Miscellaneous.

Thoughts in Brief.

BY REV. J. CLARK.

All who walks on the heights with God will have little human companionship.

It is no uncommon thing for a person to be unable to see any object whatever beyond his own shadow.

Of all possible shams the worst is a sham religion.

A wrong is none the less a wrong because it is kept a secret.

Majorities are not infallible; a majority crucified the Saviour.

The tree that has stood through many a storm
May fall in the stillest minute;
Our every deed has the fruit and seed
Of life or death within it:
While every pain would yield us gain,
Had we but grace to win it.

What Young Men Should Do.

1. Every young man should make the most of himself, intellectually, morally and physically.

2. He should depend on his own efforts to accomplish these results.

3. He should be willing to take advice from those competent to give it, and to follow such advice, unless his own judgment or conviction, properly founded should otherwise direct.

4. If he is fortunate enough to have a rich and indulgent father, he must do the best he can under the circumstances, which will be to conduct himself very much as though he had not those obstacles to overcome.

5. He should never be discouraged by small beginnings, but remember that all great results have been wrought out from slight causes.

6. He should never, under any circumstances, be idle. If he cannot find the employment he prefers, let him come as near his desire as possible—he will thus reach the object of his ambition.

7. All young men have 'inalienable rights,' among which none is greater or more sacred than the privilege to be somebody.'

A Clever Little Game.—Certain natives of Nova Scotia and other parts of Her Britannic Majesty's American possessions have strayed from their native land and made homes for themselves in this city. They retain a fondness, however, for the potatoes and other products of the land of their birth, and a considerable part of the cargoes of coasting schooners from the Provinces is made up of barrels of potatoes consigned to provincial residents of this city, sent from friends at home. Such merchandise has until recently been inspected and passed upon by the customs offices on the wharves. Recently, however, it has been ordered that such merchandise shall be sent to the appraiser's office to be examined in the usual way, and, in numerous instances, tubs of butter have been found nicely packed in barrels of potatoes. This is not in accordance with Uncle Sam's method of doing business, and the consequence is that there is a surplus of butter as well as of potatoes at the appraiser's office, while sundry Nova Scotian residents of this city have failed to receive their usual fall supply of those articles from home.—*Boston Herald*

A Curiosity.

A powder engine has been patented in Germany by Herr Beck. In it a piston is forced to and fro in a horizontal cylinder by small quantities of powder ignited on either side alternately. Powder-pans are provided on the bottom within, on which, at the proper moment, powder falls through passages from two hoppers, which rest on distribution-slides. The igniting of the powder is effected by means of a spirit or gas-flame from the cylinder cover, drawn in through an oblique aperture by the suction-force of the piston. The access is regulated by slides. The gases of explosion are expelled through holes furnished with slides, on return of the piston. The heavy residues are pushed by the piston into the bags, which are emptied at intervals. It is claimed for the motor that, with small occupied space, it is very effective, and easily set at work. The consumption of powder is comparatively small and the engine regulates itself. The danger is represented as slight.—*English Mechanic.*

Singular Revenge.

London Graphic]

Prince Bismarck's traditional three single hairs as the sole ornaments of his massive head have long been a favorite subject of caricature with the Berlin comic journals, but the Chancellor may recognize this characteristic of his appearance depicted in stone over several windows in Potsdam. The owner of these houses, according to the American Register, is a rich capitalist, who has worked his way up from a simple mason with only one disaster in his life—the loss of his only son in the Franco-Prussian war. He regards Prince Bismark as the author of the war, and therefore as his son's murderer, and so adopts a somewhat singular method of revenging himself on the enemy. Over the grave of his son in his Potsdam cemetery he has erected a splendid mausoleum, surmounted by an owl with the face of Prince Bismark, three hairs and all. On one of his houses the Bismark head looks over the cornice of each window, with the three hairs represented by small cannon. On another building, similarly adorned, three serpents take the place of the three hairs; while a third house is now being built, and the capitalist's neighbors are eager to see what flattering ornament will be bestowed on the prince's head.

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For the Ladies.

Fashion Chit-Chat.

A touch of red is in almost all toilets, though it may be only a copper-red silk neckerchief, a flamingo's breast on the turban or terra cotta gloves.

