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**A BLACK-BALLED POEM.**  
We had to bar out the reading of that old poem, Rock Me to Sleep, Mother, Rock Me to Sleep. To lackeyed!  
No; but the committee said that rooking infants was now considered barbarously unhealthy.  
**THERE ARE OTHERS.**  
Wary Watkins—see by the papers that the Prince of Wales is looked after by the police all the time. Hungry Higgins—Yes, he's never works, neither. I guess we ain't the only ones.  
**HIS CONVERSATION.**  
Mess Gabby, Freddy Fethered reminds me a bit.  
Miss Wunder, Why? Mess Gabby, Oh, he can't talk of anything except the weather.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
No thinking person who has passed middle life will have failed to note the rise in the standard of living during the last few years, and the increase of men to still further increase that standard. Among all classes there is a new realization of the delight of comfort, and a growing demand for material things which contribute to it. There are no longer content with the measure of material well-being which sufficed their fathers, still less to be crowded or ill-fed or devoid of the education which enables them to compete successfully with their fellows. Their food, clothing, shelter, and intellectual training must all be better than that of their forebears. Their wants have, in fact, nearly doubled, and to supply them they are working with an energy which threatens to impair the general health, and prevent happiness for their forebears. Many of these wants are, of course, legitimate enough, but their satisfaction absorbs all time, and forbids the meditation and reflection by which alone the mind can be kept from the material comforts which tend to increase rather than diminish.  
Moreover, along with this higher standard of living has come a tremendous increase in the savings of the country, and a heavy fall in the rate of interest. No doubt to the advantage of workers this change will be beneficial, for with the spread of education and thus the multiplication of the number of men able to direct, cheap money will be available for many new and profitable undertakings. Mines will be worked more thoroughly, canals built, great areas of land brought under cultivation, new canals and rivers introduced, old ones improved, and many enterprises involving only slight but certain returns carried on. But while the change will thus not be injurious to the present generation, it will be, and is even now, disastrous to the people who live on wages and salaries. For these people must save enough to provide for their old age, and if they are to be comfortable and retain their independence. And they include the great majority of the professional class and of salaried men.  
Take, for example, the minister, doctor, or lawyer, whose income is from \$1,500 to \$4,000 a year. With the rise in the standard of living and the equal and professional demands made upon him, it is difficult to save all, any increase of income being more than met by the increase of the present standard of living. With the better education, competition steadily increases. He cannot raise his price, cannot put sixteen hours of work into twelve, and cannot invest his small savings in any "safe" investment which will yield an income that will contribute materially to his support. Men who have money, or who accumulate it rapidly, and the best securities, the result being a competition which brings the interest down to less than half what could once have been counted on. The average man, even the doctor, hopes to save enough even by the labor of a life to give him an income equal to that of his working years, to insure the former plane of comfort in old age, or to give his children a secure start in life. It is useless to point out the decline in the price of money, for he can reply that the rise in many essentials, in real estate, in food, in the cost of living, in the cost of education, more than balances it, while in the case of 6 or 8 per cent. on his small savings, he now gets but 4 per cent.  
What is the remedy for this state of things, and what its effect upon thrift will be, it is very difficult to say. Pretty evidently the professional man, if he is working on a dozen years later in life than they used to do, and so postponing by that much the time when the young attain to self-support, to a great extent, the eagerness for comforts could in some way be diminished, and a general compromise be reached under which the reduced and men still retain their old position, a partial solution of the difficulty might be found. For the enormous increase of capital and the subsequent low rate of interest would still prevent it from being a complete solution. But such compromise can be made, nothing being more certain than that the desire for material well-being will continue to increase. Indeed, so far as can now be seen, the result can only be a fiercer competition, harder work, less of happiness in life, and, possibly, an increase of the gambling spirit, the readiness to risk all in speculative ventures promising quick returns. After a time, it may be assumed, some remedy will be found, because a craze for material good like that which now exists, blocks progress, which is not God's will, and because the cultivated class in the end moulds public opinion.

