

Miscellaneous Selections.

CLASS IN NATURAL HISTORY.

Take your places. Subject of today's lesson?

Answer : The Young American.

Question : Where is this animal found?

Answer : In America.

Question : Can it exist in any but its native air?

Answer : It cannot thrive except where civilization is overgrown.

Question : To what other species is it nearly allied?

Answer : The monkey.

Question : Which most resembles man?

Answer : Some authorities place the Young American next to man; but by most it is considered inferior to the monkey.

Question : Does he to the Young American?

Answer : He is tall and slenderly built—head small and very erect, being like a cock's comb; and, glistening in spots with the brilliancy of gold or gems—eyes dark and gentle in expression, though when this animal is roused, they are capable of a furious glare. A striking peculiarity is the long tail of hair, which, with some, quite covers the face, with others, all but a narrow space below the eyes. Forefeet low—teeth small, sharp, and very white.

Question : Is the Young American dangerous?

Answer : Sometimes threatening, but seldom dangerous. They retreat at once when attacked by man. The kind called fortune hunters should, however, be excepted. They are keen-sighted and cunning, stealthy in the pursuit of prey, and cruel to their victims.

Question : On what does the Young American subsist?

Answer : On father's money—a substance well known in Upton-ton.

Question : Has the Young American anything like the power of speech?

Answer : When irritated it gives utterance to a low sound, like "demid horo," or "kussu horo," but is usually quiet.

Question : Can this creature be made useful to man in any way?

Answer : Some attempts to train him for usefulness have been made, but in vain—they have always resulted in the loss of individuality, and have, therefore been abandoned. Yet it is valued as a pet by ladies, who are often fond of the creature as a companion in their walks, and they even give it a place in their drawing-rooms merely as a plaything, however, as it is of no use where protection is needed. Still the Young American fills a place in Upton-ton, which no other animal in the known world would occupy.

Question : Then what appears to be the object of its existence, if it cannot be rendered useful?

Answer : The object of its existence is yet to be discovered, although, as we are taught that nothing is made in vain, there is doubtless a design in the existence of the Young American.

Question : Is the Young American ever confined with the True American?

Answer : Never. The True American is quite a distinct species, and is not found in Upton-ton.

Perfect lesson. The class may be seated.—Knickerbocker.

The Sabbath.—Among the beautiful institutions handed down to us by the Jewish dispensation none can exceed the Sabbath day. There is a benevolence, a wisdom, a holy justice about it which cannot fail to strike with deep admiration and reverence, every sound thinking and foreseeing mind. One can see divinity in it, the impress of an almighty mind. Man shall rest one day in seven from his labour, and so shall his servants and his bondservants; and that day shall be a day on which he may think of his maker and worship him. That day shall be a day in which the mind may dwell on an eternal Sabbath, and may co-operate with the spirit of the almighty in thinking of good thoughts and doing good acts. Yet the day was not instituted for God, nor was man made for the Sabbath, but the day was instituted for the benefit of man. Our creation is wisdom, and our need for it, and through Moses established it. Without it man would be weary and become too selfish, oppressive and earthly. His physical powers require rest, and his mind must be turned to heaven for one day from earth, to gaze on the glory of his God. The Jews threw around the Sabbath a rain and ceremonial sanctity, which Jesus of Nazareth condemned. He proclaimed the Sabbath man, instituted for the good of man, and that good acts done on that day, and in the view of the glory of God were praiseworthy. The blindness of the Jews could not see this. The spirit with them was nothing—the former and the latter everything. In their eyes a Samaritan, a Greek, or a Roman was unworthy of his kindness; but Jesus taught the true doctrine of eternal goodness to all men. Forms he made secondary to the spirit; and with his motive of the mind was everything. The institution of the Sabbath is holy and good, and like that of marriage, necessary for man's happiness, earthly and eternal. The body it gives rest to, the soul a solemn thought and a tendency to worship, a soul-reverent thought and a tendency to worship.

Serviceman CASE.—The Pennsylvanian relates the case of a Mr. Samuel Peabody, who was arrested by the watchmen on suspicion of being interested in the Boston Massacre. The Mayor desired to know what was Samuel's opinion of the matter. With some appearance of embarrassment he gave the following narrative:

"Well, Sir, I must have been drunk, and I don't, I can't pretend to say for certain. The fact is, I've got to be drunk every day, or I'll die. I know when I am drunk. I dare say some of these police gentlemen are better judges than I am, when it comes to that. But I'll tell you, when I did and how I felt, and if you Honor condescend, I was a little mad at this, and a great one of two with my knuckles; but I, and that I was no use, for my fist got the worst of it. It seemed to me, as I walked along the street, that an evening-post or a morning-post now and then would jump up before me, and tell me, 'I'm a fool.' I was a little mad at this, and a great one of two with my knuckles; but I, and that I was no use, for my fist got the worst of it. I thought, was the wind coming off?—Then it seemed to me, as I walked along the street, that an evening-post or a morning-post now and then would jump up before me, and tell me, 'I'm a fool.'

I was a little mad at this, and a great one of two with my knuckles; but I, and that I was no use, for my fist got the worst of it. It seemed like all the gas lights had gone to them; and such winds, such a grumble at night!—I did not sleep well, and made a short nap, and then I was a little mad at this, and a great one of two with my knuckles; but I, and that I was no use, for my fist got the worst of it. It seemed to me, as I walked along the street, that an evening-post or a morning-post now and then would jump up before me, and tell me, 'I'm a fool.'

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