Collars and cuffs of ficelle lace are in high favor.

Diagonal rows of narrow bias ruffles are the new trimmings for the foot of silk skirts.

Velvets will be in high vogue for handsome winter wraps, the different kinds now in fashionable use being almost unlimited.

Browns of every shade, and greens ranging from the 'greenery yallery' of the æsthetic, to the darkest and most invisible greens, will undoubtedly be the reigning favorites during the approaching season.

Ruby, very dark plum color, and golden brown are the shades most in vogue for velvet costumes for the promenade.

Brocades will be limited to velvets for the approaching season; plain goods will be preferred in silk and woollen stuffs.

The favorite combinations for nice black dresses this year are silks with velvet, or else with the brocaded ottoman repped silks.

Plaids of every description—Roman, Tartan, Oriental and Swiss, in every shade and size—are worn for skirts, with over-jackets of velvet or plush in a monochrome color.

Tucks around the skirt and on the over skirt are more used even than last season, and quite rival the lengthwise pleats.

The Henrietta cloths that were formerly confined to ladies dressing in mourning, are now used by those wearing colors when a very rich fabric is desired, and the trimming is the silk Spanish lace with heavy corded designs on meshes of guipure.

To Remove the Taste of New Wood.—A new keg, churn, bucket, or wooden vessel will generally communicate a disagreeable taste to anything that is put into it. To prevent this inconvenience, first scald the vessel well with boiling water, letting the water remain in it till cold. Then dissolve some pearlash, or soda, in lukewarm water, adding a little bit of lime to it, and wash the vessel well with this solution. Afterward scald it well with plain hot water, and rinse it well before you use it.

Pumpkin Pie.—Cut the pumpkin into as thin slices as possible, and in stewing it the less water you use the better; stir so that it shall not burn; when cooked and tender stir in two pinches of salt; mash thoroughly, and then stir through a sieve; while hot add a teaspoonful of butter; for every measured quart of stewed pumpkin add a quart of milk and four eggs, beating yolks and whites separately; sweeten with white sugar and cinnamon and nutmeg to taste, and a salt spoon of ground ginger. Before putting your pumpkin in your pies it should be scalding hot.

To Keep from Fading.—To prevent scarlet flannel or worsted goods of any description of this color from fading when washed, take this precaution: Mix a half a cupful of flour with a quart of cold water, let it boil for ten or fifteen minutes, then mix with the warm suds in which the article is to be washed; squeeze and rince up and down repeatedly instead of rubbing on a board. If very much soiled, wash in two or three waters, always taking care to have them of the same temperature if possible, and just cool enough to put your hands in comfortably. Make the suds before putting the garment in, and avoid if you can rubbing soap on it.

Apple Sauce Always Ready.—There are a thousand ways in which a skilful housekeeper can economize labor and food also. Here is one item: When the apples are gathered or purchased there is always more or less of them bruised, and some always beginning to rot. Sort these out, and at one job make up a large batch of apple sauce, cooking and sweetening it all ready to put upon the table. Dip this into glass jars; cover air-tight. It will thus keep a long time, and be always ready to bring upon the table, and besides saving the fruit from decay also saves the frequent making-up of sauce. Enough jars are usually emptied of strawberries, peaches, etc., by December, to hold the sauce made by a bushel or more of apples. When emptied of the apple sauce, they are refilled, and thus the same set of jars are often used half a dozen times during the year. The above plan of making up a large batch of apple sauce while about it, and of having a stock always ready, besides the saving of the apples that would otherwise decay is worthy of adoption, even if we have to buy a dozen or two extra jars for this purpose.

—One of the chief requisites of a cheerful room whether in palace or cottage is sunshine. In the hot summer time a north room is endurable, but in winter we love those rooms best where the sun comes earliest in the morning and lingers longest in the evening. In such a room should the family life pass. And in its sunniest corner should be the invalid's chair, the grandmother's rocker, the baby's cradle.

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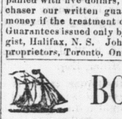

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Animals in Norway.