**Patience and Her Youth**  
The art of how to be beautiful is not far from the life of one of the most famous possessors of an apparently perfect form—Adelina Patti—was a composite of mental and physical achievement which every woman with wealth, leisure and inclination may emulate.  
To Patti beauty of body means beauty of mind. Thought must be something to feed on. She therefore surrounds herself with an entourage of lordlings. Care is the forerunner of wrinkles, indigestion and a bad complexion. Care therefore to the tiniest crease in a rose leaf are smoothed away from the singer's experience. The misery of there is a source of suffering, hence Patti's purse is always open, her smile a ray of sunshine in the darkest hour, and the pensance about her Welsh cattle at Craig-y-nos bless her name. Carefully a home of the poorest but boasts its little Adelina. The Queen of Song is a veritable queen of her people. She inhales their adulation with every breath. It braces her spirits like a health-giving tonic.  
Patti, like all the world loves a lover. Love is with her a religious duty. When, therefore, a loveless maiden, sighing for the swain she could not have save with a dot of £100, wrote to the diva saying that she loved her, Patti, what rite could be more sacred than Patti's cheek promptly despatched with an accompanying solicitation that her lover should be the father of an exuberant child. She dispenses joy like gifts and their income feeds the source of her bubbling youthfulness.  
Her voice is to the artist only a factor in her power of giving happiness. The theatre at her castle has a gallery open to her guests. Their appearance makes her as radiant as the grass of the prairie. An ardent musician and power to wound and cure, her maid, weeds out Madame's mail and as far as possible extracts the thorn before their own sees her letters. It is the same all things—every detail of life is idealized.  
At the castle her surroundings are a dream of beauty. She dines in the garden, she takes a walk in the park, she is to delight her guests, and she is invariably on her table. There are always guests, sometimes few, sometimes many—Patti revels in company. Her table is set with the finest of the season. No matter how fierce the storm without, Madame descends in full evening dress, ablaze with jewels, to take her place among the flowers. Her electric light, her music, her scene is like fairyland. She will have her dinner room about her. At any suggestion of change in her apparel her answer ever the same: "One must be always beautiful for one's husband."  
Her dressing-room is gorgeous. In size it is immense. Half way up the walls are of pure white only, above of a rich red. The ceiling is a gilded and ceiling and a great onyx bath with silver fittings complete it. The appointments of her dressing table are the finest gold with her monogram in diamonds.  
Everywhere through the house are the souvenirs of the friends and incidents which have dotted her career. Her electric light, her music, her reminders of the love and admiration that she has excited. There is a cabinet full of her childhood's treasures, the miniatures of her parents and herself, her first jewels, "to keep my mind young," Patti explains. On a side table a golden egg set with six huge emeralds has attracted many a covetous eye. It is "too valuable to be left about," is the general verdict. But Patti laughs it to scorn.  
"I have emeralds locked in a safety deposit vault that I never see," she says. "It is the first gift the Russian public ever gave me. My servants are honest and my guests are honest. I want to keep it where it can make me happy."  
Household cares she has none. These fall to Carlo, who conducts all things with clockwork regularity.  
"Patti's nature is intense, impetuous, and she is very nervous, and prone to be in a moment. But her life is conducted absolutely by rule. She never indulges in excesses of any kind. Her pleasures are temperate, her fatigue healthful. Exercise, fresh air and good food are her three staples. Exercise she holds is a necessity to keep the blood coursing quickly through the veins. She walks every day at 11. If it happens to be raining Patti is happy. A downpour is her balm for the complexion. In mackintosh and rubber boots she tramps along, lifting her face to the sky.  
"I am afraid of draughts, but never of rain," she says gaily.  
Her rising hour is 8.30. Her breakfast a light one of this bread and butter and fruit. While her hair is brushed Patti looks over her letters. Her hair is her special pride and is treated with infinite care. On one occasion in Russia, when the ladies of the court hinted that the dyes of the hair were false Patti in a flash pulled out the comb and let her flowing curls loose upon her shoulders. The answer was conclusive.  
After the walk comes luncheon at 1. It is at this meal that the maid empties into her goblet of water a glass of whiskey. Patti contemplates this with a smile. She sips the echewa tea, coffee and chocolate and at dinner drinks only the extra dry champagne specially manufactured for her. She never takes more than a half pint at most. She dines at 2 p.m. Her rest hour comes just before dinner. Her evening is devoted to private theatricals or pleasure with her guests. She delights to dance to the music of her wonderful orchestra; games she enjoys like a child, but

**CITIES COMMIT SUICIDE**  
CRIMINAL FOOLISHNESS OF THEIR INHABITANTS THE CAUSE.  
Several instances recorded in the Eastern States where other countries, such as Mexico, Spain, and the Philippines, have been destroyed by the inhabitants of the cities.  
An impressive instance of this kind is that of the city of San Diego, California. It is a beautiful city, and one of the most important in the West. It was destroyed by the Russians to prevent its falling into the hands of the British. The British fleet was in the harbor, and the city was a prize of great value. The city was destroyed by the Russians to prevent its falling into the hands of the British. The British fleet was in the harbor, and the city was a prize of great value. The city was destroyed by the Russians to prevent its falling into the hands of the British. The British fleet was in the harbor, and the city was a prize of great value.

