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THE EQUALIZATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY IN THE SOCIAL SCALE SHOULD BE THE TRUE AIM OF CIVILIZATION.

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Correspondence.

CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.)

DEAR SIR,—I must confess some astonishment at your definition of the political faith of the above parties. After stating the fact of a change of Government, you proceed to define the difference between the parties in Great Britain thus:

"Strangers to the politics of the Dominion are apt to be misled by the names assumed by its politicians. Liberal and Conservative have a very different meaning in England from what they have in Canada. In England, a Conservative is one who would perpetuate the government of an aristocracy, with all its monopoly of power and patronage in Church and State, its selfish appropriation of lands, its game laws, the serfdom of agricultural laborers, and all the other fruits of an old feudal system; while a liberal is one who wars with the conservatism of monopoly and unjust and costly privileges, and struggles for a wider liberty for the common people, a fuller share in the legislation, a larger control over the government of the country, and the extinction of aristocratic and church privileges."

Now, sir, is that correct? Are there no "liberals" who would perpetrate the government of an aristocracy? or are there no aristocrats among the Liberals? I think there are, and I don't think they would be a bit flattered at the faith you have pinned to them. As to "monopoly of power and patronage in Church and State"—did all the Liberals vote for the disestablishment of the Irish Church? I think not, and I make the statement, subject to correction, that one of the most important and pronounced Liberals in Gladstone's Cabinet resigned out of it on account of that measure. Now, if the Liberal party was not a unit on the Irish disestablishment question, is it probable they would be united on the English one? The logic of events leads to a totally different conclusion. The fact is undisputable that the Liberals have had a majority in the Commons in England since the last election, and an unprecedentedly large one, too, and why have they not tackled the question? simply because it can only be done through defections from the Conservative party (which is certainly not united on this matter) and, more than anything else, through the influence of Dissenters and Ritualists, (I mean no disrespect). As to its selfish appropriation of lands, its game laws, the serfdom of agricultural laborers, and all the other fruits of an old and feudal system," I certainly think it is ridiculous to assert that the conservatives are possessed of all these attributes, while the Liberals are at war with them. I don't think a landlord who calls himself a Liberal is likely to deal any more leniently with a poacher, or take more active steps to do away with the cause of poaching, than his Conservative neighbor. The chances are that they are about "sixes" on this question. Then, as to the extension of the franchise which took place a few years ago, was not that carried by a Conservative Administration, aided, no doubt by a large number of individual members of the Liberal party, and, as undoubtedly, opposed by a large number of individual members of the Conservative party. The fact is, many of these are not actually questions of party at all, but merely matters of individual opinion, and it would take an able navigator to draw a line just where Liberalism begins and Conservatism ends, and vice versa.

No, Sir. I think the difference between Conservative and Liberal is merely abstract. In theory they are doubtless very wide apart, in practice very much the same. There are dogmas peculiar to each party, but it is beyond the range of probability—(I might say possibility) that they will ever be embodied in the laws of the country. So much for the purely political aspect of the question; and I have only dwelt so much upon it in order to endeavor to show the mistake you have made in attributing to one party certain (to the workingman) adverse propensities, while to the other is attributed everything that is favorable.

I remain, your's faithfully,
A CONSERVATIVE WORKMAN.
Toronto, Nov. 17th 1873.

A Federal Union of all Builders' Laborers' Societies has been suggested. The members are said to number 25,000.

REMINISCENCES.

(Written for the Ontario Workman by W. J.)

NO. IV.

THE HAUNTED SCHOONER.

"Did I ever tell you that yarn about the old Penguin?" asked Bill Slack, addressing himself to the rest of the crew as we lay at anchor one evening under Christian Island.

"Not that I know of," I replied, "but I should like to hear it."

"Just the thing!" exclaimed the mate, as he lounged forward to where we were grouped around the windlass ends. "The watch will not be set for an hour yet, and the yarn will help to pass away the time. Besides I have heard some curious talk about the old schooner and her skipper, and as you made the last trip of the old tub yourself Bill; and was on her when she went down, you can tell what you really did see or hear, and we all know you stick to the truth!"

"Never mind about me telling the truth," said Bill, with a grin, "Just let me fill my pipe, and I'll give you the yarn."

The night was a dark one, with a smart breeze that sent the halyards "rap," "rap," against the spars, and made melancholy music through the rigging, while the regular dash of the waves could be heard as they broke on the rocky shore of the island not half-a-mile off. Time and circumstances were propitious for a ghost story—as they would call it ashore.

We filled our pipes and settled down comfortably to hear Bill's yarn, which, when that worthy had kept us in suspense as long as he could, he proceeded to narrate something after this style:

"You see it was about ten years ago now since I shipped in the old 'Pen,' as she was called, and rightly, too, for she was so old that nobody knew her age 'cept her skipper and owner, Old Hardtack. You may guess I was hard up for a ship when I threw my dunnage aboard the old hulk, and so I was. You never saw Old Hardtack, did you? No! Well if you saw or heard him once I reckon it would satisfy you. He was a tall, round-shouldered rawboned, grey-headed, squint-eyed, bow-legged old fellow, and the most accomplished blasphemer I ever heard, a man whom no one could meet and forget; but the most peculiar thing about him was his teeth, they were like the teeth of a saw, sharp-pointed, like I've heard tell of in some of those pirate yarns; and Old Hardtack would have classed as an A. I. pirate if he had had the chance. He had the reputation of being at one time a smuggler, and that's bad enough, for as I look on it, a man man that'll break the law one way'll do it another. Howsoever he was a good sailor, and could handle his old schooner to perfection; and do you know, I believed if he loved anything on earth it was the old 'Pen.'

"And the schooner, well mate, you've seen her, and know what she was, a long, low, black hulk, heavily sparred, and could sail like a witch. I made three trips on her, and though a dirty slovenly piece in harbor, nothing could pass her outside. Well here is what will interest you, I shipped on her in Hamilton to go to Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence, for a load of tan-bark for Oakville. It was the last trip Old Hardtack ever made. We had a good run as far as False Ducks land; when the wind went to the eastward, and the 'Pen' had to be hauled by the wind. Old Hardtack began to swear, curse old Weather probabilities, and, as was a common fashion of his, jump on his hat. It began to blow great guns, and at eight bells, there was nothing for it but to run for Timber Island, where we could get shelter and anchorage.

During all the time Old Hardtack had not ceased to pour forth a stream of blasphemy the most terrifying. He had often made the boast that we would go down with the 'Penguin,' or if she survived him he would haunt her while she floated, but the old fellow had no idea he would have to part company with the schooner that night, or possibly he would have been more careful of his language.

In making the Island we had to keep the schooner directly abreast the wind, and for the last five miles she was "winged out," on the port tack. As we neared the Island Old Hardtack got up on the weather rail forward of the fore rigging, so as to see how the land lay, and give the necessary word when to jibe. I was standing just forward of the forecastle and I can imagine I can see the old skipper yet, as he stood there peering into the darkness and ever and anon turning his face inboard, allowing the bright signal lamp, to il-

lumine his face, his devil's tooth fairly sparkling, his eyes shining like two balls of fire, his long grey locks tossing in the gale, but what exercised the most terror over me was the horrible stream of blasphemy that issued from the old sinner's mouth, as the saying is, it makes my hair stand on end, and all because he could not make out the land as plain as he wished.

He had just sung out to the mate to have her kept away from jibing, when something caught his attention on the water, and he kept his position on the rail just long enough to be knocked off by the stay-sail boom, as the vessel jibed sooner than was calculated.

"I often hear it said by people ashore, who don't know what they're talking about, 'Why didn't you lower a boat, and pick 'em up,' or why wasn't this or that done, when an accident happens on the Lakes. Well, if such a party had been aboard the old Penguin, that night they could have satisfied themselves very easily why it was not done. Talk about picking up a man knocked overboard on such a night. Pooch! just after the vessel had jibed over before she was wanted to, with everything in confusion, rain, wind, sea, and to top it all, the night was so dark that you couldn't see the length of a marlin-spine. And then we hadn't missed the old man for fully five minutes after he was gone, and by that time he must have been half a mile off.

"Well, we fetched up under the lee of the Island all night, every one thinking they had seen the last of old Hardtack. So they had, in the flesh; but he was determined to keep his word about haunting the schooner. You need not laugh, Jack," (I had ventured on a laugh of dissent), "I tell you I saw his ghost as plain as I see you light on the shore, and this is how it came about.

We made the trip all right enough. The creditors of the old man took the schooner when we got back, and gave her to the mate to sail for them. The next trip was made to Erie for coal, and nothing happened out of the way. We got back again to Hamilton, and took timber on board for Garden Island. In the meantime nothing had been heard of the body of the old skipper, although the fisherman along Timber Island had been asked to send word if the body was found.

We started out with a fair wind, and kept it right along down by Long Point. Every body was in a good humor, and seemed rather glad than otherwise to have a new skipper. It was about eight bells in the evening when we got off Long Point light-house. The wind hauled round to south-east shortly after passing the light, the sky to the eastward looking very nasty, and by ten o'clock, I'm blown if the wind was not in the east again, and the schooner just about where she was the night we bore up and when the captain was lost.

I had just been relieved from the wheel and was making forward as I heard an exclamation from Steve, who was on the lookout, I quickened my steps, and followed the direction pointed out by Steve, who, one hand grasping the weather rigging, the other pointing to leeward, looked as if ready to jump overboard. The moment I got up to the forecastle, I seen what chilled the very marrow in my bones. There, standing on the lee rail, was old Hardtack, just as he looked the night he was knocked off the very spot, only the look of his face was if anything more childish, as the light of the signal lamp fell on his face. He was looking toward the land, towards which the schooner was heading, and as I stood a moment speechless he turned his face toward me, and I fancied there was a look in his face that said, "I told you I'd fetch the 'Pen' down with me, and I'll do it!" I could not stand that sort a thing any longer, and ran aft as fast as my legs could carry me to the mate, who, when I could explain what was the matter, came forward with me. But old Hardtack was gone, and Steve lay insensible on the deck. The mate at first tried to laugh me out of what I had told him, but when Steve came to and told his story the same as mine he had to believe it. He begged us not to tell the rest of the crew, which we agreed to, having made up our minds to jump the schooner the first chance we got.

"Our watch was shortly after relieved, and we turned in, with anything but comfortable thoughts to sleep with. The wind was blowing quite fresh, the night dark and foggy. I had hardly got into a sound nap when I got woken up pretty sharp, now I tell you. The old schooner had struck the west end of Charity Shoals. She struck twice very heavily,

and then deepened her water all at once. All hands were on deck in short order, and the pumps were sounded to see if she was making much water. She was leaking badly, and the best thing to do was to fetch the land as soon as possible. All sail was crowded on the old schooner, but it was of no avail.

We had got about mid-channel when it became evident that the old "Pen's" days were numbered. The water gained on us so fast, that it became necessary to take to the boat, and as we shoved off the water was almost level with her decks, giving us hardly time to get clear as she keeled over on her side, her stern sank, then rose again, she gave a violent plunge forward, and went down head foremost.

Although out in an open boat, I felt a kind of relief to know that we had indeed seen the last of the haunted schooner. Old Hardtack was bound to keep his word, and the old "Pen" and her skipper could now rest together at the bottom of blue Ontario.

