

THE POET'S CORNER

The Conqueror Conquered. In southern archipelagoes he'd fought the bloody cannibal; He'd skinned and tanned the crocodile and found him very tannable; He'd found a word he'd uttered, not a word and not a syllable...

MAX ON AMERICA.

Maxwell, the Critic of Peoples, Gives His Views of Brother Jonathan. American women run their husbands and fathers very close in the matter of wit.

The liberty enjoyed by American girls astonishes the English as much as the liberty of the English girl surprises the French. From the age of 18 the American girl is allowed almost every liberty.

Not to take the name of God in vain, the English have invented many euphemisms; some men, imagining, I suppose, that the Daily takes no cognizance of any language but English, venture so far as to say "Mon Dieu" or "Mein Gott."

The Americans are Christians—that is to say, they attend church on Sundays. How resist the two following appeals, posted at the doors of a New York and Chicago church: I copied them word for word with great care:

Musical Evangelists.

Solos; Short sermons; The place to be happy and saved. Walk in, ladies and gentlemen, walk in. The other, more seductive still, was worded thus:

No reason for not coming!

Free seats; Cheerful service! Books supplied to the congregation. The public are requested to leave the books in the seats after use.

I saw in an American paper the appearance of Miss Minnie Palmer spoken of in the following terms: "Minnie Palmer will wear all her diamonds in the third act."

The booking office was besieged all day, and in the evening, money was refused. An amusing detail was the arrival of a good fourth of the audience at 10 o'clock to see the diamonds in the third act.

The population of America is 60,000,000—mostly colons. An English old maid would do without her tea before an American woman would go without diamonds.

Oh, those diamonds in America! You see them wherever you go! Not one woman in a hundred will go see without a pair of them in her ears. It is an obsession.

Jonathan admires all that glitters, even that which is not gold. In his eyes the success of a thing answers for its quality, and the charlatan that succeeds is superior to the merit that vegetates.

The American men are generally thin. At a dinner party given recently at Delmonico's I heard that each man had a chain attached, consisting of pearls and diamonds, and valued at \$1,000.

Every American with the least self-respect is Colonel or Judge. Few escape it.

Nothing Like It.

"I was troubled with liver complaint for a good many years, but was cured by one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters. I have never found any medicine to help me like B. B. B., in fact one bottle made a complete cure." W. J. West, Park Hill, Ont.

To be Noted by Business Men.

Owe no man a dollar if you can avoid it. Have a general extended knowledge of all things you deal in. Go into business on your own account late rather than too early in life.

Get into an old firm rather than establish a new one. Avoid large sales to individuals. When you buy, take care; when you sell, take quadruple care.

Make no useless expenditures when you owe others. Keep your property well insured; you cannot afford to lose while you are trying to make.

Be honest, economical, agreeable and pleasant. Keep your expenses low and your profits high. Take little credit and have much money.

Have a small house and large capital. Be modest, but feel your strength. Mrs. Grundy will not pay your bill; therefore don't let your wife spend too much to please her.

The best regulators for the stomach and bowels, the best cure for biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and all affections arising from a disordered liver, are without exception Johnson's Tonic Liver Pills. Small in size, sugar coated, mild, yet effective. 25 cts. per bottle sold by Goode, druggist, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

EDUCATIONAL THOUGHT.

Interesting Selections of Value to Teachers and Pupils. It is a vice of the common system of artificial rewards and punishments, long since noticed by the clear-sighted, that by substituting for the natural results of misbehavior certain threatened tasks or castigations it produces a radically wrong standard of moral guidance.

Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say; but from their conduct one would suppose that they were born with two tongues and one eye, for those talk the most who observe the least, and obtrude their remarks upon everything who have seen into nothing.—Bacon.

If children at school can be made to understand how it is just and noble to be humane even to what we term inferior animals, it will do much to give them a higher character and tone through life. There is nothing meaner than barbarous and cruel treatment of the dumb creatures that can not answer or resent the misery which is so often needlessly inflicted upon them.—John Bright.

We cannot know in another what we have not first known in ourselves. We study children through ourselves. "We've been there," and we know how it is. We have often urged the necessity of the study of the child. This is all important for a teacher, but self-study should come first. This was the didactic and decided teaching of Socrates. "Know yourself" was his constant command. If self-knowledge we find the basis of morals, intelligent action, and religion. So we affirm with Geo. P. Brown that "the shortest road to the knowledge of the child is through a knowledge of self."—N. Y. School Journal.

Mr. Mundella, vice-president of the Council, said in a recent address at the opening of the Tate Free Library in London: "The way to elevate man, to keep him in the paths of virtue, purity and nobility, is to make him a reading man." We believe this statement, strong as it is, to be no stronger than the facts in the case justify. Young men, men of middle age and old men, become loafers, vagabonds, and too often criminals, because they do not know how to pass their time when not employed at work. But no one can be expected to work every day and from ten to sixteen hours a day. Some means should be devised by which the spare hours may not only be pleasantly but profitably spent. If there were no better way, it would be to the interests of the community that men who can do nothing else should be kept at work from early morn until nine or ten at night, rather than spend it in idleness, for such a course is pretty sure to lead to what is worse than idleness. But there is a better way—and this is to cultivate the love of reading in the young. Such a taste can be gratified at a trifling cost. Good reading produces beneficial results by keeping the reader out of mischief while he is reading, and by filling his mind with proper subjects for meditation and conversation at other times.

"He who checks a child with terror, strips its play, and stills its song. Not alone commits an error, But a great and moral wrong. Give it play, and never fear it—Active life is no defect; Never, never, break its spirit,—Curb it only to direct."

"Would you stop the flowing river? Thinking it would cease to flow? Orward it must flow forever. Better teach it where to go."

