

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

The discussion over the action of the railway managers in arranging for the World's Fair rates continues, and there is a good deal of sharp comment. The managers are called greedy. I asked one of the ablest managers if there was any reasonable explanation for their action. In reply he took a book in which were tabulated statements of the business of most of the trunk lines of this country. He turned to one of the greater roads, selecting it by way of chance, for he said the story was the same with all of them. This one happened to be a Western trunk line which did a large business at the time of the Philadelphia Centennial. In 1875 the passenger earnings of this road were \$2,024,000. In 1876, Centennial year, the earnings were \$2,215,000. In 1877 the earnings were \$1,779,498.

"That tells the story," said this manager. "The falling off in the earnings the year after the Centennial was greater than the increase gained in Centennial year over the year before. People forget that there is going to be a great reaction after the World's Fair. Philadelphia people understand well how that is. The railway companies will feel it, and that will not be the only loss, since the damage to the rolling stock, the loss on extra equipment and wear and tear will represent a much larger figure."

"Nobody else is asked to reduce prices on account of the World's Fair, and nobody expects that there will be any reduction in Chicago."

"The situation in a nutshell is simply this. Those who ride to Chicago in gilt-edged trains will continue to pay the gilt-edged prices. The railroads are furnishing now about as many of these limited trains as can be run without interference to other traffic. There will be accommodations for those who prefer to pay for the second grade of service, and for those who prefer to pay the price for the third grade of service there will also be accommodations, while it is quite likely there will be a fourth grade or an excursion service which can be run quite cheaply; but the trouble is that many persons expect that the railroads are going to give them limited train accommodations for third grade rates, and that is something which cannot be done."—*Philadelphia Press*.

THE DOG'S IDEA OF MAN.

As has been said, our custom of ascribing human faculties and modes of thought is an involuntary and invariable one when we are dealing with the mental processes of other beings. Even when we speak of the supernatural the same habit is manifest, and human passions, emotions, and weaknesses are constantly ascribed to beings presumed to be infinitely more remote from us in power and knowledge than we are from the dog. Thus we see in the not very distant past, roasted flesh and fruits were thought by men to be acceptable to the gods; doubtless because they were pleasing to the palates of the worshipers, who reasoned by analogy from the known to the unknown. This should teach us to bear in mind that there is, affecting the dog's point of view, almost undoubtedly such a thing as *cynomorphism*, and that he has his peculiar and limited ideas of life and range of mental vision, and therefore perforce makes his artificial surroundings square with them.

It has been said that a man stands to his dog in the position of a god; but when we consider that our own conceptions of deity lead us to the general idea of an enormously powerful and omniscient *Man*, who loves, hates, desires, rewards, and punishes, in human-like fashion, it involves no strain of imagination to conceive that from the dog's point of view his master is an elongated and abnormally cunning dog; of different shape and manners certainly to the common run of dogs, yet canine in his essential nature.—*From Canine Morals and Manners, by Doctor Louis Robinson, in The Popular Science Monthly for December.*

BOOK GOSSIP.

Walter Blackburn Harto is writing a good many short stories. Two of his stories will appear in early numbers of the *Cosmopolitan* and the *Californian Illustrated Magazine*.

The holiday edition of "Tales from Town Topics," which is No. 6 of the series, shows an increase in size and contains, in addition to the collection of stories, poems and witticisms culled from the well-known journal itself, an original novelette, seventy-five pages in length, entitled "The Sale of a Soul." Altogether the book is bright and entertaining.—*Town Topics*, 21 West 23rd St., New York.

"Beyond Atonement" by Marie Von Ebner-Eschenbach, translated by Mary A. Robinson, has just been published as No. 31 in Worthington's International library. It is, as are all numbers of this well-known series of works of fiction, copiously illustrated by photogravures and printed on beautiful paper. "Beyond Atonement," while a most delightful novel with a plot that is really unique, exhibits the writer's fine sense of humor and clever dramatic powers. Combined with a vigor of thought it expresses at times a delicacy of wit that is truly startling.

"Maisie Dorrick" is the title of a novel recently published by Messrs. John Lovell & Son, of Montreal. The author of this book is Katherine S. MacQuoid, who dedicates her work to the memory of her friend Margaret Veley.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

A unique pocket knife, which opens automatically when a projection at the end is pressed, is now being manufactured by the Automatic Knife Company, Gananoque, Ontario. When the button is pressed the blade immediately assumes a partly open position, in which it can be grasped by the fingers to be fully opened as usual. To close it, push the blade down

into the handle as usual, when it engages with the spring of which the button is a part. It is easily opened, even with gloves on, with chilled fingers, and without having to look for the nick in the blade in which to break or bend the thumb nail. This article is made in high grades only. It is made in several sizes and variously finished in pearl, tortoise shell, ivory, bone, ebony, cocobola, etc. It has been patented in Canada, United States, Great Britain, France, Austria and several other European States.

Last blocks, cut from the best rock maple, are being shipped from New Brunswick to the United States. One dealer has about 100 carloads ready for shipment. Some trouble has arisen as to the correct duty to be levied. The American manufacturers claim that it should be twenty per cent. of the American market rate, while the customs authorities hold that twenty per cent. of the Canadian market rate is sufficient. The matter is under consideration.

Pickles and Mills, of Annapolis, are making extensive preparations for lumbering this winter. A large gang of men will be employed to log the district around the Paradise waters. Clark and Co. of Bear river, are also preparing to go into the same industry quite heavy. They will employ a large number of lumbermen to get pulpwood and lumber ready for shipment. Owing to low water in the lakes and rivers most all the large saw mills have been closed down for some time.

The story comes of a big cut of lumber at the mill of Alex. Gibson, Marysville, N. B. In ten hours 144,603 feet of lumber passed through one gang, and at six o'clock was piled up in the yard dressed and ready for the market. The larger part of this cut was made in the afternoon, there being only 59,000 feet cut at noon, thus showing that the mill was not running at full capacity. After dinner, Mr. Alex. Gibson, jr., who was in charge, had more power put on, being determined to put up a record for fast cutting that would stand for some time to come. The *Chatham Advance* claimed that Mr. Snowball's mill, at Chatham, held the record last year for fast cutting, it having cut 93,000 feet of lumber in one day. In the lath mill on the same day 80,000 laths were cut by one lath machine. A gentleman who was present states that in four minutes five bunches of laths were cut and bunched ready for market.—*Canada Lumberman*.

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