We were picked up next morning by a steamer and carried into port, and I do not think I have seen any of the crew since, but I'll tell you one thing, boys, although as the mate says, I do tell some pretty tough yarns, I'm willing to take my davy that it is all truth I've told you about the haunted schooner."

Such was Bill's yarn, told with all the gravity possible, and I was just about to hint at it being the toughest of the kind, when the Captain called out to the mate to know if he "was going to set an anchor watch to-night?" This put a stop to telling yarns; and the watches were set, and I turned into my bunk but Bill's yarn haunted my sleep even as Old Hardtack haunted the "Penguin."

MANUFACTURE OF SILK.

Many efforts have been made in the United States to make a success of silk manufacture, but none of them have yet brought that industry to perfection.

It was, as a writer properly states, "an object of attention and hope before the Revolution. In Pennsylvania a society was formed to encourage the importation of silk worms and the establishment of filatures. The weaving, preparing and dyeing of silk occupied the attention of our ancestors, and they had hope of rendering it a successful branch of industry. Yet, from various reasons they failed, and the next generation took up the task, to fail again. When the protection of American manufactures became the principle of a great party, encouragement to the silk manufacture was given with no more success than on previous trials. The great moros multicus excitement had its origin in the hopes built upon the establishment of the silk manufacture, and, when that bubble burst, the effect upon the silk production was serious. Yet we have before us a hopeful condition of affairs in reference to this industry.

In 1860 the value of the silk manufacture was returned by the census takers in the United States, at \$3,000,000. This capital has been increased ten times in the course of ten years, and valued in 1870 at \$30,000,000. It gave employment to six thousand persons, and their earnings were up to \$8,000,000 per annum. Silk is woven in this country for many articles of use and of apparel which do not compete with the dress goods from foreign countries. Neckties, scarfs and ribbons absorb a considerable portion of the manufacture, and dress silks are woven with such fineness as to command sales.

Sewing silk is by far the largest and most important branch of this production. New Jersey has at Newark and other places, some successful factories devoted to this branch of business alone. In Connecticut a large interest is manifested in manufacture, and those concerned in it are so well satisfied with their progress, and the demand for their goods increases so gradually and surely, that in ten years more we expect the advance in this branch of industry will be more remarkable than it has been during the last decade.

A branch of the Ironfounders' Society has been opened at Portsmouth, and another is to be opened at Burton-on-Trent.

The report that Cabello de Bloore, the Mexican bandit, had crossed into Texas, and with a party of marauders was robbing and plundering the country has been confirmed.

A number of sailors marched in procession on Friday, and held a meeting in the City Hall Park, to demand a repeal of the Shipping Act of 1872. A full-rigged miniature vessel of war rolled along in the procession.

Poetry.

GO AND LEARN A TRADE.

The following is S. Hay's new song, which young ladies should learn for the benefit of such gallants who propose marriage without visible means of support, and expatiate of the delights of "love and rose leaves."

I'll sing a little song to-night,
And ev'ry word is true,
You'll find that every line is meant,
Young gentlemen, for you!
I've no intention to offend,
In what is sung or said—
The sum and substance of it is,
To go and learn a trade.

CHORUS.

The "coming man" is he who lives
To see his fortune made,
Whom ev'rybody will respect,
Because he learned a trade.

Your education may be good,
But time is fitting by,
Instead of working don't be fooled;
The old man may not die;
And if he should, the chances are
His will may be mislaid,
Or you cut off without a cent;
So go and "learn a trade."

The country is full of "nice young men,"
Who from their duty shirk;
Who think 'twould crush their family pride,
If they should go to work;
Take of your coat (your father did),
And find some honest maid,
Who'll help you make your fortune when
You've learned an honest trade.

Be temperate in all you do,
Be faithful to your "boss;"
You'll find the more you do for him
Will never prove a loss;
You'll find out fifty years from now,
When fame and fortune's made,
The best step that you ever took
Was when you learned a trade.

WHAT IS THE USE?

What is the use of trimming a lamp
If you never intend to light it?
What is the use of grappling a wrong
If you never intend to right it?

What is the use of removing your hat
If you never intend to tarry?
What is the use of wooing a maid
If you never intend to marry?

What is the use of buying a coat
If you never intend to wear it?
What is the use of a home for two
If you never intend to share it?

Tales and Sketches.

THE FAVORITE.

"Ah, my lord!" exclaimed the first gentleman of the privy-chamber of Louis XIV. to the young Count Lauzun, almost sweeping the ground with the well-powdered toupee of his enormous periwig—"ah, my lord! to what am I indebted for the pleasure of an opportunity to assure you of my profound respect, at this hour, and in this place? The king is engaged with his council of finance," added the usually adroit courtier, with some little embarrassment. "Indeed, the wheels of the great government machine creak occasionally, and then it becomes rather boisterous in the council-chamber. Therefore, as my lord count must be aware, I may not suffer any one, except it be some unimportant servant like myself, to linger in this ante-chamber. But you, my lord, make an exception to all rules; how can a miserable door close itself against one to whom all hearts are open?"

"We will not attempt to ascertain how much truth there may be in what you say," answered Lauzun, "yet I must beg of you, my dear De Ryert, to bear with me a few moments at the present time; I promise you that the king will not be displeased to find me here."

"How can I doubt you—I, the king's first gentleman of the privy-chamber?" interposed De Ryert, with redoubled courtesy; "does my lord hold me for so great a novice in my service?"

"Certainly not," answered Lauzun, "I know the just confidence with which the king rewards your well-proved fidelity, and will therefore make to you no secret of the fact, that I am attracted hither by most delightful anticipations. Our good monarch is just upon the point, my dear De Ryert, of bestowing upon me a great, I may indeed say, a very unusual proof of his favor. It was so tiresome remaining at home, counting the minutes until the appointed hour, that you must allow me to chat away the tedious time here with you."

"Ah, count," answered De Ryert, with great humility, "how can you make sport of me in this manner? I am but too happy to be the first to offer you my joyful congratulations. The favor with which his majesty intends to distinguish you must surely be great and extraordinary."

"It is, indeed," answered Lauzun, "How will my friends rejoice at the splendid career which, in a few moments, will be opened to me!"

"In a few moments!" devoutly repeated the chamberlain.

"Yes, yes, my friend, in a few moments," exclaimed Lauzun, carried away by the intoxication of glad anticipation; and glancing with a smile in the friendly face of his humble worshipper, in which the kindest curiosity in the world stood written in legible characters.

"Hitherto the king's command has compelled me," he continued, "to keep silent about the matter; but he has himself fixed upon this day, before mass, to present me to the court in my new dignity. Meanwhile, as we are here together awaiting his majesty, I may venture to give you a proof of my gratitude for the friendly interest you have evinced in my behalf, by confiding to you what we yet no one suspects. So listen: Duke Mazarian really retires from all official business, and I am to succeed him as General Field-Marshal."

Congratulations, thanks for the confidence reposed, exclamations of the most lively and pleased astonishment, to which Lauzun listened with a smile of self-satisfaction, now poured forth in an uninterrupted stream from the eloquent lips of the chamberlain; yet suddenly, with every appearance of the greatest alarm, he became speechless. "Great Heaven! what have I not forgotten in my rejoicing!" he at length exclaimed, in apparent terror; "after all it is only an important commission from my master; but as his majesty is now—why! how! ah!" groaned he, moving anxiously about and snapping his fingers; he then drew forth his watch, and a glance at the hands seemed to afford him some little consolation. "Perhaps it is not yet too late?" he sighed, wiping the perspiration from his forehead; "the council will remain yet nine minutes in deliberation; and even the impossible must sometimes be attempted in a monarch's service!" With these words and a very reverent bow, he hurried past the count, and out of the door, which he carefully closed behind him; he then stole, like a cat upon velvet paws, silently up a private staircase, rising three stairs at every step, and in a few seconds stood breathless before Louvain, in the little cabinet in which that minister was accustomed to labor the whole day in solitude, when the court, as was the case, was at St. Germain.

That powerful minister, dismissing his faithful spy with many thanks and more promises, hastily gathered up some papers, without paying much attention to the selection of them, murmuring to himself, "The little cadet from the bank of the Garonne increases the spread of his wings with great rapidity, and will soon fly over all our heads, unless we find a way to clip them."

Ryert was again quietly sitting in the ante-chamber, relating to Count Lauzun, in the most free and easy manner, about the roses and orange-blossoms which he had been so lucky as to procure, just in time for presentation to Madame Montespan, as Louvaine entered, with his papers in his hand, and with a slight inclination of his head to the two gentlemen, passed on directly to the door of the royal saloon.

In vain did the chamberlain place himself directly in the minister's way, assuring him, in a tolerably decisive tone, that his majesty was not yet visible. Louvaine paid no regard to his opposition, said he had important despatches which he must instantly communicate to his majesty, and passed unhesitatingly in, although he had neither seat nor voice in the council that was then in session.

Lauzun saw the folding doors close after him with a slight shrug of the shoulders and a sly smile of triumph, and then turned to listen with at least apparent attention to the chamberlain's conversation.

In a few minutes the minister returned, passing hastily through the ante-chamber, and soon afterwards the king himself entered it.

The count, who in the eagerness of expectation had advanced a step to meet the king, sought to catch his eyes; but the monarch passed him by with icy coldness.

"Who knows with what absurdity Louvaine had vexed him?" said Lauzun to himself by way of consolation; for he was much disturbed by this unusual neglect. "This mood will soon pass away, and after mass he will surely remember his promise," thought Lauzun, dismissing all anxiety, and joining the procession which followed the king to the chapel royal.

Long and brilliant rows of the most distinguished ladies already occupied the benches in the chapel, their attention, perhaps, not equally divided between the visible and invisible governor of the world; for, at no price could any of those present have been induced to neglect the worship of God in the chapel royal, when the king himself was to be present. Lauzun seemed a little less cheerful than usual, as, from his place in the rear of the king, he cast his eyes upon the host of beauties collected there, much like tulips in a bed; but his countenance soon lighted up as he caught a ray from the fairest blue eyes; it was a glance which might indeed have brought upon him a far more serious disappointment than the one which he had so recently suffered.

Anna de Montpensier, the fairest, proudest, most spirituelle princess at the court of Louis XIV., was the potent fairy who knew how to exercise this magic power over Lauzun. As grand-daughter of Louis XIII. and daughter of Gaston of Orleans, nearly related to the

king, she occupied the high rank of daughter of France.

Her immense wealth, with the important titles and estates inherited from her father, caused her to be looked upon as one of the richest princesses of Europe, whose hand foreign princes, and even monarchs, had often sought in vain. Thus was she now a lady, in the fullest sense of the word—a Pallad in spirit, mind, and form, just entering upon the summer of her life. This lofty being had lost, with the fleeting brilliancy of early youth, none of her charms; for the style of her full-blown beauty needed not its aid. Men worshipped her at a distance, as they would worship an immortal spirit; and, only to a spirit, as aspiring and ungovernable as Lauzun's, could it have been possible to see not always the princess, but sometimes the beautiful woman whose occasional condescending gentleness appeared, indeed, all the more irresistible, from her elevated rank and customary dignified reserve. He felt that she had never looked fairer to him than this morning. His truant glances wandered until they lost themselves amid the labyrinth of pearl-strown braids and curls, in which her fair locks were disposed. Her swan-like neck was shaded by the finest points d'Alecone lace, which was fastened in front by a large breast-knot of brilliants. A loose robe of dark chenille-lace, through which a rich golden under-dress was visible, covered her form, leaving only the bare suspicion of one of the prettiest little feet ever imagined on that side of the celestial empire. The distinguished kindness with which the princess turned towards Lauzun, on going out of the church, and permitted him to hand her the holy water, completed the enchantment which wrapped him in forgetfulness of everything but the passing moment. He, did, indeed, become sensible of his folly the moment she was out of sight, and took his heart to task, endeavoring to impress it with the fate of Icarus, but without very eminent success.