The truth is that ignorance and indifference are almost the same; and we are sure to grow interested, as fast as our knowledge extends, in any subject whatever.—W. B. O. Peabody.

It is Well to Remember. That slander, like mud, dries and falls off. That he that gathers roses must not fear thorns. That to wait and be patient soothes many a pang. That all are not princes that ride with the emperor.

That correction is good when administered in season. That it takes a great deal of grace to be able to bear praise. That you will never have a friend if you must have one without failings. That to have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power. That there is no limit to the age at which a man may make a fool of himself. That the roses of pleasure seldom last long enough to adorn the brow of those who pluck them.

That a man who cannot mind his own business is not to be treated with the business of others.

Spoke Before Thinking. An agreeable young man was calling with due ceremony on a nice Auburn girl the other evening when her brother Tom, just arrived home from college on the evening train, rushed into the room and embraced his sister.

"Why, how plump you're grown, Edith!" he exclaimed. "You're really quite an armful!"

"Isn't she!" exclaimed the agreeable young man—and then he felt a chill racing down his spinal column.

"That is," he exclaimed, "I've no doubt of it—I—"

The brother looked carving knives at him, and the maiden blushed furiously.

"I mean—er," said he, "I should judge so!"

Burn over the fields that are covered with stubble. If you can find a place and well sheltered, you can set out lettuce plants now.

Nothing is so clean as dried dirt sprinkled on the floors of the poultry houses and in the stalls of the stables and cattle sheds.

Put out your manure now and get it out of the way before spring. By doing so the manure will be in better condition for the crops.

LIVE STOCK.

It is both injurious and cruel to deprive cattle of salt. They will often prefer impure water to pure drinking water, because when given tank water they are not kept properly supplied with rock salt. In their desire for saliva food, animals will drink the most impure fluids and will even eat earth.

Moisture is cut and steamed, or moistened with boiling water, it will be found an excellent and agreeable change of diet for the cows. Cows that are given a variety of food occasionally will always keep in better condition than those that are fed on a sameness of diet continually.

Commence the new year on the farm by paying for everything as you go. Enormous bills cause trouble and inconvenience.—Agricultural Epitomist.

"How lucky some men are!" is the almost envious comment of the hapless farmer and stockman as he contemplates the success of his wide-awake, thorough-going neighbor.—Breeder's Gazette.

No man's experience can teach him all that is worth knowing; therefore read, and get the experience of others. The best profit is in the best products. An afternoon visit to market will find the best meat, butter, vegetables and fruits all sold.—Vermont Watchman.

The most solemn joke in all the world is farming just for fun. . . . Russia is a sort of semi-barbarous land, but blunders are never put on horses there. . . . Politeness pays in the cow stable. A gentle man gets more milk from a harsh one.—Farm Stock and Home.

It is almost worse thrown away to set trees, shrubs, and flowers, and then leave them to take care of themselves. . . . In the management of a farm, as well as with all other pursuits, attending to details has done more to assure success than anything else.—Maryland Farmer.

It is not what we produce but what we utilize that makes the profit. On the farm as elsewhere misfortune is the shadow of carelessness. . . . Many a boy has been driven from the farm by being compelled to do chores while the men were mooning under the trees.—Selected.

Don't keep too many "dead head roosters." If you want the eggs for hatching, one to every dozen hens is enough, and if you want eggs for eating, you need no roosters at all. You can materially lessen your expenses by attending to this hint.—Poultry Monthly.

The Poultry Bulletin says:—"Feeding for eggs is the principal thing for winter laying, no matter what breed you keep. Mashed potatoes in the soft feed are very desirable and greatly relished two or three times a week. Vegetables are necessary as well as grain, and animal food for the full development of the laying capacity of any breed of poultry."

In growing calves for near the top of the market be sure and keep the top line straight. The calf that is cot-bellied is away-backed, and is like bad butter—spoiled once spoiled forever. It is first good breeding, and second, good feeding, especially during the first year, that makes the straight back neck, without which no cattle bring the top price.

Prof. Saubert's ration for a 1,000 pound horse; Two quarts of oats in the morning, one and one-half quarts of bran at noon, and a strong quart of corn at night is not a troublesome way of feeding. This ration is large enough for a horse at any light work, and probably larger than needed. For city purposes or for a pleasure horse in a city a different ration would be given. During the work season the grain ration may be grown a little ground feed added to the barn.

Consider that fact that in every working season there are 50 or 60 working days so rainy and disagreeable that a man cannot do full work out of doors. The farmer who plans for profitable work indoors on these days is an economist in the true sense of the word.

Teach your daughter that good butter is better than good music. Many a "scrub" farmer will always have scrub cattle, no matter in what herd book they are recorded.—Rural New Yorker.

A calf born in fall or winter is worth two born in the spring for profit. To attempt to improve a scrub crop by selecting and breeding is poor economy. You can purchase improved stock and secure the benefit of the work of others cheaper than you can do the work yourself. . . . The greater the number of persons contributing milk or cream to the factory, the less uniform will be the product unless the operator or owner carefully inspects the herd's stables and dairy houses of the patrons.—Daily World.

Prof. W. A. Henry's dairy experiments go to show that the ripening of cream before churning increases the yield of butter from 15 to 20 per cent, over the yield from sweet cream, provided that both are churned in the same year. The ripening of cream appears to have no marked influence upon the time of churning. The mixing of sweet with sour cream just before churning does not result in any advantage to the sweet cream, the same increase in the yield of butter produced by ripening the cream may be obtained by adding acid to sweet cream just before churning.—Rural New Yorker.

When the spring rains come do not allow any of the water to flow into the well. Grade up around the well so as to turn the surface water off.

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