Fun and Fancy.

Life is too short for its possessor to wear long faces.

Good spirits are often taken for good nature; yet nothing differs so much; insensibility being generally the source of the former, and sensibility of the latter.

'What is nerve?' asks an exchange. Well, nerve is shown by a chap who pops the question when his sweetheart's small brother is present.

The young man who sits near the door, smiles and says nothing, usually gets away with the girl, and the statesman who is least talked about will get away with the Cabinet position.

'I say,' said a dandy to a intelligent mechanic, 'I have got an idea in my head.' 'Well,' replied the other, 'if you don't cherish it with great care, it will die for the want of companions.'

Abut the coolest joke of the season is an inscription painted on a sign-board, which just peers above the deep snow drifts in the Court House yard, requesting visitors not to tread on the grass!'

'Tom,' said a man to his friend, a day or two since, 'I think it highly dangerous to keep the bills of small banks on hand now a-days.' 'Tim,' answered the other, 'I find it is far more difficult than dangerous.

Girls look out! It isn't always the young men who wear the sweetest smiles and nearly break their necks making earth pleasant for you during the courtship season, who are the quickest to get up of a cold morning and build a fire during married life.

'Why don't you get married?' said a young lady to a batchelor acquaintance who was on a visit. 'I have been trying for the last ten years to find some one who would be silly enough to take me, and have not yet succeed,' was the reply. 'Then you haven't been down our way,' was the insinuating rejomder.

'Don't you know it is very wrong to smoke, my boy?' said an old lady to a youngster who persisted in puffing a cheap cigar. 'Oh, I smoke for my health,' answered the boy saucily. 'But you never heard of a cure by smoking,' she continued presently. 'O yes, I did,' persisted the boy, blowing a big cloud; 'that's they cure pigs.' 'Smoke on, then,' quickly replie the old lady; 'ther's some hope for you yet.'

Happiness a Habit.

Every permanent state of mind is lagely the effect of habit. Just as we can perform an action so continually that it comes to be habitual, so we can encourage conditions of mind till they, too, come to be habits of thinking and even of feeling. Every thoughtful parent or teacher recognizes this in the training of youth. The child constantly thwarted or scolded or ridiculed has constantly aroused within him feelings of resentment or discouragement or misery, and these grow to be habitual, and a character for ill-temper or moroseness or despondency is formed. On the other hand, the child who is wisely treated, whose faculties are brought into action, who is encouraged to do well, who is surrounded with cheerful faces and orderly arrangements, becomes accumstomed to corresponding habits of thought and feeling. The exercise of self-control, of truthfulness, of honesty, and other essential qalities, not only result in habitual actions of the same nature, but in habitual feelings or states of mind that induce those actions. So the condition which we call happiness is likewise acquired to a considerable degree. It involves within it many things, but they are not impossible to secure, and when we have discovered them it rests with us to encourage or to discourage them. Happiness is not only a privilege, but a duty; not a mere outward good that may herhaps come to us, but an inward possession which we are bound to attain. When we remember the contagious character of happiness, the strength, courage, and hope it excites by its very presence, and the power for good it exerts in every direction, we cannot doubt our obligation to attain as much of it as possible.

From a Teachers's Diary.

He who speaks too much tires himself and his scholars.

Not what we say, but what the children learn, shows the worth of school work.

If we could always feel ourselves the wants and ability of the child, many a random shot would not be made. An independent opinion, a free and full rendering of what was taught by the teacher, is worth more than a tubful of mechanically memorized things: but certain things must be absolutely and firmly entrusted to the memory, to serve as material to reason upon—we cannot cipher with *noughts only*.

The greatest gain in instruction is obtained, if the children become *desiroxs* of learning.

Not the sum of things learned, but the mental facility manifested by the scholars in thought, speech and writting, is the true criterion of the school's standing.

The question "Why?" is the spade wherewith we dig the earth and uncover its hidden treasures.

The schclar's final aim is not what he can do, but what he shall grow to be.

Morality has for its foundation, firm habit, religious warmth of the heart, and clear thought.—[V. Scheer.

The highest point attained by fishes in Switzerland, according to M. B. Fatio, is that of the minnow, which ascends 7,900 feet above the sea level. With the exception of the perch, which reaches 9,500 feet, and one or two others, 2,000 feet is the limit.

He Meant well Enough.

Fenderson is an unfortunate fellow. At a town gathering the other evening he found himself by the side of Mrs. Bulky. Wishing to say the proper thing he remarked how nice she was looking.

'Really,' said he, 'I believe you grow stouter every day.'

Mrs. Bulky gave him "such a look," with the emphasis on the 'such,' that Fenderson felt as though he should sink through the floor; he had the presence of mind, however, to turn to Miss Slender, whe sat on the other hand. He was determined he would make no mistake this time, so he began:

'You are not nearly so stout as when I last saw you, Miss Slender.'

'I'm just as the Lord made me, sir,' she replied, and then shut her mouth with a snap.

Fenderson concluded that he had better change his base. Getting up and crossing the room, he met Mr. Chawkfiz.

'Ah, Mr. Chawkfiz,' he exclaimed, 'What have you been doing too yourself? 'Pon honor, you've got no more color in your face than a dead man.'

'Thank you,' was Chawfiz's feeble response, as he turned on his heel.

Fenderson turned, too, to see Rubicund, who has a face like a peony.

'I declare,' said Fenderson, 'I never saw you looking so rosy. What a picture of health you are, to be sure.'

'Puppy!' ejaculated Rubicund beneath his breath.

Fenderson says he never saw such curious people as live in his town. It is impossible to please any of them.

A Mother in Israel.

At her late residence, East Zorra, on Monday, 9th inst., Hellen, relict of the late George McKay, aged 84 years.