He passed the whole of the following day, as usual, near the king's person, but without hearing a word in relation to his contemplated promotion. A multitude of trifling and apparently accidental circumstances obstructed every attempt at a confidential approach towards his master, which at other times he had almost hourly enjoyed; so that it was not until late in the evening, when, according to the etiquette of those times, it became his duty to attend to the dressing of the king, that he obtained the desired opportunity to remind him of his promise. "Yes, yes, there is a difficulty in the way; we will see at our leisure what can be done," was all that he received for answer.

Poor Lauzun walked the chamber the whole night in a state of the wildest excitement. The icy coldness with which those few words were spoken, had cast down the spoiled favorite from the high heaven of his hopes, and he became the prey of alternating rage and grief. It was not the failure of a great and brilliant expectation that moved him, so much as it was the feeling of the never-before suspected falsehood of the royal friend; for he had attached himself to his master with really heartfelt devotion, and previous to that day would have defended him, with the chivalrous courage of a Paladin of the olden times, against any one who should have dared to hint the possibility of that, the truth of which he now felt himself compelled to acknowledge.

Reared in the solitude of retirement, educated according to the laws of that chivalry for which his native land was formerly so honorably distinguished, Count Lauzun, had not long since come from his father's castle, in Gascony, to the house of his near relative, in Paris, the then powerful Marshal de Grammont. As the portionless younger son of a noble but not wealthy family, his object was to seek honorable promotion, either in the court or in the army. His splendid form and pleasing manners won for him the favor of high and low in his uncle's house. The eccentric outbursts of his sparkling wit, his courage, his contempt for everything degrading, his truth in love and hate, made the heart of the Count de Guise, the eldest son of Marshal de Grammont, wholly his own; for, young, handsome, and brave as Lauzun himself, the Count de Guise beheld in his relative but a duplicate of himself. The zealous, true, and also powerful friend, paved the way for the advancement of the newly-arrived cadet over the heads of all who stood in his way; he presented him to the king, who was much pleased with the young scion, loaded him with favors, and kept him, as much as possible about his person. Thus rose the recently insignificant Lauzun, now the declared favorite of the king, with lightning speed from step to step, until he had reached the rank of major-general; he had hoped to mount yet higher, saw himself near the attainment of his object, and now had so suddenly fallen! It was very natural that this unexpected reverse should afflict him, and the more so from the fact that he was wholly unable to imagine the cause of his misfortune and disgrace.

During the dark and solitary hours of night our imaginations dwell upon our cares, until each assumes the most inordinate proportions, becoming more and more gigantic, until the long-desired slumber steepes our fevered senses in forgetfulness; and when morning, like an angel of consolation, attends the bedside at our awaking, it shows the objects of our cares so reduced in size and importance that we often laugh at our nocturnal exaggerations. But it is different when the morning sun finds us yet waking amid these fever-born anxieties,

which every minute increase the wild rushing of the heated blood; senseless projects, unreasonable and impracticable resolutions, that would but accelerate misfortune, generally be taken the dawn, whose first rays are most welcome to the dry and burning eyes that have watched through such a night.

Such a night was passed by Count Lauzun, during which a thousand plans, each bolder and more dangerous than its predecessor, arose in his soul, and were again successively rejected. But there was one to which he held fast, and which he put into execution. At the proper hour he repaired to Madame Montespan, the fair, proud, all-powerful mistress of Louis. As she had always appeared to be well-disposed towards him, he thought he might venture to ask her aid in unravelling the mystery of his master's changed deportment; for it was this change of feeling that most grieved him.

Half-controlled by her kindness and her sympathy, he took his departure from the audience-room of that beautiful woman. She had wondered with him, conjectured with him, complained with him, and promised to do the possible and the impossible in his behalf; what better in his situation, could he wish? But, alas! he could not long remain contented in this compactively happy frame of mind; his hot Gascon blood kept him in a state of perpetual agitation. He wished, above all things, that he could have invisibly hovered over the heads of the king, of Madame Montespan, of enemies and friends, and at length happened to hit upon a plan most dangerous in the execution, but which, after it had once entered his mind, he could not give up; for, to his bold, unbending nature, it was impossible to draw back when any hazardous enterprise beckoned him onwards.

(To be continued.)

UNA.

For the first time in my life—nearly seventeen years and a quarter—I was alone in the wide, wide world; to be precise, in that bit of it which lies between the Paddington station and Bath. I had all but missed the train, so that my uncle had only time to hurry me into a first-class carriage, wherein solitary Una was already seated, and to give me a solemn injunction to get Aunt Margery to telegraph when I "turned up all right," before the train dashed away.

"All right!" Of course I should be all right! I should think, at seventeen and nearly a quarter, I might be trusted to take care of myself during a three hours' journey; the more so as my uncle had "put me in at one end," and my aunt would "take me out at the other."

As soon as I had arranged myself and my belongings comfortably in my corner I took a survey of my fellow passenger—a grim, iron-gray old woman in an exasperating bonnet, who was looking not daggers—that is much too pointed and brilliant a simile—but rusty nails of the jaggedest description, at my poor little hat; such an attractive one as it was, too, with the most piquant little wax-wing imaginable brooding over it with outstretched wings. For my part, I think, when one has a pretty face, it is wicked to spoil it by a dowdy hat. I should have attracted much more attention if I had worn an exasperating extinguisher like my fellow traveller's, with an aggravating bow at the top; and, besides, Tom would not have liked it.

I was rapidly losing my temper—it was too provoking. Here was somebody evidently just as ready to find fault and take care of me as anybody at home. My only comfort was a hope that she might get out at the next station, or at all events at some distance from Bath. Ah, how little I knew what was coming, or I should have felt glad to have had her glaring twice as grimly from the opposite seat!

"Travelling alone?"

"Yes."

What an unnecessary question, I thought. "You are much too young and too pretty to be permitted to do so."

I meekly answered that my youth and prettiness were "faults" over which I had no control, and hinted at the possibility that time might be expected to cure both, if only I lived long enough.

She smiled—yes, really; not a bad smile, either.

"While waiting for that, you should have somebody to take care of you."

"Take care of me!" I exclaimed, with a little shudder of disgust. "I am quite able to take care of myself—indeed, I am tired of being taken care of. I am almost worn out. Besides, I have been at two garden parties, and have long left the school-room (with dignity!)."

"My dear, the school room would be the best place for you for the next half dozen years. I must leave you at the next station, but I will tell the guard to look after you. You will learn in time how good a thing it is to be cared for. Una without her lion would never get safely through the world."

The train stopped; I helped her to gather all her bags and rugs.

"Good-by, my dear; your little face has made the day look brighter to an old woman; so you have my leave to keep it unchanged as long as you can," and she actually patted my cheek with a kind old hand as she passed out.

I watched her take her place in a little basket carriage that was waiting for her—watched the old bald-headed man servant stand, hat in hand, evidently giving her all the story of life at home in her absence, and felt sorry, as I returned her good-by nod, when the carriage moved out of sight down a shady country road. I followed her in fancy to a flowery country home, where I felt sure she lived cosily with old servants, quaint furniture, and old pet dogs, cats and birds. How little I then thought that one day I should —. But I forgot; we must not anticipate, as real authors say—that must come in its own place; I had not even seen Tom, then.

The train had stopped at a quiet little station, and was just beginning to move on past the roses and hollyhocks, when the door suddenly swung open, and a man jumped in. One glance satisfied me that he would not improve on acquaintance. Tom has told me since that he was a "cad"; and if a "cad" be an odious, vulgar, red-haired person, with unwashed hands covered with coarse rings, a sky blue satin tie, and an overpowering odor of bad tobacco—I know the difference quite well, for Tom never smokes any but the very best Manillas, and I quite enjoy the smell—then most decidedly he was rightly designated.

I saw all this at a single glance, as one does sometimes, and bent steadily over my book, wishing that the hour which would bring me to dear Aunt Margery was over. Presently I was reading something so amusing that I had forgotten everything beside. The train had left the little station far behind, and was going at full speed, when suddenly a horrid voice close to my ear made me start, and I looked up to see the "cad's" hideous face close to mine—such a wicked leering face!

"Take off that veil, miss; I'm sure a whiff of fresh air will do you good. This carriage is awful "muggy"—that was the creature's very expression—"muggy." "Besides, it's desperate bad for your eyes to read through that speckled stuff."

Without replying, I bent my head lower over my book, but the letters were getting confused, and my heart was beating with fright.

"Poor little thing! Deaf, is she?" and he took the seat opposite and leaned across, so that I had to shrink into my corner to avoid his touch. Poor little Una needed her lion now.

"Bad for the eyes, miss, and such shinners as yours are too good to be wasted on that stupid book. Give a fellow a peer at them."

And a great red hand advanced toward my veil.

I could only cower in my corner with a great cry of terror—one helpless call on "Uncle," knowing the while how far away he was, and how unconscious of his poor little Polly's trouble.

In putting up his hand to my veil, the man touched me, and the touch, slight as it was, roused a fury of anger such as I had never felt before, and I hope never to feel again; it gave me back my voice.

"You shall not! How dare you! You must not touch me—uncle will kill you!"

The man laughed at my puny rage.

"Kill me for taking care of you! If he does not wish others to fill his place, he should look after you better, and not let you out alone. You had better be civil, or —."

He drew out a large clasp knife as he spoke and began deliberately to open it, looking at me all the while. It was come at last; I should never, never see home again. One flash of thought, which seemed in a second to take in all my past, with its little discontents, naughtiness, and great happiness—my aunt's anguish when she found me lying dead; uncle's opening of the telegram which would bring the news—the darkened home, the broken hearts which would surely carry till they died the remembrance of the dreadful fate of their wilful, but oh! loving darling—all this occurred so vividly to me that, with a great cry for help to Heaven, I fell at the man's feet, and entreated him not to kill me.

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handed it to me. Raw turnip! And touched by those fingers!

"Come, take it, my beauty—a peach ripe and downy as your own cheek. Peaches is dear, too this season; but I give no heed to that. If so be as I find a pretty girl to eat 'em, I don't grudge the money. Come, peck away; or do you want me to feed you? No, you shan't have it without 'Thank you.' After all my trouble, that ain't manners," with a significant look at the knife.

"Thank you!" I said eagerly. I took the slice of turnip—and began to eat it—yes, I ate it all, every mouthful making me feel more ill. Another slice was offered, I took it and began to eat, but my throat seemed to be closing—I could not swallow.

"Come, finish it. Good, isn't it? The ladies are always fond of a bit of fruit. Don't be bashful—I've something here for you to wash it down. Nothing like a drop of brandy to make it agree with you," and he touched the neck of a black bottle which stuck out of his pocket.

