop, such as ryegrass, however, provided it is plowed under in the fall or early in spring, in time to permit of a thorough mellowing by cultivation before the plants are set, is a very desirable preparation of the soil. It is better to have the soil in a loose, friable condition, and to have the plants set in a hole, than to have them set in a hole, and to have the soil in a loose, friable condition, and to have the plants set in a hole.

For setting in the field, a warm, bright day should be selected and the work pushed as rapidly as possible. The soil should be in a loose, friable condition, and the plants should be set in a hole, and to have the soil in a loose, friable condition, and to have the plants set in a hole.

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