

## Everyday Life.

## THE MAN WITHOUT THE HOE.

[Dedicated to Men Without the Hoe, by One of Them]

Lifted by the atmosphere of birth, he towers

Above the hoe and stares at "stars."

"And on his back" the "golden fleece" that knows no hoe.

The emptiness of life is bred into his head,

And in his belly the fulness of Delmonico.

"Who made him dead?" He never lived!

But in the wake of better men he crawls—Ergo,

He sucks his life from nobler men who hoe.

"Whose the hand that slanted back this brow?"

The breath that's the light without this brain?

—The same! This is the thing the tailor made, that now

Asserts dominion over you and me.

To stare at "stars" and wait for master's legacy.

And get perhaps a "tip" to "swell" the next solace.

"Somebody's luggage," whether he go or stay.

And thus he dreams, as he shapes out the show,

And snubs the slave of labor's wheel, the man with the hoe.

"Rulers, lords and masters in all lands"

(With the hoe), "Is this what you give to God,

The handiwork,—this distorted thing. The man with the hoe? How will you

Ever straighten him up, this shape, This king of men! The "light and the

Upward looking," give back! "The dream

And the music in it," rebuild. Then give

This hoe to the man without one.

"Homo sul juris."

F. K.

## LIFE IN NEW YORK.



The rogues of New York city have always been ingenious in their operations. There comes to mind a bank robbery of a few years ago. The bank, which was located on Broadway, had its safe placed near a large window, so that it might be distinctly seen from the street by the night watchmen as they passed by on their beat. Among a coterie of burglars was one who was an artist. This man after seeing the safe a few times procured a large canvas and painted a safe on it identical in appearance with the one in the bank. One night the rear of the building was entered, and the canvas, which had been mounted on an upright frame, was placed by the robbers between the large window and the real safe. Behind this screen the thieves worked quietly and leisurely, while the watchmen passed and repassed without a suspicion that the safe which they were so faithfully watching was only a painted one.

Less comfortable were the operations of thieves who deftly and systematically stole from a well-known express company. They were at length discovered in this way: One day a long box, resembling a coffin, was received at the express office. On the box below the address was printed "This end up with care." Inadvertently the box was placed on the wrong end. Early in the evening while detectives were on guard about the building, they happened to look in through a window, and observed that the cover of this box was being mysteriously raised. Presently a man, who was standing on his head in the box, pushed himself out. He had evidently found the inverted position too irksome to endure till darkness should aid him to cover his retreat. Seeing no one about, he began to pick up the packages which appeared to him of most value, and to place them in the box. After filling the space he replaced the lid, and screwed it down. Then he went to the basement and through a small window made his escape. The detectives, who wished to capture this man's confederates as well as himself, allowed him to disappear without knowing that he had been discovered. The following morning the box was delivered by the express company to the ad-

dress to which it had been consigned. The detectives accompanied the box and when it had been delivered and accepted for, they entered the building and placed the occupants, who were about to divide the booty between themselves, under arrest.

The beggars and the indigent of the city also practice deceptions which they are constantly inventing, and one must use great caution if he wishes to help only those to whom it is a blessing. A generous old gentleman was approached by a poor woman in great agony. She said that her husband had just died and she did not have the means to bury him. The old gentleman was touched by her entreaties, but having been the victim of dishonest rogues many times before, he determined to investigate the case and see if the story of distress was true. So he told the woman that he would go home with her. On reaching the "ark apartments" where she lived, he found the body of the husband laid out for burial as she had said. After consoling the widow as best he could with kind words and providing the funds necessary for interment, he went away, but finding when he had reached the street that his umbrella had been left behind, he returned to the house, only to find the corpse up counting the money.

The writer some years ago was moved to pity by the fearful appeal of a little boy, wretchedly clad, or rather wretchedly unclad, whose father and mother and other relatives were dead and he was hungry and homeless. After the lad had been provided with a new suit of clothes, including hat, shoes and undergarments, he was taken to a newsboys' home, his lodging prepaid and the little fellow supplied with sufficient capital to begin the newspaper business for himself. About a month afterward a letter, substantially as follows, was received:

"Der sir you was vary kine to our leetle boy givin him such nice things went you help his por parnts who is afil por and starvin."

his parnts."

So it happens over and over again. Poor wretches! They may be unworthy but they are all needy. Why not use the money that is contributed for their aid in providing homes for them in the country, where at least they could have shelter and food in exchange for their labor? It might be possible to get them there, as is often done, but in the majority of cases it would be necessary to chain them to keep them there. The excitement and bustle of city life have become a part of their existence.

One poor woman destitute of friends lived in squalid quarters, where she earned her meager subsistence by making shirts at six or eight cents apiece. A very comfortable home was procured for her in the country, where she was surrounded by much that was helpful and needful. At the end of a week she was again found in her attic home, and when asked why she had come back to her poverty, replied, "Cause people's more compar' than stumps!" But while this is so generally true among the hundreds of thousands of miserable beings, the reverse is often true among those in moderate circumstances. The latter often live here because their business requires it, but it is very amusing to learn that among their pet plans and hopes lurks the ambition to some day have a place in the country, where, it appears to them, trouble does not come. So, too, in the Wall street district, it is safe to assert that more really farm-intoxicated men are to be found than in the country itself.—[Half-Smiles.