What would become of me? I had once seen a dreadful woman for a few moments at home—a new cook she was—who was, oh! so frightful. Nurse told me she had taken brandy and was drunk. I had thought her mad. If he had made me drink it, and if, when Aunt Margery found me, I—but no, this I would not do; he might kill me first. I went on eating the turnip, and all the while I prayed earnestly for rescue. Was my prayer answered? The train began to slacken its speed—it stopped, but there was no station in sight. I think it was a siding, or something of that kind.

At the side of the carriage where I was sitting there was a steep bank which shut out all hope; at the other side were several lines of rails; beyond was the open country. In an instant my torturer was at my window. With an oath he commanded me to "be still, and stay where I was." I heard some one pass, and, in reply to a question, I suppose, say that we had been shunted to allow a special train to go by—it would pass in three minutes. I called, but very faintly, I am afraid, for no one answered, and the "call" turned on me so fiercely that I dare not try again.

The special train swept by, but I hardly saw it—my eyes, my whole soul, were fastened on the figure of a man who just then came down the green bank, which was at some distance. I pressed my face to the glass. Which way would he take? He stood up for a moment, and then slowly, lazily sauntered towards me. The glass was up—my only hope was that he would pass close and see me, for I was past calling or moving now. I noted every trifling detail of his figure and dress; he was a tall, broad shouldered gentleman, dressed in light gray; young, and with a long, golden beard; even the carnation in his button-hole I observed, and the strength and careless ease of his figure as he lounged along. He stopped to whistle to his dogs, and then again strolled on, idly twirling his cane.

I do not know what kind of face was pressed to the glass on my side—it was a wild and scared one, I am sure; but in another minute a pair of great merry blue eyes glanced up in passing, and were startled into earnestness by the eyes they encountered; the whistle sounded, but, even as it did, a strong hand was on the door-handle, the door was wrenched open, the train moved on—he was beside me. I was safe.

I don't know what happened then. My deliverer says that I cried, and held one of his hands tight in both of mine; but that I don't believe. In the first place, we had never been introduced, and, in the second, two of his fingers are about as much as my two hands can contain at once. I know, when I grew calmer, that I found him taking care of me, and that I didn't dislike it as much as one might have expected. I don't remember how I told him all; I suppose the turnip and knife, which still lay on the seat, helped me a little; but I do know that he told me "not to be frightened, for he would not throw the scoundrel from the window, as he deserved"—and that he looked so fierce and so strong that I could quite imagine it was a habit of his to throw scoundrels from windows, and that he rather liked it. What he did was to take the creature by the collar, and force him down on his knees, in spite of his piteous protestations that "he never meant to hurt the lady—it was only a lark; he would not have done it for a ten-pound note, not if he had known."

"Hold your tongue. Swallow this, and think yourself lucky to escape six months on the treadmill. For the lady's sake, I will not prosecute you, and I'll not break every bone in your body, as I should like to do, as it might annoy her to see it done. But you'll eat this to the last morsel—mud and all! I should say it is not the only dirt you will have to swallow in your life! Down with it!"

And when the last atom had disappeared, my deliverer, with a parting shake, flung the creature into a corner, where he lay till the train stopped, and turned to "take care" of me again.

I almost shrank from the stern face to which I now raised my eyes, but it softened in a moment, and I lay back in a corner and rested silently and thankfully, while he interposed his broad shoulders between me and the other end of the carriage, till the train again stop-

ped, and I saw aunt Margery's dear old face on the platform.

I am sure she wondered at the eagerness of my clasp, at my face, which I felt was still white and scared. I made a little motion toward my deliverer, but could not speak a word. He said a few words and gave his card to my aunt, who accepted it and the situation as graciously as she does everything, and looked rather anxious to get me safely to the carriage and home, and in five minutes we were driving away.

"What did he do for you darling?"

"Oh! he was so strong and so good to me—and he made him eat the whole turnip, auntie!"

"The whole turnip! You are ill, Polly. Come, we won't talk or think of it now."

And she quieted and petted me, evidently thinking that I had lost my wits, until I was lying on the sofa in her drawing room able to tell her all.

Well, that was my first and only attempt at "taking care of myself." I never want to do so again. Tom takes care of me now—of course, you understand that it was he who came to my deliverance. Aunt wrote to him that very evening, and my father came down to London next morning on purpose to thank him; then Tom called, and so—and so—the end of my story, or, perhaps, I should say the real beginning of it, is that I am his wife now.

At first I did think it a pity that my husband should be only "Tom," when I had always intended to marry at least three syllables, as I am merely "Polly;" but now I think Tom the most charming name in the world, and would not change it.

I have only one thing more to tell. The old lady with the disagreeable bonnet is Tom's aunt. I am writing this in her house, which is just what I had fancied it, and she is the dearest and kindest old woman in England.

"Una has found her lion," she says.

I don't think I am much like Una; but Tom is a darling old Lion, with his tawny beard and splendid strength, on which his wife loves to lean. I hear him calling "Polly" from the lawn, where he lies, lazily puffing his cigar under the cedar; and as he can growl on occasion, if I keep his majesty waiting too long, I had better go.

"Coming, Lion."—London Magazine.

SCIENTIFIC.

SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS FOR YOUNG CHEMISTS.

1. An easy way to prepare an invisible gas, that will burn with an intense heat, is to put some nails or strips of sheet zinc in an old bottle with a good, tight cork. The cork has a hole bored in it, and a clay pipe stem, or better, a piece of glass tubing with a fine opening at one end, is fitted into the cork. The zinc is covered with water and a little sulphuric or other acid added. The effervescence is violent; and if the cork is put in, the gas will escape through the tube. After waiting several minutes, wrap the bottle in a cloth and apply a match to the end of the tube, when the gas will take fire and burn with a colorless flame.

If any air still remains in the bottle, an explosion will take place. Hold a cold white saucer in the flame, and it will soon be moistened but not blackened. This gas is called hydrogen, because, when it burns, it forms water.

2. To imitate the delightful odor of rotten eggs, it is only necessary to place some pieces of the sulphuret of iron in an old bottle and pour on water and oil of vitriol. The sulphuret of iron is made when iron filings and sulphur are heated together. If the bottle in which this vilely smelling gas is prepared is fitted to it a tight cork and a glass tube bent so as to conduct the gas under the water in a second bottle, much of it will be dissolved and can be bottled up and preserved for several days. This gas is called sulphydric acid and must always be prepared out of doors.

3. To produce light, flaky clouds in a clear liquid, dissolve a piece of alum in water and to the clear solution add ammonia (spirits of hartshorn) and stir or shake it. The clouds will be colorless and almost invisible. To another solution of alum, add just enough carmine or indigo to color it distinctly, then pour in some ammonia. The clouds will now be red, or blue, and as they gradually sink to the bottom will leave the solution colorless. This illustrates the method of preparing what are known as "lakes." The clouds thus formed are the hydrated oxide of alumina.

4. To convert a colorless liquid to an orange red, dissolve some tartar emetic in water and drop in some of the solution of the vilely smelling sulphydric acid. (See No. 2.) Next put some tartar emetic into a bottle with zinc and sulphuric acid, as described above (No. 1) for making hydrogen. After waiting long enough for all the air to be expelled, ignite the gas and place a cold saucer in the flame, when it will be blackened; and the spot thus formed, which is metallic antimony, will not dissolve in a solution of bleaching powder.

5. Analogous experiments could be performed with acid solutions of arsenic, but owing to its poisonous nature, we would advise our young friends to avoid its use. The sulphuric acid would form a yellow precipitate instead of a red one, and the black stain on the saucer would be readily dissolved by chloride of lime, or bleaching powder.

6. To produce a strong smell by mixing two dry powders, each without a smell, take pul-

verized sal ammoniac and stir in a little dry whitewash lime. A pungent ammoniacal odor is evolved.

7. In one tumbler or wine glass of water, place a single drop of oil of vitriol, in a second place some carbonate of ammonia, in a third some hydro-flu-silicic acid and alcohol, in a fourth some bichromate of potash. Drop into each of these glasses some barium chloride. In three of them a white precipitate is formed, in the fourth a yellow one. Dip a clean platinum wire in the barium chloride; then hold it in a colorless gas or alcohol flame, and a green color is produced. The green fires in theatres are made with this substance.

8. To convert a fair complexion into one of African hue, persuade some fair lady to improve her complexion with bismuth pearl powder (many do it voluntarily); then let her enjoy the perfume of the sulphydric acid, and she will gradually blacken. A curious instance of the action of water on an acid solution is noticed by dissolving subnitrate of bismuth in muriatic acid, and then pouring it into a glass of water, when it gives the latter the appearance of milk.

9. To prepare a gas heavier than air, place some pieces of chalk or marble in a deep jar, or in a bottle like that used for hydrogen, and pour some muriatic acid on them. Effervescence takes place, a taper lowered into the jar is extinguished; or if the gas, which is called carbonic acid, be collected in another vessel, it may be poured from one vessel to another like water. The substance formed when marble is dissolved in muriatic acid is called calcium chloride, and may be used for some interesting experiments: Fill three glasses with water, and to the first add a little sulphuric acid, to the second some carbonate of ammonia, to the third some oxalic acid and ammonia. On pouring the solution of calcium chloride into these glasses it will in every case form, unless too dilute, a milky liquid.

10. To produce an intensely blue liquid, make a solution of blue vitriol, so dilute as to have but a faint color, then add ammonia, and it becomes intensely blue. To another portion add yellow prussiate of potash and it turns a reddish brown.

11. To make blue glass, bend a piece of platinum wire to a hook at the end and heat red, then touch it on a bit of borax and heat until the latter melts to a little bead. Now dip it into some nitrate of cobalt and heat, when a fine blue glass bead will be formed.

12. To form a yellow precipitate, in a yellow solution, take a weak solution of bichromate of potassium and add sugar of lead; the effect is very pretty.

13. To produce a beautiful purple, take a dilute solution of chloride of gold and add a little chloride of tin; the color formed is known as purple of Cassius.

14. To pour red, blue and black ink from one bottle, fill three glasses with water, and into one put a little sulphocyanide of potassium, in another some prussiate of potash, in a third a solution of gallic acid, or nut galls. Dissolve a small nail in muriatic acid and dilute the solution. On putting a drop of this chloride of iron into each of the glasses, the three colors will be produced.

15. Yellow and white can be formed similarly by pouring acetate of lead into glasses containing bichromate of potash and sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, respectively. The white chloride of lead dissolves in boiling water and crystallizes on cooling. Sulphydric acid blackens lead.

16. Red, yellow and black are produced as follows: put some potassium iodide in one glass, bichromate of potash in a second, and sulphydric acid in a third. Pour corrosive sublimate slowly into each, and the three colors will appear. Into a clean glass put a little corrosive sublimate and add potassium iodide, carefully: the color becomes intensely red, but on adding more it disappears entirely and can be restored by the addition of more of the sublimate.

17. One other way to make a milk-like liquid is to pour phosphate of soda into a solution of magnesium sulphate.

18. When a piece of silver is dissolved in nitric acid and some muriatic acid added, all the silver is precipitated, and the precipitate may be dissolved in ammonia, or a piece of zinc may be placed in it and acidified, when the silver will be restored to the metallic state.