Thus in a good old age has passed away the mother of Dr. G. L. McKay. The church and the world are her debtors. She was a native of Dornoch, Scotland, and along with her husband, came to this country in 1830. The usual trials of the early settlers were theirs, and bravely were these encountered and overtome. Mr. McKay, the husband, died on the 10th March, 1884. Thus, just a year, all but one day, separated them in death. They were a happy and affectionate couple. Of them it might be said, 'Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.' Mrs. McKay possessed a good knowledge of her Bible, and when reading a chapter, or having it read to her, she would comment at length upon the various truths it contained. The promises were indeed meat and drink to her soul. 'I'm going home, I'm going home,' she repeatedly said, shortly before her death, and when her pastor read to her the words of the 40th Psalm, 'Yes,' she said, 'I'm 'waiting' for him.' She often spoke about her son 'George,' and excused herself for some manifestations of grief on the occasion of parting from him for the last time, by observing to the writer, in 'Gaelic, 'the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Much of the enthusiasm of the great missionary he inherited from his mother, and his early training he owed almost entirely to her. 'Work done for God, it dieth not.' She has entered into her reward. W. A. M.

The Sea of Galilee.

One of the first things for which I looked here was the fishing industry; but I found it not. There is evidently only one sailing vessel on the lake, and but a very small handful of clumsy rowboats. When one of these boats gets out of order there is general consternation, it is said, for the art of ship-building is no longer known here. When we sent our servant today with instructions to procure Galilee fish for dinner he was unable to find a single fish in the market. This is especially strange, inasmuch as I have had special evidence that the waters swarm with piscatorial life today, just as in the days when Christ called Galilean fisherman to his discipleship. Yet fishing is still carried on here on a small scale. Even last night I saw a boat push out to sea with nets aboard, just as Simon did, no doubt, when he was bound to "toil all night" at the same business. This leads me to guess, or at least, to hope that the citizens were not so lazy and worthless in the days of the Son of Man. They could not have been any worse. The modern Galilean would ride two-thirds the way around the lake on the ragged back of a donkey or a camel rather than display the enterprise required to effect a crossing in one-sixth the time by boat. Stupidity and cupidity are everywhere linked in a way that tries Occidental patience.—[New Orleans Times Democrat.

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Hungarian grass on some farms makes a very good as well as cheap food, when properly grown and cured; but nany who try to grow this crop make such mistakes that they abandon it as an undesirable crop. Hungarian grass is a crop that needs warm light land, and it also needs hot weather to grow in. When sown early in the spring it will not grow well, but if sown between the 15th of June and the 1st of July it grows very rapidly, and will produce a large crop if well manured.

A Contrast.

What is my opinion of a Christian on his death-bed? Whatever truth there may be in the statement that a man can mould his belief to fit any doctrine, there is displayed in the last moments of a Christian a faith so perfect, a trust so boundless, and a hope so beautiful, that no man, whatever his belief, can remain unmoved as he sees the dying one loosen his grasp on all things earthly, and with confident strength, take hold upon that which, though unseen, is not unknown, having been made manifest unto those who believe in Christ. To those who say the last farewells, his departure may appear as one going into a frightful darkness, whose farther limit is unknown; but to him who goes upon the voyage the way is clear and gleaming; like a guiding star above his path, there shines the light of ineffable love and peace. There is no dark valley of death to him, and no shadows, for death is the portal of the shadowless land. What doubts may have arisen are dispelled, and as a little child he puts his trusting hand into the Father's, and with the old smile to those who loved him on earth, and the newer one to those who await him beyond, goes upon his untried journey, firm in his hope and confident in the power which leads only in one direction. The infidel may say that any man of will can simulate Christian serenity at the supreme moment, but the bravado of the unbeliever is not the peace of the Christian; one is resolution, the other is test, and their only similarity is physicals. Whether or not the Christian's belief is false, the fact remains that it is clothed in such beauty and peace, and results in such comforting hope, that all men could adopt it to their advantage.—[Merchant Traveler.

How He Became City Editor.

When the new reporter, late from college, started out to write up a fire the "fellows" who had for many years been in the harness smiled, and the managing editor, hearing the joke, laughed and said: 'Now we shall have a thrilling account of the burning of Rome. It is a pity our Greek' font of type is not in working order. He could tell us of all the great fires of Athens.'

The young reporter came in after a while, and, without running his fingers through his hair or muttering any Latin, sat down, and wrote the following:

'Last night about 11 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded. The city was not thrown into an intense state of excitement; neither did any of our brave firemen risk their lives. By the time the engines arrived at the house, an old ratnest situated in the eastern part of the town, was almost destroyed. It is not believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary; neither does the impression that it resulted from a defective flue prevail to any great extent.'

The managing editor, when he read the paragraph, turned to the new reporter and said. 'You will make your mark, sir. Come into this room,' pointing. 'take the position of city editor.'—[Arkansaw Traveler.

Shakespeare had the Bible.

Bishop Wordsworth, in his Shakespeare and the Bible, finds in the poet more than 550 biblical quotations, allusions, references and sentiments. Hamlet alone contains about 80. Richard III. nearly 50, Henry V. and Richard II. about 40 each. Shakespeare quotes from 54 of the biblical books, and not one of his 37 plays is without a scriptural reference. Genesis furnishes the poet with 31 quotations or allusions, the Psalms with 59, Proverbs with 35, Isaiah with 21, Matthew with 60, Luke with 33 and Romans with 23.

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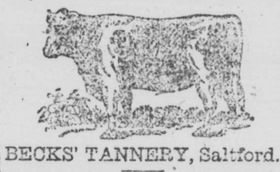
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