**A Strange Malady Among Soldiers!**  
Said to be Locomotor Ataxia, a Nervous Disease, which is also prevalent in this Country—Popular Symptoms.  
Capt. J. P. Polay, of the 9th United States Infantry, has returned from Manila, suffering with what he says is "a terrible malady which is prevalent among the officers and men. It develops into neuritis or nerve paralysis, and many of its victims are crippled for life."  
Dr. Wilson, of Buffalo, N.Y., says that this "mysterious disease" is locomotor ataxia, and is just as prevalent in North America as in the Philippines. It is a degeneration of the nerve cells of the spinal cord, which affects the nerve controlling motion. There are many examples of the terrible results of this disease to be seen on the streets of Toronto and other Canadian cities. The characteristic symptoms of this nerve-disease are inability to walk and arm and foot, and to control the bowels and bladder. The test is raised high up and put forward and held together in a sort of flapping motion. The victim is in danger of falling when going up or down stairs or around corners. He walks with his eyes on his feet, experiencing shooting pains in the legs and sense of pressure about the waist. In the later stages locomotor ataxia is a terrible disease. It is incurable, if taken in time it is found to yield to the restorative influence of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which completely rebuilds the wasted nerve cells of the spinal cord and revitalizes the nerves.  
The time to act is when nervousness first makes itself apparent. When you find yourself tapping with the fingers, when the nerves of the body twitch after retiring at night, when you lie awake, too nervous to sleep, when you have nervous headaches and nervous dyspepsia.  
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**TWO OTHER AMERICAN TOWNS.**  
Similar disregard for proper authority killed a town called Greenville, on the Mississippi River. The great Mississippi is only kept in its bed by gigantic embankments called levees. Nowadays they are kept up by the state. But at one time each town along the banks had a section to look after. The people of Greenville proved callously careless. They allowed the strong current to eat deep into the banks without replacing the soil. The result was that one April night the river came down in flood, tore a yawning gap in the worn levee, and swept Greenville and most of its people from the face of the earth. Johnstown, the Pennsylvania town, wiped out by the bursting of the Conemaugh Dam on May 31, 1869, owed this shocking disaster and the loss of 6,000 lives directly to the incredible carelessness of its authorities, who were warned the dam was insecure, but refused to move in the matter.  
**RUIN OF A SIBERIAN MARKET TOWN.**  
Sometimes it is sheer pigheadedness which proves the ruin of a city. There is a Siberian market town in the district of Semtinsk which rejoices in the extraordinary name of Nchomonajewskoj. At present the grass grows in its streets, and the weekly market is a thing of the past. All its grown-up male inhabitants are in jail. Their offense is that they openly defied the authorities in refusing to repair the highway on which the town is built. Warning after warning proved unavailing, and at last the threats have become reality. The town has, of course, received its death blow.  
**A CASE IN HOLLAND.**  
If you go to Holland for a holiday this summer it is probable you will visit the dead cities of Zuider Zee, whose grassgrown and desolate streets are a melancholy lesson to careless towns. Monnikendam was the most important of these, and when The Hague was a mere village was one of the 27 great towns of the Dutch Republic. Ships of large tonnage filled its port, and gold flowed into its coffers. The town grew large. The outer sea was shallow from year to year, but they took no notice. Amsterdam, threatened with a similar fate, insisted on herself, and cut the North Sea Canal in 1653. Now her harbor is a mud bank, and the place is but a tiny village instead of a great and wealthy port.

**SOME NATURAL GIFTS.**  
To his accomplishments as a soldier Col. Baden-Powell added a remarkable number of natural gifts. He is a good artist, chiefly in black and white, and has the rare ability of drawing with either hand. He is an excellent amateur actor, an adept stage manager, a keen sportsman, a yachtsman when he has time, and withal an author of several books, which reflect in their vigorous language, his healthy pulsating activity of his mind.  
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**THE OPPOSITION IN THE NORTH-WEST.**  
Legislation consists of Messrs. MacDonald, Bennett, Hewkes, McKay, McLeod, McDiarmid, Villeneuve and Shara.  
Martin Nye came from Dunville to Owen Sound to get a position. After some weeks he secured one, but he had hardly assumed his duties when he was taken ill and died. His family was left in destitute circumstances.  
George Anderson, Indian agent, has given notice that all persons other than Indians, who, without the authority of the superintendent general, reside on the Tyendinaga reserve, are liable to a fine of ten dollars a day or imprisonment, and that all persons so residing after July 1st will be prosecuted accordingly.  
A baby carriage containing the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Butler, Huntsville, was left standing in front of a store, when the wind suddenly blew it over the edge of the platform. The fall was about ten feet, and as soon as the carriage struck the stones below, the child was thrown out, but fortunately its pillows accompanied it, and saved its life. It alighted on a heap of large stones a few feet from the river.

**NEVADA'S RUINED CITY.**  
Evans City, in Nevada, is now represented by two streets of ruins inhabited by rattlesnakes and coyotes. Twenty years ago it was a flourishing town with a population of 3,000, or more. Fine buildings were put up; but the people were so eager to make money they neglected to provide any waterworks or system of irrigation. A drought set in, and lasted six months. Water by that time was being hauled from the river in buckets, and the people shillings a bucket. The same was only natural—fever, and a general exodus. The town was dead in a year.

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