We hope the above experiments will prove an amusement for many of our young readers; and when they become experts in exhibiting these "tricks of magic," as we might have called them, they will also have gained some knowledge of the methods employed by analytical chemists in testing for the common metals. Even practical men, who need sometimes to handle chemicals, will find that the above are reliable tests.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SUN'S SURFACE.

Professor Young, in a brief extemporaneous address placed before the American Academy of Science his latest views on that subject. Every one is aware, he thought, of the fact that in the present state of science, it is impossible to regard the sun as anything but a gaseous body: the law of density, it seemed to him, could not be reconciled with the solid constitution of that body; and it is difficult to say how it could be liquid, as the liquids of which we know it must be composed are largely metallic liquids. It is safe to say that it is mainly gaseous. Another thing might be

said. The luminous surface from its appearance has something of the nature of a cloud. We find rapid changes in the appearance and constitution of the surface. It is impossible to consider it anything but flocculi floating in gas. But when we come to examine the overlying chromosphere with the telescope, we find evidence of violent outbursts from beneath, of extreme intensity. At first sight, it was thought that it might be only an apparent motion, or the same kind of motion that we see when a flame jumps up from a coal fire, and simply is communicated among particles already in position. But that would not account for the disturbance of the spectrum lines. It is not uncommon to find displacements of the spectrum lines indicating motion (in line that joins the mass with the observer) of one hundred, and sometimes two or three hundred, miles per second. There is every reason to suppose that these masses, which we see—masses thrown vertically from the sun,—have really velocities of a corresponding magnitude. The question that pressed upon his mind was to reconcile that with the cloudy character of the photosphere. If anywhere the explanation, he thought, was to be found in the condensation that goes on the photosphere. If the heat of the sun is anything very great (it would melt about 40 feet of ice a minute over the whole surface), the amount that is turned from vapor into liquid, that is, the amount of condensation over the surface of the sun, is something very enormous. On the surface of the earth a shower that gives us two inches in an hour is something tremendous. The rain descends in buckets. But the rate is exceedingly small compared with the rate of condensation on the surface of the sun.

Now these droplets so produced would at first descend in fillets, with an accelerated velocity, and therefore growing slenderer as they fall. But soon they would come down to a place where the atmosphere and gases are denser. The materials they would encounter in the first 300 or 400, and still more in the first 3,000 or 4,000, miles would become denser and the motion would be retarded. They would thicken in it. Besides whatever weight of liquid drops down from the clouds in a minute, that amount of gas must travel upward in order to maintain an equilibrium. That would cause the currents passing upward to be extreme in their rapidity, and the retarding effect would be still greater. It is probable that a good deal of the descending liquid would be evaporated at that point. But it seemed to him likely that the fillets would thicken and begin to coalesce, in which case they would form sheets. In that case we might get a surface something like a sheet of water at Niagara. The mass of the whole sheet would be vertical, and descend until a portion of the sun would be reached where the rapidity of the evaporation would equal the rapidity of the descent. Then it would be something like a series of descending ponds without any bottom to them. If their velocity were retarded entirely, their whole weight would be supported by the underlying atmosphere. The pressure would be forced up through them, the whole being in the condition of liquid breaking up, the gas probably taking portions of the liquid and throwing them up. This theory is compatible with that of the gaseous constitution of the sun. But we do not know what to do with the sun spots on this theory any better than on any other theory. Possibly they may be partly solid matter, as has been asserted. In that case, you might get a mass floating on the top of a more liquid portion. One element, which we are much at a loss about at present, is to determine what amount of the sun's mass is to be referred to condensation and what to dissociation.—*Scientific American*.

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.

Beneath the wan'ning moon I walk at night,
And muse on human life, for all around
Are dim, uncertain shapes that cheat the night,
And pitfalls lurk in shade along the ground,
And broken gleams of brightness, here and there,
Glance through, and leave unwarmed the death-like air.

The trampled earth returns a sound of fear.—

A hollow sound, as if I walked on tombs;
And lights that tell of cheerful homes, appear
Far off, and die like hope amid the glooms.
A mournful wind across the landscape flies,
And the wide atmosphere is full of sighs.

And I, with faltering footsteps journey on,
Watching the stars that roll the hours away,
Till the faint light that guides me now is gone,
And, like another life, the glorious day

Shall open o'er me from the empyreal height,
With warmth, and certainty, and boundless light.

RELIGION AND MORALITY.

There is one city of the East, of biblical and historical renown, which is surrounded on all sides by deserts; but which, to the astonishment of the traveller who has been toiling for days over burning sands to reach its gates, presents to the eye, as he enters, a wonderful succession of gardens gay with the richest verdure and the most gorgeous blooms. Above that city—the most ancient, perhaps in the world—above that desert-girdled city

Damascus—towers the lofty Lebanon, with its snow clad head piercing the fleecy clouds of a summer's sky. It is in its lofty summits that the secret of this wonderful verdure lies. There, in those snows that mingle with the clouds, are the inexhaustible fountains of innumerable rills of water, by which, in Damascus, the desert has been turned into a garden, and the wilderness made to blossom as the rose. All history proves that it is only from the fountain of a religion which, like Lebanon, lifts its head above the ground, and represents the aspirations of the soul after the unseen and eternal, that the sustenance which is needed for the purest and heavenliest virtues of humanity, the truest and noblest morality, can ever flow.—*Good Words*.

A BOY'S IDEAS OF HEADS.

"Heads are of different shapes and sizes. They are full of notions. Large heads do not always hold the most. Some people can tell just what a man is by the shape of his head. High heads are the best kind. Very knowing people are called long-headed. A fellow that won't stop for anything or anybody is called hot-headed. If he is not quite so bright, they call him soft-headed; if he won't be coaxed or turned they call him pig-headed. Animals have small heads. The heads of fools slant back. Our heads are all covered with hair except bald heads. There are other heads besides our heads. There are barrel heads, heads of sermons—and some ministers used to have fifteen heads to one sermon; heads of cattle; as the farmer calls his cows and oxen; *bull heads*, heads of families, but the worst kind of a head is the *but-head*."

WANTS TO SELL.

Any body wishing to speculate in real estate can buy a house uptown cheap. It is situated between two churches that have clocks; and that's the reason Mr. Johnson wants to sell it. One of these is invariably a second or two behind the other; consequently when Johnson stops out until one o'clock, as he often does, Mrs. J says to him as each of the clocks strike one,

"There! A nice time for a married man to come home—two o'clock!"

Johnson, like the gay old sport that he is, thought he might as well stay out until two, inasmuch as he got the blame for it. So he stayed, and Mrs. Johnson stayed too—she stayed up until he got in, and made him listen as the clocks struck four. Then she threatened to go to her mother or get her ma to come and live with her, as it was impossible to live all alone in the house. This kind of frightened the old fellow; so he came in the next night before twelve o'clock, and as those clocks commenced a duet at twelve and jingled out twenty-four strokes, he looked

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

At the sessions of the Canadian Labor Congress held recently in this city, that body urged the necessity of taking legislative action in reference to questions of importance to the operative classes, and also recommended that active steps be taken to bring about "the repeal of that obnoxious appendage to a measure itself good (the Trades' Union Bill) and known as the Criminal Law Amendment Act." The latter question has already occupied the attention of the organized bodies of workmen throughout the Dominion, and what we might call "spasmodic efforts" have been made by them to bring their views and opinions before

the Legislature of the country. During the last session of the Dominion Parliament a large number of petitions numerously signed, praying for the repeal of the Act alluded to, were presented by the member for Toronto East and the member for Hamilton; but unfortunately they were not forwarded to Ottawa till almost the close of the session, consequently there was no time to consider them. Parliament will shortly again be in session, and we would urge upon those who have been moving in this matter to see to it that they take more timely action now than they did last year.

Since those petitions were presented a change has taken place in the government of the country, but that fact should not deter those interested from strenuously persevering till they accomplish their purposes. It is true, the late government had repeatedly promised to take up the question of repealing the Criminal Amendment Act, or of so amending it as to meet the views of trade unionists, so soon as they intelligently placed before them their objections to the measure; and while this was no small advantage, and one that should have been taken in time, still we cannot believe the present government will show any hesitation in acceding to the wishes of a very important element of the body politic, and remove from our statute book an obnoxious and unjustifiable Act, that presses with undue severity upon them.

MR. BRASSEY ON THE LABOR QUESTION.

In these days, when misrepresentations are so common on the all-important question of labor, it must be gratifying to those who wish to know the real truth of the matter, to read the opinion of one of the largest employers of labor in the world. Mr. Thos. Brassey, M.P., is the son and successor of the late Mr. Brassey, the great railway contractor, who has constructed railways in every quarter of the globe, and his sons are now doing the same. Mr. Thomas Brassey, like his father, is well-known as one of the largest employers in the world, and has boundless faith in the capabilities of the intelligent workman, and on every occasion has paid a high tribute, not only to the working capabilities of the British mechanic, but also to their character as men.

At the meeting of the Social Science Congress, in Norwich, Mr. Brassey was chosen President of the Economy and Trade Section, and, in his opening address, entered into an elaborate exposition of the whole question of labor and capital. Commenting on the rise of the price of coal, Mr. Brassey said: "It might be easily made to appear that the rise of wages was the principal cause of the advance in coal. But my individual experience abundantly confirms the opinion, expressed by the Committee of the House of Commons, to the effect that the prices of coal which prevailed for years before the present rise commenced, were so low that they did not afford a reasonable profit to the owners of collieries in general, or such remuneration as the workmen might, with regard to the hazardous and arduous nature of their labor, reasonably expect. The rise in the rate of wages has not, under the exceptional circumstances, been unreasonable: and it is certain that the real order of events has been, first, the rise in price of iron, then a rise in the price of coal, and lastly, a rise in the rate of wages. On the other hand, though great have undoubtedly been the profits in the coal trade, it is a question whether the last two years have compensated the coal owners for the former protracted stagnation, and, in many cases, of serious loss. The period of prosperity may continue for a year, or two years at the most; but, at the end of that time, the influx of capital into the coal trade, attracted by the present high profits, will infallibly lead to some reduction in price. New coal pits are being sunk; old pits are being improved. More workmen are being trained in the business of mining. Hence we may look with confidence to an augmentation of the output, and to a sufficient supply

for the ordinary demands of consumers. The insufficient profits of former days cannot be attributed to the unreasonable standard at which wages were maintained. The excessive competition in the supply of coal was the true cause of the unfortunate position of the trade. Complaints have been urged as to the effects of shortening the hours of labor; and it is certain that if a comparison be made between the amount raised and the total number of individuals employed, a less quantity is raised per man now than in former years. It must not, however, be forgotten that high wages have attracted a great number of untrained hands to the coal pits. There are some who think that a limitation of the hours of labor is in itself an evil. I cannot share in this view. Among various improvements which may tend to reduce the price of coal, we may look with confidence to the increased use of coal-cutting machinery, as a substitute for manual labor; and to the discovery of methods by which the consumption of fuel may be reduced."