There is a salient feature in the Norwegian character which ought, I think, to be recorded—viz., kindness to domestic animals, which in that country are treated as the friends rather than the slaves of man. As a result, vicious horses are unknown; foals follow their dams at work in the fields or on the roads as soon as they have sufficient strength and thus gently accustom themselves to harness. I heard of a foal trying to force its head into a collar in imitation of its mother. Horses are trained to obey the voice rather than hand, bearing reins are not used, and the whip, if carried at all, is hardly ever made use of. Great care is taken not to over-load carts, especially in the case of young horses, and consequently a broken knee is rarely seen, and the animals continue fat, in good condition and capable of work till the advanced age of twenty-five or thirty. So tame are the Norwegian horses and cows that they will allow casual passers-by to caress them while they are lying down. Even domestic cats will approach a boy with confidence, knowing that no chasing or worrying awaits them. One very hot summer day I met a woman holding up an umbrella to carefully screen what I supposed was a little child at her side from the scorching rays of a mid-day sun, while her own head was covered only by a handkerchief. In driving by I tried to gain a glimpse of her charge and found, to my great surprise, that the object of her care was a fair, black pig. The question of humane methods of slaughtering animals has lately been prominently brought forward in England. In this the Norwegians show us a good example; they never use the knife without first stunning the animal. In the above remarks I am alluding to the country districts of Norway; in the towns the national characteristics become modified, even though under these conditions kindness to animals is still remarkable.—*A. G. R. K., in London Times.*

Balky Horses.—The most effectual method of starting a balky horse is to divert his attention so he will forget that he does not wish to draw the load. This may be done in various ways. A stout string twisted around the foreleg, so as to cause some pain, and to stop the circulation for a short time, may have this result. Unhitch the horse from the load, and turn round rapidly several times until he becomes dizzy. Tie a string around his ear, give a handful of grass, or a lump of earth or sugar, or, in fact, anything but whipping, which will have the effect to divert the attention so the horse will forget his work.

—The *Scientific American* gives the following information to those who desire to get rid of stumps on the farm: In the autumn or early winter bore a hole one or two inches in diameter, according to the girth of the stump, and about eight inches deep. Put into it one or two ounces of saltpetre, fill the hole with water, and plug it close. In the ensuing spring take out the plug and pour in a gill of kerosene oil and ignite it. The stump will smoulder away, without blazing, to the very extremity of the roots, leaving nothing but ashes.

Facts about Flour.

Flour is peculiarly sensitive to atmospheric influences, hence it should never be stored in a room with sour liquids, nor where onions or fish are kept, or any article that taints the air of the room in which it is stored. Any smell perceptible to the sense will be absorbed by flour. Avoid damp cellars or lofts where a free circulation of air cannot be obtained. Keep in a cool, dry, airy room, and not exposed to a freezing temperature nor to intense summer or artificial heat for any length of time above 70° to 75° Fahr. It should not come in contact with grain or other substances which are liable to heat. Flour should be sifted and the particles thoroughly disintegrated, and then warmed before baking. This treatment improves the color and baking properties of the dough. The sponge should be prepared for the oven as soon as the yeast has performed its mission, otherwise fermentation sets in and acidity results.

—Horseshoes made of three thicknesses of green rawhide compressed in a steel mould are used to some extent in England. They weigh about a quarter as much as an iron shoe, and are said to wear longer.

Joker's Corner.

Willing to Come Down a Little.

In riding over to Lost Mountain from Marietta, I came across a young man who was digging post holes for a barbed wire fence, and, when I told him what I wanted, he replied:

'I'll go with you. I was in that fort myself, and I kin point out every position.'

When he reached the ground he began telling where this and that regiment was stationed, and finally he halted beside a huge boulder and said:

'Right here, stranger, was where I squatted for four hours. I rested my gun right thar on that ledge, and I reckon I killed exactly twenty-eight Yanks that day.'

'No!'

'Solemn fact, and I know a dozen men who'll swear to it.'

'Let's see? That battle was fought in 1864?'

'K'rect you are.'

'That's about eighteen years ago?'

'Jist about.'

'And you are about 25 years old?'

'I was 25 this spring.'

Then I looked at him for a long time, but he never winced. When we were going home, and after a long period of silence, he suddenly remarked:

'Stranger, don't you believe I was thar?'

'Perhaps you were, but you see you were not quite seven years old on the day of that fight.'

'That's what I've been figuring on,' he continued in a very serious voice, 'and I'll tell you what I'm willing to do.'

