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WOMAN'S PROGRESS IN TORONTO.

It is gratifying to those who take interest in the advance of the feminine intellect to know that recent statistics prove that Toronto is already one of the greatest millinery and dry goods centres in North America.

THE TRAMIT OF VENUS.

Our local astronomers will rise this morning at an early hour and take a hurried survey of the heavens. The transit of Venus is an astronomical phenomenon that occurs so infrequently—it will not occur again for 120 years—and one to which so much importance is attached, that both professional and amateur astronomers display the liveliest interest imaginable.

JOURNALISM AMONG THE ABORIGINES.

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin intimates his intention of establishing a newspaper at Regina, the capital of Assiniboia. Regina is a prosperous town, composed of a few straggling tents and a fashionable log tavern which is called the Royal hotel.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Dr. Archibald Campbell Tait, archbishop of Canterbury, carries with him to the grave the policy of compromise between opposing forces which has for a time delayed the disintegration of the English state church. Essentially a moderate and moderate mind, Dr. Tait was placed by fortune in positions which to a great and aspiring intellect would have given grand opportunities of influencing for good or evil the fortunes of the episcopalian church; he succeeded the great Arnold at Rugby; he was called at a critical time to sit on the throne of Thomas a Becket and of Cranmer.

BECHER OF EVOLUTION.

No one is particularly surprised that a man of Henry Ward Beecher's acuteness should declare his adherence to a theory generally accepted by educated people. In England where the clergy from their social positions as officials of a state establishment are brought a good deal into contact with well-informed people, the ablest preachers do not hesitate to avow their belief in evolution.

Falsifying Diamonds.

The diamond of South Africa produces large quantities of yellow diamonds. This color of course lessens the value considerably, and a white diamond is worth five or six times as much as a yellow one of the same weight and quality. It was recently reported that a method of removing the color had been discovered. Such is the case, but the inventor's addition has to be made that the yellow reappears after a slight washing, as some French merchants lately found out to their cost.

What is an Architect?

The late Mr. Alexander, the eminent architect, was under examination at Maidstone by Sergeant, afterwards Baron, Garrow, who wished to detract from the weight of his testimony, and after asking him what his name, proceeded: "You are a builder, I believe?" "No, sir, I am not a builder, I am an architect."

KINDERGARTEN COOLING.

The writer of the article which appeared under the above heading in the World of Monday, has erected in his imagination a kindergarten system of his own, for the purpose of knocking it down again.

In the first place the advocates of the kindergarten system are not "new lights of education." The system has been in operation for many years, and mainly among the Germans—a people not usually accounted frivolous or superficial in their educational methods or attainments.

In the second place the advocates of the system do not "ignore the necessity for mental labor as a condition of educational progress." The fact that some of the ablest, most thoughtful educationists of this country are in favor of this system, ought to have led the writer to hesitate before asserting that it was founded on so manifest an absurdity, even if he did not know the facts. His illustration of the law of forces is not a bad one, but he ignores the important element of friction.

But let the old belle become too kittenish we shall quote for her benefit an ode of Horace, the great article writer of his day: The gods have heard my prayers, O Lyce; Lyce, the gods have heard my prayers; you are become an old woman, and yet you would seem a beauty; and you wanton and drink in an audacious manner; and when drunk, solicit tandy cupid with a quivering voice. He backs on the charming cheeks of the blooming Clio, who is proficuous on the Lyce. The cooing archer flies over blasted oak, and strikes back at the sight of you, because foul teeth, because wrinkles and snowy hair render you odious. Now neither Coon purples nor sparkling jewels restore those years which winged time has inserted in the visible annals. Whither is your beauty gone? Alas! or whether your bloom? Whither your graceful deportment? What have you remaining of her, of her who breathed love, and ravished not from herself? Happy next to Cyraea, and distinguished for an aspect of graceful ways; but the gods granted a few years only to Lyce, intending to preserve for a long time Cyraea, to rival the spot; the spot; that the third young fellow might see, not without excessive laughter, that torch (which once so brightly scorched) reduced to ashes.

The estimable Mr. Gradgrind was down on "educational gimcracks" and "doggerel rhymes." He favored the "square" system. "Teach these boys and girls nothing but facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything that gets into their minds. This is the school, a small boy, educated strictly on the Gradgrind system defined a horse to be: 'Quadruped; graminivorous; forty teeth, namely, twelve in upper jaw, twelve in lower, four canine teeth and two incisors; sheds coat in the spring; in marshy countries, sheds hoofs, too; hoofs hard but requiring to be shod; with tail, and with mane in mouth, etc. You know, Mr. Editor, as I do, that even in our time (and if I'm not astray in the identity of the name) a certain number of school boys were not so very long ago there was a good deal of education of the Gradgrind sort, even in the case of very young children. The general admission of the kindergarten system, or some modification of it, can only be a question of a short time.

GETTING ROUND THE JUDGMENT.

Sir: In the third chapter of Genesis, 17, 18 and 19th verses, we find the following sentence passed upon Adam, and through him, upon all the human family—not one being exempted: 17—And to Adam he said: Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat, cursed is the earth in thy work; with labor and toil shalt thou eat thereof: all the days of thy life.

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