Almost every day we find in some newspaper gloomy prospects about the trade of Great Britain leaving that Island, and are gravely informed that Trades Unions are responsible for this state of affairs, and that they will eventually bring about the same results in America. Mr. Brassey does not seem to share in this alarm. "We are sometimes assured," he said, "that Belgium threatens our ironmasters with serious competition. But in Belgium the ore must be carried 100 miles or more to be smelted. The coal pits are worked in many cases with considerable difficulty. A Belgian workman does about half what an Englishman can accomplish in the same space of time. Sometimes we are told that we shall lose our position in the Russian market. The Russian Government are doing their utmost to encourage the manufacture of iron at home, but there is little demand for pig iron in that country. Few Russians have any experience in puddling. Skilled men and forge men are scarce. Few of those obtainable have had any experience in the use of mineral fuel, and great difficulty is experienced in consequence of the objection of the Russians to piece-work. There cannot be a doubt as to the ultimate consequence of the comparative exhaustion of the supplies of raw material at home; but we may hope that the tariffs, which now throw obstacles in the way of legitimate trade, will in time be removed, and that, as Mr. Mrattien Williams has suggested, we may be enabled to avail ourselves of the natural resources of America, for obtaining our supply of raw material, just as we already derive large supplies of hermitite iron from Bilboa. The progress of American iron works is the more creditable because great difficulties are experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of labor. The success with which the Americans have utilized the most costly manual labor, by the invention of machinery, gives us ground for caution, lest our old supremacy be shaken by the energy and talent of the New World, while it also gives us reason to hope that the exceptionally high rates of wages now prevailing, may be mitigated by substituting, wherever it is possible, mechanical for manual labor. Looking to the present condition of our iron trade, there is nothing to justify serious misgivings. According to the last report of the Commissioner of Customs, the average rate of the value of pig iron exported in 1870 was £2 19s 2d per ton; in 1871, £3 1s 8d; in 1872, £5 0s 11d. But the demand for pig iron continued, nevertheless, unchecked. The increase in the quantity exported in 1872 over 1871 was 28 per cent. The increase in price ranged as high as 108 per cent."

The statement here made by Mr. Brassey gives the lie direct to those ignorant or interested parties who would have us believe that the Trades Unionists of Great Britain are driving the trade from it. The advice which Mr. Brassey gives is one that they ought to follow, if they do not wish to go back to their condition. Here is what Mr. Brassey advises the workmen of that country to do: "Our artizans may believe that the profits of former days were

so large that employers can afford to pay the present rate of wages without raising their charges to customers. There is but one means by which this fallacy can be exposed. The workmen must become, to a certain extent, their own employers. In co-operative establishment, created in part by his own hard-earned savings, the handcraftsman will find himself called upon to apportion equitably the earnings of his business between labor and capital. In this double relation he will learn how great are the difficulties which beset the employment of capital in productive industry in a country in which competition is so keen as it is in England. The co-operative principle, in its application to the business of distribution, has been already most successfully developed. My object, however, is to encourage workingmen to create co-operative establishments for the purpose of production. The accumulation of the necessary capital is an obvious difficulty. But as wages were never so high as at present, so this obstacle can be more easily surmounted than at any former time. English workmen are less easily deluded by tall talk and sophistry than the more excitable population of the Latin race, and I would earnestly invite them to apply their practical sagacity to the difficult yet hopeful experiment of co-operative industry. The first thing to be done is, to save something from their present high wages. Forethought is an especial duty in a period of prosperity. At no distant time the progress of our commerce may sustain at least a temporary check. It will be sad indeed if the receding tide leaves multitudes of our highly-paid workmen behind, without any provision to meet a time of adversity." These are words which workingmen of all classes and conditions would do well to study. It would be sad indeed were the present prosperity to be productive of no good result. The great poet has said there is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, bears on to fortune. It is, however, but seldom that a second chance is given, and the opportunity once lost is lost forever; and there will be no excuse for the workingmen of all countries if they allow the present opportunity to slip without making a provision for a permanent improvement in their circumstances. With respect to those who think manual labor ungentle, and who, instead of learning some useful trades, crowd into occupations where the supply far exceeds the demand, Mr. Brassey, in concluding his able and valuable address, gave them some good counsel, which parents and young men would do well to follow. "It is unnecessary," he said, "to dwell on the evils which must ensue from a disproportionate increase in the non-productive classes of the community. My father's advice was often sought by parents anxious for the future of their sons. His counsel always was, that a young man, whose destiny it must be to make his way, unaided, through the world, should begin by learning a trade. It is a laudable ambition in a parent to endeavor to raise his family to a better station in life. He cannot bestow on his children too high an education. But a wise man will be on his guard, lest the enjoyment of such advantages should render those occupations distasteful, which afford the most secure and ample livelihood to those whose lot it is to labor."

LABOR.

The importance of statistical knowledge is becoming more fully appreciated every year, and some of our public journals are discussing the expediency of a national census more frequent and more thorough than is now the rule. As the basis of legislation and enterprise, there is no doubt of its value. Our modern civilization, to an extent before unusual, acknowledges its relations to the industrial population, and therefore all information in respect to labor and the conditions of our working people is the more highly treasured. Their welfare, their comfort and prosperity are essential to the success of our institutions and governmental system. The Old World designation of

"dangerous classes" is applied with a very ill grace to that part of our population to whose labor all our wealth, public as well as personal, owes its existence.

The number of working people in this country, as exhibited by the census of 1870, pursuing specific occupations, was 12,505,923, of whom 10,669,436 were males, and but 1,836,487 were females. It is a little curious that of the women between the ages of sixteen and fifty-nine so many as 8,150,000 do not appear at all upon the table of specific occupations, although the greater portion must have some kind of regular employment. The war has increased the number of our workers. In the census of 1860 they constituted but about one-fourth of the population, whereas in 1870 the ratio is augmented to one-third, and with a proper addition for female industry, would have constituted a full half. The greatest change has been at the South, where many, women as well as men, who were formerly regarded as beyond the reach of want, now labor for their subsistence.

Of our working force as enumerated, 9,802,038 were born in this country, 949,161 in Ireland, 836,502 in Germany, 301,779 in England and Wales, 189,307 in British North America, 109,681 in the three Scandinavian States, 71,993 in Scotland, 58,197 in France, and 46,300 in China and Japan. These are distributed as follows: Agriculture, 5,992,471; mining, manufacturers and mechanics, 3,707,421; professions, 2,684,793; trade and transportation, 1,119,228. In the minor classification are 56,064 sailors, 8,975 steamboat men, and 7,388 canal men; 62,382 physicians, 43,874 clergymen, 40,736 lawyers, 136,066 teachers, 67,912 office-holders, 23,935 barbers, 9,519 musicians, 5,286 journalists, 2,286 army and navy officers, 94,170 employed in hotels, and 26,090 in livery stables.

Complaint has justly been made that the statistics of our laboring and producing population are so imperfect that they can only be elaborated so as to give proximate results. The machinery for taking them is clumsy and antiquated, and should be overhauled and reconstructed. It has been suggested, in view of the approaching century, that an intermediate census be taken in 1875 to exhibit what has been achieved by the United States during a hundred years of national existence. As in most of the States an enumeration is made so as to alternate with the Federal census, we can have substantially the same thing by procuring the adoption by the legislatures of a uniform system.

The Bureau of Statistics of Labor in Massachusetts has been engaged for four years, under much embarrassment, in obtaining and elaborating the statistics of that State, and exhibiting the condition of the laboring population. The results are not flattering nor acceptable in many quarters, but they have aroused great interest abroad and in other States. It is hardly to be supposed that other States or countries would bear a like scrutiny with more gratifying disclosures. But the condition of the industrial population is now engaging the attention of the civilized world, and workmen in the different countries are taking the matter into hand themselves. Suppression is, therefore, out of the question, and the future statesmen must take this subject more earnestly into account in his calculations.

The statistics are pregnant with conclusions of vital importance. We could wish that like data were at hand elsewhere. The labor question is agitating the entire community, and the controversy can be adjusted permanently only in accordance with a policy that shall be alike fair to employers and employed. That policy must be the fruit of experience and careful observation. A national census in 1875, taken with a direct view to a full presentation of the subjects here alluded to, would accomplish much toward an elucidation of the problem. Legislation could be more judiciously employed, and those directly concerned would be enabled to act more intelligently.—*Harper's Magazine*.

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The Home Circle.

SECRETS IN SLIPPERS.

BY MAYDEW.

Don't you tell him, pretty slipper,
All in crimson glow.
What I've woven with my needle
Flitting to and fro.
Many hours we've spent together,
And you know full well,
Many secrets—but, ah! traitor,
Don't you dare to tell.

In this lily, softly sleeping,
Hides a hope from view;
And sweet memories nestle under
Heliotropes of blue.
In this vine, with graceful tendrils,
Hangs a happy sigh;
And beneath a tender tear-drop,
Shall I tell you why?

Once, in wicked, wilful spirit,
Did I try his heart;
Vexed him with unkind reproaches—
Love's most cruel dart.
All in sad surprise he listened,
Drew my face more near;
Saying, in his accents tender:
"Do you doubt me, dear?"

Then I felt there lurked a chiding
In his gentle tone,
And in silence proudly listened,
Cold as marble grown.
More and more I tried and vexed him,
Till with saddened eye,
Close he clasped my passive fingers
In a mute good-bye.

Ah! my heart was sad and lonely
All those dreary days
Till he came, nor chidings uttered
For my wilful ways.
On his sweet forbearance pondering,
Lo! there fell this tear;
And I wove it with these blossoms,
Brightly blooming here!

Do not tell him!—he might fancy
I was sad, you know,
When instead through all my being
Thrills a happy glow.
By the tear-drop in this tulip
Laughs a merry jest,
And another in the astar,
Told with mirthful zest.

In this pansy hides a promise
Which I gave to him,
And a wager in this fuschia,
With its purple rim;
And, oh, slipper, in this rose-bud
(Let me breathe it low)
Hides a blush, with vows he whispered,
All in rosy glow.

Yes, and here a sudden heart-beat
And a tender thrill
Are imprisoned, as I saw him
Coming o'er the hill.
Ah! a thousand fitful fancies,
Tinged with purple glow,
And sweet hopes and memories tender
Whisper soft and low.

From these blossoms I have broidered
In the summer hours,
When the zephyrs all were laden
With the breath of flowers.
But I charge you, don't betray me—
Don't you ever tell!
He will think them mellow tinklings
From some fairy bell.

Now, at last, oh, pretty slippers!
Loved and trusted so,
Having ended my confessions,
I will let you go.
Bear with you a birthday greeting,
And glad wishes tell;
Make him smile with joy—but slippers,
Guard my secrets well!

SENTIMENT.

It is the fashion in this philosophic day to laugh at romance, and cut all acquaintance with sentiment; but I doubt whether these same philosophers are not making themselves "too wise to be happy." Wordsworth has called "fancy the mother of deep truth," and perhaps the time will come when the learned will acknowledge that there is more philosophy in romance, than their sagacity has dreamt of. Mysterious aspirations after something higher and holier—the gladness of fancy that come upon the heart in the stillness of nature—impatience under the tyranny of earth-born passions—and the pure and joyous light of truth, reflecting his own innocent brightness on a corrupted and selfish world—all these belong to the young and romantic.

What does increase of years and knowledge teach us? It teaches us to seem what we are not, to act as if the world were what we know it is not—and to be cautious not to alarm the elf love of others, lest our own should be wounded in return. And is this wisdom? No. I do believe the young mind, that has not reasoned itself into skepticism and coldness, stands nearer heaven's own light, and reflects it more perfectly, than the proud ones who laugh at its intuitive perceptions. Do not all the boasted results of human research and human philosophy vary in different ages, climate, situations, and circumstances? Are not the deep immutable, and sacred sympathies, that

bind mankind in the golden chain of brotherhood, instinctive? Yes, I do believe the influences of a better world are around youthful purity, touching it a higher and more infallible morality than has ever been taught by worldly experience. Man must wonder from the school of nature before he can need to look for his duties in a code of ethics.