## SOLDERING.

Ordinary family soldering is an attainment which can easily be acquired by most anyone, male or female. First, a copper soldering iron, as it is called, must be had, the point of which is moderately sharp, coming out pyramid shape from the main body of the copper. The faces of the pyramid should be flat and the corners sharp and regular, as these are used to work into the corners when soldering. If the point be drawn out too sharp it cools quickly at the end and is a great bother: If too short, it is unhandy and no obscure corners can be reached. A copper weighing one pound, one inch in diameter, with the point drawn out 1½ inches, is a good tool.

Before this can be used it must be tinned. To do this, file the point of the copper carefully on all sides, being careful not to change the shape of the point or the corners. When clean, heat

it red hot and rub it on a piece of sal-ammoniac or some of the same in powder form, on a brick. It will become instantly clean and of a bright copper color. Then rub the copper on a bar of half an inch solder, until a few drops fall on the sal-ammoniac, then rub the copper on it, until it is tinned evenly all over the point, and all its four faces. It is then ready for use. This process must be gone through with each time the tin comes off, which will be whenever the copper gets too hot, or in a short time from the action of the acid. When the copper becomes too blunt, or out of shape, heat it red hot and hammer it into shape as nearly as you can, then finish shaping it with a file.

Soldering new tin requires little cleaning process, as the tin melts and unites with the solder at once. A little powdered resin is used. When the tin is off the article to be mended, it must be scraped or sandpapered clean, and wet with cut acid, then put on a piece of solder or drop it on by melting it off the bar with the copper. Hold the copper of the iron solder until you have worked it into the desired shape or place, then remove it. It cools almost instantly and the job is done. A good way is to melt off a lot of small pieces of solder and place them on the work as required. Cut acid is used for soldering nearly all metals except galvanized iron, which requires raw acid or acid as you buy it.

Beginners have much difficulty to keep the copper hot long enough to do the required amount of work, and have to heat it time after time. The copper when taken from the fire should be hot enough so you can feel the heat plainly by holding to the face, but not red hot, as that will destroy the tinning. Always wipe the copper clean on removing from the fire. Hold the article to be soldered so that the flowing of melted solder will assist in getting it in the proper place. Pewter is difficult to mend, as it melts in many cases more quickly than the solder. It must then be protected by holding a damp cloth under it.

The wash boiler is one of the most difficult articles as well as most common. I scrape the place to be repaired clean, then brush it over with raw acid, wiping it off. This cleans it. Then apply the cut acid, and keep trying until the solder sticks.

Get 10¢ worth of muriatic acid and put a spoonful or so into each of two ink bottles. In one put small pieces of sheet zinc, which will be eaten up as more acid is put in. This is cut acid. Add more zinc as it is consumed. A little water is sometimes put in. Put it on the work with a small brush bass-wood stick, broomed at the end with a feather or similar article. The acid is poisonous and must be handled accordingly. A good way is to take a box 10 inches square, nail a lath all around the edges, and on the board keep a piece of sal-ammoniac, the acid bottles, solder, resin, a cloth to rub the iron on, etc. Then everything is together when wanted. Soldering may be done on either out or inside as desired. It will not melt off in either case when covered with water.

Soldered dishes will not be satisfactory for cooking substances which will become hotter than water at the boiling point. Iron and steel can only be soldered under favorable conditions, and glazed ware after the glazing is scraped off; then it is a poor job and short-lived.—[C. G. Bryant.

## TWEEDLEDEE'S QUESTION BOX.

Marionette writes: Can you tell me where I can find the song beginning Sister Sue had the iceman for a beau All one summer: But when cold weather came she let him go For the plumber.

Answer.—It must be "for sale at all music stores," Marionette, they always are.

No, George, a special delivery stamp does not materially delay the transmission of a letter, but it helps the government to carry off the Filipino war, so buy all you can afford.

Sister Syllabus writes. Can you give me a recipe for a spring medicine with lots of things in it? I made some last spring, but there wasn't things enough in it and it didn't do me no good.

Answer. You could buy all the spring medicines, sister, and mix 'em. Perhaps that would have effect.

Ollie O. asks. How can I keep my husband home evenings? I have talked

to him for hours at a time after he gets home at midnight, and I've had mother talk to him, too, but he stays out the next night just the same. Can't the clubs and pool rooms be closed up?

Answer. We don't think they can, Ollie.—[Tweedledee.

## THE HOUSEWIFE.

From roof to cellar, lo, she rules, A very queen of womankind, With wisdom never learned in schools, With cultured hand as well as mind. So strong in soul, so pure in thought, With humble duties well content, She glorifies each labor wrought And makes of each a sacrament.

LALIA MITCHELL.

Benjamin Franklin was no speech-maker. "I served," Jefferson said, "with General Washington in the legislature of Virginia before the Revolution, and during it, with Dr. Franklin in congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great points, knowing that the little ones would follow themselves."

"Mother, may we go out to flirt?"

"Yes, my little sillies,

But keep in touch with the millionaires.

And don't go near the Willies."

[Life.

Mrs Dothetown: Poor, dear child!

Are your parents dead?

Tenement Tommy: I tink pap is.

Him an' mar wuz a-fightin' when I left, an' gee, she wuzn't doin' a t'ing 't' him.

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