'Well!'

'I'll call it twenty-four instead of twenty-eight dead Yanks in front of my position! That's fair, isn't it?'

I told him that nothing could be more liberal and cordial relations were at once re-established.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Plucking the Geese.

A French editor recently wrote a rather unfavorable criticism of the performance of an actress. The latter felt deeply wounded, and longed for a chance to get square with him. One evening at the Varieties, where she was in company with a fast and stupid young gentleman of the aristocracy, she spied the journalist in question. She had a package for him which she requested her friend to deliver in person. The dandy arose, and taking the package from the lady's hand, walked over to the newspaper man and presented it to him, saying, 'Mlle. Daverger, who admires your talent as a journalist, has requested me to present you with this as a souvenir from her.'

The critic took the package and quietly opened it before the curious eyes of about twenty persons who had heard the dandy's little speech. It contained about a dozen goose quills. Smiles and suppressed laughter were in order; but the scribe was equal to the occasion.

'Ah, my dear sir,' said he to the the dandy, 'please give my best thanks to the lady for these pretty feathers. I was aware of the fact that she plucked her admirers, but I really didn't think she did so on my account.'

Why He Didn't Take it.—Not long ago an old pioneer, who lived in Texas in the days of the early colonists, was boasting of the good old times. 'Why, sir,' said he, 'I was once offered a league of land for a pair of my old boots.

'Didn't you take it?' said the party he was talking to.

'No, sir; I didn't.'

'No account land, I reckon?'

'Why, bless your heart, sir, it was the best piece of land outdoors. Grass five feet high, clear stream of water running through it, and an undeveloped silver mine in one corner.'

'And why in thunder didn't you make the trade?' said the other.

'Because,' said the old man, in a sad and regretful tone of voice, 'because I—I didn't have the boots.'

—A Western judge was approached by a verdant couple who wanted to be married. The would-be groom asked the price of tying the knot, and was told it was $1. 'Can't you take beeswax?' inquired the rustic. 'Yes,' said the squire. The beeswax was brought in and upon being weighed was found to be worth just 60 cents. 'Waa!' said the anxious groom, 'tie the knot, and I'll fetch more next week.' 'No, sir; I don't trust; that is against the rules of the office. Slowly the disappointed youth turned to go out saying: 'Come, Sal, let's go!' 'I say, mister,' answered Sal, with a woman's wit, 'can't you marry us as far as the wax will go?' 'Yes, I can, and I will,' responded the squire laughing, and he did.

An Ass of the Lord's Creation.

Amos S. Larned of Brooklyn, a Stalwart of the Stalwarts and one of the '306,' sent the following note to Henry Ward Beecher on the morning after the latter preached his sermon in opposition to the Republican ticket in New York:

Dear Mr. Beecher—You made an ass of yourself yesterday.

Amos F. Larned.

Mr. Beecher lost no time in replying to this candid epistle. He wrote:

Dear Sir—The lord saved you the trouble of making an ass of yourself by making you an ass at the beginning—and his work stands sure.

Henry Ward Beecher.

The correspondence, it is said, terminated with Mr. Beecher's reply.

—'What does transatlantic mean, mamma?'—'Oh, hold your tongue, and don't bother me with any more questions. But I'll tell you this, and then you keep still. Transatlantic means across the Atlantic. There!' 'I wanted to ask what transparent means, mamma; but I guess I know. It means a cross parent.'

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		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
0	Halifax—leave	7 45	7 15	3 00
14	Windsor Junc.—leave	8 22	8 30	3 50
46	Windsor	9 40	10 40	6 15
53	Hantsport	10 00	11 29	6 37
61	Grand Pre	10 22	11 56	7 05
			P. M.	
64	Wolfville	10 30	12 12	7 17
66	Port Williams	10 35	12 22	7 25
71	Kentville—arrive	10 50	12 40	7 40
	Do—leave	11 05	1 10	
83	Berwick	11 36	1 58	
88	Aylesford	11 50	2 21	
		P. M.		
95	Kingston	12 04	2 46	
98	Wilmot	12 12	2 59	
102	Middleton	12 23	3 15	
108	Lawrencetown	12 40	3 53	
113	Paradise	12 48	4 05