The Egyptians had a pleasant fancy with regard to the soul. They thought that the minds of men were once angelic spirits, who discontented with their heavenly home, had past its boundary, drank the cup of oblivion suspended half-way between heaven and earth, and descended to try their destiny among mortals. Here, reminiscences of what they had left would come before them in glances and visions, startling memory into hope, and waking experiences into prophecy.

Various philosophers have supposed that our souls have passed, and will yet pass, through infinite modes of existence. It is a theory I love to think upon. There is something beautiful in the idea that we have thus obtained the sudden thoughts, which sometimes flash into life at the touch of association, fresh as if newly created, yet familiar as if they had always slumbered in the soul. How the beautiful things of creation arouse a crowd of fitful fancies in the mind. Is not the restlessness produced by their indistinct loveliness strangely like a child's puzzled remembrance of its early abandoned home?

But all this is not to the point. My question is, not how romantic ideas come into the soul—but whether it be true wisdom to drive them thence?

Observation of the world will convince that it is not wise to expel romantic ideas, but simply to regulate them. All our nicest sympathies, and most delicate perceptions, have a tinge of what the world calls romance. Let early passions breathe upon them, or experience touch them with her icy finger, and they fly away like fairies when they hear the tread of a human foot.

There are those who laugh at love, imagination, and religion, and sneeringly call them "dreams—all dreams;" but the proudest of them cannot laugh at the lover, the poet, and the devotee, without a smothered sigh that their aerial visitors have gone from him for ever, and the dark mantle of worldly experience fallen so heavily over their remembered glories.

It is wise to keep something of romance, though not too much. Our nature is a union of extremes; and it is true philosophy to keep them balanced.

To let the imagination sicken with love of ideal beauty, till it pines away into echo, is worse than folly; but to cheek our afflictions, and school our ideas, till thought and feeling reject everything that cannot see, touch, and handle, certainly is not wisdom.

Do not send reason to the school of theory, and then bid her give a distinct outline of shadowy fancies—she will but distort what she cannot comprehend. Do not by petulance and sensuality, frightened away the tenderness and holy reverence of youthful love—philosophy may teach you a lesson of resignation, or scorn, but your heart is human, and it cannot learn it. Do not reason upon religion till it becomes lifeless; would you murder and dissect the oracle to find whence the voice of God proceeds?

Be, then, rational enough for earth: but keep enough of romance to remind us of heaven. We will not live on unsubstantial fairy-ground—but we will let the beautiful troop visit us without being scared from the scene of their most graceful and happy gambols.

A CARLIST AMAZON.

A strange discovery (says a correspondent) has been made in one of the battalions accompanying the Royal headquarters. The regiment was being paraded for inspection, when a country priest happened to pass along the line, and pausing before a soldier, gazed on him searchingly, and then rode up on his mule and said, "Elora, what are you doing here?" For an instant there was no answer, and the question was repeated. "I am not Elora," replied the soldier, with some confusion, "I am Elora's brother." But the priest would not be deceived. "It is false, thou art Elora. I have had thee to mass and confession a hundred times. Oh! women art thou not ashamed to be in this position?" And it was satisfactorily proved by competent authorities that the lad was a lass, and the matter being brought before the King, the hero-heroine was sent for "How long have you served with the battalion?" demanded his Majesty. "Thirteen months, sire." "And you have been in every engagement with it?" "Yes, senor." "Without your sex being suspected?" "Yes, senor," "Well," said his Majesty, "though you have been indiscreet, you are nevertheless a brave woman, and I desire to be of assistance to you, what do you wish?" Without hesitation Elora replied "send me back to the battalion." Now this would have been scarcely correct, considering the discovery which had been made, and so the King explained, and after a short pause Elora suggested that if she might not return to the ranks, she might at least be permitted to attend the sick and wounded in the hospitals. This was at once acceded, and the Signorita Soldado left the Royal presence, with the promise that if Don Carlos should "ever be compelled to raise an

Amazonian corps, Elora should be presented with a captain's commission. The King proposed that, as the hospital was close by, I'd pay the heroine a visit; and, acting upon the suggestion, I was ushered into the visitors' room by two Sisters of Mercy, one of whom went in search of the female warrior. A soberly and neatly dressed young woman made her appearance. She might have been twenty or twenty-two years of age, by no means bad-looking, though the features were cast in somewhat of a masculine mould; besides she was not wanting in those attractions of form which are considered indispensable in the daughters of Eve. I risked the observation, with becoming modesty, that she must have found it difficult to conceal her sex, and explained my meaning by a glance. "Ah!" said Elora, in no way disconcerted, "If His Majesty would permit me to resume my uniform, you should judge for yourself." Like Joan of Arc, she was eager to array herself in harness again. The elder Sister of Mercy, who, seen sideways, was as flat and as thin as a sandwich, quite agreed with me that there must have been a difficulty in disguising the womanly form, remarking that in her case it might be possible to assume male attire without attracting attention. To this observation I bowed assent. Well there was no doubt of the genuineness of Elora's story. A thousand of her old comrades were ready to swear to her brave and modest service in their midst, and to the fact that one and all up to the last were ignorant of her sex.

HAPPINESS.

Plato declared happiness to consist in the contemplation of abstract ideas of beauty and excellence. This may be a good definition of the word, as understood by men, with such minds as this great philosopher had; but it would apply to but few persons. Indeed nine-tenths of the race would be miserable in any pursuit or mental occupation. A young lady defined happiness to consist in the possession of a true, and beautiful lover, and no doubt she spoke the truth as far as she could speak it; but her grandmother at seventy would give her quite another definition. To her it would consist in the contemplation of a well spent life and the hope of joy in the world to come. The truth is, each individual will define happiness in his own way. One man finds it in the pursuit of wealth, another in the pursuit of culture, another in the pursuit of religion. The philanthropists finds it doing good. The hungry man seeks it in food, the cold man in warmth and shelter, the man of poverty seeks it in wealth. Probably, however, perfect health is the fountain-source of more happiness than any other. With a good digestion, tough skin, and a sound mind in a splendid body, who could not be happy? There are probably more happy men and women than unhappy ones—far more joy than sorrow. Many people think they are unhappy when they are not. Real unhappiness cannot exist without a cause. It is a shame and a disgrace to complain of being unhappy when we are only lazy and unoccupied. Such people are like the fox who had a deep wound somewhere on his body, but he could not tell where. Let them be ashamed to own it, unless they can show a good reason. Happiness consists in loving and being loved. There is enough to love in the world; but to be loved is to deserve it. We may be admired for our beauty or talent, courted for our influence or wealth, but can only be loved as we are good. Therefore, happiness consists in goodness.

THE SONS OF HAM.

Though the negro is an African, all Africans are not negroes. There are the same varieties to be observed in the descendants of Ham as in those of Shem and Japheth. All are distinctly African, but the retreating forehead, prominent jaws, and ill-formed body, which the negro is generally credited, are not common. It is not only the Manyema, of whom we have lately heard from Dr. Livingstone, who are beautiful in form and features, for I have met with counterparts in regions less unknown. In South Africa there is a remarkable illustration of the physical and mental differences which may exist in tribes that are almost contiguous. The Boers are dwarfs in body and stunted in mind. The language in its utterances seems not to be far removed from the unintelligent gibbering of the ape. Their habits are those of wild beasts rather than those of human beings. They occupy about the lowest position in the scale of humanity. Yet we shall look in vain for finer specimens of the "genus homo" than the Zulu Kafirs. They are tall in stature, mainly in bearing, and graceful in movements. Their language is pleasant to the ear, and capable of expressing almost any thought the human mind is capable of conceiving. They are logical in reasoning, patient in argument, and acute in observation. They are warlike, for they are pastoral in their pursuits; and since the days of the Hyksos, the old shepherd kings who were the terror of Egypt, the leaders of flocks and herds have been fond of fighting. When their blood is up their anger rages unchecked by tender regard or the claims of pity; but they do not brood over their wrongs, and they readily forget and forgive. "They fought us like men, and during a truce they behaved themselves like gentlemen," was said by a friend of mine who had been engaged in a war against them. In times of peace they are courteous to strangers, liberal in hos-

pitality, and to the trust reposed in them they respond with an Arab-like fidelity. When once the host has kissed the hand of his guest there need be neither guards or weapons, for his life and property are perfectly secure. It is quite true that they, in common with all Africans, are black or nearly so; yet you cannot be with them, or with other of the higher races of Africa, long without feeling that the affinity between them and the fair-skinned man is perfect in every material point; and the sympathies of a common nature soon bridge over a chasm which at first seems to exist between ourselves and them on account of the difference of colour. Indeed, I soon nearly forgot that they were black; and when I recollect it was sometimes to their advantage, for in Africa black is a far better colour than white, inasmuch as a white man's complexion, after he had two or three touches of fever, is apt to turn into a dirty-looking yellow; and then as my glass assured me more than once, he is not a pleasant object to look at. As a matter of taste I should not like to see the skin of my own country-folk darkened, but as a matter of fact I now find it impossible to regard the Africans with any feeling of repugnance because of the sable hue of their epidermis; and I have never met with anyone who has had personal knowledge of them in their own native wilds who could.—*Cornhill Magazine*.

A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.

The intelligent horse, says the "Turf, Field and Farm," very often sympathizes with animal distress. About a year ago, a dog was set upon by a crowd of cruel boys, and pelleted with sticks and stones. The poor dog had given no offence, but this mattered not. He tried to escape from the tormentors, and had nearly succeeded in doing so, when a stone, hurled with great violence, struck him on the fore leg, bruising the flesh and fracturing the bone. The animal howled pitifully, but none of his persecutors went to his relief. Having injured him, they turned coldly away and left him to his fate. The dog limped into the stable of Mr. Edward Kilpatrick, moaning pitifully. In one of the stalls of the stable was a well-bred young horse of more than ordinary intelligence. The distress of the dog seemed to move the heart of the horse to pity. He bent his head, caressed the canine, and inspected the broken leg, then with his fore feet he pushed some clean straw into one corner of his stall, and made a soft bed on which the dog was induced to lay himself down. A close and affectionate intimacy was at once established between the horse and the dog. The horse was being largely fed on bran mash, and one day when receiving his feed, thinking the dog might be hungry, the equine bowed his head, caught the canine gently by the skin of the neck, and with his teeth lifted him into the trough or box. The dog fell to with a hearty will, which showed that his hunger was great, and gratitude was equal to his appetite. Days and weeks passed, and the dog and the horse continued to be firm friends. The bran mash fed them both, and the invalid grew strong and fat on the wholesome diet. At night the two animals thus strangely brought together, slept in the most loving manner. The horse would arrange a soft bed for the dog, and then lay down and tenderly encircle the canine form with one of his fore legs.

It is seldom that such a beautiful and authentic incident is brought to our notice. The horse showed for the unfortunate more of that feeling which we term humanity, than did the dozen youths who were presumed to walk in the image of their God. Nay, it took the poor victim of man's persecution to its heart and home, and tenderly nursed the same back to health and strength.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

"Company manners should be abolished," says some one, "and home ways and conversation be the ways and conversation always adopted." A very good idea if practicable. As a rule, society men and women do not shine at home; they lack the incentive to action. The man, say, who is pre-eminently "good company" abroad, who keeps a dinner-table alive with his quick wit and keen repartee, and who has always on hand a store of unacknowledged anecdotes, and the newest information, but who hangs up his fiddle at his own fireside, and in the bosom of his family is as silent as the vocal Memnon at midnight, is not necessarily a cheat. He is an actor without a part to play or a stage wherein to play it, a hero without a flag, a bit of brute matter without an energizing force. The excitement of applause, the good wine and pleasant dishes, the bright eyes of pretty women, and half-concealed jealousy of clever men, the sensations of shining—all these things, which are spurts to him abroad, are wanting at home; and he has not the originating faculty which enables him to dispense with these incentives. So, at home he is inclined to be "dull." He likes his wife well enough, as wives and liking go; but she does not stir him up intellectually, and her applause is no whetstone for his wit. Put the veriest chit of a girl as bodkin between them and he will waken into life and become a conversational hero. His wife probably does not like it, and she laughs, as wives do, when she hears his praises from those who know him only at his best, letting off his fireworks for the applause of the crowd. But then wives are proverbially unflattering in their estimates of their husbands' heroics; and the Truth that

used to live at the bottom of a well has changed her name and abode in these latter times, and has come to mean the partner of your joys, who gives you her candid opinion at home. Still, our good company abroad who sits like a dumb dog at home is not pleasant, though not necessarily a sham. He is no hero all through, but he may be nothing worse than one of those unfortunates whose intellect lives on dreams and does not take kindly to domestic pudding. And, after all, if hypocrite he be, he is not the only cheat which society accepts and smiles upon.

PROGRESS OF A PICTURE.

I often think what interest there is in a picture, quite independent of its subject, or its merit, or its author. I mean the interest belonging to the history of it, as a work of some man's labour. I can imagine he was so joyous in the beginning of it; the whole work was already done, perhaps in his mind, where the colours are easily laid on, while the canvas yet was white. Then there were the early sketches. He finds the idea is not so easy after all to put on the canvas. At last a beginning is made: and then the work proceeds for a time rapidly. How often he draws back from the canvas, approaches it again, looks at it wistfully, as a watching mother at a sick child. He is interrupted, tries to be courteous and kind, as the occasion may require, but is delighted when the door closes and leaves him alone with the only creature whose presence he cares much for just now. All day long, his picture is with him in the background of his mind. He goes out; the bright colours in the shop, lines of buildings, little children on the door-steps, all show him something; and when he goes back, he rushes into his paint-room, to expend his fresh vigour and his new insight upon the work of his heart. So it goes on. Let us hope that it prospers. Then there comes a time when the completion of the picture is foreseen by him, when there is not much room for more to be made of it, and yet it is not nearly finished. He is a little weary of it. Observe this, Ellesmere; there is the same thing throughout life, in all forms of human endeavour. These times of weariness need watching. But our artist is patient and plods on. The end of the drama approaches, when the picture is to go in a gilt frame, and be varnished, and hung up—like the hero of a novel upon whom a flood of good fortune is let in at last.—*Ruskin*.

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THE CURSE OF DRINK.

The appetite for strong in man has spoiled the life of more women—ruined more hopes for them, scattered more fortunes for them, brought them to more sorrow, shame and hardship than any other evil that lives. The country numbers tens—nay, hundreds of thousands—of women who are widows to-day, and sit in hopeless weeds, because their husbands have been slain by strong drink. There are hundreds of thousands of homes scattered over the land, in which women live lives of torture, going through all the changes of suffering that lie between the extremes of fear and despair, because those whom they love, love wine better than they do the women they have sworn to love. There are women by thousands who dread to hear the step that once thrilled them with pleasure, because that step has learned to reel under the influence of the seductive poison. There are women groaning with pain while we write these words, from bruises and brutalities inflicted by husbands made mad by drink. There can be no exaggeration in any statement in regard to this matter, because no human imagination can create anything worse than the truth. The sorrows and horrors of a wife with a drunken husband, or a mother with a drunken son, are as near the realization of hell as can be reached in this world at least. The shame, the indignation, the sorrow, and the sense of disgrace for herself and children, and poverty, and not unfrequently the beggary—the fear and the fact of violence, the lingering, life-long struggle and despair of countless women, with drunken husbands, are enough to make all women curse wine, and engage unitedly to oppose it everywhere as the worst enemy of their sex.

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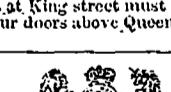
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THE EARL OF DERBY AND THE LABOR WAGES PROBLEM.

There was a great banquet given recently by the Mayor of Liverpool to a number of distinguished gentlemen, amongst whom was the Earl of Derby—a nobleman who, besides being talented and learned, possesses that invaluable blessing to public men—a large fund of common sense. He is thoroughly independent, and may be said to have no political opponents, from the peculiar advantage he enjoys of being able to say plainly what he means without offending anybody, and without mincing matters in any way. At the Liverpool banquet in reply to the toast of his health, amongst other good things, he said one of the problems which just now is most exercising the minds of thinking men is the question whether, considering the enormous increase of wages in almost every kind of labor, and the consequences which that increase involves, we shall be able to keep up permanently the industrial superiority which we have hitherto asserted, and which was supposed mainly to rest on cheap coal, cheap iron, and cheap labor; and undoubtedly that is a problem which everybody is competent to state, and which nobody is competent to solve. (Hear, hear.) I do not find fault with those who are alarmists in this country. They are crying out before they are hurt; but, after all, that is the more sensible alternative, inasmuch as crying out after you are hurt does nobody any good. (Hear, hear and laughter.) But I am sceptical, for my own part, as to the reality or the imminence of the dangers which are apprehended for the future. Put it at the worst who is going to undersell us? Is it the Americans? Their economical conditions are the same as ours, with this important difference, that with them the laboring man has all the soil of a vast continent to settle upon, and by that inducement is constantly being drawn off from manufacturing employment. Is it the Continental competition that we have to fear? But the same causes which affect labor here affects it there also; and if you look to the other elements of the comparison, the superiority of England in point of capital and of natural resources remains untouched. (Applause.) If in any business, be it what it may, the demands of the working hand are raised beyond what the market will bear, orders fall off, business grows slack, and, by a natural adjustment, the demand for labor being less, wages of labor in that business drop again as certainly as they rose. I know it may be answered, "No, that won't happen, because rather than submit to fall back upon old rates, the men would emigrate or take to some other employment." Well, I have my doubts as to either of these results occurring. The mass of men do not easily turn to new work, especially if it requires skill and practice, and they are not easily wrenched away from home and country. If they are to go, I do not, of course, deny that temporary inconvenience may follow, yet, even in that case, there are limiting causes, which will operate. It is very questionable whether, in the long run, emigration has very materially lessened population. Greater prosperity in the working class means early marriages in this country. Children are better fed and better cared for, more of them grow up, and so the gap fills again. To put it in one word, I am not much disposed to believe in wages being permanently raised by any artificial combination beyond their level. (Hear, hear.) Up to this time again every scarcity of hands has led to cheaper production by improved mechanical agencies, and who knows but even the coal famine may be a blessing in disguise, if it teaches us to burn our smoke instead of being compelled to swallow it, and generally to economise our supply of heat and power? I am almost afraid to repeat the calculations which I have heard from competent men as to the saving which might be made in the production of steam power. Many will tell you—I believe it is not an extreme estimate—that, by taking the

country through, the same result as now might be got by the burning of one-half, or even two-fifths, of what is actually consumed. Is not that a subject worth going into more thoroughly than we have gone into it hitherto. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

THE SHOEMAKER GRAPE GROWER.

It is not generally known that a shoemaker living in a garret in Soho bore off the prize for grapes at the Crystal Palace Exhibition, despite the fact of Baron Rothschild and many of the nobility being exhibitors. On examination it was found that he had produced the largest and the heaviest bunch, which moreover wore the most perfect bloom. On enquiry we find this is how he did it. First we will state that his father being a gardener, he had full knowledge of the vine's requirements. Noticing that the roof was suitable for the purpose, he next took stock of a chimney that faced his garret window, and soon decided that

the plant should be so placed as to escape the north and east winds. Then having obtained a slip from his father, he purchased a butter tub, which, having sown in two he filled the selected half with bullock's blood and suitable soil, and theron planted the slip.

His ambition extended no farther than to grow a few green leaves to look at; but behold the result. The slip grew and sent forth leaves, and then appeared signs of a single bunch of fruit. Now, it will be asked, how is it possible that a tree, under such apparently adverse circumstances, could grow fruit surpassing that from the best regulated hothouses? Well, here at least are the shoemaker's reasons, and to our mind they seem conclusive. In

the kitchen of the house lived a poor cabdriver for whom on leaving the ranks or streets at 12 o'clock at night, his wife was wont to prepare supper, an operation that necessitated a fire. In

another apartment a baker and his wife dwelt. It was the custom of this man to leave about four, and before leaving a fire was lit and food prepared, and then, ere the chimney could get cold, the other occupants lit fires, and so the chimney always produced the necessary warmth to protect and nourish the vine that climbed up its sides. Well done, Crispin: long may the tree continue to grow, and never, like Mr. Neville, produce "Sour Grapes."

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" " 1863... 228,026
" 1st Dec., 1872... 411,988

On the 1st December last the order consisted of 254 districts, separated into 4,080 courts, containing 421,998 members. Of these members 400,217 were resident in the United Kingdom, and the remainder distributed in our colonies, the United States, Peru, &c. Within the last five years no less than

205,419 new members have joined the society, but as a set off to this 19,309 have died, and 107,207 have left. The average age of those who join is slightly over 24, and it is found that the majority of those leaving are very young lives; in fact, very many have not contributed six months. As Lancashire and Yorkshire are the strongholds of Oddfellowship, so is Middlesex

that of Forestry, one district alone, the "London United," having 71,196 members. The accuracy of the statements that the least criminal portion of the whole community belong to friendly societies is well borne out by a reference

to the records of the Foresters and Oddfellows, wherein is set forth the name of every member convicted for felony. The advisability of holding friendly society meetings at public houses is a point which has been much debated. No doubt cost and convenience often materially determine the question. A very large number of branches of these orders now meet at private places, and every year the number is increasing. During 1872 the receipts of the Foresters in Great Britain and Ireland in respect of sickness and funeral benefits were £491,558, and the payments on behalf of these benefits £376,031. The accumulated funds at the commencement of the year were £1,633,872. Beyond its duties as a pure benefit society, it has on several occasions authorized a collection amongst the members on behalf of some charitable object. It has furnished one or two Forester's lifeboats, granted £3,937 to the Lancashire Cotton Distress fund, and assisted other objects, such as the Chicago Distress fund, &c.

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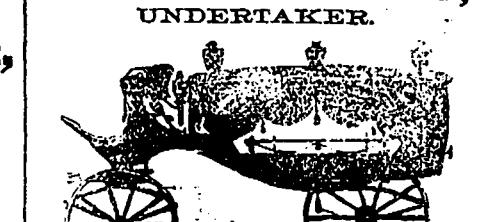
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